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From left: Rachel Harnett, past curator; Alice Trindle, marketing coordinator for the Tourism Division; Alma Green, president of the Museum Board, and Johanne Wood, museum curator.

Morrow Co. Museum receives grant

The Morrow County Museum was chosen by the Oregon Historical Society to receive a \$499,80 grant-in-aid administered through the Tourism Division of the Oregon Economic Development Department. There are no restrictions on how the museum may spend the money, but the grant must be used for the museum and not added into

the county's general fund.

Six museums in the eastern Oregon region received funding. Morrow County Museum, Wallowa Museum, and Kam-Wah-Chung Museum in John Day receive the maximum amount.

The Tourism Division became involved in the museum grant program, says Alice Trindle, regional

marketing coordinator, because the history of eastern Oregon is part of its attraction for tourists. As marketing coordinator, she works to promote the area and expects to assist communities with specific goals for tourism and economic development.

The following cuts were approved by the County Court:

Each department in the general fund was asked to cut whatever they could "and maintain services which people indicated they wanted maintained," Judge Don McElligott said. It was difficult because very few capital outlay items were included in the original budget, so the cuts had to come from materials and services, he explained.

The following cuts were approved by the County Court:

-\$39,255 from the Road Fund, Capital outlay was reduced by \$7,200 for the purchase of a pickup, \$1,000 for purchase of a radio, and \$3,000 for purchase of air conditioners for three blades. The balance of the cuts were in the area of materials and services: \$10,000 from weed spraying, \$2,000 from fire insurance, and \$10,000 from diesel purchases since the cost of petroleum products has gone down recently.

-\$8,543 from the North Morrow Ambulance Levy.

-\$1,604 from the North Morrow Medical Clinic.

\$904 from the Fair and Rodeo Fund.

\$1,841 from the city road districts, an automatic reduction because the total is figured on a percentage of the levy for the county road fund.

\$48,083 from the general fund: \$20,000 from the Sheriff's Department jail fund. This large cut was possible, Bowman explains because the county has not had to use all of the money allotted for housing prisoners in other county jails so far this year. And, Judge McElligott added that it will be cheaper to house the county's prisoners in Benton County than previous arrangements permitted.

Also from the General Fund, the Weed District was cut \$1,000; the Soil and Water Conservation District \$1,500; the Extension Service

\$1,000; the Watermaster \$100; the Lexington Blow Control \$25 (a 50% cut); the Veterans Administration \$100; and the County Counsel \$2,401. Cuts in all other departments of the general fund ranged from \$100 to \$2,400 Bowman said.

Justice Court was retained at the same level as present, the Judge said, because several delegations to the court had requested that the court be maintained, and after study, the court determined that eliminating justice court would result in "no great savings to the county."

A proposal which the court considered opposite retaining the present services involved maintaining a justice of the peace in north Morrow

County two days a week and reducing the service in south Morrow County to one day a week on the assumption that a Violations Clerk at the Courthouse and District Court could handle the same business that the justice court now manages. The court, said McElligott, felt that this proposal would retain almost the same services but that scheduling problems would make it "more trouble than it was worth."

The Judge also said that the building inspection department was discussed at length. The county is currently contracting building inspection services and will begin interviewing applicants for building inspector within the next two weeks.

County levy cut \$48,083

Planning Commission learns Corps must approve site

By Avon Melby

It will take approval by the Corps of Engineers before a double wide mobile home can be placed on West Sperry street lots attorney Bill Kuhn told the city planning commission Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Coil asked about the possibility of placing the structure in two lots they own next to the Max Harris home. The area is zoned industrial, but it is also in the flood plain. Kuhn said the elevation would have to be determined by a surveyor and it was possible the Corps would decide it could be placed on a foundation in the area rather than built up high from the ground.

If the site is approved Coil may seek a non-conforming use permit, or the commissioners may re-zone that area.

