

## Fourth of July at Condon nearest for area residents

No fireworks display is scheduled in Ione for the Fourth of July celebration because of the reseeded of the football field damaged by last winter's flood waters.

In Condon, 45 miles away, a number of activities have been planned in that city's biggest event of the year. A fireworks demonstration and dance will be the climax of a full day of activities on the Fourth, beginning at 10 p.m. at the high school track.

The public dance with expected country-western music starts at 10 p.m. and over at 2 a.m. Thursday.

The day begins with a Buckaroo breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the grade school, flag-raising and traditional patriotic ceremony at 9 a.m. The annual parade begins at 11 a.m. with floats and a planned visit by the Pendleton "Main Street Cowboys." From noon until 1 p.m., a children's sidewalk show of

chalk art is scheduled and at 1 p.m., Mike Eaton, a former Condon resident, will present a free magic show.

At 2 p.m., the first of the two-day Jackpot Rodeos begins and at the same time, there will be children's games at the city park with cash prizes.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. is a barbecue beef dinner at the grade school, a hootenanny featuring local talent is set for 6 p.m. and at 8 p.m. is

Condon's water show at the public swimming pool.

Free swimming will be available at the Condon pool on the Fourth and a tennis tourney in progress at the tennis courts near the pool. The golf links will also be open on the national holiday.

Because of the current gas shortage and the holiday in the middle of the week, McLaren Stinchfield, publisher of the Condon Times-Journal said Condon hopes to attract visitors from nearby communities such as Heppner and Fossil. He said the event normally draws people from Eastern Oregon and all over the state.

On Wednesday, the Jackpot Rodeo begins at 2 p.m. and a dance is scheduled that evening from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

## Sen. Hatfield will seek 1980 WC Dam funds

Heppner Mayor Jerry Sweeney received a telegram Monday from Sen. Mark Hatfield-R, Oregon, informing him that the senior senator would seek an allocation of \$3.2 million for construction of the Willow Creek Dam in the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Bill.

Hatfield told the Mayor that because the "cost-benefit ratio has declined appreciably," the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not have an official capability to continue funding for fiscal year 1980 beginning October 1.

As explained by Tom Imeson, a field representative in

Hatfield's Salem office, the senator will be asking for construction funds beyond the \$500,000 appropriated for design work and land acquisition by the Corps. Whether or not the Corps spends those funds, the \$500,000 allocation runs out on October 1.

The Energy and Water Development Bill was approved by the House of Representatives but did not include the proposed \$3.2 million for construction. Hatfield, the ranking Republican on the 16 member appropriations subcommittee, hopes to include the initial construction funds within the 1979-80 fiscal appropriations. If approved at the subcommittee level, the \$3.2 million proposal would need approval from the Senate Appropriations Committee headed by Washington Sen. Warren G. Magnuson-D., then receive a majority vote in the Senate.

Imeson said Hatfield hopes to place the bill on the Senate floor by mid-July and expects the bill to be discussed in committee this week. Sen. Bennett Johnson-D, Louisiana is chairman of the subcommittee.

The field representative said the "major hurdle of the added appropriation" is at the subcommittee level.

Construction of the Willow Creek Dam was authorized by Congress in 1965 but construction funds have never been appropriated.

An appropriations bill once reached the Oval office, but Willow Creek monies were vetoed by President Gerald Ford. It was first proposed more than 25 years ago as a flood control measure.

Ann Werner, projects coordinator for Congressman Al Ullman-D, Oregon said the Congressman would do his best to include the appropriation when it comes before the joint House-Senate Appropriations Committee.

Ullman, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, did not include con-

struction funding in the original appropriations proposals in February but promised after an April vote by Heppner residents in support of the Willow Creek Dam, 188-135, to ask for supplemental funding later in the year.

Werner said her office has been working with Hatfield's office on the request.

The figure of \$3.2 million was submitted by Corps officials who have completed their cost-benefit study of the proposed dam.

The Heppner City Council endorsed a resolution in May supporting construction of the dam because of the city vote in favor of the project and to speed the project along.

## PMH board reviews finances

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hospital's net operating revenue is \$591,686 and has a total operating expense of \$705,697, an operating loss of \$114,011,00 and net income loss of \$43,251 through May 31, 1979. In May, the operating loss was \$15,359.

When Byrnes informed the board that talks would begin with the hospital employees union, a branch of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees, because of the lack of a union negotiator, Betty Curnutt, an employee, said letters had been sent to Byrnes urging the talks get underway and they were

never arranged.

"I have a record of those letters," Curnutt said.

