

# Ullman's visit takes him to courthouse, hospital

Second District Congressman Al Ullman was in Heppner this past Saturday, where he helped dedicate the new hospital addition and then attended a potluck on the courthouse lawn.

Ullman visited with residents of the hospital nursing home, and talked with people at the hospital open house.

The hospital dedicated over \$500,000 in improvements Saturday, and Ullman cut the ribbon honoring the event.

From the hospital Ullman traveled down to the county courthouse where he ate a potluck supper with supporters and the public.

Speaking on the lawn behind the courthouse, Ullman told the crowd of about 40 that he was glad to be in Heppner.

"I feel good coming here in a good crop year. You all have smiles on your faces, and it would be hard to make you mad."

Ullman is campaigning for the second district congressional spot against Salem newspaper publisher Denny Smith.

Democrat Ullman and Republican Smith face off for election in November.

In talking to the gathered crowd, Ullman said that he feels the federal government has become too big, and is spending too much money.

"I think we should move back to decentralization and move things back from Washington. We have let our government become too bureaucratic," he said.

Concerning taxes and government spending, Ullman said he thinks spending should



Second district congressman Al Ullman cuts the ribbon at the dedication of the new Pioneer Memorial Hospital addition Saturday afternoon. Ullman was in town as part of a campaign swing through eastern Oregon.

Al Ullman and Mrs. W. C. Rosewall admire plaque commemorating Mrs. Rosewall's gift of furnishings for the hospital's intensive care room in memory of her deceased husband.

be cut back slowly from the present 23 percent of the gross national product to 20 percent.

"Until we can get a handle on inflation and get interest rates down we must hold back on a tax reduction, however," Ullman stated.

He said with commitments already made for social security, worker benefits and other payments, only one fourth of the federal budget can be looked at for cuts. "We found 18 billion and it was tough going."

Ullman then answered several questions from the crowd. When asked if the Willow

Creek dam would be built, he said, "We are on the road, we are going to get it built."

He responded to a question about taxes by saying that he has abandoned his earlier proposal for a value added tax. "I've ditched the VAT, but it may be the only way to collect taxes," he said. "It may come anyway."

After eating supper at the courthouse Ullman visited with local people and then went on to Orville Cutsforth's home where he stayed the night.

## What do you know about courthouse building?

By Justine Weatherford

When visitors to Heppner ask about the courthouse building, can you come up with facts about that imposing structure? Here is some helpful information. The building is built of native basalt stone which was quarried up Balm Fork near the Osmin Ranch. The trim stones are Elgin sandstone from Union County.

The building was authorized by a resolution introduced and passed at a regular session of the county court on Jan. 11, 1902, when A. G. Bartholomew was judge and E. C. Ashbaugh and J. L. Howard were commissioners. R. T. Hynd was secretary and George Conger was chairman of the construction committee.

The building site was selected by Feb. 20, 1902, and Edgar Lazarus, a Portland architect and contractor was awarded the project contract. Frank DuPrat contracted for the masonry work which began in May with Laurence and Louis Monerastelli, well-known stone masons, cutting and trimming the stone for the entire building. These brothers came from Italy and were the masons for several large buildings in Pendleton and Baker before coming to Heppner. (They also worked on the building where Murray's Drug Store and Cole's Shop are today.)

The courthouse was completed in March, 1903, just three months before the great, disastrous Willow Creek Flood which took the lives of one-fourth of Heppner's population.

The building is built on the site occupied by the earlier all-wood courthouse which was built after Heppner was named seat of the new county which was carved from Umatilla County in 1885. The total construction cost of the building was \$54,990.10.

The tower clock and \$2,500 toward the cost of construction were presented to the county by the citizens of Heppner. The large Seth Thomas clock originally had a

weight-type motion but has since been converted to electricity. In an article written by Judge John F. Kilkenny the story is repeated about the clock's behavior at the time of the flood on Sunday, June 14, 77 years ago. "The big clock chimed out 24 times -and stopped short." Kilkenny suggests this may be folklore, though many thought it to be the truth.

At the time the courthouse was completed there was a one-story jail attached to the back of the building. This section has rather recently become part of the tax department. Many remodelings have taken place inside the building, but its exterior remains much as it was in 1902.

Heppner's Frances Parker Mitchell tells that her father, the late Frank S. Parker, was employed as a young man in the construction of the courthouse. Frances has information about his experiences and facts about the building filed carefully away with family mementoes. She says that when she gets a chance to sort through these things she may be able to tell something about the two stone statues of Grecian or Roman goddesses that decorate the center front of the building.

If any reader is able to recount who the stone reproductions represent, the Morrow County Museum would like to add that information to its file about the courthouse from which the above facts were gleaned.

### Heppner News

Guests at the Sykes' home over the weekend were David's sister and family, Ardeen and John Clay and sons, Jim, Alan and John.

The Clays toured Heppner, the museum and fair grounds and enjoyed a swim in the Heppner pool and a picnic at the courthouse.

Sunday, the Clays and the Sykes took a picnic lunch to Bull Prairie Lake and the kids

had fun fishing and swimming in the lake.

Weekend before last, David, April, Christopher and Andrew Sykes traveled to Portland to visit David's other sister and family, Vickie and Charlie Lewis and baby Max.

That enjoyed dinner at a Chinese restaurant, a trip to the zoo, the museum and a movie, "The Empire Strikes Back."

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