

Delbert Emert, Ione Chosen County Cattleman of Year

Delbert Emert, Ione, has been selected the Morrow county "1954 Cattleman of the Year" it was announced this week by the Morrow County Livestock Growers association.

Emert, who started ranching in Morrow county in 1930, has ranch operations consisting of 7500 acres of which 4420 acres are dryland pasture, 280 acres irrigated pasture, 200 acres alfalfa, 150 acres grass and 2400 acres wheat. His headquarters ranch is now located on the outskirts of Ione on Willow creek.

Three hundred Hereford cows and heifers are run with 200 calves by Emert. This year he has purchased an additional three hundred feeders, to feed out with his calves this winter. A thousand head of sheep are run in addition to the cattle.

Ranch development and management includes the construction of a thousand gallon reservoir in an arid pasture to provide water for grazing when the pasture is used; concrete headgates and five miles of ditches built to utilize water which is supplied from two dams built across Willow Creek and carried by two flumes built across the creek and five other flumes to areas that would otherwise be unirrigated. This irrigation project was started in 1948.

In 1952 a ranch owned by Emert in the Hermiston area was leveled and 80 acres seeded to grasses and legumes for irrigated summer pastures. On the Willow creek ranch a half mile of concrete underground wall was constructed along Willow creek to save water and prevent soil erosion and flood irrigation.

During the past five years 400 acres of sage and brush were removed and seeded to dryland grass mixtures. Each year several hundred acres of wheat land are retired to grass seeding in this livestock operation.

Sixty miles of fencing which are crossed fenced into eight pastures on dryland range, four pastures at the Hermiston ranch and nine pastures on the irrigated Willow Creek ranch provide rotation pastures for better range management. In order to handle cattle in the various phases of his operations, Emert has four complete sets of corals.

A strict rodent and weed control program is carried out and grazing practices provide for deferring some range land every year.

The irrigated hay land provides about 900 tons of hay each year and Emert plans on one ton of hay per cow during the winter months. A total of 2000 tons of grass legume silage was put up in trench silos this year.

In the cattle management program Emert operates on a strict culling system, tests his cattle for brucellosis and other diseases, maintains insect control by routine spraying and uses a complete set of feeders and feeding equipment. Calves are fed out and sold fat.

Democratic Group Hears Bruce Lindsay

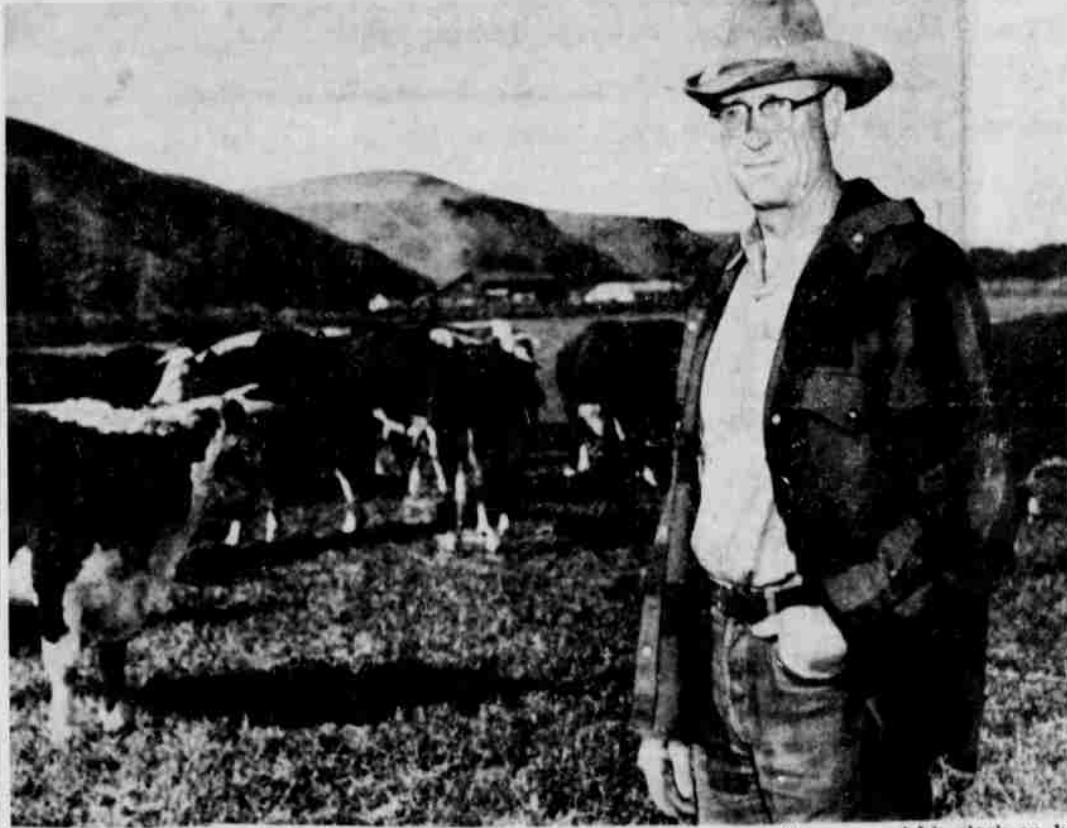
Bruce Lindsay of Heppner, democratic candidate for Morrow County Clerk, addressed a meeting sponsored by the Morrow County Democratic Central Committee Wednesday night.

