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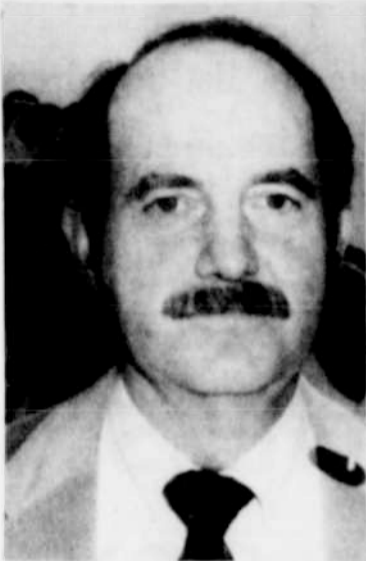
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Weather
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Jan. 8	38	18	.0
Wed., Jan. 9	26	20	
Thurs., Jan. 10	25	20	
Fri., Jan. 11	26	29	
Sat., Jan. 12	28	21	
Sun., Jan. 13	27	20	
Mon., Jan. 14	41	22	.03

Hospital administrator resigns



John Ochsner

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Administrator John Ochsner submitted his resignation to a "surprised and shocked" Hospital Board at a special budget meeting last Friday morning, Jan. 11.

Fred Martin, chairman of the hospital Board reports that the Board has been "happy with what he (Ochsner) has done" at the hospital.

Ochsner's resignation will become effective February 8. He says that although he will "hate to leave the people here at the hospital," he has a chance to go with a health care management company as an administrator and will hopefully be provided access to a greater array of experiences which will help his professional growth. He will not know for a couple of weeks yet where he will be located, but expects to continue working in rural hospi-

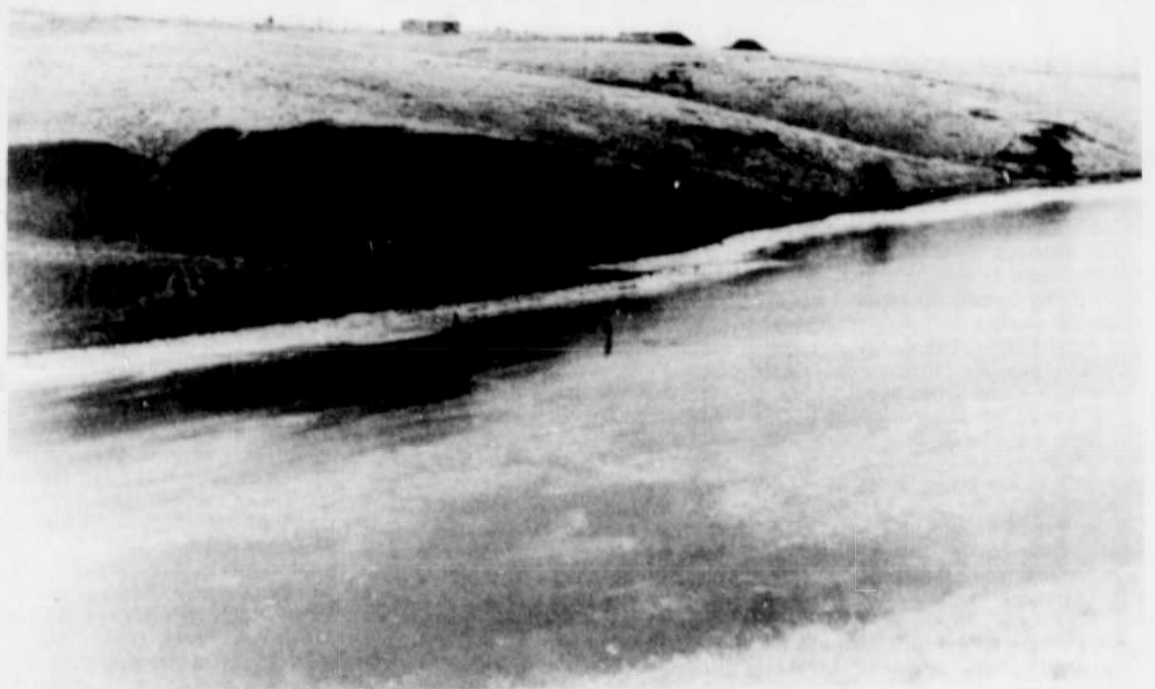
als.

"The decision was not made overnight," he says, "but it was not in the mill for a long time either. The situation came up and I had to give it some good hard thought."

Ochsner officially began as hospital administrator March 5, 1984.

Chairman of the Board Martin says that the board is undetermined at this point what procedure it will follow in the task of recruiting a new administrator. He says that the last time the Board was faced with finding an interim administrator, they used the services of Brim and Associates. He says that the board has not yet determined which procedure to use this time, but will discuss the matter at the next regularly scheduled Hospital Board meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Marine Board to rule on Willow Creek Lake use Jan. 17



Ice fishermen try luck on Willow Creek Lake. Lake was reported frozen completely over during recent cold snap, however with warming trend residents should beware of thin ice.

