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George Rex

## County gains professional health nurse, psychologist

The new psychologist for the Morrow County Mental Health Service is George Rex, who recently received his master's degree in counseling psychology from Oregon State University. Dr. Janice Green, director of the program, said that having someone with experience and training in both school psychology and community mental health will be a real asset in providing a broad range of services to the county.

George and his family are relocating from Corvallis. He has a daughter, age 6, named Molly and his wife's name is Melissa.

Before returning to graduate school at Oregon State University in Corvallis, George was working for the State at Dammasch State Hospital. While at Dammasch, he worked one year

with a general psychiatric population and another year as alcohol counselor.

Part of his duties as an alcohol counselor consisted of working at a local mental health clinic. George also has had experience with a crisis center and in schools.

Two primary professional interests George holds are learning disabilities and alcoholism. He also enjoys speaking to groups about different aspects of mental health.

Since his arrival in Morrow County, George says he has grown fond of the country and its people. He says he has found the community most friendly and is looking forward to working within the county. George says that he would hope that if the clinic can be of service to any individual, family, or group, they would not hesitate con-

tacting the service.

Betty Gay Segren, 37, of Sewickley, Pa., joined the Tri-County Health Services office in Heppner this week. She will be working to develop and maintain a home health agency, according to Bob Ewell, director of Tri-County Health Services.

Betty and her husband William moved to Heppner from Miami, Fla. He was working as a credit analyst for Ford Motor Credit Company. With their two children, Karilynn, 10, and Billy, 1, the Segrens decided to move to a rural area. The move was made on the strength of the experience Betty had in home-maker service. She worked 10 years as a visiting nurse with the Miami Health Department. Their thinking that health skills would prove

useful in finding rural employment was correct.

Ewell said that Mrs. Segren will work from Heppner to develop the home health agency. This will be her primary and continuing work. The program should be self-supporting, Ewell said. Mrs. Segren will also provide Condon and Fossil home health nurses with relief.

William and Betty were childhood sweethearts in Sewickley, Pa. William Segren went on to obtain a business degree. Betty attended Sewickley Valley School of Nursing for her RN, gained her nurse practitioner's certificate from the University of Miami and has hours from Florida International University toward a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

## Sand Hollow farmers score water victory

The Oregon Court of Appeals has reversed a State Water Resources Department order declaring a 270-mile area in Morrow and Umatilla counties to be a critical ground water area.

The court reversed the order on grounds that landowners were notified by ordinary mail when the Administrative Procedures Act requires notice by certified or registered mail in contested cases.

Plaintiffs in the suit were Campbell Ranch Inc., Taylor

Brothers Farms and Far-West Farms of Oregon Ltd. Farmers and ranchers objecting to the order contended there was no basis for the state's conclusion that the water supply is in danger. This contention was made on the basis that it is not known how much water is available underground.

The order of the State Water Resources Department was issued in April 1976. The order restricted drilling of new wells and further appropriation of water because of declining levels in 24 wells along the

Butter Creek area.

The water department's order called for importing water from the Columbia or Umatilla rivers and said existing wells should be equipped with meters.

After giving adequate notice, the water department can hold another hearing on its order.

A number of attorneys were involved at various stages of the development of the suit, including Jerry Sweeney of the firm of Herman Winter and Sweeney of Heppner.



Two McElligott autos crashed Saturday night, leaving this 1965 Corvair in two pieces. Martha McElligott, 16, remains in the hospital with injuries. (G-T Photo)

## Wheat seminar to start

The 1977 Oregon State University Wheat Production and Marketing Seminar will be held in nine eastern Oregon counties from Jan. 31 through Feb. 4, according to Norman Goetze, OSU Extension agronomist.

Seminar topics will include a discussion of how grain is graded and an in-depth review of the seed size studies completed by Don Grabe, OSU agronomy professor. Grabe's studies show that large seeds give better yields.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of eastern Oregon wheat insects with special emphasis on the recent build-up of green bugs. Another presentation will deal with soil-borne diseases such as Fusarium and Cercospora. A general discussion of Yellow Dwarf virus will also be included.

Local county Extension agents will give wheat variety performance descriptions and recommendations for their respective areas.

The seminar is offered free of charge; no pre-registration is required. It will be conducted by OSU Extension specialists, county agents and OSU Agricultural Experiment Station personnel.

In addition to Goetze, other specialists who will take part are Glenn Fisher, OSU Extension entomologist, and Paul Koepsell, OSU Extension plant pathologist.

According to John Hesketh, Extension area supervisor for eastern Oregon, the annual seminar has become a tradition. "It is one of the most valuable parts of the Extension cereals program in this part of the state," he says.

Goetze points out that the real strength of the seminar is that it provides information of current interest.

In this area, the seminar will be on Feb. 1, 10 a.m., at Willow Creek Grange Hall, Ione.

Further information is available from county extension offices.

## City honors Boyce, Peterson



Randall Peterson, Ray Boyce, Mayor Jerry Sweeney.

Public service awards were given to two Heppner men Tuesday in recognition of community service to the City of Heppner. Recognition plaques were presented to Randall Peterson and Ray Boyce by Mayor Jerry Sweeney.

"The City is grateful for the unselfish service of these two men. Their contribution of both time and talent have been a great benefit to the City of Heppner," Sweeney said.

