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## Weather

by Don Gilliam

July 1980 Precip	.08	Tues., July 22	98-63	Tues., July 29	88-56
Normal	.32	Wed., July 23	88-58	Wed., July 30	92-50
July 1979	.05	Thurs., July 24	88-48	Thurs., July 31	96-58
		Fri., July 25	92-54	Fri., Aug. 1	89-55
		Sat., July 26	94-54	Sat., Aug. 2	88-52
		Sun., July 27	95-56	Sun. Aug. 3	78-47
		Mon., July 28	98-57	Mon., Aug. 4	86-45

## Remodeling, new equipment to upgrade hospital care

"We will be able to offer a much higher level of care, and our patients will be in more comfortable and pleasant surroundings."

So says Hospital Administrator A.K. "Lucky" Felt when describing what more than one-half million dollars in improvements will mean to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

In making the rounds of the recently remodeled hospital, Felt points out many additions he says greatly improve the facility.

One of the biggest additions to the hospital has been the construction of a new X-ray and film processing room.

Felt says that the hospital will now be capable of performing fluoroscope on patients, something the hospital could not do before.

"We completely reconstructed and re-fitted the X-ray," says Felt. He says that previously X-ray facilities had to share the same room with emergency, and when you had one in there using that room, the other couldn't go in."

Now Felt points to a brand new emergency room at the hospital. "Our pride and joy," he says proudly while explaining that doctors can now examine two people at one time, using many updated pieces of equipment and tools. The Emergency room now has central oxygen and movable supply trays that work well throughout the hospital, Felt says.

Also as part of the emergency care at the hospital, a new covered ambulance garage was built. Patients are now unloaded under cover in-

stead of out in the open.

Moving on to the obstetric (maternity) department Felt points to a new birthing table superior to the old model that was in the hospital.

The mother's head can be cranked up on this table for women who use the La Maze method," says Maxine Schmidt of central purchasing as she demonstrates the new table. "This new table is completely automatic."

General safety in the hospital will also be improved as new fire doors and automatic door closures which shut when a fire is detected, have been installed throughout.

Other new features in the hospital include:

- a remodeled doctor's lounge.
- new emergency reception room or physician's front office.
- new holding rooms for emergency, which can be used as private offices or exam rooms in the event a physician is ever housed at the hospital.
- a new weighing chair for patients who cannot stand.
- a new \$6,000 heart monitor for cardiac care.
- remote control color television for all hospital patients.
- new china service for meals.
- new refrigerator and meat slicer for the kitchen.
- + One of the things the hospital board of directors hopes to do with these

improvements is attract another physician into the area, says Felt.

The total cost of the remodeling and improvements exceeded \$500,000, says Felt, with about \$312,000 of the cost financed by federal grant from the Health, Education and Welfare Department (HEW), and the rest from local sources.

As a sidelight of the remodeling, room 206, intensive care, was furnished with a new bed, overbed table, bedside table and television by Mrs. W.C. Rosewall, in memory of her deceased husband. A plaque on the door of room

206 denotes these gifts.

In addition, Amanda Duvall of Heppner donated 80 matching bedspreads to the hospital.

"Our capability for care has been significantly increased with these improvements," Felt said in summing up the six month construction and improvement project.

Anyone who wishes to see the new improvements to the hospital will have an opportunity this Saturday, August 9, when an open house will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.

With the assistance of the Hospital Auxiliary, refreshments will be served. The hospital will have people available throughout the building to answer questions and explain the operation of various departments and equipment.



Princesses Nancy Miller(L) and Lottie Laughlin along with Queen Lori Edwards have lunch with the Chamber of commerce

## Fair and rodeo events keep Court busy

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court put in a very busy day on Monday, accepting gifts, visiting the nursing home and speaking at the Chamber of Commerce.

Fair and Rodeo time is fast approaching. August 17-20 is the Fair; August 22-24 is the Rodeo; and the court has been out representing the county publicizing the events.

First thing Monday, the girls traveled to the Morrow

County Grain Growers store in Lexington. While there, they accepted a new saddle from the association which will be presented after the Rodeo to the all around winner.

Then the court went on to Kinzua Corp. in Heppner where the girls also accepted a donated saddle. The saddle will be presented to the winner of the calf roping at the end of the Heppner Rodeo.

After accepting the saddles, the girls went on to eat lunch

with the Chamber of Commerce at the West of Willow in Heppner.

The court was presented to the Chamber by President Bill Kuhn, and each girl gave a brief speech on the activities the court has participated in so far, including a second place finish July 14 at the parade in The Dalles, and a first place finish in recent events both in Spray and Condon.

After lunching with the

Chamber, the court moved on to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital nursing home, where the young ladies met with some of the senior citizens there.

The girls will be busy up to Fair time. This Saturday they go to Hermiston to participate in the Umatilla County Fair and next Tuesday, August 12, they will participate in a talk show to be aired on KOHU radio at 9:30 a.m.

