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Weather By City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Oct. 13	54	32	
Wed., Oct. 14	59	35	
Thurs., Oct. 15	62	39	
Fri., Oct. 16	71	41	
Sat., Oct. 17	68	39	
Sun., Oct. 18	72	45	
Mon., Oct. 19	78	35	

Virginia Rosewall receives appreciation plaque



Judge Don McElligott (R) last Wednesday presented Virginia Rosewall with a plaque in appreciation for 5 acres recently deeded to Morrow County while Commissioners Dode Krebs, and Warren McCoy, (L), look on.

The property, located across from Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington joins

three acres the county already owns. The acreage was donated to enable the county to enlarge the shop and yard area located on the original three acres. Plans will be drawn up for a new shop area, to be financed through the sale of other county property and revenue sharing, said McElligott.

Co. Court consolidates Justice Court

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Morrow County Court convened last Wednesday to hear concerns voiced over the consolidation of Justice Court. On October 7, County Court had moved to draft an ordinance to consolidate Justice Court in Heppner with Irrigon, requiring the Justice of the Peace to travel between the two locations. Justice of the Peace, Charlotte Gray, came before the court to point out her present caseload schedule for the south end of the county and stated that the north end has even more traffic cases. She also voiced a concern over driving back and forth to Irrigon in bad winter conditions. County Court agreed to take her concerns under consideration. Morrow County Court invited District Judge Ralph Currin to join the session to discuss the Justice Court

consolidation. Currin suggested that Ernest Jorgensen not be replaced in Irrigon but have Charlotte Gray split her four day week equally between the two locations. Currin also offered to take some of the cases into District Court which should lighten the load for Justice Court. Also discussed was the possibility of moving District Court to Irrigon in the future. After a day of lengthy discussions, Morrow County Court unanimously passed an Emergency Adoption Procedure, consolidating Justice Court, effective Nov. 1. Charlotte Gray's schedule will be split between Irrigon and Heppner and Currin will be handling a portion of caseloads from Justice Court. It was also agreed to provide Gray with a county vehicle for transportation between Irrigon and Heppner. Charlotte Gray is currently posting her new hours.

Assisting Gray in Irrigon will be Andrea Hadley, who has been promoted to Violations Bureau clerk. Business continued when County Assessor, Greg Sweek, brought to the court's attention that the county must vote on a tax base in 1982. Election on a tax base can only be held during even-numbered years, according to the law, reminded Sweek. County Court discussed organizing a budget committee to prepare a tax base which can be presented to the voters. Final action was deferred. In other business Morrow County Court appointed Marilyn Robinson to a three year term on the Fair Board. Wayne Schwandt of the Port of Morrow was appointed to the Morrow County Resource Council. Marian Abrams was appointed to the county Planning Commission, filling a vacancy left by Monica Swanson.

Heppner native authors book of Irish immigrants to Morrow Co.

By EILEEN SALING

A new history of early Morrow County settlers, "Leitrim - Donegal - Vanguard," has been written by Edward M. Kenny, of Spokane Washington. Kenny, the oldest son of John F. Kenny, was born in Heppner. He grew up on his parents ranch in the Sand Hollow area and attended school in Heppner. After graduating from high school he attended Northwestern School of Commerce in Portland. Kenny spent a number of years working in the sheep raising industry with his grandfather, Michael Kenny. He was also Morrow County Deputy Assessor for two years.

From 1946 to 1961, he was employed by Pendleton Production Credit, financing farm and ranch operations. In 1961, Kenny was transferred to the head office in Spokane - the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, from which he retired in 1976. He has lived in Spokane for the past 30 years. He and his wife of 40 years, the former Lillian Nooy of Pendleton, have two children, Patricia Bogenreif and Edward M. Kenny, Jr., both of Spokane, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The book concerns early immigrants from Ireland to Morrow and Umatilla counties, many of whose descendants are still in the area. Kenny stated that the book had been in his mind for years.

but at the urging of his children, especially his daughter, and his nieces and nephews, he set out to record the stories he had heard all his life. Much of the history he had learned from his grandparents who had immigrated from Leitrim and Donegal counties, Ireland. The book can be obtained at the Heppner library or at the home of the author's brother, William R. Kenny, 265 W. Baltimore, Heppner. Phone 676-9750.