Boyce was recognized for four years of service as a councilman. He served from 1973 through 1976.

Peterson served 11 years on the Heppner Planning Commission and was chairman of that body from 1972. He also served as a member of the Heppner Library Board from 1971 through 1976.

(G-T Photo)

## Speaker slated for bank meeting

Rod Olsen, vice president of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, will be the featured speaker for the annual meeting of the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton, according to an announcement by Robin A. Fletcher, manager of the association.

The annual stockholders meeting will be held on Feb. 2,

1977, at the Elks' Lodge in Pendleton, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Other activities will include a report on association progress during the past year, election of three directors, and a report of the board of directors on important actions taken during the year.

Directors of the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton are Milton Morgan of Ione, chairman; Bill Etter of Pilot Rock, vice-chairman; Richard T. Wilkinson of Heppner; Edwin "Tad" Miller of Heppner; Don Hawkins of Pendleton; R. Royal Raymond of Helix; and Frank Tubbs of Adams.

## Fair/Rodeo dinner re-scheduled

The Fair and Rodeo Appreciation Dinner scheduled Saturday, Jan. 29, in Heppner, will be held at the West of Willow restaurant beginning at 6:30 p.m., according to Liz Curtis, secretary-treasurer of the association.

An article in the paper last week incorrectly stated that the dinner was scheduled for the Elks' Club.

The annual appreciation dinner is sponsored by the Morrow County Fair Board. Following the dinner at 9 p.m., there will be live music featuring Tim Mensinger.

## McElligotts escape death in two car-family crash

Three Ione residents were injured Saturday evening, Jan. 22, in a collision just south of Ione on Gooseberry Road about 5:15 p.m.

According to the sheriff's department, a 1974 station wagon driven by Donald Charles Joseph McElligott, 58, Star Rt., Ione, was southbound. A 1965 Chevrolet Corvair, driven by Dannel McElligott, 16, Star Rt., Ione, was northbound. The vehicles may have locked bumpers after coming too near the center line, officers speculate. The Corvair was somehow swung

about and cut in half during the impact.

Passenger in the Dannel McElligott vehicle was Martha McElligott, 16, Star Rt., Ione. She was most seriously injured of the three, sustaining facial injuries. She was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla.

Dannel McElligott and his uncle, Donald, were hospitalized in Heppner. Dick McElligott, of Ione, said Tuesday afternoon that all three were doing well. Dannel McElligott was enroute to a basketball game in Heppner when the

accident occurred.

Early the next morning, a second accident totaled a 1973 Chevrolet sedan driven by James Lucian Cason, 33, Rt. 1, Heppner. Officers said the Cason vehicle apparently caught a right wheel in the ditch, hit a bank, flipped on its top and slid 20 feet. Cason sustained no apparent injury. The accident occurred about 2:15 a.m. at the intersection of Rhea Creek Road and Keck Canyon Road.

No citations have been issued in connection with either accident.

## First National Bank lists moderate increase

Robert F. Wallace, chairman, First National Bank of Oregon, reported that 1976 earnings improved moderately from 1975 and deposits and loans increased over the previous year.

For 1976, income before securities transactions was \$21,802,000, up 8.3 per cent from the prior year's \$20,125,000. Earnings amounted to \$4.10 per share compared with \$3.79 a share for 1975. Net income after securities transactions was \$21,016,000 or \$3.96 a share. This compared with \$19,664,000 or \$3.70 per share last year.

The bank reported income before securities transactions for the fourth quarter of \$6,320,000, or \$1.19 per share, up 26.3 per cent from \$5,002,000, or 94 cents a share, a year earlier. Income after securities transactions was \$5,603,000 or \$1.06 a share, compared with \$4,524,000 or 85

cents during the fourth quarter 1975.

Earnings improvements resulted from strong inflow of demand, savings, and other consumer time deposits; the continued growth of non-interest revenue; and control of non-interest expenses. Additionally, a refinement made in December in First National's procedure for calculating monthly interest accruals on certain loans and deposits resulted in a one-time increase of \$929,000 or 17 cents per share.

First National continued to experience modest net loan losses, with 1976's total of \$2.4 million, or 0.17 per cent of average loans.

Deposits at year-end totaled \$2,518,241,000 compared with \$2,312,881,000 reported at the close of business in 1975, an increase of 8.9 per cent.

Loan totals at the end of the year were \$1,534,121,000 up 8.4

per cent from \$1,415,827,000 reported on Dec. 31, 1975. Total assets were \$3,265,411,000.

The Heppner branch reported deposits of \$11,643,000 and loans of \$8,773,000 as of Dec. 31. Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$12,614,000 in deposits and \$10,404,000 in loans.

### WEATHER

	High-Low
Wed., Jan. 19	49 35
Thurs., Jan. 20	39 29
Fri., Jan. 21	45 29
Sat., Jan. 22	36 30
Sun., Jan. 23	32 28
Mon., Jan. 24	34 26
Tues., Jan. 25	30 25

No precipitation for the week. Record high is 70 on Jan. 1, 1918. Record low that year was -7. It was 60 degrees in January last year.

REHEARSAL TIME—Part of the cast for *The Monkey's Paw* rehearse for an evening of one act plays to be presented at Heppner High School Saturday, Jan. 29. From left, Judy Ledbetter, Charlie Rawlins, Ty Lucas and Bob Miller. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. (G-T Photo)