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County Conservation Man Award Goes to Paul Brown, Heppner



COUNTY CONSERVATION MAN of the year, Paul Brown of Heppner, took time out from his work long enough to have his picture taken in one of the fields which helped win him his award. Story appears below.

Paul Brown, who with his wife Betty operate a 1360 acre wheat farm four miles west of Heppner, has been named Morrow county's "Conservation Man of the Year" in a contest sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Paul earned the title for his wise land management policies on the farm on which he was born, in fact he and his wife and two small sons, Mark and Chris live in the same house in which he was born, though it has been considerably remodeled in recent years. They have operated the ranch since 1945.

Much of the credit for their active farm conservation program is given to Paul's father, Chris Brown who died about a year ago. Past experiences with water erosion and drought pointed up the need for an active con-

servaion program on the ranch if it was to provide a living for the family. Of the total acreage of the farm, approximately 1000 acres is under cultivation with wheat and barley the cash crops.

Farm Strip Cropped
Practically the entire farm is strip cropped with the exception of a few small fields which are unsuitable for such a plan. In addition to the land-saving aspects of the striping, Paul says he feels much safer with this type of operation from the fire angle as he would probably lose only a portion of his crop should fire strike.

Excess water that often comes in larger quantities than is needed for crop growth is cared for through two miles of sod waterways in natural water courses on the farm. Grass-Alfalfa rotation seedings have been established in 17 acres and small sections of shallow ground, sand blows and steep areas have been seeded in permanently.

As is common with most ranches of this area, half the crop land is in summerfallow and contrary to the feeling of some farmers, he uses a moldboard plow for tilling. He follows this with a Gooley springtooth and rod weeding which he has found works the best for him in his stubble mulch program.

Both Paul and Betty are ardent sportsmen and are very interested in the conservation of wildlife in the county. To encourage this they have cooperated with the game commission in building two game guzzlers on their ranch.

Grassman Guest at Chamber Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Ione, were guests at the chamber of commerce meeting Monday where Ekstrom was honored for his recent award as Morrow county Grassman of the Year. He was introduced by Newt O'Harra, last year's Grassman, who had charge of the program.

O'Harra and O. W. Cutsforth, one of the members of the committee to choose the local winner, told of the accomplishments Ekstrom had made on his ranch and some of the points which led to his selection as award winner.

Also adding with the program were Janice Martin and Skip Ruhl who presented piano duets.

RECOGNITION FOR TAX REAPPRAISAL PROGRAM GIVEN STATE, COUNTIES

The Oregon Journal last Sunday editorially gave the Oregon Tax Commission and several Oregon counties a pat on the back for the present job of tax reappraisal that is being carried on. Four counties have completed it and nine others are in the process of reappraising all taxable property. Morrow was the fifth county to undertake the project. Morrow county's program, the cost of which is borne 50-50 between the county and the state commission, is about half completed, Mrs. Joe Hughes, assessor

said this week. All farm lands have been reappraised and values equalized and most of the real property in Boardman and Irigon has been checked. Remaining to be reappraised are properties within Ione, Lexington and Heppner and some timber lands. The job was started last spring.

Counties which have completed the program are Grant, Gilliam, Harney and Klamath.

The Journal urged continuation of the program for which the state tax commission recently received national recognition.

to provide drinking water throughout the summer. They have also put in a game planting to provide winter feed and shelter for wild game. Both are members of the Morrow county Hunters and Anglers and Betty has served as secretary of the organization for the past four years.

Paul's award as county Conservation man entitles him to consideration for the state award which will be announced at the Oregon Wheat Growers League annual convention in December.

Demo Breakfast To Feature Al Ullman

Al Ullman, Democratic party candidate for congress from this district, will speak at a no-host breakfast at O'Donnell's Cafe in Heppner, Tuesday morning, October 19. The meal and meeting will begin promptly at seven a.m. according to Al Lamb, chairman of the local democratic committee.

The meeting is open to the public and the sponsoring group is urging all to attend who can possibly do so in order that they may hear a discussion of the issues as Mr. Ullman sees them. Bruce Lindsay candidate for the post of clerk of Morrow county, and Gladys M. Zell running for the position of representative in the legislative assembly are also expected to attend, according to Lamb.

Plans for the breakfast on October 19 were decided on at the October 5 meeting of Morrow county democrats and other supporters of the Democratic candidate which was held in the Clarence Rosewall home in Heppner. Those attending the October 5 meeting reported a very good attendance and an enthusiastic meeting.

First Trespass Complaint Filed

The first trespass complaint to be filed in Morrow county in many years was filed this week in judge J. O. Hager's justice court by Ralph Beamer, local rancher.