USDA loans hold at 14.5%

Interest rates for 1981 crop loans and storage facility and dryer loans made through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Commodity Credit Corporation will remain at 14.5

Irrigon City Council hears new subdivision proposal

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

A proposed new subdivision of 13 one-acre lots near Irrigon, was discussed at length at the last meeting of the Irrigon City Council. The subdivision, to be named Fairview Estates and proposed by Stanfield developer Ed Winger, would be located east of Columbia Jr. High School across Division St. known as Ordinance Rd. Since the area of the development is not within the Irrigon city boundary, the proposal was presented to the council by Morrow County Planner Dean Seeger. The council reviewed the plans because the development is within the city's urban growth boundary. The development would be served by city water, but would have its own septic service. Seeger who recommended the council take a firm stand

regarding development requirements, told the council there is no doubt that the Irrigon area is in line for some rapid growth. Having spent time prior to the meeting, with Alumax officials, Seeger told the council he is convinced the company will build an aluminum smelter and, that housing impact would likely be greatest in Irrigon. He cited recent expansion of school facilities and land values for changes in Alumax impact predictions for the area since the 1975 study. The subdivision was approved, providing streets and utilities are constructed to city specifications as recommended by Seeger. The proposal will go to the Morrow County Planning Commission on Oct. 26. The council appointed an entire new group of members to the City Planning Commission, which has been inactive for more than a year. Based

on letters indicating their willingness to serve, the following were appointed: Matt Doherty, Les Conboy, Chester Wison, Maxine Reeves, Doug Howell, Charlotte Line and Lavelle Partlow. The ordinance allows for two members to be appointed from outside the city. In other business the council: 1 - approved a contract with Vitro Engineering of the Tri-cities to design a plan for commercial facilities on city owned property formerly owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. Cost limited to \$15,000; 2 - Mayor Don Eppenbach reported that 25 applications had been received for the vacant Public Safety Directors position. A committee met to consider them, and selected several from which to make a final choice;

3 - agreed to lease to Pacific N.W. Bell, the 50 by 50 area at South Main and 8th St. for \$1,000 a year. P.N.B. previously leased the land from Union Pacific Railroad for \$50 a month, according to representative Jack Pielt. The land was recently acquired by the city from Union Pacific; 4 - heard Vicke Stormont of Faunt, Lewis and Bare present a draft of the city's 1980-81 audit. The council approved it for printing. 5 - granted Hinson Didier a variance request, to place a double wide mobile home on his 13th St. property under a hardship situation. His home was recently heavily damaged by fire. Conditions of the variance included placing the mobile home on a conventional foundation, demolishing the fire damaged house and removing material from the premises within 90 days of occupancy.

6 - approved an agreement with the city of Umatilla for 911 emergency dispatch service for one year at a cost of \$400. 7 - discussed the status of a cable T.V. franchise with Boardman Community T.V. Noted that land was available for the facility and voted to send a letter for installation work to begin within 30 days. 8 - Chester Wilson presented a request for funds to assist the Irrigon Senior citizens program. Namely funding for wages for a second cook. An average of 50 seniors participate in the program each Monday at the Assembly of God Hall on 8th St. The program is administered under the Area Agency on Aging by East Central Oregon Association of counties. The council agreed to search for available funds.

Judge Jorgensen retires from 5th Justice Court

Ernest Jorgensen, Morrow County justice of the peace, 5th Justice Court in Irrigon will be retiring October 31, according to a press release received from Morrow County Court. Judge Jorgensen has served Morrow County nearly 20 years and he is currently working two days a week at the Irrigon Court office. Morrow County Court has adopted an ordinance which consolidates the county's 5th

and 6th justice courts, to become effective November 1. The consolidation was possible because of "the availability of the district court to handle part of the work load currently in the 6th justice court in Heppner," the press release said. Justice of the Peace, Charlotte Gray, will be covering the new single justice court district. On Mondays and Tuesdays beginning at 9 a.m. Judge Gray will be available

at the North Morrow Annex in Irrigon and Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner.

Andrea Hadley will be available at the Irrigon Court office during regular working hours, Monday through Fri-

day. Hadley will be handling routine traffic tickets when the violator does not wish to see the judge. (see story this page.)

Ernest Jorgensen retires, begins a new routine



Ernest Jorgensen

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

Routine patterns are a way of life for most Americans. The longer they are followed the more difficult it becomes to make a change. For at least on Irrigon resident a new routine will be called for with the coming of Nov. 1, when Justice of the Peace, Ernest Jorgensen retires from administering Irrigon Justice Court. After 19 years of continuous service in the office he says, "I'm not retiring I just quit." He will not want for projects however, as he has, over the years been a man of activity. He engaged in merchandising, farming and trucking since coming to the community in 1961 from Fortuna, Calif. with his wife Margaret and son Don. They originally came from Canada.