The gathering was held in the Newt O'Hara home in Lexington and the address was followed by a meeting of this County Democratic Committee. The committee members voted to concentrate on getting every potential voter registered before the closing of the registration books on October 2. The committee decided to hold their next meeting, to which the public is invited, at the W. C. Rosewell home on Tuesday evening, October 5.

WORK ON BOMBING RANGE ROAD APPROVED BY ARMY ENGINEERS

Construction of the new county road which will run about 20 miles on the east side of the Boardman bombing range was cleared this week by approval of an 150 foot right-of-way by the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers at Walla Walla, according to a notice received by Garnet Barratt, county judge.

At present five miles of new graveled road runs from the North Lexington elevator on highway 207 to the D. O. Nelson ranch which leaves 15 miles of new road to be built. The road will



DELBERT EMERT, Ione, 1954 County "Cattleman of the Year" is shown with some of his stock on his ranch near Ione.

Emert purchased his first purebred bull in 1934 and has continued to pick up top bulls and cows from outstanding herds in the area for his commercial and purebred herds. Four of his calves fed out by 4-H club members, have been champions at the various stock shows.

Emert's family consists of his wife, Katherine, and one daughter, Mary 13. He is a member of the Willows Grange, Morrow County Farm Bureau, Oregon Wheat Growers League, Elks, Lodge, The Ione P. T. A., the Morrow County Livestockgrowers association and a director of the Tri-County Weather Research.

The selection committee was composed of John Graves, Bernard Doherty, Herb Ekstrom and Bob Penland. Steve Thompson was cattleman of the year for 1953.

Hunter's Fire Put Out, Forest Fire Hazard Hits Season's Peak

A small hunter's fire at the mouth of one-tough creek on Little Wall creek was suppressed by a Forest Service foreman with the assistance of hunters Saturday afternoon just before it would have eaten into a heavy fuel area. Wayne West, district ranger, reported.

Apparently caused by a hunter's cigarette Saturday morning, the fire was reported about noon and put out by 4 p. m. after covering about a tenth of an acre.

"Hunters should take every precaution with fires, matches and cigarettes as fire danger, based on fuel moisture and velocity, was higher this week Wednesday and Thursday than at any time this fall," West warned.

The forest area is in a critical burning condition and one careless act with fire could result in destruction of hundreds of acres as occurred in the 500-acre Lakeview fire this season, West pointed out.