A John Doe warrant has been issued by the court and the complaint stated that the person or persons unlawfully entered private land and left gates open. The court has some clue to the identity of the alleged trespassers, it was said.

Another Heppner Value Days Planned

Phil Blakney, chairman of the chamber of commerce merchants committee, this week announced that the group has planned another of the popular Heppner Value Days for November 5 and 6.

The November city-wide merchandising event will be the third and last scheduled for this year, and Blakney expressed the belief that it will be the biggest yet. The many special values will be announced just prior to the weekend event.

County Voter Registration Holds to Pattern

A check of final voter registration figures for Morrow county shows very little change in the previous pattern, but a loss of six voters from the primary registration.

The total in the county now stands at 2306 registered voters with 1410 Republicans and 887 Democrats. The figures at the primaries in the spring was 2312 total with 1437 registered as Republicans and 875 as Democrats, the county clerk revealed.

Morrow county has for years been predominately Republican as the current figures show, enough they did lose a few during the past six months while the Democrats picked up 12. Registration books closed October 2.

The ballots for November 2 general election are now in the hands of the printers and samples are expected to be available about the end of next week.

Sudden Heart Attack Claims Life of Mrs. Addie Salter

A sudden heart attack shortly after noon Tuesday while she was in a Heppner restaurant took the life of Mrs. Addie Salter, 76, of Ione. A physician was summoned immediately, but she was pronounced dead upon his arrival. She had lived in Ione for about 40 years.

Addie Fidelia Salter was born Nov. 26, 1877 at Freemant, Nebraska, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dodge. She is survived by one son, Hugh Salter, of Ione; four daughters, Vivian Steiner, Richland, Calif.; Lela McCormack, Everett, Wash.; Ruby S'urgill, Bremerton, Wash.; and Mary Bartholomy, Katchichka, Alaska. Also surviving are four sisters, Ollie Salter, Gaston, Ore.; Marie Schrier, Wenatchee, Wash.; Myrtle Poston, Oakland, Calif.; and Etta of Long Beach, Calif; 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Ione Community church with Rev. A. Shirley officiating. Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Creswick and Seuel Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Local Bank Deposits, Loans Show Big Jump Over Previous Year

An increase of more than \$135 million in First National Bank of Portland deposits during the past 12 months was revealed in the bank's September 30 quarterly statement of condition, bank president C. B. Stephenson reports.

Quarterly statement of condition figures for the Heppner branch of First National show that on September 30, 1954, deposits at the branch were \$6,370,908 and loans were \$3,757,885, according to branch manager J. H. Bedford.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for September 30, 1953. On that date deposits were \$6,157,343 and loans were \$1,195,637.

Deposits for the 69 banking offices on September 30 were \$722,844,637, loans were \$341,426,197 and resources were \$798,061,329. All three figures are new all-time highs for the September 30 period, Stephenson reports.

Over September 30, 1953, total deposits for the statewide system have increased \$135,945,240, loans have increased \$43,200,125 and resources have increased \$153,397,494.

MISS GILLIS IMPROVED

Word has been received that Miss Margaret Gillis, former Morrow county health nurse, is improving but still paralyzed on the right side. She can have callers now and her address is Ridenour Nursing Home, 707 Uglow Ave, Dallas, Oregon.

She would like to receive cards and mail from her friends here.

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Wayne Wilson, son of Mrs. Harold Caster of Heppner, returned last week following his discharge from the army on October 2 at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Merryman have as their guests for a few days of hunting, Cpl. Denzil Conley, who has recently returned from Alaska. He will report to Fort Lewis on October 24.



LIGHTING FUND BOOSTED—James J. Farley, exalted ruler of the Heppner Elks lodge is shown presenting W. C. Rosewall with a token check for \$5,000 to aid in the chamber of commerce drive to buy lights for the rodeo field. Shown are (l to r) Rosewall, Jeff Carter, chamber president, Frank Turner, R. B. Ferguson, both trustees of the Elks, Jack Bedford, bond sales committee head, and Farley. Story below. (GT Photo)

C of C Field Lighting Bond Sale Campaign Bringing Good Results

The prospects for an early start on the purchase and installation of lights for Heppners rodeo field appeared much brighter this week, as the special chamber of commerce field lighting committee announced Wednesday that it has \$5,900 worth of bonds sold, with at least an additional \$1,000 assured. Total cost of the installation is expected to run about \$10,000.

The committee started this week selling the \$50 non-interest bearing bonds and has met with fairly good response from many residents of the area who have indicated a willingness to support the project. The group plans to repay the bonds over approximately a 5-year period through the promotion of special money-raising events, benefit football games, and other means.