A state requested periodic review of the city's zoning plan is underway now. Brent Lake, field representative for the Department of Land Conservation and Development Commission, recently met with Kuhn to explain the principal focus of the review.

Concern primarily is with population change; city need for low cost housing, particularly mobile home placement; urban growth boundary justification, and historic site preservation.

Population of Heppner in 1986 is 350 less than was projected for this time in 1979 when the original plan was made, Kuhn said. There is nothing in the immediate future

which would bring the population up the numbers projected. Plans of the state highway department to complete the Western Route to LaGrande may bring more tourism, but there is no large impact projected from that.

"Out of everything that's in the pot, completion of the road from lone to the coal fire plant would probably have the greatest effect," Kuhn said. This is not expected any time soon.

During a work session the planners decided there was probably no need to change the urban growth boundary. If any part of it is taken out of that zoning designation, it returns to agriculture designation "and becomes undevelopable," Kuhn stated.

Placement of mobile homes is the biggest problem the planners will be working with. Discussion of allowing outright placement of the homes in Residential Zone II was discussed and met with no strong objections.

Any changes proposed will be explained at a public meeting before binding action is taken.

Conservation may improve stream flow

The efficient use of water is one way to increase the summertime supply of water in Oregon says the Oregon Water Resources Department. Water provided through conservation could improve minimum streamflows and at the same time provide for additional out-of-stream uses. However, current Oregon water law lacks incentives for conservation because it requires water right holders to use water or lose the right to do so in the future.

The department says its new look at conservation will:

- Determine the extent to which water users are already conserving
 - Suggest possible incentives to encourage more efficient use of water
 - Identify institutional constraints that may prevent water users from using water efficiently
 - Compile technical information on water conservation
 - Coordinate planning with other agencies and individuals who deal with water management.
 - Provide technical advice
- This information along with recommendations on conservation incentives will be submitted in a report to the commission and Legislature in December 1986.

The commission decided at a February meeting to seek legislative change to encourage the conservation of water. The commission asked Gov. Vic Atiyeh to include water conservation incentives in his legislative program to the 1987 legislature.

The department and commission encourage Oregonians with questions and suggestions on conversation to call Jack Donahue in Salem at 378-3671, ext.283.

Heppner teen bound for China

By Ashley Conklin

Wayne Wilgers track career is growing by leaps and bounds and now the Heppner junior has leaped all the way to China.

Last season Wilgers cleared a Heppner High School sophomore class record of 6'2½" and tied for the eighth best Class "A" high jump mark.

That jump earned Wilgers an invitation from International Sports Exchange to travel with them in Asia from July 5-14.

The cost of the trip is \$1,795. "Stephanie Payne (also from Heppner) went on the trip last year and raised nearly \$1500 through the community," Wilgers said. Payne now competes at Willamette University in Salem.

International Sports Exchange is a

California non-profit corporation which provides athletes from the United States to compete with athletes from foreign countries and in turn allows them to learn the lifestyles and cultures of the land they visit.

The teams from the United States will come from Class "A" and "B" high schools throughout Oregon and Washington. Three coaches from Oregon and one from Washington will lead the teams.

Wilgers is excited and ready to depart for the trip.

"I was surprised to be given the chance to go," Wilgers said. "This will be a great experience for me because it will really help me to obtain athletic scholarships next year by getting my name out to the different colleges."

"The good thing about a trip like this is that they don't necessarily pick the all-american athletes," said Heppner track coach Dale Conklin. "They're just looking for good, solid kids and I'm glad Wayne is getting a chance to go."



Wayne Wilgers

Computerized typesetting installed at G-T

The Heppner Gazette-Times last week installed a new typesetting system that will greatly improve the quality of the newspaper and the commercial printing plant, owner-publisher David Sykes has announced.

The new system will replace outdated equipment "that was not proving fast enough for our needs," he said.

Called a modular composition, or MCS, the new equipment is run off two computers, and will enable Gazette typesetters to compose complete printing jobs, advertisements and other work directly on the computer screens. Previously type was set separately and then "pasted up" by hand.