Bartlett suggested the board send a direct mailing of the hospital budget to county residents before the June 26th election. Gladys Hobbs felt it wouldn't do any good and wouldn't make a dime's difference on voting results.

The county will receive two new ambulances August 13, one to be based in the south end and the other in the north. Each has a modular body and contain the latest innovations in ambulance equipment. The delivery date is not assured, Byrnes told the board.

When the new ambulance is

stationed at PMH, the old Cadillac used as an ambulance will be given to the city of Ione. Board members could not understand why Ione citizens were establishing a quick response course when EMT training was available.

In further report, Byrnes said the medical staff urged air-conditioning for the hospital's operation room.

The board also heard reports from Ed Dick on the hospital's request for a vacation of a portion of Thompson Street to allow expansion of the rear of the hospital and the board's options in event the June 26 levy failed to obtain a simple majority of reports.

## Pool manager, youngster hurt in mishaps at Heppner pool

Two swimming accidents occurred this week at the Heppner Swimming Pool.

Christy Rathbun, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Rathbun, Heppner, sustained a crushed vertebra from a jump off the side of the pool Friday and was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital. She stayed there three days and was released Sunday for three weeks of bed rest, according to her mother.

Mrs. Rathbun thanked

Dianne Holland, the pool manager, for helping her from the water following the injury. It was the girl's first swim this season.

Ms. Holland was injured Monday in another pool accident when she struck her head on the bottom of the pool in a dive.

Her father, Dale Holland, said she was in fine condition and expected to return to work Tuesday.

### July 4th week deadlines are moved up one day

The deadline for turning in news and classified ads for next week's edition of the Gazette-Times is Monday noon.

The Gazette-Times has moved up its production schedule because of the Fourth of July Holiday. The office will be closed on the Fourth.

Have a happy holiday and drive carefully.

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Hager McMurdo

Ruth Hager McMurdo, 87, Corvallis, died Wednesday, June 20 at Heart of the Valley Nursing Home in Corvallis.

She was the widow of Dr. A.D. McMurdo, Heppner who preceded her in death in October, 1970. They were married on October 15, 1913 in Corvallis.

Mrs. McMurdo was born in Heppner, November 27, 1891 to James and Winnifred Hager. She resided there until 1978 when she moved to Corvallis and was a resident of Samari-

tan Village until recently.

She is survived by 3 sons, Charles E., Portland, Bernard H., Foster City, Calif., and Scott H., Corvallis, three sisters, Grace Storey, Chilliwack, B.C., Edith Leach of Pendleton and Marie Sims of La Grande, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday afternoon by Father Ken Miller, Rector of the All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner.

Interment was at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

The ladies of All Saints Episcopal Church provided a buffet luncheon for all those attending the services.

The family asks contributions in her memory be made to the All Saints Episcopal Church, Heppner, Pioneer Memorial Hospital or the Oregon chapter of the American Cancer Society.

De-Moss Durden Funeral Home, Corvallis, was in charge of arrangements.

### Delsie Chapel

Delsie Chapel, 74, Ione, died in Heppner June 18.

She was born August 2, 1904 to Emery Sperry and Sarah Compton Sperry, long-time pioneers of Morrow County. Mrs. Chapel was a life-time member of the Ione United

Church of Christ, Willows Grange, Ione, Rebekah Bunchgrass Lodge.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 21 at 2 p.m. at the Ione Church of Christ with Dr. Neal Chobot officiating.

Pallbearers included Frank Ingleman, Louis Carlson, Edward Martin, Craig Munkers, Howard Crowell, E.G. Akers, Carl and Betty Marquardt sang, "In The Garden" and "Beautiful Isle Somewhere", accompanied by Rikka Tews.

She is survived by her daughter, Cassy of Monmouth and a grandson, Frank Ingleman, Ione.

Her husband, Blaine, preceded her in death in 1969.

Concluding services and vault interment were at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Heart Fund or the Oregon Cancer Society.

### Bessie Harrington

Bessie Harrington, 86, Vancouver, Wash., died June 14, at Bess Kaiser Hospital in Portland.

She was born in Salem on Oct. 1, 1892, the daughter of Creed and Lena Owens, and moved with her parents to Hardman when she was a small child. She lived there until 1920 when she moved to Heppner. In 1932, she moved to Vancouver, Wash., making her home there ever since.

Mrs. Harrington was a member of Eastern Star and of the Christian Church.

Graveside services were held June 18 in Vancouver.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Harrington and two children, Lyle Cowdry and Thelma Cowdry.

She is survived by a son, Don Cowdry, Vancouver, Wash., five grandchildren and three sisters; Jessie Furlong, Heppner; Bessie Adkins, Vancouver, Wash.; and Felton Stark of Portland.

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