

The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES VIEWPOINT

Levy approval is positive action

Voter approval of both the county general fund and Pioneer Memorial Hospital levies this week by wide margins, reflects an attitude of confidence on the part of Morrow County residents.

With the matter of operating levies out of the way, everyone involved can now get down to the business at hand, and the major item of business is to get doctors in the county and to get the hospital on solid ground in all respects. Inroads have been made in regards to administration-employee relations; Heppner and Boardman have received high priority ratings for emergency equipment that will be provided under a federal grant; a hospital auxiliary is being started with much enthusiasm and last but not least, the hospital board is making itself very available to any person in the community to discuss hospital operations.

Doctors search will move ahead now

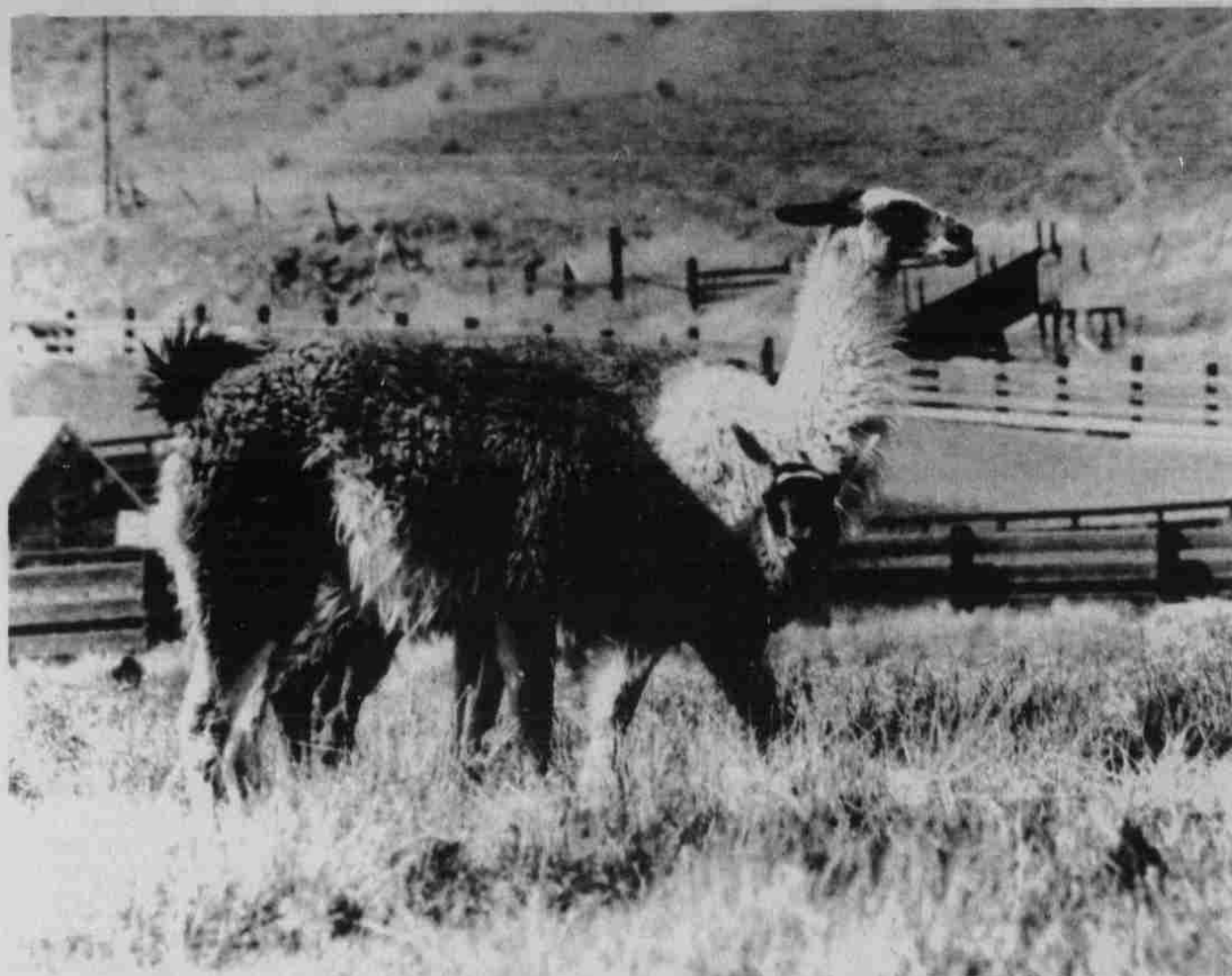
The Morrow County Doctor Search Committee will also be coming to the forefront after passage of the county levies, starting with a meeting of the executive committee this week.

