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## Local Growers Favor Two-Price Wheat Support Plan

### New Association Studies Problems

Interest in problems concerning wheatgrowers was demonstrated Monday when 42 Morrow county wheat farmers attended the first annual meeting of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association. Accepting the proposed articles of association and by-laws for a Morrow county wheatgrowers association, those present elected H. G. Campbell, Echo, as president; Ralph Crum, Lone, vice-president; and N. C. Anderson, as secretary-treasurer. The organization pledged to promote and encourage the interest and welfare of the wheat growers to advance the science of wheat growing, develop wheat markets, new uses and improved strains for wheat and wheat by-products, good farming and farm marketing practices, and the conservation of our natural resources.

Presiding at the meeting was Al Bunch, executive committee-man of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, who conducted the meeting of the day consisting of the committee action on taxation and legislation, wheat disposal and marketing, production and land use, federal agricultural programs, and youth activities. The meeting, lasting from 10:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. with a noon lunch served by the Lexington Grange home economics club, drew many comments from those participating in the discussion. Recommendations and resolutions made by the group will be summarized to be presented by the Oregon Wheat Growers League at the House Committee on Agriculture hearing to be held at Pendleton on November 4, and for action at the annual meeting which will be held at La Grande on December 3-4-5.

Much discussion was held on the present farm program concerning price supports and the need for continued price supports in wheat after the expiration of the present program on July 1, 1954. The group favored the certificate or two price plan, but felt that there needed to be some clarification concerning some of the points in the plan. They asked that the present price support program be continued until the income certificate plan could be developed to meet all of our situations. The group asked for a long time farm program where soil conservation was given the main concern. They would like a permanent program or one that would not penalize them for conservation practices carried out when a support price program was changed. They opposed the present reappraisal of land by the tax commission and variation of assessments with in this county and between counties. They favored a county advisory committee consisting of landowners selected by the county court to assist in an equitable reappraisal of our local property.

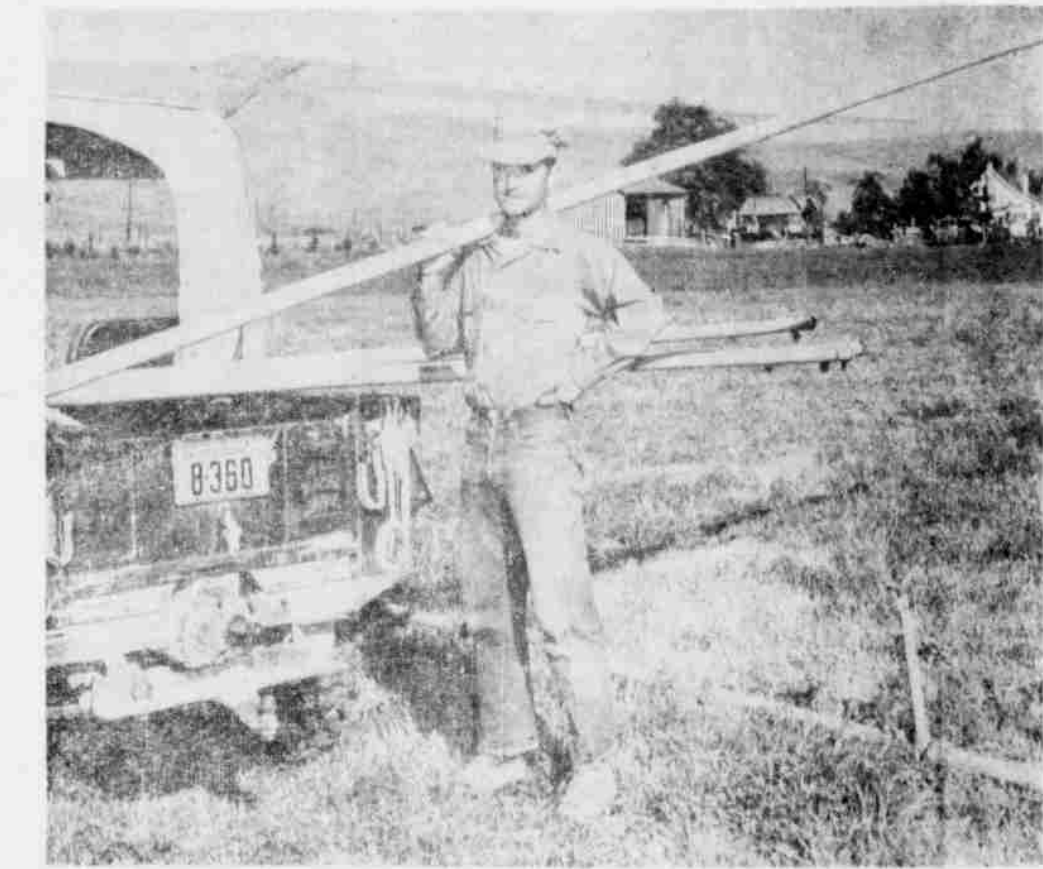
Wheat farmers present were urged to follow these recommendations made during the day to the annual meeting and to make every effort to see them put into effect on a local, state and national basis.

