

Morrow 4-H Club Judging Team Pl Winners



BEST JUDGES—Feature of Montgomery Ward & Co. 4-H banquet Saturday night was presentation of Rhina Kramer trophy to Morrow county team which won 4-H livestock judging contest at Pl. From left: W. Ervie Williams, Pl president, and team members, Eddie Brosnan, Ronald Currin and Dean Graves. The Heppner boys scored 1849.1 points to win over 44 other teams. (Cut courtesy of Oregon Journal)

Morrow County's three-man entry in the traditionally hotly contested 4-H livestock judging contest came through for a win Saturday in a field which included 45 teams representing Idaho, Washington and Oregon counties.

Members of the winning team were Ronald Currin, 15; Eddie Brosnan, 13, and Deane Graves, 15, all from Heppner.

It was a freckled Jackson county, Oregon 4-H club girl, however, who took top individual judging honors. She is Marilyn Bohnert of Central Point, veteran state fair and Pacific International 4-H club contestant and exhibitor. Second high in the individual standings was Paul McKay, 16-year-old Almira, Washington clubber representing Lincoln county.

His county team placed second in the team standings, losing out by 23 valuable tallies.

In order behind the second place Lincoln county, Washington team were: Kittitas county, Washington; Sherman county, Oregon; Jackson county, Oregon; and Crook county, Oregon.

Fourteen-year-old Gary Miller of the 4th place Sherman county, Oregon team was third high individual. Fourth was a Baker county, Oregon 4-H club member, Robert Smith.

The winning Morrow county, Oregon team amassed a total 1,849.1 out of a possible 2,100 points. Miss Bohnert racked up 656.5 out of the 700 points possible to be scored by an individual. For the first time, judging contestants were required to put

a market grade on two lots of five steers.

Led by John Graves, Heppner, the three members of the winning team averaged better than five years of 4-H club experience and all live on wheat and cattle ranches. One of the youngsters came within an inch of not making the trip. He is Dean Graves, who received a broken collar bone recently in a football game, and did his scoring in a plaster cast.

The winning team received possession for a year of the perpetual Rhina Kramer trophy. The presentation was made Saturday night in the exposition's J. C. Penney Hall during a 4-H banquet sponsored by Montgomery Ward and company. Miss Bohnert (Continued on page 8)

Preliminary Engineering For Heppner Sewers Given Go-Ahead by Council

Funeral Services Held Tuesday for Jasper V. Crawford

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Jasper V. Crawford, a former editor of the Heppner Gazette Times, who was killed October 6 in an auto accident near Redmond.

Crawford was killed early Saturday morning along with a fellow worker on the Redmond Spokesman. T. A. Jorgensen, when the car in which they were returning from Bend, crashed head-on into another car containing 3 Portland men, one of whom was killed. He was Virgil Rex Smith.

Crawford was apparently riding as a passenger in Jorgensen's car.

Crawford was well known in Heppner having been born here September 9, 1901, the son of Vawter and Cora D. Crawford.

His parents purchased the Gazette Times in 1912 and he spent a good part of his life in various capacities on the paper, being part owner and editor and publisher from 1940 to 1942. He left Heppner in 1948 for Redmond where he had since been employed on the newspaper.

He had spent three years at Oregon State college and the University of Oregon after graduation. (Continued on page 8)

PARENT-TEACHERS PANEL DISCUSSION BRINGS OUT MANY CIVIC NEEDS

A new school building was held to be the foremost need of Heppner's children in the panel discussion before the Heppner P-T-A Wednesday evening.

Superintendent Leonard Pate, who dealt with the school aspects under the theme "community needs of our children" was asked to report on progress toward achieving the building. He stated the site had been approved but that the city council had not acted on the schoolboard's request that the street north of the present building be closed. The state board of health has notified the school district that a new building can not be approved until the city has a sewer system.

It was also suggested that an advisory and planning committee be obtained to work with the community and school to ascertain what improvements and

changes are needed and desired by all groups. Several suggestions along this line were offered. Sewer needs and the dangers of septic tanks probably came in for more discussion than any other single item, however many other suggestions were offered including the need for a curfew law and a school safety squad. It was suggested that other round-table meetings be held in an effort to get a more complete list of community needs.

Lack of space prevents a more complete story of the Wednesday meeting, but it will be presented in more detail next week.