The committee has been working right along, contacting doctors and organizations, but until the county budget levies passed, any real action that could be taken by the committee was stalled due to the lack of funds.

Several proposals have been made to the committee and the County Court, both in regards to locating physicians and operating the hospital. The committee hasn't been able to pursue these proposals because nearly all require some front money.

Contributions from individuals are still needed because the committee doesn't want to rely on any more tax money than is absolutely necessary. Persons interested in making a contribution should forward their check to the committee at P.O. Box 421, Heppner. The contributions are tax deductible.

It is also important for the community to know that all proposals received and considered by the committee will be done at public meetings with time provided for public comment before any decisions are reached. This is a Morrow County effort, locating doctors for Heppner and Boardman, and the people of Morrow County are assured a role in the outcome.



Columbia River water policy hearing set for Aug. 17 in Portland

The Water Policy Review Board will hold a work session on the Columbia River on August 17 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1 of Templeton Center at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, according to Jim Sexson, Water Resources Department Director.

On August 18 the Water Policy Review Board will conduct a public hearing on the City of Portland's application to install hydroelectric generators at Bull Run Dams

One and Two. This meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Water Service Building Auditorium, 1800 SW Sixth in Portland. If time permits, the Board may consider other business.

"At the Thursday meeting, the Water Policy Review Board will discuss the findings of a Department study on the Columbia River. The Board members will discuss proceeding with the development of a policy statement regard-

ing the use of water from the Columbia River by Oregonians," Sexson said. A policy statement adopted by the Water Policy Review Board becomes law governing water use. Before adopting a policy statement, the Board will conduct public hearings in the affected areas.

The Water Resources Department initiated the study in November of 1976 to determine Oregon's present and future needs for Columbia

River water. Covering approximately 6,500 square miles, the present study area extends south of the Columbia River between Hood River and Milton-Freewater. Future studies will consider the downstream segment of the Columbia River.

The study includes present and projected water needs for agricultural use, domestic and industrial use, maintenance of aquatic life, hydro-electric power generation, and navigation.

OBITUARIES

Nora Turner

Nora Cecelia Turner, 81, Heppner, died in Heppner Saturday, Aug. 5.

She was born Dec. 7, 1896, in Heppner, the daughter of James G. and Catherine Doherty.

She was a member of St.

Patrick's Church and the Lexington Altar Society. She also taught in Morrow County schools for 11 years.

Recitation of the Rosary was Monday, Aug. 7, at 8 p.m., at St. Patrick's Church.

Funeral Mass was Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church with the Rev. John O'Brien officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Raymond Beard and the Rev. Robert Rekovife. Sacred selections were sung by Joe Doherty, accompanied by Rikka Tews at the organ.

Concluding services and vault interment were at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Casket bearers were Dick McLaughlin, Tad Miller, Dennis Doherty, Hank Pointer, Bill Rynnion and Joe McLaughlin.

Mrs. Turner is survived by a son, Kenneth Turner, Heppner; a daughter, Jean Run-

non, Pendleton; two sisters, Helen Dyer, Heppner and Betty Thorsen, Mt. View, Calif.; one brother, Francis Doherty, Heppner; and eight grandchildren.

Her husband, Samuel J. Turner, preceded her in death in 1956.

Contributions may be made to the Pioneer Hospital Memorial Fund.

Ellen Moore

Ellen Drucilla Brown Moore, daughter of James and Irene Rolff Brown, born Feb. 3, 1887 at Gervais; died July 27, 1978, in Prineville, and was buried at Monument on July 31. Her husband, Addison Moore, and a son, Emory, preceded her in death.

Ellen came to Morrow County at the age of two and remained here until 1965. She grew up near the foot of the Caldwell Grade where she lived with her parents until her 1965 marriage. She was a victim of infantile paralysis and was crippled most of her life, but was an excellent seamstress and made her living sewing in Heppner for many years. She moved to Monument in 1965, and then in 1974 to the Ochoco Nursing

Home where she continued to mend and sew for the home as long as she was able.

She was a local history buff and was an ardent supporter of high school sports. She belonged to the Heppner Christian Church, the San Souci Rebekah Lodge and the Kate Young Degree of Honor Lodge. Beverly Wright (Mrs. Albert) spent her high school years in Mrs. Moore's home.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law Edna J. Moore, Monument; four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, her brother Randolph Brown, Milton-Freewater, and sister Mable Carney, Kellogg, Idaho. Mrs. Clarence Baker is a great-niece.