Morrow county's 1953 winner of the "Conservation Man of the Year" program was announced during the meeting. Kenneth Peck is the winner this year. A story of his conservation farming appears in the paper this week.

## STOCKGROWERS TO PRESENT COST FIGURES AT COMMITTEE HEARING

Meeting on Monday evening the executive board of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association offered their support to W. W. Weatherford, local cattleman, who will present data concerning the present dilemma of the cattleman. Weatherford will appear before the house committee on agriculture in Pendleton on November 4, reports N. C. Anderson, secretary.

Cost figures, showing that the cattleman is losing as much as \$41 per head on each calf raised this year, will be a part of the report which will attempt to point out the unfavorable position of the cattleman as a result of continued high prices of operation with a decrease of as much as 50% in some classes of cattle during the past year. The group also did further planning for the annual meeting of their association, which will be held in Heppner on December 11-12. The program for the annual meeting will



TOP CONSERVATIONIST—Shown at work on his award-winning ranch near Lexington is Kenneth Peck, who has been chosen Morrow county's Conservation man of the year for his soil-saving practices put into effect during the past two years. (Cut courtesy The Oregonian)

## Kenneth Peck, Lexington, Named County's Top Conservationist

Kenneth Peck, Lexington, was named Conservation Man of the Year for Morrow County at the annual meeting of the Morrow county association of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, held on Monday at the Lexington Grange hall.

The award, sponsored by the Oregon Wheat League, is presented each year to a rancher for outstanding soil conservation practices on his land and makes him eligible to compete for district and state awards.

Conservation methods practiced by Peck who operates a 1,113 acre wheat and livestock ranch near Lexington, includes strip cropping, sod waterways, stubble mulching, land leveling, improved pastures and water development.

A total of 820 acres are devoted to cropland, 263 acres to range and pasture and 30 acres to irrigated pasture and hay. A farm orchard is located near the ranch buildings and Peck runs a herd of 15 black Angus cows.

Peck has transformed 30 acres of sage brush land to pasture and hay production of alfalfa and intermediate wheatgrass. The sage brush was removed with a Noble sweep and the land leveled with technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service. Strip cropping of all the wheat land was started in 1951.

After viewing the erosion and gully damage from a storm which dropped 1.60 inches of rain in a few hours in 1951, Peck began his intensive soil conservation practices. He stated that the strip cropping on all his wheat land has paid off in controlling

## Trick-or-Treat—But a New System!

The Wa-Can-Te-Ka Campfire girls are planning to trick-or-treat in Heppner Saturday night, but in an unusual way.

Instead of asking for candy or other eats they will collect quilt pieces, thread, yarn, etc., which they plan to send to old people's homes and TB hospitals.

winter runoff and holding soil in such rains as the recent one this September. Wind erosion and blowing are controlled by not working the fields too fine.

"Peck has done an outstanding job of controlling wind and water erosion," Alvin Bunch, Heppner, executive committee-man for the Morrow County Wheat League, stated.

