

Livestock Men Meet Thursday and Friday

The annual meeting of the Morrow county Livestock Growers Association got off to a flying start this morning at the fair pavilion with a panel discussion of county livestock and meat marketing problems, a report of the 1954 Oregon Livestock and Meat Marketing conference by Gordon Hood, state extension agent, Oregon State college and a report of the livestock theft prevention committee by Ralph Beamer, chairman.

W. W. Weatherford was moderator for the panel discussion with livestock producers, sellers, retailers, consumers, financiers and packers.

Main attraction at the afternoon meeting was a demonstration of meat cutting, grading, identification, wrapping for the freezer and cooking led by John Landers and Dorothy Sherrill, Oregon State college. Door and contest prizes were given during the day.

Slated for the Friday morning meetings are films, business reports, a talk on disease eradication and research by Dr. A. G. Beagle, veterinarian, agricultural research service, Portland, and a report of the county livestock disease control committee chairman, Kenneth Peck, Lexington. Friday meetings are in the Elks lodge room.

A discussion of the proposed beef commission will open the Friday afternoon session at 1:15 p. m. Election of officers and reports by Si Williams, western livestock reporter, Stephen Thompson, chairman of the pasture and range improvement committee; W. W. Weatherford, live stock marketing committee chairman; Dick Wilkinson, insect and rodent control committee chairman; Gerald Swaggart, game laws committee chairman and Marlon Finch, membership committee chairman, will complete the afternoon program.

A social hour, provided by the First National Bank, Heppner Branch, will be held at 5:30 p. m.

Farm Bureau Starts Membership Drive

Twenty members of the Morrow county Farm Bureau met at the home of Newt O'Harra, Lexington, president, Monday night to organize for their annual county membership drive. Cliff Wright, Salem, state organizer, was present for the session.

Nine teams of two members each were named to work on the membership drive in observance of "Farm Bureau Week" from January 10-7.

"Farm Bureau Week" is observed to better acquaint the people of the county with the importance of a prosperous agriculture and the efforts of Farm Bureau to improve these conditions," president O'Harra said. "We are putting on this membership campaign to invite every farmer in the county to join our organization. The teams are formed to cover the communities in the least possible time."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Leonard Rill, Mrs. Gene Majeske and Mrs. O'Harra following the meeting.

The next county meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Willows Grange in Ione, opening with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p. m.

Land Appraisals Done in County; Work Started on Personal Property

Tax appraisals on improvements at Lexington, Ione, Boardman, Irrigon and Hardman are all completed and reappraisal on improvements and lots at Heppner will begin this week by state tax men, Edwin Walker and Art Jenkins, according to Harry Dinges, county assessor.

As a part of the equalization program advising direct appraisal of personal property to equalize it on the same standard as real property, business establishments and groups are now being contacted in the county. Assessor Dinges is now checking personal property in different sections of the county.

Reappraisal of all land in the county has now been completed by farm reappraisal committees who met the end of December with Dinges and Walker to turn in their reports. Irrigated, grazing and wheat lands are now appraised according to their values and a new appraisal map is be-

ing completed by Mrs. Earl Soward and Mrs. Edwin Walker, Dinges reported.

The new land valuations are being placed on work sheets preparatory to typing the tax roll for the current year. Dinges pointed out.

Of interest to trailer owners is a law passed by the state legislature last January requiring that all trailer houses be assessed, regardless of license or location. Valuation will be based on the make, year and length of the trailers but not on any furniture within, Dinges said.

Frank Sarber from the state tax commission, Salem, is now in the county reappraising industrial properties. Allan Howells, head of records, state tax commission, valuation division, was in the county office Monday checking records, Walter Taylor, state record man, who has been working on county records, will return to Salem with him.

Water Resources To Be Studied By Land Use Committee

Recommendations have recently been made to the Governor after a study of Oregon water problems under way since August, 1953, by the State Water Resources Committee. This interim committee was established by legislation that year. Contributing to the recommendations of this committee were the Morrow County Land Use and Conservation Sub-Committee of the Agricultural Planning Committee. This sub-committee was active last year and discussed problems affecting Morrow County's water resources.

In order to review the recommendations of the State Water Resources Committee, and to take further action if necessary, the Land Use and Conservation Sub-Committee will meet Friday, January 21st, at the Club House at the Fair Grounds in Heppner. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p. m. with W. W. Weatherford chairman presiding. James C. Moore, Conservation Specialist, Oregon State college, who assisted the interim committee with hearings throughout the state, will discuss with the group, recommendations made and probable legislation that will result from this committee's study. One of the problems that the committee is facing is that of adequate water to serve the states need.