## Wood fired plant a possibility for Heppner

An official of Columbia Basin Electrical Cooperative, said Monday that he has been in contact with a private company that may be interested in building and operating a wood-fired electrical generating plant in Heppner.

Fred Toombs made the announcement Monday at the weekly Heppner Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Two weeks ago the general manager of Kinzua Corp., the

woods products company in Heppner, told the chamber of commerce his company was asking for help in securing low interest government loans or tax incentives to build such a plant.

Monday, Toombs said he is to meet August 21, with an apparently large private company about the feasibility of building a large commercial generating plant that would use wood waste from Kinzua

and nearby national forests.

Toombs would not name the company which is interested, except to say it was able to build a plant if it chose to do so. "I can say that its got Wall Street backing, and a financial statement that is unreal," he told the chamber.

Toombs said at the outset that there is some confusion around the community about a study to build a wood burning electrical generator. "There is only one study," he said, in apparent reference to Kinzua's announced plans.

Toombs said the unnamed company would plan on building a large generating plant, capable of producing electricity at a marketable rate. He said the plant would produce electricity for 4.5 to 5 cents per kilowatt.

Toombs said that price compares favorably with power scheduled to be produced at the Boardman coal fired plant.

The plant would benefit



Fred Toombs

Heppner, Kinzua and the electrical cooperative, Toombs said.

He pointed out that Bonneville Power has notified Columbia Basin that by July 1, 1983, Bonneville will no longer be able to supply all the electricity the co-op needs.

"What this means is we have to get moving (on other energy sources)," Toombs said. "We have to get this on line as soon as possible."

## Ullman to visit Sat.

Second District Congressman Al Ullman will be in Heppner this Saturday for several events and gatherings.

Ullman will first appear around 4:30 Saturday at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital open house scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. that day.

Next Ullman will attend a

potluck picnic on the grounds behind the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner, commencing at 6 p.m.

From there he plans to hold a town hall meeting, also to be held at the county courthouse.

Ullman reportedly plans to stay overnight with the Orville Cutsforth family in Heppner.

He said the wood burning plant would take two years to build, cost between \$14 and \$40 million and would have a life span of 40 to 50 years.

Toombs said that although the plant would not provide a large number of jobs in Heppner after the construction phase, it would create a few, and would also induce Kinzua to remain.

Under a proposed cooperative agreement, the company would finance, build and

operate the plant, Kinzua would provide some of the fuel and receive some of the steam for its mill, and Columbia Basin would market the electricity, Toombs said.

When asked what the advantage is to the company, Toombs replied, "It means a large amount of money." He said under present tax laws the company would be able to write off money spent on energy producing construction. This is one of the reasons they are interested," he said.

## Sweeney won't seek reelection

Six year Heppner Mayor Jerry Sweeney has announced he will not seek reelection to the post in November's election.

"I have enjoyed my time on the council and as mayor," Sweeney told the city council Monday night. "It has had its ups and downs - more ups than downs. It has been a rich and rewarding experience and I would recommend it to any citizen."

Sweeney has served on the council for six years, and as mayor for three two-year terms.

In other action at its Monday meeting the council: sold a backup water well to Carl Thorpe for \$4,000. The council said the well did not produce enough quality water to be of use to the city.

voted to present a new tax base of \$125,000 to city voters

for approval in November. The present base is \$49,408. This year's levy was \$123,459.