The selection committee included Bunch, chairman; Charles A. Carlson, lone, chairman of the board of supervisors of the Hepp-

## Kindergarten Benefit Rummage Sale to Be Held Nov. 6 and 7

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6 and 7, are the days set for the seventh semi-annual Jay Cee-ette rummage sale. The sale will be held in the store space formerly occupied by the Heppner Flower and Yarn Shop, between Wilson's Men's Store and Turner, Van Marter, and Bryant.

Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr., chairman of this fall's sale, reports that an unusually large assortment of good clothing has been left at the Heppner Cleaners, who clean the garments free of charge as their donation to the sale.

Anyone having items to give to the Jay Cee-ettes for the sale is asked to call Mrs. Dick. Anything from funny books to old furniture is acceptable, as buyers always seem to appear for any type of item imaginable.

Clothing which is not sold at the sale is donated to church organizations for missionary purposes.

Proceeds from the rummage sales subsidize the Jay Cee-ette Kindergarten. While fees pay the major share of the school's expenses, supplies and equipment are purchased by rummage sale funds. This year, with 38 children attending in one session, twice as many supplies and much more equipment than usual are necessary to carry on the program satisfactorily.

Part of the money raised by last spring's sale has been used to install a drinking fountain and a wash basin donated by Mrs. Hilma Anderson.

Anyone who prefers may make donations of equipment or money directly to the kindergarten.

## SCHOOL WILLING, BUT MORE TIME NEEDED!

Heppner school officials this week asked local clubs and organizations who request special notices put out in the school to give, at least one week's notice in the future.

The job of preparing the notices falls to students in office practice courses and recently they have been swamped with requests. No objection is made to preparing and putting out the notices, it was indicated, but time must be allowed to prepare them.

## STORES TO CLOSE FOR FRIDAY GAME

Members of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce announced Monday that they are again asking local merchants to close Friday afternoon during the last home football game played by the Heppner high school.

ner Soil Conservation District; H. G. Campbell, Lexington, chairman of the county P. M. A. committee; Nelson Andeson, county agent, and Tom Wilson of the S. C. S., both of Heppner.

Peck began working on the farm in the fall of 1945 after serving three years as a naval officer on the Carrier U. S. S. Enterprise in the Pacific. After the death of his father, George Peck, in 1949 he has operated and managed the ranch for his mother, Mrs. Peck of Lexington. He received his B. S. in Forestry from Oregon State College in 1942.

Peck's family includes his wife, Lucille, who majored in education at the University of Oregon and State Teacher's College in Monmouth, and two children, Stephen, 7 and Martha, 4.

Peck was president of the Morrow County Farm Bureau in 1952, is a member of the Lexington Grange, the Elks, Masons, American Legion and the Lexington P. T. A. The family attends the Lexington Christian church.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will honor Mr. and Mrs. Peck with a dinner in November at which time he will be presented an award from the Heppner Soil Conservation District.

Other Conservation Men of the Year have been Frank Anderson, 1949; Becholdt & Sons, 1950; Dr. G. A. Woodruff, 1951, and Mankin and Bunch, 1952.

## Another IFYE Delegate to Spend Some Time in County

The International Farm Youth Exchange program through its delegates is becoming quite popular in Morrow county, during the past few weeks. Jack Wells, Independence, who spent six months in Bolivia made four appearances in Morrow county on the 14th and 15th of October, telling of his experiences in that country. Mikhail Khoury, delegate from Syria, was a guest of the young peoples groups of the churches here this past Sunday evening. Arrangements have just been made for Renan Arteaga, who is visiting here from Ecuador, to spend several weeks at the E. M. Baker farm near Lone.

The International Farm Youth Exchange provides an opportunity for young men and women of the United States to live with farm families in other countries, and for the young people from those countries to live with farm families in this country. The purpose of the program promotes peace between nations by developing understanding and friendship among people. Many believe that this program is one of the very best for promoting world peace. The exchange program gives these overseas young people, 18 to 28 years of age, a chance to see how Americans live, and believe, in living, working, playing and really getting to know a typical American farm family. The IFYE delegate, Renan Arteaga, Ecuador, will return to his home country on November 26. While here in Morrow county, he will live and work with the Markham Baker's and will be available for community appearances.