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Sunday, August 13
Morrow County Open Class
Horse Show, rodeo grounds

Saturday, Aug. 11
Work day at Morrow County
fairgrounds

Monday, Aug. 14
Chamber of Commerce
meeting, noon, West of Willow

Sifting through the TIMES

Fifty years ago this week in Heppner, David Wilson set a new course record at the less-than-deluxe Heppner Country Club golf links.

According to a Gazette-Times account of the feat, Wilson tallied a 36-stroke round, to break the old record of 37, held by L. Van Marter.

"Dave says there is quite a bit of luck involved in getting through the sagebrush and off the sand greens at such a low figure," the Gazette-Times noted. "However, his luck was not all that good, as natural hazards caused him considerable grief. Holing out with his mashie on the fifth hole for a par made up for some of the tough breaks."

During the same August week in 1928, Heppner City Council passed an ordinance to prohibit the use of electrical machinery that caused radio interference.

The new law required that all interference-causing equipment had to be properly grounded or shielded, once it was verified that the machines had indeed been causing radio reception problems. Lobbying for the passage of the ordinance was the Heppner Radio Club, a society of local radio listeners.

The council also voted to give city water works caretaker Frank Nixon a salary hike of more than 10 per cent. As a result of City Hall's benevolence, Nixon's pay soared from \$35 to \$40 per month.

Pioneer Morrow County sheepman L.V. Gentry died at his Hinton Creek ranch on Aug. 4, 1928.

As a young man, Gentry was a barber in Heppner, eventually saving up enough money to buy his sheep operation when he was in his 30s. He was instrumental in organizing the Morrow County Rodeo.

The 1928 rodeo was featuring a \$2,000 purse—very high stakes for those days. Also included during rodeo week was a 1/2 mile Morrow County Derby, with \$100 going to the first place rider.

Brand new 1928 Chevrolet utility trucks were selling for \$550 at Ferguson Chevrolet in Ione. The Fair Store in Heppner was selling all-wool, gray and blue serge men's dress suits for \$22.

Twenty five years ago this week, Jack Sumner, then a recent HHS graduate, left for LaGrande to begin practice for the annual East-West all star Shrine football game.

During that same week, hail ruined more than 40 acres of ripe wheat at the George Snider ranch. Temperatures that week, however, averaged about 95 degrees.

In 1966, 12 years ago this week, a number of Hardman area residents were recovering from stiff necks received while star gazing during a UFO sighting.

Mrs. Huston Lesley was the first to spot the UFO, which was described as looking like a large white kite, which moved very slowly. Later in the evening, the object reportedly appeared to separate, with a bright green light shining from one object, and a red light from the other.

Ten years ago in 1968, work was being completed on the new all-steel grandstand at the Morrow County rodeo grounds. The structure was expected to be completed in time for coronation ceremonies for Fair and Rodeo Queen Berniece Matthews.

During the same week 10 years ago, Heppner attorney Herman Winter was in Gearhart, serving on the rules committee for the state Republican organization, which was drafting a platform to take to the National GOP convention in Miami.

Five years ago in Heppner, 300 acres of wheat and stubble went up in smoke at the Frank Anderson ranch at Anderson Camp, and Jim Ackley was a new face in town, ready to begin his first year as band instructor at Heppner High School.

Picture Credit

Two heads are better than one, at least when it comes to surveying the movements of an intruding photographer. These Llamas were enjoying a day of grazing at the Harold Wright ranch at Ruggs. The South American natives appeared to be holding up well during the current heat spell.

Where to write Federal

Following is a list of Oregon and Eastern Oregon public officials for the information of readers who want to communicate with them:

U.S. Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Member of Appropriations Committee, Interior Committee, Rules Committee and Indian Policy Review Commission. Portland office, Pioneer Courthouse, Rm. 107, 520 SW Morrison, Portland, Ore. 97204, phone 221-3386.

U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Member of Finance Committee and Commerce Committee. Portland office, 1002 NE Halladay, Rm. 700, (P.O. Box 3621), Portland, Ore. 97208, phone 233-4471.

U.S. Rep. Al Ullman, of the Second District, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Member of Ways and Means Committee. Salem office, 530 Center St. N.E., Rm. 330, (P.O. Box 247) Salem, Ore., 97308, phone 399-5724.

State

Gov. Robert Straub, State Capitol, Salem, Ore. 97310, phone 378-3100.

State Sen. Ken Jernstedt (Morrow, Gilliam and other counties), 311 Pine St., Hood River, 386-1393.

State Rep. Jack Sumner (Morrow, Gilliam and other counties), Route 1, Heppner, 676-5364.

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