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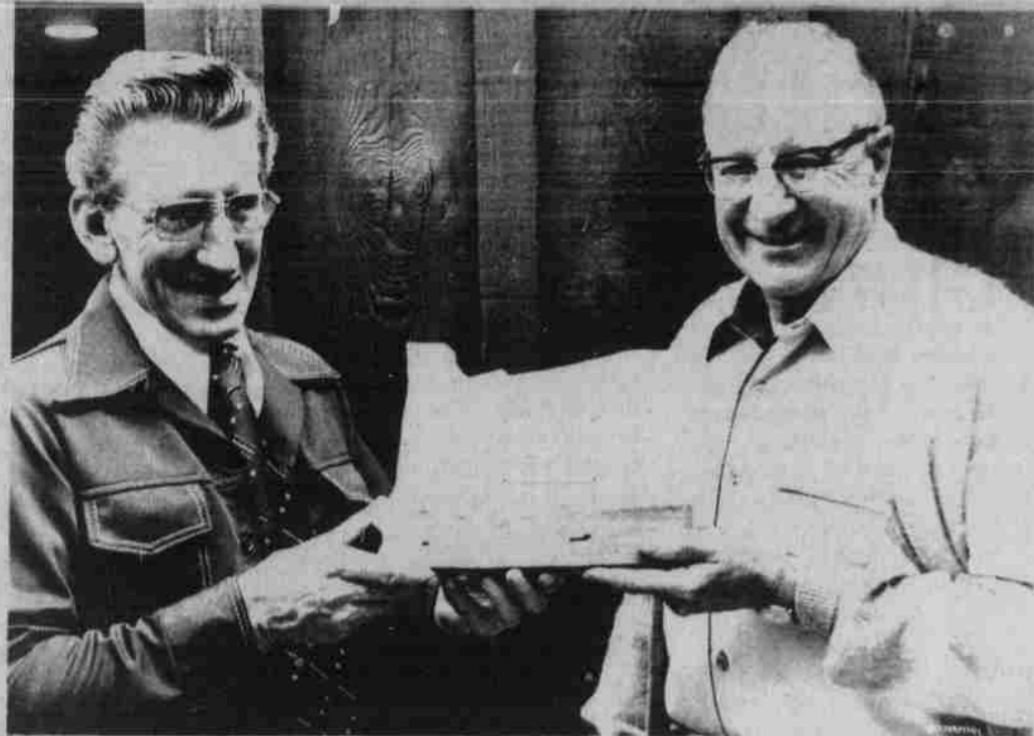
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## Logging honor

Don Hardwick, a contract logger for Kinzua Corp., receives a plaque from Milo Prindle, logging manager for Kinzua Corp. Hardwick was honored at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday as the second runnerup logging operator of the year in Oregon. He was cited for conser-

vation techniques used in his work, including logging, recreational, grazing, and game practice methods. Also present to honor Hardwick were his wife Rose, Ernie Labart, unit forester for the State Forestry Department at Fossil, and Ray Jones, forest practice officer, Fossil. (Gazette-Times photo)

## Conservation meeting slated for Irrigon

The annual meeting of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District will be Feb. 22, according to Rudy Bergstrom, chairman of the board of directors.

The meeting will be held at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon at 7:30 p.m. Non-tillage and reduced tillage presentations will be given by Don Rydrych, OSU Weed Research Agronomist, on dryland wheat production; and Vance Pumpfrey, Crop Production Specialist, on potato production.

A special slide projector showing of "Limits" will be included in the program.

At the Feb. 22 meeting, the District will honor Tommy and Roy Martin of Lexington. The father-son team have been named Conservation Men of the Year for Morrow County in 1976. Conservation efforts against water and wind erosion on their 3,100 acre ranch north of Lexington resulted in the dual selection as Morrow County Conservationists of 1976.

## Martin heads board

Fred Martin of Ione was elected president of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board at a regular meeting of the board Tuesday, Feb. 15. He replaces outgoing president Hazel Mahoney, Heppner, who continues to serve on the board.

The election saw Nona Grace of Heppner returned to the office of vice president. Hubert Wilson of Heppner was re-elected secretary.

## Page alert for doctors

An electronic page system has been put into use through Pioneer Memorial Hospital to keep Heppner residents in closer contact with doctors.

Doctors Richard A. Carpenter and Joseph R. Gifford now carry electronic beeper devices which can be activated by a transmitter at the hospital.

When individuals with an immediate medical problem are unable to locate the doctors through normal channels, they may phone the hospital. The hospital in turn will locate and advise the physician of the situation in progress.

The annual report of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District will be presented. Accomplishments during the year include completion of more than 32 miles of diversion ditches, 67 debris basins, 6 acres of sod waterway and 62 acres of diversion ditch seeding on the Heppner Water Control Project.

