

Don Lien joins city P.D.

Don Lien, a veteran of the Sweet Home police department, is now the newest addition to the Heppner police force.



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Lien fills a vacancy created by last month's resignation of former patrolman Tom Howell.

Lien, who enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and "exploring around the countryside," said that first impressions of his new assignment indicates that Heppner is a "more police-oriented town than Sweet Home," with local residents providing "good relations with police."

Heppner residents file fewer complaints than do people in Sweet Home, he said with police here focusing more on "door shaking" and other preventative police work, "which I think is great."

Lien resides in a Chase Street duplex with his wife, Lewanne and son, Don.

Hospital \$24,000 in red thus far this year

Pioneer Memorial Hospital is operating at a net loss of \$26,040 as of the end of November thus far this year, according to financial statements presented during a Tuesday night meeting of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board of trustees.

Most of the loss can be attributed to the hospital's dismal occupancy rate. Pioneer Memorial Administrator Bob Byrnes told the trustees. As of the end of November, the hospital has maintained an average percentage of occupancy of 27 per cent, compared with 42 per cent for the same period a year ago.

The occupancy rate increased slightly in November from the rate recorded in October—up to 28 per cent

from 21 per cent. Emergency room use has remained at about the same level thus far this year, compared with figures for last year.

In less gloomy developments, the hospital board voted to enter into a contract with the Picker Corp. to purchase a ceiling mounted X-ray unit with fluoroscopic capabilities worth about \$76,000. The contract would become final when the hospital receives some \$105,000 in federal funds applied for in a grant request to the department of Health, Education and Welfare. Also included in the contract is an agreement to purchase from Picker a portable X-ray unit, estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$20,000. The X-ray units would

replace worn and outdated equipment currently in use.

Trustees were presented draft copies of a Northwest Medical Foundation Study of Morrow County's medical care situation.

The board voted to set Jan. 25 as a workshop day to discuss findings made in the report. Copies of the report did not arrive in Heppner until Tuesday afternoon, so discussion on the item was brief, pending an opportunity for board members to study the document.

In other development, the board of trustees voted to change its meeting date to the third Tuesday of each month.

The board also agreed to ask District Attorney Dennis Doherty to perform the necessary

legal groundwork to form a Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation. The foundation would be a tax-exempt corporation which would use donated funds to finance hospital improvements.

Byrnes reported on recent developments with the Tri-County Health Services' application for local aid from the National Health Service Corps.

Originally, the Tri-County Health group had applied for two National Health Corps physicians to be placed in Heppner, with nurse practitioners to be stationed in Condon and Fossil. Doctors were also sought to staff the Boardman clinic.

National Health Service Corps personnel are placed at sites throughout the nation, and are salaried by the federal government. Doctors and nurses are taking part in the program generally contract their services with the government for one or two year periods, in return for receiving federal aid in financing medical school.

However, last month, the

Tri-County Health Service changed its application, deleting the request for additional doctors in Heppner. The change occurred after Heppner's two physicians reportedly told Tri-County personnel that additional physicians were not needed in Heppner.

According to the revised application, two doctors are being sought for the Boardman area, with nurse practitioners to be placed in Condon and Fossil. The Fossil and Condon practices would be periodically visited by the Boardman physicians.

According to a letter from Tri-County Health chairman Judge Leo Barnett to Health, Education and Welfare officials in Seattle, the two doctors "will relate primarily to the hospital in Hermiston with privileges in Heppner as well."

Despite the setback on the National Health Service front, board members indicated that they were convinced that at least one additional physician is needed in Heppner, and that the board should continue in efforts to recruit doctors.

OBITUARIES

Arthur Stefani

Arthur Ernest Stefani, 76, Ione, died Thursday, Dec. 14, in Heppner.

He was born at Capamori, Italy on Sept. 18, 1902, the son of Alfredo and Jessmina Marlenina Stefani. He was a naturalized U.S. citizen and a resident of Morrow County for 49 years. He was a well known wheat rancher in the Ione area and for many years owned and operated a restaurant and lounge in Ione. He was a member of St. William's Church, Ione, the Heppner Elks Lodge, No. 358, Willows Grange and a life member of the Oregon Wheat League.

He was married to Cecil Hogue at Vancouver, Wash., on June 1, 1925.

Recitation of the Rosary was Sunday, Dec. 17, at St. William's Church, Ione, at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Mass was at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at St. William's Church, with the Rev. John O'Brien officiating. Sacred selections were played by organist Rose Baker. Casket bearers were John Eubanks, Berl Akers, Lloyd Morgan, Joe Halvorsen, Roland Bergstrom and Elby Akers.

Concluding services and interment were at High View Cemetery, Ione. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Stefani is survived by his wife, Cecil, Ione; a son, Arthur A. Stefani, Ione; three brothers, Joe Stefani, Portland; John Stefani and Fred Stefani, both of Canby; three sisters, Sa Bina Oliver, Canby; Anna Bousha and

Yolanda Reid, both of Portland; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Two sisters preceded him in death.

Contributions to Mr. Stefani's memory may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund.

Quiller Burns

Funeral services for Quiller Burns, 70, of Eagle River, Alaska, were held Dec. 5 in All Saints' Episcopal Church in Heppner, with the Rev. Kenneth Miller officiating. Con-

cluding services and interment were at Highland View Cemetery, Ione.

Casket bearers were Stephen Lindstrom, Charles O'Connor, Glen Griffith, Stanley Magill, Gene Rietmann and Howard Crowell. Sacred selections were sung by the congregation, accompanied by Gail Hughes at the organ.

Born Sept. 3, 1908, at Colorado City, Tex., Mr. Burns was a retired warehouseman, having worked for the U.S. Army at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

He was married to a former Morrow County resident, Virginia Griffith, at Eagle River on Feb. 20, 1965. Mr. Burns was a charter member of the Alaska Lapidary Society, a member of the Chugback Gem and Mineral Society, the Palmer Moose Lodge and All Saints Episcopal Church of Eagle River.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, at home; a brother, E. Burns of Godley, Tex.; several nieces and nephews.

Toadvin named Port Manager

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should develop in a manner that allows for adequate services to be provided each step of the way."

Toadvin spent much of last week helping to move Port of Morrow files and personal

Justice of Peace named

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court hours to allow working persons to make court appearances during lunch breaks.

As far as her personal philosophy for serving as

possessions to the Port's new office in Boardman City Hall. The Port office had been located in city hall several years ago, but was moved to the home of Rupert Kennedy during his tenure as manager.

justice court judge goes, Mrs. Gray stated simply that "I'll do my best to be fair to everyone...I enjoy working with people."

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