"The new equipment will save us time in composition, and give a better looking product," said Sykes.

Typesetting on a newspaper has evolved from the days when each individual letter was placed separately onto a page, to hot type when linotypes were used to set lines (or slugs) of type that were melted down when the job was done, to modern day "offset" printing where the entire process is done using photographic materials. The Gazette-Times switched to offset in the early 1970's when two typesetting machines were purchased. One machine was used to set the "galley" or columns of type for the paper, and the other machine was used

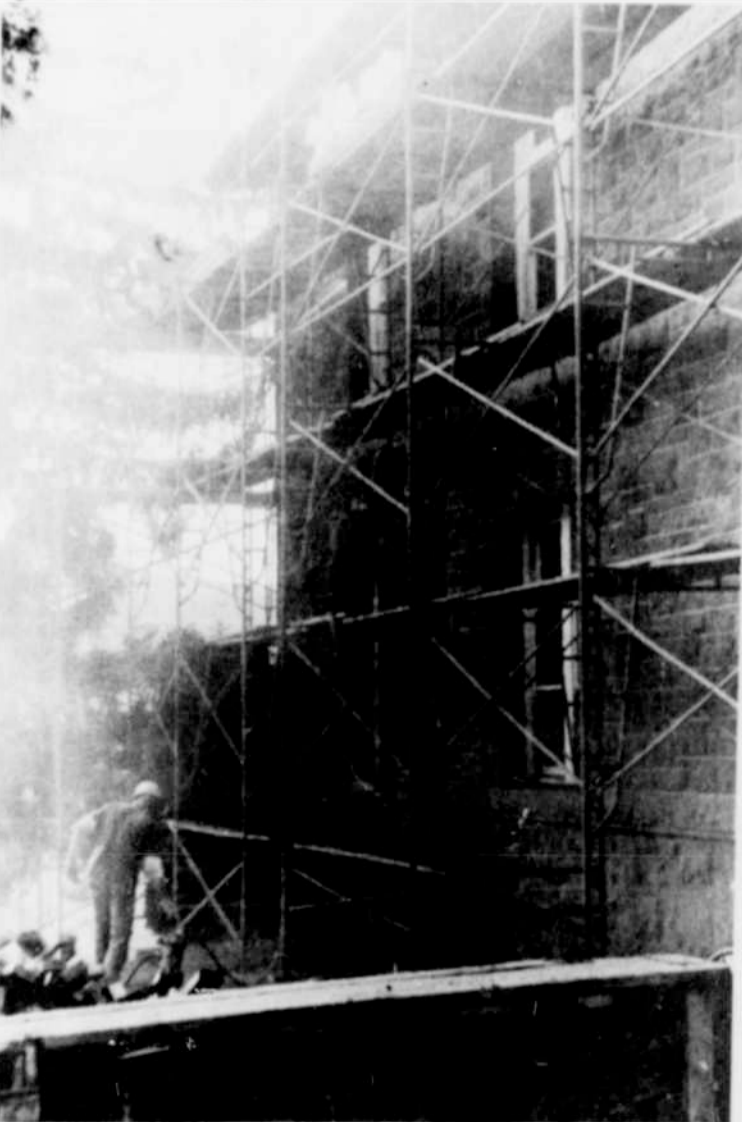
to produce larger letters used in headlines, ads and job printing.

The type was produced on photographic paper, run through a chemical bath for processing, dried, waxed and then put down on the page by hand.

"The MCS system is just an extension of the offset typesetting process, by hooking the whole works up to computers," said Sykes. The screen of the computer shows you what you have, and more type styles or "faces" are available at just the touch of a button.



Marcy Bacon (left) and Marie Struthers learn what the new equipment can do.



Courthouse gets blasted

Workmen stand in a cloud before dust clears. They are sandblasting the county courthouse as part of a restoration project.