Parking Violators Due to Get Tickets

Heppner police chief, Charles Gomillion has issued one more warning to motorists that the city's parking meters are there for a purpose—and not just for decoration.

Gomillion stated that too many drivers are ignoring the meters while shopping and that in the future overtime parking tickets will be issued to all violators.

Charles Gilman Killed In Motorcycle Wreck Near Monument

The people of Monument were saddened early Sunday morning when word was received that Charles Gilman had been killed on his way home from Spray. He and Bob Burns started home on a motorcycle. Evidently they struck a soft shoulder or loose gravel which threw the motorcycle out of control. Gilman was killed instantly and Burns' leg was injured. Jay Sanford and Stanley Cox took Burns to the Heppner hospital where he received medical aid.

Driscoll's Ambulance took the body to John Day.

Charles Gilman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Gilman. He was born at Upper Lake, California in December 1925 and came with his parents to Monument when he was an infant. The balance of his life was spent in or near Monument. Charles was a veteran of World War Two. He leaves to mourn his death his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Gilman, one brother, Willard Gilman, one sister, Mrs. Fern Pope of Baker and one niece and one nephew.

Local Man in Denver for I.W.A. Convention

Mr. and Mrs. James C. McLaughlin spent the first week of October in Denver, Colorado, where Mr. McLaughlin attended the fifteenth annual International Woodworkers of America Convention, as delegate from the Local 6-312. Mr. McLaughlin is Secretary-Treasurer of this local woodworkers union, and executive member of the Klamath Basin District Council. The McLaughlins traveled the southern route through Utah by car, which they related as a beautiful array of fall color beyond human description. Highlight of the trip was watching the World Series by television at the Cosmopolitan Hotel where they stayed.

Firm To be Chosen To Start Project's Investigative Work

The city council Friday night took the initial steps necessary to get investigative work underway on Heppner's proposed sewer system and sewage disposal plant when it authorized Mayor J. O. Turner to engage an engineering firm to make the preliminary survey.

Before any definite action can be taken on the project, sufficient engineering must be done to establish an estimate of cost. Then the people will be called upon to express their opinion at a bond election.

Members of the council spent considerable time discussing all phases of the project and listened to representatives of engineering firms who advised them on the proper procedure and told them what work was necessary before any definite estimate of the cost would be made. At least three engineering firms have expressed interest in the job. The mayor was empowered to look into their qualifications and choose the one he felt best qualified to fill the city's needs.

No definite time required for the preliminary work was set by any of the engineering firms, however it was felt that sufficient information could be obtained within about two months to establish the cost.

The council also grappled with the problem of how to handle future street improvement work, but postponed a definite decision until a later meeting. Some members felt that the city had no alternative other than to charge all the cost of future improvements against abutting property holders as is the procedure followed by most other towns and cities, but the matter was left open pending a survey of funds to see if the city could possibly pay a part of such work.

In past years the city has stood the cost of all, or at least a great majority of such improvement work, but funds which had been used for such projects have been depleted. Maintenance on present streets will take practically all state gasoline tax refunds and road fund moneys that will be available in the future.

The council tentatively accepted the bid of the Western Utilities Supply company of Portland for 2900 feet of pipe to be used in connecting the new well with the present main line.

A definite order was withheld pending clarification of a delivery date.

Mrs. Bert Cason of Lonerock was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday. Mrs. Cason has just returned from Portland where she attended the Pacific International. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Estberg of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith were among those attending the Washington-USC game in Seattle on Saturday.

Maurice Smead of Portland was among lucky hunters to bring in a deer this week. During his stay in Eastern Oregon, Mr. Smead made a business trip to Spokane, returning to Heppner Tuesday.

Portland Doctor Named as Best Land Conservationist in County

Heppner Ranch Program Wins Soil Awards

A Portland physician and surgeon, Dr. G. A. Woodruff, has been named Morrow county "Conservation Man of the Year" for 1951 in the annual contest of the Oregon Wheat Growers league.

Dr. Woodruff, who practices medicine at 2240 S. E. Hawthorne boulevard and conservation on a 922-acre steep-sloped wheat and cattle ranch near Heppner, was chosen by a wheat league selection committee headed by Raymond W. Lundell, Ione.

In announcing its decision after a survey of the county, the committee declared Dr. Woodruff has done more than any farmer in the area this year to build up his soil and control erosion.