While water appears plentiful to use during these winter months, the period June through September, we hear on every side, the need for more water to irrigate our crops, sprinkle our lawn, and run an industrial plant. This problem of enough water to meet our needs during the dry season, will become increasingly acute as our population and our industries grow, says Mr. Moore.

Also to be considered by the sub-committee at their meeting, is the provisions of the Small Watersheds Act which was passed by last year's Congress. Possibilities of application of this act to Morrow County's small watersheds will be in for consideration. The Land Use Committee in 1948 recommended at the Agricultural Planning Conference that a study be made on our upper watersheds.

The sub-committee realizing that there is a good water supply problem here will discuss the economic stability of desert entry claims in North Morrow county where extensive irrigation is being carried on from drilled wells. They will take action on whether it is economical feasible to recommend soil and water conservation loans for developing this area. The committee invites everyone who is interested to attend the meeting.

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NEWT O'HARRA, left, Lexington, and Charles Carlson, Ione, appeared in the cowboy outfits presented them by the Goodyear company at a meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation district Tuesday night. Carlson and O'Harra represented the Heppner district which won the state award in the 1953-54 national conservation contest sponsored by the Goodyear company. With winners from the other 48 states they had a week's expense-free vacation at the Goodyear farms at Litchfield, Park, Arizona.

Fair-Rodeo on Sept. 1-2-3-4 Rodeo to be Amateur Event

A major change from a professional to an amateur rodeo show for next fall was agreed on at a meeting of the Morrow county fair and rodeo committee Tuesday night at the county agent's office. Dates for the annual fair and rodeo show were set for September 1, 2, 3, and 4 with the fair scheduled for the first three days and the rodeo on the third and fourth.

Rodeo events will be the same as in the past professional shows with the exception of bull riding which will be eliminated, N. C. Anderson, secretary said. The show will give everyone an opportunity to participate and a lot of local competition is expected, he added.

The fair and rodeo board is now negotiating with four different contractors for stock to be used at the rodeo. Special features are planned including evening events, such as wrestling and junior numbers under the new rodeo lights, according to Anderson.

Reorganization of the county fair and rodeo committee from two separate committees of three members each for the fair and for the rodeo was changed to one fair and rodeo board unit composed of 10 members. Present board members are Ray Ferguson, Mrs. John Graves, Bernard Doherty, Floyd Jones and John Eubanks.

Additional members to the board will be appointed by the county-wide fair board of three members appointed by the county court. Present members of the board are W. E. Hughes and Willard Baker, Boardman. A member to replace Lewis Halvorsen, Ione, whose term expired January 1, will be named by the county court at its February meeting.

Harold Erwin, long time member and chairman of the rodeo committee resigned his post at the meeting.

The yearly financial report from the last fair and rodeo showed an income of \$7,935.49 from tickets, carnival concessions, dances, disbursements for contests, advertising, insurance and administrative costs totaled \$8,452.90. A portion of the costs was charged up to grandstand attractions at the rodeo, local amateur event prizes and children's pony races.

The indebtedness will be taken care of through rentals at the fair grounds and by future dances or special events to raise money. One reason for switching to an amateur show is in anticipation of making the annual show a paying proposition, Anderson said.

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Heppner Civic League Elects Executive Board

The Heppner Civic League met Tuesday evening at the Civic Center. A resolution was adopted that the organization will be headed by an executive board, composed of seven members, who are as follows: Mrs. Herman Green, Mrs. Bradley Fancher, Mrs. William Labhart, Mrs. Larry Downen, Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mrs. James Lovgren and Mrs. Fred Sanders.

The group will continue to operate the Kindergarten until the school district assumes full responsibility for its operation. A permanent meeting date will be decided upon at the first meeting of the executive board.

Admission to the organization is automatic for any interested woman resident of this community.

open class livestock superintendents and exhibitors to study the needs of a sheep and hog barn at the fair grounds. The group will meet January 22 and make its report at the February 2 meeting of the county court.

A contribution for new high school band uniforms was allowed at a meeting of band parents preceding the regular business session.

Attending the meeting were W. E. Hughes, R. B. Ferguson, Mrs. John Graves, Harold Erwin, Floyd Jones, Jack Loyd, Bill Smethurst, Bernard Doherty, John Eubanks and Anderson.



Captain LeMoin Cox

Captain Cox Wins Marine Rifle Trophy

Marine Capt. LeMoin Cox, son of Elbert L. Cox of Heppner, Oregon, displays the 600-yard individual rifle trophy he won while serving at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

Capt. Cox won the trophy at the annual championship matches held at Camp Pendleton December 11 and 12.