ALLEN HUGHES TO GET AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hughes, John Brosnan and Ron Currin left Friday for Kansas City, Mo. where they will attend the National Future Farmers of America convention, Oct. 11-14.

Hughes is one of four Oregon boys who have been recommended for the American Farmer degree at the national convention.

connect with highway 30 about 2 1/2 miles east of Boardman, Barratt pointed out.

The proposed road will shorten the distance from Lexington and Boardman to Columbia river points by 14 miles and will be economically beneficial for wheat hauling to rail and water facilities at the North end, he added.

Construction, which will be inexpensive because of the sandy soil and comparatively level terrain, will start as soon as the weather moisture conditions improve Barratt said.



SENATOR EVA BOWLING, R. of Nebraska, will be a Heppner visitor Friday.

Woman Senator To Visit Here Friday

Senator Eva Bowling, R. Nebraska, will spend Friday in Heppner visiting with Republican committee members and workers. The Republican Women's club is sponsoring a luncheon in her honor.

Mrs. Bowling was appointed to the Nebraska senate seat last spring to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dwight Palmer Griswold.

Following her husband's death in 1944 Mrs. Bowling has operated their Bar 99 ranch of 10,000 acres and has operated as many as 1,200 Hereford cattle.

She has served in various capacities in her state, has participated in public affairs, has held offices and is a member of several stockgrowers organizations and is a trustee of the Nebraska Children's Home Society.

Heppner Grade School Rated Conditionally Standard By State

The Heppner elementary school was rated conditionally standard by Walter O. Shold, the state supervisor of elementary education following an inspection of the school on September 15, according to a letter received from the state department of education this week by Howard C. Reed, superintendent.

The letter commended the school board and administration for their efforts toward the new elementary school, improvements in present classrooms and their plans for lighting in the Methodist and Episcopal church basements where classes are taught.

"The teachers' morale was much higher than in other years" the report continued. "The elementary program appears to be operating smoothly. The coordination under the direction of the elementary principal and the superintendent is good. The time free from teaching which Mr. Johnson can devote to supervision will pay large dividends. It had not been possible for any teacher to devote much time to the direction of the library and audio-visual aids in the past. This, too, can be more fully developed under the present arrangement."

Deer Hunting Reported Good

Sunny weather, fat deer and about a 50 per cent kill by nimrods added up to a very successful opening weekend for deer hunters in this area, game officers and Forest Service personnel reported.

Of hunters checked over the weekend William Labhart, state police game officer, reported that fifty-four percent were successful, which was an extra good percentage.

New deer tags are working well with only four arrests made for failure to tag deer or to tag properly, Labhart said.

Two elk have been shot and numerous does and fawns killed, game officers reported. Investigation of the game violations are continuing and several warrants are ready for serving.

Local meat markets hauled over a hundred-deer carcasses the first of the week and reported the animals in excellent condition and in nearly all cases well taken care of. One cutter indicated the deer were fatter than he had seen in recent years.

Although no official tally could be taken, forest service personnel estimated the number of hunters, somewhat less than last year.

U. S. National Buys School Bond Issue

The U. S. National Bank of Portland purchased the school bonds, totaling \$290,000, at a meeting of the school board Monday night at the school. The bonds were approved by voters of Heppner School District No. 1 for a new 10 or 12-room and multipurpose room grade school at a recent election.

The money will be available shortly after the first of November when bids for construction of the building will be let following excavation. Excavation specifications for the building should be completed in a few days, according to Howard C. Reed, school superintendent. Completed plans for the building from the architects, Freeman, Hayslip, Tuft and Hewlett, of Portland, will follow.

Other bidders for the bond issue which runs 15 years with varying amounts maturing annually were the First National Bank of Portland and Foster and Marshall, investment brokers of Portland.