Other accomplishments during the year include development of seven farm

plans involving 96,054 acres, development of 9,135 feet of terraces, 84,723 feet of diversions, 18 silt dams and ponds, 4,147 feet of irrigation mainline, 14 acres of sod waterway, 22 acres of critical area seeding, 4 spring developments, 1,448 feet of drain tile, 26 acres of grass seeding, 4,015 acres of brush control, 122 acres of tree thinning and 32 acres of land leveling.

## Dental clinic gains conditional use permit

The Heppner City Planning Commission Tuesday night granted a conditional use permit to Dr. Lee Hazen of Portland for construction of a dental clinic in a residential zone of Valley View Estates. The location is near the present Heppner Medical Clinic.

Action on the use permit for Dr. Hazen opens the way for completion of a new dental clinic building. Hazen expects to start his dental practice in Heppner about May 1.

The Commission denied a conditional use permit for a mobile home to be located at 355 West Church Street. The request was denied on the basis that an extension from the body of the mobile home would reach beyond a re-

quired setback from the property lines.

The planning commission referred the request to the City Council for clarification of the city procedure in granting a variance. The City Council will consider the question Mar. 7.

The application was made by Luther D. Ippock, who is driving daily from the Kinzua community to work at the Kinzua Corporation Mill in Heppner.

In other business, the Commission heard a report from Don Burns, who gave final tabulations on a recent survey and proposed land use map. Burns is under contract for land use planning for the communities of Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Irrigon.

## New tire store manager takes over

After six and a half years with Les Schwab Tire Center, Robb Rush has been named



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manager of the Heppner store. Les Schwab recently purchased the store from Dexter

Miles. Rush, 30, is currently working at the tire store and plans to add one more man to the operation. Rush said he knows he will like the Heppner area and plans to move his family here as soon as possible.

Along with his wife Gayle, Rush has two daughters, Lea, age 12, and Tracy, 10. Rush has been employed at the Walla Walla Les Schwab store for more than two years, following stints for the tire company in Prineville and Boise, Ida.

Rush said another man will probably be working by the first of March at the Heppner store on Main Street.

## State holiday Monday

The observance of George Washington's Birthday will find federal, state, county and city offices and schools closed in Morrow County Monday, Feb. 21.

The state recognized holiday will not affect most business concerns and banks. Washington's Birthday is expected to mark the completion of the move of the Neighborhood Youth Center in Heppner from the Gilliam-

Bisbee Building to the old Howell Market near Heppner City Hall.

After Monday, most center activities, including the Thursday evening G.E.D. class, will be conducted at the new location.

George Washington, first president of the United States, was born Feb. 22, 1732.

## Top priority farm meetings scheduled

Four important meetings concerning Morrow County farmers and ranchers have been scheduled in coming weeks. The first meeting is a workshop on beef animal health slated Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. at Heppner High School.

Another special meeting has been scheduled Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. This will be a Pesticide Training Program conducted by Harold Kerr, Morrow County agricultural agent. No sign-up is required.

On Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District office in Heppner, a meeting of concern to all Morrow County

farmers and ranchers will take place.

This session will center around county development programs and plans under Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Act of 1972. Attention is now being focused on non-point sources of pollution such as agricultural, range, and forest lands, construction sites and roads.

The Feb. 28 session will center on Morrow County water quality.

A fourth meeting is scheduled Mar. 22. This will be a class on futures and hedging conducted by Oregon State University and Harold Kerr. This session requires a sign-up, as 20 people must show an interest before the session can take place.

## Board session

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrow County School District Board will be held at Heppner Elementary School on Monday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

The Board will consider several items related to staffing, including renewal of teaching contracts, hiring of an office secretary at the District Office and staff resignations.

## WEATHER

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Record high for February was 72 degrees recorded in 1932.	

## Health Systems Agency plans rare meeting in Heppner

The 30-member board of the Eastern Oregon Health Systems Agency (EOHSA) will meet in Heppner at the Elks' Club Friday. It will be a rare meeting for Heppner and one of only six regular meetings scheduled by the Agency each year, Richard Ewell of the Tri-County Health Services said.

Heading the list of participants attending the session will be Gov. Robert W. Straub or his special representative.

Jerry Roulson of Hood River is current president of the Agency. Richard H. Grant of Redmond is executive director.

In addition to other business, the Agency members are scheduled to tour facilities at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The members will gather at the Elks' Club at 10 a.m. Friday and break for a noon luncheon at the West of Willow restaurant, where Mayor Jerry Sweeney is slated to wel-

come the visitors to the city.