## Hayride, Church Parties Planned Hallowe'en Night

Heppner's kids, of all ages, will be provided with plenty of entertainment again this Hallowe'en—the kind designed to keep them out of any serious mischief.

The biggest party planned for Saturday night is the annual Soroptimist hayride which will take the children to the Cutsforth Lodge on Herron creek for an evening of entertainment. The party is planned for all teenagers from the seventh grade on through high school and the Soroptimists will provide transportation, food and entertainment. Trucks will be provided for the ride into the mountains and they are scheduled to leave the high school building at 6 o'clock. A weiner roast and an evening's program is scheduled by Mrs. Frank Andresen and Mrs. E. E. Gonty who are chairmen of the affair.

The smaller children will not be left out of the evening's fun, however, as most churches have planned special Hallowe'en parties for them. This year the Christian and Methodist churches are working together on their annual party to make the best use of available activity space. The party will begin at 7 o'clock with a film shown at the Christian church, after which fourth, fifth and sixth grade children will go to the Methodist church for further activities and refreshments. Children in the age group up to the third grade will remain at the Christian church, it was announced.

All children attending this party are urged to wear costumes, and prizes will be awarded for the best outfits. The festivities for the smaller children will be over at about 8:30, and for the older children by about 9:30.

The Episcopal church has also scheduled a party for the young folk which is to start at 7:30.

Regardless of the various programs, most local business houses expect to find the usual display of soaped windows on Sunday morning.

## Several New Street Lights Installed

Pacific Power and Light company workmen early this week started the installation of several new street lights and increasing the size of several others in various sections of town.

Nine new lights are being installed by the crew, most of them on dark intersections and blocks in the residential areas, though two large size lights are being added along the west side of north Main street. Several present street lights of 2500 lumens are being increased to 6000 to give better light in certain locations.

Changes are also being made in the globes in the downtown area, though these are not being increased. Most of the downtown lights were raised to 10,000 lumen size several months ago.

The city council authorized the installations some time ago.

## Over 200 Pheasants Released in County

The outlook for pheasant hunters brightened considerably Wednesday when the state game commission released 230 mature Mongolian pheasant roosters in Morrow county. All the hunters have to do now is find them.

The birds which were liberated in small groups at numerous locations throughout the county, were raised at the game commission's pheasant farm near Hermiton.



FISHING'S GOOD—The John Day river near Kimberly produced this limit catch of steelhead for Mrs. Frank Adkins of Heppner last Sunday. She reported using flatfish and bobber to make her haul. Reports from the area indicate the fall run of the fish is now in the main stream, but only a few have been caught so far further up in the north fork. (GT Photo)

## First County-Wide Taxpayer's Meeting Set for November 10

### GOVERNOR PATTERSON TO OPEN DAY-LONG DISCUSSION OF TAXES

Morrow county taxpayers are to be given an opportunity to find out where their tax monies go at a special county taxpayer's meeting to be held in the Heppner high school auditorium Tuesday, Nov. 10. It was announced Wednesday by county Judge Garnet Barratt. The court is sponsoring the meeting, the first ever held in the county, and as far as is known, only the second of its kind in the state.

The meeting, which will be opened at 10 a. m. with an introductory talk by Governor Paul L. Patterson, is planned as a "fact-finding" session for the general public, the court indicated.

Several well known speakers have already indicated that they will appear on the day-long program, and invitations have been extended to several other persons, who are experts in various phases of state, county, city and school taxation.

The meeting is planned to give taxpayers an opportunity to hear explanations of taxes and to ask questions about any or all phases of taxation. As tentatively scheduled, each expert will give a short talk on one phase of taxation and will then answer questions asked by the audience.

### Governor to Speak

Governor Patterson, who will be in Heppner the night before to speak at a special "meet-the-governor" dinner at the Legion hall, will open the meeting at 10 a. m. He is also scheduled to give a talk to all Heppner school students at a special assembly at 9:30 that morning, immediately preceding the taxpayers meet.