The state Marine Board has proposed restrictions for Willow Creek Lake as follows:

Proposed restrictions on the lake include: 1) limiting motorboat operation on the Balm Fork arm of the lake to boats with electric motors having 30 pounds or less thrust in an area where the Corps had proposed no motorboat usage; 2) restrict motorboat speeds to five miles per hour or "no wake" on the Willow Creek Arm of the lake; 3) the open speed portion of the lake will be marked and extend from a "point on the south shore 1,000 feet east of the boat ramp perpendicular across to the north shore."

Webb Terwilliger of the Oregon

State Marine Board told the Gazette-Times Tuesday that although the proposal is "unique for a small body of water he is convinced that it can work" and doesn't believe that the Board will have any problem with its adoption. He described it as "a good, solid, proposal."

If adopted as a rule, the proposal will be effective in less than 60 days and will be considered a temporary guideline. If major concerns should develop, Terwilliger says, the Marine Board meets quarterly and could address those concerns at any time. He continues to explain that because of the amount of public concern over the proposal that Willow Creek Lake will probably be

monitored more closely than some other areas. The Corps, of Engineers, local people, and the Sheriff's office will be the Marine's Board's main sources of information, although Terwilliger says that should the water quality and environment become a problem, he expects the overseeing agencies would inform the Marine Board.

The Marine Board's main charge is to enhance the pleasure and safety of boating. The proposed restrictions will be discussed at the Board's January 17 meeting at the Portland General Electric Service Center in Salem. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and is open to the public.

Fillies ranked 9th in Oregon

Heppner's Varsity Girls' Basketball Team was ranked ninth in the State in Class "A", in the coaches poll released last week. At the time, the Fillies carried a record of 7-1, having won all their games since a season-opening loss to Imbler.

Last Saturday night, on the road, the scrappy young ladies of Coach Mike Royer dropped a tense 39-37 game to the No. 1 ranked Umatilla

Vikings. The Vikings now carry a mark of 11-0, and lead Heppner by one game in the Columbia Basin Conference's Eastern Division.

Friday, January 25, Umatilla will provide a return match with the Fillies at Heppner High School, at 6 p.m. In risking their top ranking, Umatilla will match its height and strength against Heppner's speed and quickness.

H.S. fans are encouraged to include next week's boys and girls games in their plans. The Mustangs and Fillies have two road games this week: Friday night at Pilot Rock and Saturday at Stanfield, before returning home next week for Friday's Umatilla showdown and Saturday encounters with Wahtonka. Game times for all games is 6 p.m. for the girls and 7:30 p.m. for boys.

Chamber banquet honors businesses

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet last Tuesday night, and honored three local businesses for economic contributions to the city.

Central Market, which last year initiated an ambitious expansion project doubling the size of its store, and Heppner Auto Parts which remodeled the old creamery building and moved in there, were both presented with plaques of appreciation.

Kinzua Corporation of Heppner was also presented with a plaque to show the Chamber's appreciation for the new wood-fired electrical generating plant being built by the wood products firm outside town.

"The Chamber would like these businesses to know that their efforts are appreciated," said Dr. Wallace Wolff, the chamber member who presented the awards.

The banquet, which was decorated by the Heppner Garden Club using old oil lamps and other antiques in honor of Morrow County's Centennial, was headed up by master of ceremonies, Larry Mills.

Entertainment was provided by Don Christensen and a group from the high school performing several musical selections, and the crowd of over 120 people also heard from Heppner's new mayor, Cara Costa, incoming chamber president, Doug Koffler, and outgoing president, Harley Sager.

Officers for 1985 were also installed including: Doug Smith, president; Gerald Pierson, first vice president; Birdine Tullis, second vice president; Justine Weatherford, secretary; and George Koffler, treasurer.

Board of directors for 1985 include: Doug Smith, Gerald Pierson, Birdine Tullis, Justine Weatherford, Bob Costa, Jim Hayes, George Koffler, John Ochsner, and Judy Buschke.

Committee to plan 10-year reunion

The committee planning the 10-year reunion for the Heppner High School Class of 1975 will hold an organizational meeting January 17, 8 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club. All classmates in the area are urged to attend.

The meeting agenda will include picking a date for the reunion and compiling addresses of former classmates.

For more information, contact Joyce Hughes 676-5818; or Judy Eckman 676-5228.

DMV announces closure

The Heppner office of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be closed Friday, January 18.



Bob and Aloha Despain



Forrie Burkenbine and Ernie McCabe



Kent Goodyear

Local AAUW to hold special meeting

The Heppner-Ione branch of American Association of University Women will focus on "insurance and finance" at a meeting Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ.