Acting as captain of seven four-man teams from the Depot, he shot on the one which placed the matches.

He was awarded a Bronze National Rifle Association Service third in the "Open" division at Rifle Team Championship Medal December 15 for firing at the Camp Perry, Ohio, National Trophy Rifle Matches last August.

Wranglers President Names Committees

The Heppner Wranglers riding club held their first meeting of the new year Tuesday night at the club house with about 50 attending.

Committees appointed by the new president, Howard Bryant, included barn committee: Jim Farley, Bruce Lindsay, Harry Dinges; auditing: Mrs. Homer Hager; refreshments and entertainment: Mrs. Al Fetsch, Mrs. Bill Smethurst, Mrs. Archie Munkers, Mrs. George Warner; special activities: Cornett Green, Mrs. Don Robinson, Ralph Beamer, Mrs. Smethurst and George Warner.

A committee named to study a point system for individuals competing in events on horseback during the year were Oscar George, Bill Smethurst, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Bill Healy.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Norene were guests at the meeting and Kenneth Green was admitted as a new member. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mahoney were Pendleton visitors Monday.

Purchase of Patterson Ferry By Morrow County Being Negotiated

Band Concert Set For Tuesday Night

The Heppner high school band will be presented in a January concert Tuesday, January 18, at 8 p. m. at the high school auditorium under the direction of James Wilson.

Proceeds from the concert will be used for purchasing new band uniforms. Following the program pie and coffee will be served in the school cafeteria by the band parents with proceeds to go toward the uniform fund.

Among the numbers to be played are "Poet and Peasant Overture" by Von Suppe; portions of music from "Oklahoma" by Richard Rodgers and several lighter selections including "Si Trocadero".

A trumpet trio composed of Skip Ruhl, Jerry Dougherty and David Cox, accompanied by Lynda Borman will play "Flit-tation" and the bass section will be featured in a march, "Them Bases." Twenty-nine members are in the band.

Court Makes Appointments To County Posts

P. W. Mahoney, present chairman of the Morrow county hospital board, was reappointed to a 5 year term at the first meeting of the year of the county court last Wednesday at the courthouse.

Dr. James W. Norene, resident veterinarian, and Dr. George M. Ruggles, federal veterinarian, were approved as county veterinarians in the Bangs disease testing program. Each were assigned testing territories within the county.

Jury lists and election boards approved by the court for 1955 will be listed in the publication of county court proceedings for the January term. The Heppner Gazette Times was named the official county paper for 1955.

The court accepted an agreement between Umatilla and Morrow counties for maintenance of certain sections of county road on Big Butter creek with an exchange of about 3 1/2 miles in each county. The road intercepts both counties at various points, it was pointed out.

Low bids for gas and diesel oil requirements for the county in 1955 were accepted from the General Petroleum company for diesel at 13.13 cents for Heppner and Ione and 13.83 cents for Boardman and for gas from Shell Oil company at 21.01 cents for Heppner and Ione and 20.71 cents for Boardman. Bids were received from seven major oil companies.

Al Parent Becomes Sport Business Owner

Al Parent, 1954 graduate of Heppner high school, undoubtedly became the city's youngest business man when he took over Andersen's Sporting Goods store on January 1st.

Parent plans to continue to carry the same line of merchandise as is sold by the store at present with possibly more variation as time goes on.

March of Dimes Drive Underway

A total of \$733.70 has been collected in the county March of Dimes drive to date, Floyd Sayers, county chairman, announced Wednesday morning. This total includes \$91.90 from the Ione area, reported by Mrs. Ruby Roberts, lone chairman. Other communities have not reported to date, Sayers said.

A benefit basketball game for the March of Dimes will be played January 29 at the high school gym between the Heppner Shamrocks, local city basketball team, and Nirschl Brothers of Pendleton. Nirschl Brothers are leading in the Pendleton City League at present.

GAZETTE EDITORS ON TRIP

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland who are vacationing in Reno, Nevada, the office of the Gazette Times is being staffed by Mrs. Tom Wilson and Mrs. Jack Bedford.

The Penlands expect to return to Heppner Friday.

TV Hopes High For Heppner

Plans for bringing television to Heppner are being investigated by several interested persons, W. C. Rosewall reported Wednesday. Strong signals have been received about two miles west of the city limits, highly adequate for piping into the town, Rosewall said.

In anticipation of piping television into town individuals have obtained pole contracts and franchises for study and a meeting will be called sometime next week to discuss it, Rosewall indicated.