Others who have accepted invitations to appear on the program include Robert S. Oslund, assistant chief appraisal engineer for the state tax commission who will discuss the new state appraisal program; and Alex Currie, Gilliam county assessor who will tell of the new assessment system recently initiated in that county. It is also planned to have county, city and school officials present to talk on the various phases of taxation as it applies to these bodies.

Judge Barratt pointed out that the meeting will be divided into sections with an expert appointed to lead the discussion in each division. He said also, that taxpayers will be given a complete breakdown of where various county funds have been expended, such as road funds, school funds and others.

Barratt said that the court has had the idea for several years of holding a meeting of the type planned, where the general public can find out why it is paying the taxes it is, where the money goes and express its ideas as to the future use of funds. Barratt also suggested that persons planning to attend the meeting carefully examine the explanation sheet which is included with the county tax statements just sent out by the sheriff's office. "We want the people to come and bring their questions," he said. "The idea is to provide an educational program that will aid the public in understanding all angles of taxation."

The only other meeting of this kind as far as is known, was held in a Willamette valley county over a year ago and it was very well received by the public, reports indicated.

## Wrestling Matches To Be Held Here Next Thursday Night

Plans were announced this week for a full wrestling program to be held next Thursday, Nov. 5 at the high school gymnasium. Four matches are scheduled, with three of them to be girls' matches, it was announced.

Featured girl wrestlers will be Jerry Hunter, Oregon women's middleweight champion versus Violet Ray, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Fran Bauler versus Bonnie Lander who is billed as Scotland's only girl wrestler. There will also be a girls tag team match and a girls free for all.

The other event will feature Gorgeous George Shane and Rowdy Bill Cox from Dayton, Ohio.

The mat fracas, the first to be held in Heppner in several years, is being co-sponsored by La Verne Man Marter. It is to start at 8:30.

## Monday House Fire Confined to Chair

Fire, apparently starting from defective wiring, caused less than \$100 damage to the Lotus Robison house on May street Monday evening. Heppner firemen who answered the call confined the blaze to an overstuffed chair and a nearby radio.

The fire apparently started from a defective electric extension cord which had come in contact with the chair, firemen believed.

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## Heppner Class to Present Junior Play

The junior class of Heppner high school will present "Grand-Ma's Best Years" as their class play on the nights of November 20 and 21, Stanley H. Holm, high school instructor announced this week.

The comedy play has a cast of 16 students who have already been practicing three weeks on the presentation, Holm said.

Members of the cast include: Pat Davis, Frances Duran, Barbara Prock, Mary Ruth Green, Peggy Wightman, Lillian Elde, Janet Kendall, Clarice Hastings, Joan Wright, Sharon Bill, Ralph Marlatt, Jerry Hagueswood, Dick Kononen, Larry Mollahan, Lyle Jensen and Dean Graves.

## County Cattleman Selections Announced

County selections for the 1953 Oregon "Cattleman of the Year" contest were announced by the Oregon Cattleman's Association office in Prineville.

Cattlemen selected are Herbert Chandler, Baker; Everett Shibley, Clackamas; Al Powers, Coos; J. R. Reaso, Crook; Irving Stanbro, Grant; Jenkins Brothers, Harney; Morrow Brothers, Jefferson; Gerry Kluse, Josephine; Ben Day, Jackson; Henry Gerber, Klamath; Ray H. Kerr, Lake; Jim McEwen, Malheur; Steve Thompson, Morrow; Roy Baker, Union; Vern Colvin, Wallowa; and Louie Ihrig, Wheeler. Other entries are expected before the deadline.

From this list 5 district winners will be chosen for final selection by the contest committee. The state winner will be announced on December 1st. The winner selected will receive the Herman Oliver Trophy as a reward for the advancement made in cattle operations. Herman Oliver, John Day, prominent Eastern Oregon cattleman, donates the large trophy each year. The contest is sponsored by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.