Spouses and friends of A.A.U.W. members are to be special guests for the evening. "Anyone else inter-

ested in A.A.U.W. is warmly invited to attend," said April Hilton-Sykes, membership chairperson. Refreshments will be Hors d'oeuvres provided by A.A.U.W. members.

Anyone needing transportation or more information call Hilton-Sykes, 676-9939.

Fair Board re-elect Daly

The Morrow County Fair Board met Monday night, Jan. 14 to elect officers and begin forming the budget for the coming year.

Re-elected as president was Char-

ley Daly with Iob McLaughlin elected to serve as vice president. Other members of the Fair Board are Merlyn Robinson, Pete Richards, and Harold Peck.

School Board and Budget Committee Hope to trim budget to 8% increase

The Budget Committee for the Morrow County School District has after study and input from various Advisory Committees presented a prospective 1985-86 budget to the School Board reflecting a 13 percent increase in money required from tax revenues over the 1984-85 budget.

Morrow County School Superintendent and Budget Officer Doyle McCaslin has announced that the administration is hopeful that the increase can be cut from a 13 percent increase to an eight percent increase before going to voters.

This year's budget is expected to include \$2,746,632 in carryover funds which were unused this year, to apply to next year's budget. The total dollar value is projected at \$8,701,414, an amount more than \$1 million over this year's budget.

In his budget message McCaslin cites expected increases in nearly all areas of the budget.

Additional teachers at Sam Boardman, Heppner Junior High, and Columbia Junior will increase the amount needed for salaries, but

salaries will also be increased. McCaslin says, "because of the recent and numerous reports on the state of education nationwide; a teacher shortage is due to be felt by 1987 and to pinch by 1990; and school administrators in Morrow County need a good teacher recruitment schedule if replacements are going to be attracted to our area." Because negotiations are not yet complete with teacher and classified employee organizations, McCaslin says that the final amount settled on for salary increases has not been determined, but the proposed budget allows a seven percent increase for most accounts because "teacher salaries in Morrow County are below the state's average."

Increases in rates for garbage, water, sewer, telephone services which the district must purchase from agencies outside the school district McCaslin says are based on "reasonable increases" based on analysis of the costs and the known increases in cost for the service since July of this year. In the case of electricity, for example, he says that

although the district has been informed of a five percent rate increase the budget was constructed to allow for a 12 percent rate increase which has already been seen in this year's bills.

If the total proposed budget could be reduced from the 13 percent proposed increase to the hoped for eight percent increase, the total amount of the taxes needed to balance the budget would decrease from \$6,282,308 to \$5,897,308 which roughly translates to an estimated saving from \$7.57 per \$1,000 of assessed tax valuation to \$7.11 per \$1,000.

McCaslin says that cutting the budget from the proposed 13 percent increase, as far down the scale as an 11 percent increase, would result in cuts in the areas of proposed support programs, or additions to present equipment, but in trying to cut the budget further to an eight percent increase over last year's budget may result in loss of funds in areas of supplies in the classroom and instruction.

Elks free throw contest slated Jan. 26

The Heppner and Ione competition for the 13th annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the national free throw shooting contest for youngsters age eight through 13, will be held Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Ione and from 11:30-1 p.m. at Heppner, announced Jim Swanson of Ione, local contest co-ordinator. Contestants need to bring proof of age to enter the free-throw contest.

This is Swanson's 10th year of helping with the annual hoop shoot. He will oversee the competition at the Ione High School gym, while Dale Holland will be in charge of the event at the Heppner High School gym.

Almost three million youngsters from throughout the country entered last year's competition for boys and girls in age categories 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.

Local winners will compete against other contestants in the district event at Hermiston in February.

Winners advance through four tiers of competition: local, district, state and regional semi-finals—until only 36 boys and 36 girls remain.

From this final group, one boy and one girl emerge as national champions in each of the three age categories. The winners receive trophies, and their names are inscribed on a special plaque in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

The Elks Hoop Shoot is the country's largest free throw shooting contest for youngsters. It is also the largest and most visible of the many youth activities sponsored by the Elks and has served to highlight the Elks' national commitment to youth.

The program began as a local Elks activity for young boys in Corvallis in 1946. Within 12 years, support for the event had grown enough for the

Elks Oregon State Association to take it to the state level. And in 1972, the "Elks Hoop Shoot" was expanded to include contestants from 19 states. By 1974, girls were added to the competition, and the program has continued to grow ever since.

The competition to become a champion is rugged but rewarding. At each level, contestants take a total of 25 free throws. National finalists have averaged around 90 percent accuracy in recent years.

Families of finalists on the state, regional and national levels attend the competition as guests of the Elks, and are encouraged to play an active part throughout the contest.

Please come to Ione or Heppner January 26 and watch our young people compete." Swanson said. For more information, contact Swanson or Holland.

Mayor Costa announces office hours

Heppner Mayor Cara Costa has announced that beginning January 19, she will maintain office hours

from 9-12 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month at Heppner City Hall.