When they purchased the Adams store that year and became a part of the Irrigon community the population was under 200 and the city had been incorporated only five years. The nearest Justice of the Peace was at Boardman and an effort was being put forth for a local Justice Court office. When approached on the subject Jorgensen reluctantly agreed to have his name submitted and was subsequently named to the office. In the course of the years he has presided at various locations in the community. At first court sessions were held in his living room adjacent to the store, where he handled 30 to 40 cases a month. The location was later moved to an office on west 7th St., where his trucking business had been established. It was again moved, this time to a rented office in the Wilson building, and finally, four years ago to the newly constructed North Morrow Annex Building, on 3rd St. As the city's population, in the intervening years, has grown to over 700 so has the case load of the Justice Court. Some 200 cases a month are presently being processed, according to Jorgensen. The load has been shared by his wife, Margaret who acted as his secretary and clerk for some 18 years. The court clerk office is presently filled by Andrea Hadley, a local woman who began work a year ago and was trained by Mrs. Jorgensen, who retired last January.

At one time the Jorgensens lived on the ranch now occupied by the Hellberg family, but have since moved to their present location on 7th St., headquarters for th Jorgensen trucking business. He mainly trucks alfalfa hay, but has done other hauling as well. The business has expanded and trucks and territory have been added. Jorgensen has little to do with the trucking business now as his son Don of Irrigon, has taken over most of the responsibility. An older son, Bud is presently night editor of two Vancouver B.C. newspapers that recently merged under one publication. Jorgensen's community interest has reached other areas as well. He served eight years on the county planning commission and has had an active part in the Irrigon Lions Club. "In fact," said Jorgensen, "I'm the only charter member of the club that's still around." The local club was chartered in 1967. Although Jorgensen will be traveling and engaging in many activities already under way, Justice Court must continue. Provisions have been made for th immediate future by the County Court. Charlotte Gray who presides over Justice Court at Heppner will spend Mondays and Tuesdays in the Irrigon Court. Andrea Hadley will serve in the capacity of a violations clerk. (see story this page.)

Area men enter guilty pleas

Three area men have entered "guilty" pleas at Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner, reports District Attorney Ann Spicer. Darwin Keith Nelson, Umatilla, was sentenced Friday, Oct. 16 after previously pleading guilty to two counts of second degree theft in Morrow County District Court. Nelson, arrested Oct. 12, was sentenced to six months bench probation - conditions: no possession or use of alcohol, no association with known criminals, must keep Morrow County Court informed of any change of address, must maintain employment and must repay any remaining shortage in funds to the state of Oregon. Another man, Lonny Gilbert Trumbull, 27, of Hermiston,

pled guilty Thursday, Oct. 15 to three counts of sexual abuse in the first degree, two counts of sodomy in the first degree and one count of rape in the first degree, after being arrested September 4. Trumbull is to be sentenced in six weeks, said Spicer. Terry Lee Haldy, 20, formerly of Umatilla and presently living in Portland, pled guilty Friday, Oct. 16 after being charged May 4, with frequenting a place where controlled substances were used. Haldy will also be sentenced in six weeks, said Spicer. Allen Tompkins, 19, Irrigon was arrested Oct. 12 and charged with alleged burglary in the first degree and theft in the first degree. Tompkins will enter a plea Friday, Oct. 23, Spicer reports.

Heppner Merchants to hold Moonlight Sale Oct. 29

The annual Heppner merchants Moonlight Sale will be held next Thursday night, Oct. 29, beginning at 7 p.m. In addition to good sale prices offered by downtown merchants, shoppers can en-

joy a carmel apple stand by the Soropromist club, hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate by the local cub scouts at Ron McDonald Chevrolet, and a bake sale put on by the Christian Life Group. ment, on 1981-crop and facility loans. The variable interest rate on outstanding loans - which enables CCC to adjust rates in line with borrowing costs to the U.S. Treasury - will

MCGG to hold annual meeting

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold their annual meeting, Monday, November 2 at the fair grounds in

Heppner. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. For those with young child-

ren, free babysitting will be provided in the dormitory next door to the pavilion.