New Scout Den Is Organized

Organization of a new scout den with Mrs. Ray Smith as den mother and Mrs. Ray Ayers, assistant, was made at a charter review meeting of the cub scout committee Monday night at the high school.

Attending were John Pfeiffer, cub master, the Rev. Lester Boulden, John Williams, Oliver Creswick, Ed Gonty, Lowell Gribble, and Elmer Schmidt.

Den mothers present were Mrs. Creswick, Mrs. Kenneth Carpenter, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. N. C. Anderson and Mrs. Kenneth Keeling.

City Park Vote Is Authorized

Preparation of an ordinance authorizing an election to vote on a one or two mill levy to make a city park on city property on north Main street was agreed on by the city council members at their regular monthly meeting Monday night in the City hall.

Ted Smith was sworn in as city recorder to replace Harry Tamblin who resigned because of poor health.

Council members pointed out that all buildings, including the present pavilion housing the Kindergarten, would be cleared away, some trees would be pulled out and the ground leveled and planted to grass on the proposed site.

Following an offer by a major oil company to buy a section of the property for a service station, the city council in cooperation with the Heppner Gazette held a straw vote recently with results showing 77 in favor of the park compared to 11 against it. In addition members of the chamber of commerce voted 80 per cent in favor of the park at their Monday meeting.

Other business conducted at the meeting included at the meeting included the purchase of a new electric motor for the old artesian well at the forks of Willow creek, the acceptance of the new audit from Lee Kipling King, Portland accountant, and issuance of minor permits.

Elsie's Cafe Sold To Lloyd Moyer

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moyer, of Heppner, began operation of Elsie's Cafe Saturday, Oct. 2, following purchase of the restaurant from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayers. J. J. Nys handled the transaction. Moyer stated that the business would now operate as Moyer's Cafe with no other changes in policy or service anticipated. The Ayers opened the restaurant last winter.

G-T Editor Called By Death of Mother

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Penland were held Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 2:30 p. m. at the Fortmiller-Fredrickson funeral home in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland and Neal left Monday morning for Eugene to be with his mother who died Monday night. Burial will be in Albany.

During their absence the Gazette Times office is being staffed by Mrs. Tom Wilson and Mrs. Jack Bedford.

WOLFFS PARENTS OF TWINS

Captain and Mrs. W. H. Wolff are the parents of twin girls born September 17 at Rodriguez Army hospital in Puerto Rico. They weighed 5 lbs. 12 ounces and 5 lbs. 13 ounces and are named Shelley Margaret and Kelley Marie.

Captain Wolff, a Heppner physician, will complete his service in the army early next year.

HUNTER HURT IN FALL

Orville Kelsey of Astoria is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital as a result of fractured ribs sustained while hunting in the Mallory Creek area Monday. He was brought to the hospital on Tuesday by ambulance. The attending physician reported his condition not serious.

Two Car Accidents Occur on Weekend

First Aid Classes Set For Oct. 18-22

First aid or water safety courses will be held here the week of Oct. 18 to Oct. 22 by Murry Brooks, Red Cross First Aid instructor, Eugene, according to word received this week by Harvey Wright, chairman of the Morrow county Red Cross chapter.

In order to schedule the times for the classes, which will be held in five 3-hour sessions; all those interested in taking or qualifying as instructors in the courses are asked to contact Wright or C. J. D. Bauman, county sheriff as soon as possible.

Chamber Members Favor City Park

Chamber of Commerce members cast a straw vote of 32 to six for retaining the city property on North Main street for a city park at their Monday noon meeting at O'Donnell's cafe. Mrs. Mary Van Stevens, vice president, presided in the absence of President Jeff Carter.

The group favored tearing down the old buildings, cleaning up the land and planting it to grass for the present until there was a need for further development of the area. Sometime in the future a building could be constructed through the efforts of everyone for city and county use, it was pointed out.

At the present time leadership, rather than facilities, is lacking for youth and other activity groups, according to opinions voiced in a general discussion of the park problem.