Doctor Reverses Trend

Few soil-saving measures were being practiced on the farm when Dr. Woodruff took it over three years ago, Lundell said. He added: "This ranch is located in a very difficult farming area because of its steep slopes and shallow soil, and we feel they have done a very fine job of conservation farming on it."

The surprise selection of a Portland doctor as county winner was considered especially significant by conservation officials, who pointed out that indifference of absentee owners too often is a contributing factor to the Columbia basin's serious erosion problem.

Not so in the case of conservation-minded Dr. Woodruff. To carry out his soil-saving programs, Dr. Woodruff selected an operator for his ranch who had studied under some of the state's top practitioners of practical conservation.

Operator Learns Lessons

The ranch operator, Bill Way of Heppner, while going to school worked two summers for Virgil Larson of Mikkalo, and six summers for J. H. Rea of Milton—1949 and 1950 winners, respectively, of the state "Conservation Man of the Year" award. Way attributes many lessons in practical conservation to both men.

Outstanding practices in the Woodruff and Way conservation program include more than 300 acres of strip cropping, stubble mulch fallow, contour farming and crop rotation, plus an intensive fertilizer program.

Sweet clover was seeded with



Ray Lundell, Ione (left) and Tom Wilson, Heppner (right) examine straw mulch covering on steep field on Dr. G. A. Woodruff ranch near Heppner with Glenn Way, operator of

the ranch for the Portland physician. Strip cropping in the background and other erosion-checking practices made Dr. Woodruff county winner in Oregonian-Wheat League contest.

grain on 73 acres then handled as a stubble mulch for a green manure crop. Alfalfa and grass strips are laced across the wheat land in a three-year rotation program to restore organic matter. Contour tillage, cloddy fallow and diversion ditches control water erosion on steep slopes. Cross fences permitted deferred and rotation grazing on range land.

Second Farm Used

Some 534 acres are in wheat, fallow and sweet clover, 18 acres in alfalfa and grass, 12 acres in oats and the remainder in range. Dr. Woodruff runs 33 head of dairy and beef cattle and gradually is converting entirely to beef. A 30-acre farm he owns near Portland provides summer pasture for part of his livestock.

Dr. Woodruff will compete against winners of other county contests for the state title and the Oregonian trophy, to be awarded at the wheat league convention in December.

The selection committee headed by Lundell included Charles Carlson and Lloyd Morgan, Ione ranchers, Nels Anderson, Morrow county agent and Tom Wilson, soil conservation service work unit conservationist at Heppner.

Dr. Woodruff was warm in praise of Wilson and Anderson for their technical assistance.

Wilson especially, should have credit for the success of the farm's conservation program, the doctor said.

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Football Games To Bring Store Closing

Members of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce announced that Heppner stores will close during all remaining home football games of the Heppner Mustangs.

The next game will be this Friday with Umatilla. Game time is set for 2 o'clock. Stores will reopen immediately following the game.

Dan Brock came over from Dayville Tuesday to visit his sister, Mrs. Jack Hughes. Mr. Brock expects to go to Portland for a few days before returning to the John Day country for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Broadfoot of Monument were attending to business matters in Heppner Thursday.



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THREE-COUNTY SCOUT MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY IN HEPPNER

A special meeting of Boy Scout and Cub Scout executives, leaders and scout and cub masters of Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties has been set for Tuesday evening, October 16 at the American Legion hall in Heppner, according to Jack Long, field scout executive of Pendleton.

Many officials of the Covered Wagon district will gather in an organizational and training meeting which is expected to draw good attendance from all three counties.

The program will include a special training film for troop and pack leaders and information on organization and leadership.

Long reported that interest in scouting was growing constant-

ly in the three counties with twice the number of active units operating in the area compared with a year ago. These units also have more than double the number of boys interested in scouting and cub work as they had previously.

Boy Scout troop 61 is sponsored by the Heppner Legion post and is headed by Bradley Fancher, scoutmaster and Bob Ordway, assistant scoutmaster. Cub pack 61 is sponsored by All Saints Episcopal Church. James Driscoll is pack leader.

Jack Edmondson is institutional representative for the Boy Scout troop and Jack Bailey is Troop Committee Chairman. Rev. E. L. Tull holds the same position for the cubs and Don Bennett is Pack Committee Chairman.