The Television Supply company at The Dalles, represented by Winn Crest, has been checking television reception in the Heppner area the past two months. Last week excellent reception from the new channel 19 satellite station near Pasco was seen by several persons with a set located at the top of the hill southwest of the Heppner slaughter house. Good reception at the same site was also obtained from five other stations in Portland, Seattle and Spokane.

1954 Fire Loss Low at \$510

Heppner's fire loss in 1954 was comparatively low with a total estimated damage of only \$510, Charles Ruggles, fire chief, has reported. This compares to a fire loss of \$7,382.90 in 1953 and \$3,700 in 1952.

The fire department answered 14 calls during the year, two of which were out on arrival and one in an unauthorized incinerator. No fires were reported in November and December. Approximately 18 false alarms were made in 1954, probably due to dialing the wrong number, Ruggles said.

Oscar N. Ruggles Funeral Attended

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles and Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinney attended the funeral services for Oscar N. Ruggles at the Grass Valley Baptist church in Grass Valley January 5. Walter Ruggles is a brother and Mrs. McKinney a daughter of the deceased.

Oscar Ruggles, a native of Sherman county, was born in Moro in the winter of 1882-83. He died January 3 at a Portland hospital. Other survivors are his widow, a son, Orville, Moro; a daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Barnett, Grass Valley; a brother, Starr, Stayton; three sisters and five grandsons.

Burial was at the Odd Fellows cemetery in Moro.

Tom Nelson has been ill with the flu this week.

Wheat Policy Meets Slated For County

"Farmers want flexible price supports. No, farmers want high fixed price supports. Some say farmers don't care but they want the government to get out of farming."

Food prices are too high and farmers are making a killing. No, food prices aren't too high compared to other prices. And besides, farmers aren't making as much money as they should.

Farmers are backward and won't improve their methods. Farmers are... Farmers aren't... Farmers should... Farmers shouldn't... Farmers can... Farmers can't... Farmers won't."

Articles like this have appeared in various news papers and farm periodicals during the past several years, says N. C. Anderson, County Extension Agent. This is indicative of publicity of the confusion in agriculture today because everyone is trying to speak about the farmer and the rancher, for them or against them.

As a resolution to some of this confusion, discussion meetings have been arranged in each of the communities in Morrow county for wheat farmers to gather together to hold discussions or questions that are problems facing the wheat farmer now. The meetings are scheduled at the Pine City school, 1:30 p. m. Jan. 18, Ione Legion hall, 7:30 p. m.

Negotiation for the sale of the Patterson ferry to Morrow county was started last Friday when the county court met with the ferry's owners, William Warner and Frank Hogue, at Prosser, Wash.

The purchase price of the ferry and all its assets, including tugs, barges, landings, real estate and liquid assets, is being made on a revenue basis with little obligation to the taxpayers of Morrow county, Judge Garnet Barratt pointed out.

Included in the transaction is the construction of a five mile section of new county road between state highway 730 West of Irrigon and highway 30 at signpost 170. The present owners are cooperating in financing the new five miles of oiled road which will provide a direct link with the ferry.

Legal documents for the purchase of the ferry are now in preparation and terms and sale price of the transaction can not be disclosed until the turnover is completed, Barratt explained.

"The purchase of the ferry assures Morrow county continued service between Washington and Oregon points and will assure its continuance as an integral part of an interstate network of highways and the Morrow county road system", Barratt said.

A third of the 14 miles of new bombing range road which takes off from the Lexington elevator to connect with the Columbia river highway will connect with the additional five miles of oiled highway bringing the Columbia and north Morrow communities twenty miles closer to the county seat and South Morrow area, it was pointed out.

Meeting with the ferry owners Friday were Judge Barratt, and county commissioners Ralph Thompson of Heppner, Russell Miller of Boardman and Bradley Fancher, district attorney. Attorneys for the ferry owners present were Richard White, Prosser, Winfield G. Boyd and Paul Fountain, Yakima.

The ferry, built about 1918, has been operated by the present owners about twenty years.

Births Down And Deaths Up in '54

Births were down 49 and deaths increased by 10 in 1954 over the previous year in Morrow county, records kept by Miss Lulu Hager, county registrar, show. A total of 179 births were recorded in 1954 compared to 228 in 1953. Fifty-three deaths were recorded in 1954 and 43 in the preceding year.

Some of the decreases in county births were attributed to the operation of the new Hermiston hospital.

A total of 29 marriage licenses were issued at the county clerk's office in 1954 and 10 divorces granted. One of the divorced couples were remarried during the year, it was pointed out.