The fund drive got off to a big start Monday when the Heppner Elks lodge gave the group a token check for \$5,000. The actual amount to be put into the project by the lodge will not be known until all costs are ascertained for the lodge agreed to put up half the necessary amount up to a maximum of \$5,500. This amount is to be repaid the same as any other bondholders.

The drive received another big assist Wednesday when it was announced by J. R. Huffman, the local Pacific Power and Light manager, and Ed Collison, Columbia Basin Electric Coop manager, that their two organizations will donate the equivalent of a substantial amount of cash, in the form of free labor to install the lights and poles.

Degree of Honor District Meet Here

The Kate J. Young lodge No. 29, Heppner will be hostess to the district convention of the Degree of Honor Protective association Tuesday, Oct. 26 in the I. O. O. F. hall. Members from the Baker, John Day, Bend and Pendleton lodges are expected.

A full program has been planned under the leadership of state director, Mrs. Clara B. Gertson, beginning with a noon luncheon served by the local lodge.

The program and committees will be given next week.

Billy Graham Film Due at Lex Church

Rev. Billy Graham, nationally known evangelist and producer of the world's first Christian western film, "Mr. Texas", has completed another religious film, "Oil Town, U. S. A.", which will be shown October 17 at the Lexington Christian church.

Rev. I. G. Wetzel, in charge of arrangements for the showing, said that the picture will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Graham's new film features the evangelist and members of his team in their city-wide evangelistic crusade in Houston, Texas. Highlighting the film are scenes from the meeting in Rice stadium where 60,000 gathered to hear Graham for the largest evangelistic meeting in American history. The film is in natural color and is approximately 90 minutes long.

There will be no admission charge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Thompson are guests this week of Mrs. Thompson's sister, Mrs. Ella Jean Burns at Seaside.

Council, Mayor's Jobs Go Begging; 5 Positions Open

Unless considerably more interest is shown in the very near future, the affairs of the city of Heppner may be left in the hands of just two persons. It was revealed this week as petitions were being circulated to place the names of residents on the ballot to fill four council positions and the job of mayor.

The terms of five members of the seven-man mayor and council group expire at the end of the present year and to date no one has filed a completed and signed petition for any of the posts, though several petitions have been in circulation bearing the names of Jack Bailey, W. C. Collins and James Hager for council positions, and Dr. L. D. Tibbles for mayor. Tibbles is currently serving as mayor by appointment, and Collins will complete a full council term at the end of this year. Some of the petitions bear enough names to qualify for acceptance, but in no case has any of the persons named indicated that they would sign and file the petitions. The positions are to be filled at the general election November 2, with the new members to take office January 1, 1955.

The two holdover council members are W. C. Rosewall and Jeff Carter. Those whose terms are ending are Jack Van Winkle, Robert Grabbil, J. O. Turner, Collins and Tibbles.

Actually the prospect of a two-man council is a little farfetched, as a recent check of the city charter reveals that a council member shall hold office until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified for the post which would mean that should no one qualify for the open positions, the present members would be required to continue in office. They could however, resign after the start of the next term, which would require the remaining members of the council to appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

The posts could also be filled at the election by means of write-in votes, as long as the write-in candidates can qualify for the offices.

The actual legal deadline for filing petitions has already passed, but it has been indicated that petitions of interested persons will be accepted, if they are filed within the next few days.

Revolver Discharge Wounds Spray Man

Martin Riggins, 54, of Spray was treated at Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday morning for a self-inflicted shotgun wound in the thigh. His condition was not serious and he was released after treatment.

According to reports, Riggins, who works on a farm near Spray went into a field to investigate a disturbance taking a 22 automatic revolver with him. When putting it into his belt it accidentally fired, the bullet striking a knife in his pocket and a portion of it entering his leg.

Republican Meeting Set For Monday

A Republican rally has been set for next Monday evening at the county court house, it was announced this week by J. O. Turner, head of the county Republican central committee.

The rally is planned as a round table discussion of the various candidates running for office, and though no special speakers are scheduled, it is thought that one or more outside Republican workers may be present to join in the discussions.

It is scheduled to open at 8 p. m.

Rummage Donations Now Being Collected

Donations for the fall Jay Cee-ette rummage sale are being collected during the next ten days by Mrs. Herman Green, president of the organization. As in the past, sales, clothing needing to be cleaned will be cleaned free of charge through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins, proprietors of the Heppner Cleaners. People wishing to donate clothing are asked to call Mrs. Green.

Proceeds of the rummage sales help finance the kindergarten. Any type of article is acceptable for the sale providing it is still usable.