Following the luncheon, the Agency will take up an afternoon business session at the Elks' Club beginning at 1:30 p.m. Some business of the Agency will continue into Saturday morning.

Together with statewide Health Coordinating Councils and Development Agencies, the Eastern Oregon Health Systems Agency has broad authority over the allocation and development of health

resources, including manpower, facilities and services.

The EOHSA serves the 18 counties of Eastern Oregon with planning and development of health services. Morrow County is represented on the board by Warren H. McCoy of Irrigon.

The Agency is involved in setting goals for health care in Eastern Oregon and setting objectives for improving the health of residents, available health services and quality of

health services. At the same time, they work to restrain costs related to the improvement of health services.

The Agency has power to recommend approval or disapproval of applications for new health service or medical facilities projects proposed within the 18 counties. They can also approve or disapprove proposed projects within the health service area under several Federal health programs.

## Petition entered protesting wheat commission assessment

A petition protesting an increase in the wheat assessment for use by the Oregon Wheat Commission has been submitted by some Morrow County wheat growers. The signers are objecting to a rule

change which will increase the wheat assessment from the present one-half cent to one cent per bushel.

The petition was circulated in southern Morrow County last week by former Heppner

resident Gene Logan of Arlington.

Signers of the petition not only protest the planned increase, but claim that the legislative assessment "was levied contrary to our Consti-

tutional right of taxation with representation." The petition further states: "We feel that a referendum vote should be submitted to all wheat growers as it was by our sister state, Washington. We submit that a favorable vote will substantially strengthen the Oregon Wheat League by member participation."

The 18 names appearing on the petition during its first day of circulation, Thursday, Feb. 10, included signers from both Gilliam and Morrow County farmers.

According to Gene Logan of Arlington, a former Heppner resident and NFO member, the farmers signing the petition are mostly members of the Wheat League who are not participating with NFO. A number of those protesting the increase do hold NFO membership.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, was the deadline for submitting data, opinions, or written evidence or requesting a public hearing in connection with the proposed amendment of the Oregon Wheat Commission ruling. The assessment was changed by the 1975 legislature.

Signatures of 10 or more members are needed to call a public hearing.

Funds from the wheat assessment are used to expand markets for wheat grown in Oregon and to promote and expand the use of wheat products.

## Ione man new NFO president

Lloyd Morgan of Ione is newly elected president of the Morrow County National Farmers Organization (NFO). Morgan was elected Thursday, Feb. 10, to head a new slate of officers for 1977, all from the Ione area.

The election, held at Beegher's Cafe in Ione, saw Harold Snyder named to serve as vice president. Other new officers for the calendar year are Paul Tewes, secretary, Lloyd McNary, treasurer, and Don Peterson, district delegate for Morrow County. Peterson is state president of the NFO.

Morgan replaces Dave Baker, who served as Morrow County NFO president during 1976.

## Miller installed during wheat league session

Nine Morrow County residents were in attendance Tuesday, Feb. 8, as directors of the Oregon Wheat Growers League convened in The Dalles for their first meeting of 1977.

Tad Miller of Lexington has been formally installed as new president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. He follows in the footsteps of his father,

E.H. Miller, who was president of the OWGL in 1936.

Morrow County committee chairmen attending the session included Tommy Martin, Jim Swanson, Harold Kerr, Gene Majeske, Brok Tucker, Ken Peck, Keith Rea, Ken Nelson and Chuck Nelson.

New programs for the year also captured the interest of Morrow County Wheathearts

who met Feb. 7 at the Martin home in Lexington for re-organization.

Lisa Nelson, Wheathearts chairman, announced that a meeting has been scheduled for Mar. 7 at the Jim Swanson home, Ione. Purpose of the meeting is to organize the Wheathearts Demonstration Program which will be conducted Mar. 28 at 7:30 p.m.



Greg and Jerry Sweeney of Heppner pose for Brian Sweeney before the Capitol in Washington, D.C., during Inauguration Day 1977. Mayor Sweeney and his two sons join a number of Morrow County residents who have received invitations to Presidential inaugurations in years past. A display of inauguration invitations is currently showing at the Morrow County Museum in Heppner.

## Inaugural invitations placed on display

Even if you didn't receive a personal invitation to recent Presidential inaugurations, you might enjoy seeing three such invitations on display at the Morrow County Museum in Heppner.

Besides the 1977 Carter-Mondale invitation, there are invitations to the inaugurations of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and of Lyndon Baines Johnson.

A framed copy of John F.

Kennedy's inaugural address hangs very near the revolving frame displaying the three invitations and the pictures of President Carter and Vice-President Mondale.

These historic papers were contributed by several Heppner residents and were arranged for display last weekend. They are located to the left of the opening into the new addition, near the recently acquired group of old telephones.