- appointed Joyce Winters,

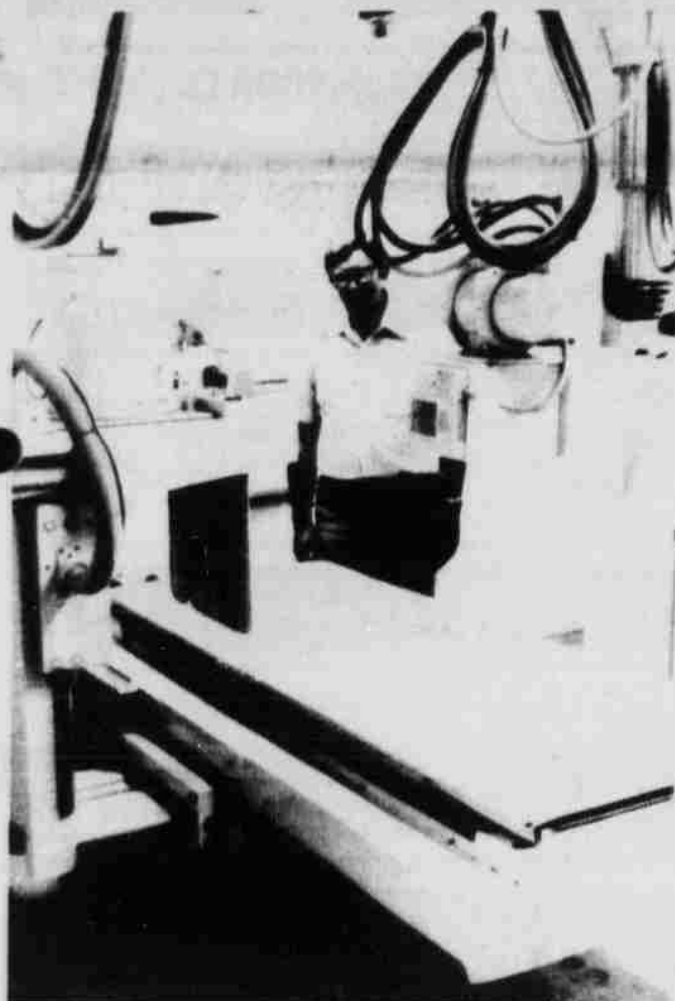
Heppner, to the city council to

replace Frank Pearson who

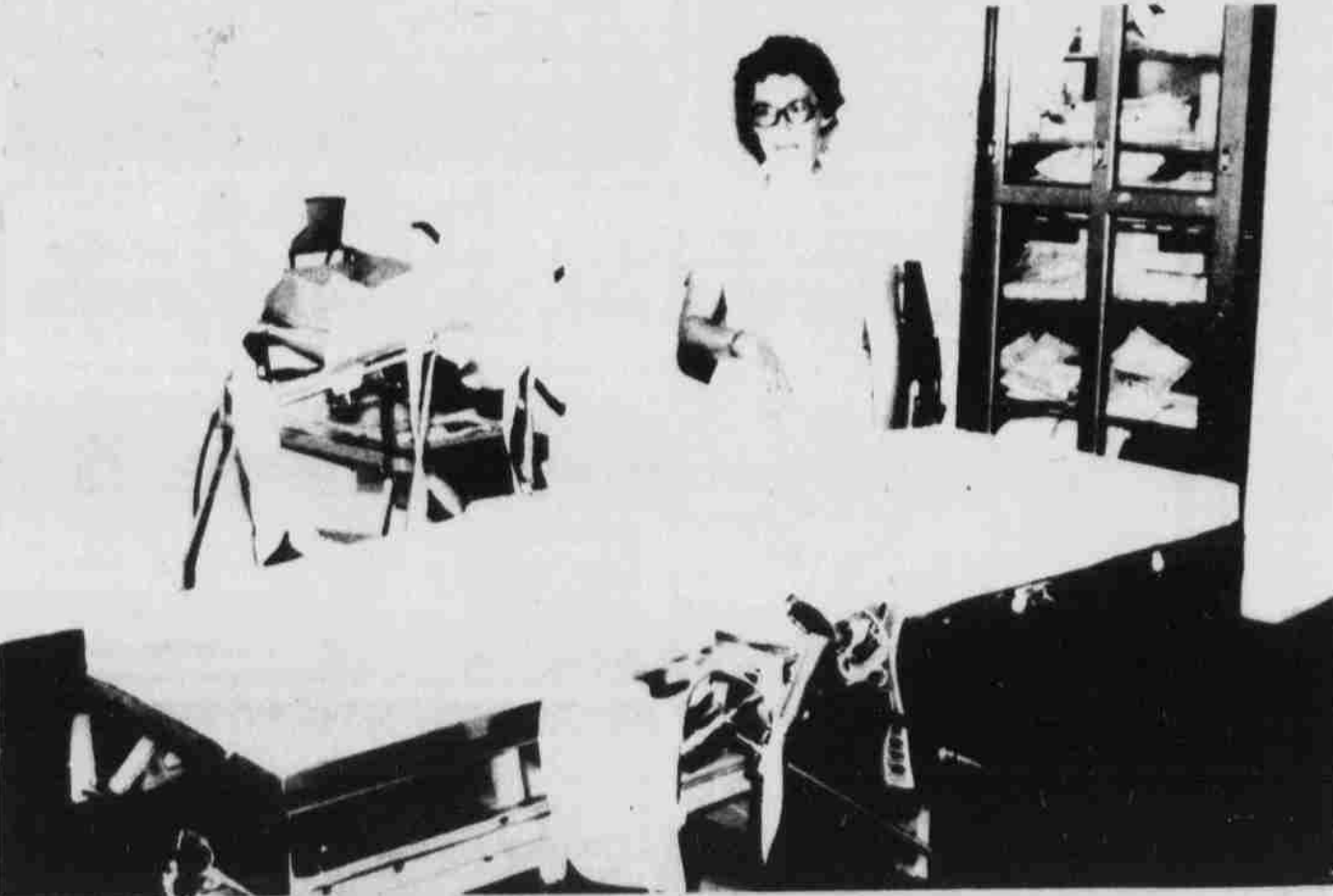
recently resigned.



Jerry Sweeney



Hospital Director A.K. "Lucky" Felt is framed by the hospital's new x-ray machine.



Maxine Schmidt of central supply at the hospital demonstrates the new automated table in the obstetrics unit. An open house will be held this Saturday for the general public to tour the hospital and view the new improvements.