Benefit Variety Show Termed Successful

Climaxing the variety show, "You Can't Beat Fun" which was sponsored by the Degree of Honor on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week, the following children were announced as winners of the Tiny Tot Contest.

King, Jerry Mike Healy; Queen, Juanita Chapman; Prince, Gary Lynch; Princess, Judith Gentry; Duke, Kit Anderson; Duchess, Janice Lynch; Queen of the show, Dixie Bellow.

The show, which was a benefit to raise money for the lodge building fund, cleared over \$200.

Peter Rabbit Show Sponsored By P-TA

The Heppner P-TA is sponsoring the musical stage show, "Peter Rabbit" on Wednesday, October 13, at 2:30 p. m. at the high school gym. Children will be excused from school for the show which features real, live rabbits playing Mopsy, Flopsy, Cottontail and other characters from the popular fairy tale.

Parents as well as children will enjoy the play as it is presented on the stage by New York and Hollywood comedians, singers and dancers with Peter Rabbit getting into a load of innocent trouble with old farmer McGregor.

J. Newton Matteson of the Sand-Hollow district and Howard Street, 19, Clackamas, were hospitalized in the Heppner Memorial hospital as a result of two car accidents over the weekend.

Matteson's Chevrolet coupe was struck by a Nash sedan driven by C. J. O'Donnell traveling toward Heppner about 6 p. m. Sunday night when he lost control of his car on a soft shoulder about three miles out of town. O'Donnell's car hit the left front of Matteson's car, traveling east, and bounced back across the road where it stopped in a north-south position on the north side of the highway. O'Donnell's car was a total wreck and Matteson's car was damaged slightly.

Street was a passenger in a Ford sedan driven by W. J. Ramsey, 39, Clackamas, when it struck a soft shoulder and ran off the Willow Creek road about nine miles south of Heppner about 5:30 p. m. Friday, Oct. 1. Damage was not estimated on the car which was badly mashed in the accident. Both men were on their way deer hunting.

Street was released from the hospital following examination of his injuries and Matteson remained for a few days for treatment of head injuries.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman investigated both accidents. No one was held.

Field Lighting Plan Arranged Wednesday

The county court, meeting with the rodeo field lighting committee Wednesday morning, instructed Bradley Fancher, district attorney to prepare an agreement between Morrow county and the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce giving them authority to install lights on the fair ground property and hold jurisdiction over them until the lights were paid for.

The lights will not be financed in any way by the county but the maintenance, operation and management of them will be subject to the approval of the Fair Board and will become county property when they are paid for, it was pointed out.

Lights will be financed by the sale of 200 fifty dollar non-interest bearing bonds. Representatives of the school board, the superintendent of schools, the athletic director, a student body representative and the Chamber of Commerce lighting committee discussed installation and financing plans at a meeting Tuesday night at the Elks club.

Anderson Heifers Rate Championships

Frank Anderson had grand champion and reserve champion Hereford heifers at the Mid-Co show and sale of Hereford cattle Monday and Tuesday at Moro.

Anderson received \$600 for the grand champion, \$500 for the reserve champion and \$540 for a third heifer which he consigned at the sale. He also consigned two bulls, selling at \$750 and \$740.

Herb Ekstrom, Ione, and Bernard Doherty, Heppner, each consigned two bulls at the Mid-Co show.



JOHN WIGHTMAN (left center) vice chairman of the board of supervisors of the Heppner soil conservation district, state winner of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. national conservation district contest, is being congratulated by Gov. Paul Patterson (right standing) at the Pacific regional meeting of the National Assn. of Soil Conservation Districts at Baker last Tuesday. The conservation plaque was presented by A. H. Settle, (second from right, standing) Akron O., director of the awards program. Standing, left is Newt O'Hara, Lexington, district supervisor. Seated right, Dave J. Consen, area director of Farmington, Wash. Holman Studio Photo)