

Conservationists Choose Director, Hear of Progress

At the thirteenth annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District held at Lexington Grange hall, Raymond French, Heppner, was elected to replace W. E. Hughes, supervisor. W. E. Hughes, who had chosen not to run for supervisor this year, had been a supervisor on the district board since the organization of the district in 1941. With Hughes' replacement, it leaves only one of the original supervisors on the board, John Wightman, Heppner.

Attended by 24 persons, those present heard N. C. Anderson, secretary, review progress of the district for the past year. He pointed out that 22 applications for farm plans on 53,827 acres during the past year, brings the number of farm plans to 274 covering 741,802 acres. Major practices stressed during the year, were that of strip cropping with the establishment of the largest acres yet, since the district was organized. In 1954, 1283 acres of strip cropping was put into effect bringing the total in the district to 4987 acres. The Heppner Soil Conservation District pioneered in strip cropping in the state of Oregon.

Other practices established during the year, were practices for improved water application 2600 acres; brush control 400 acres; pasture seedings 60 acres; range seedings 400 acres; four diversion dams; land leveling on 156 acres; eight farm ponds constructed; eight acres sodded water ways seeded; contour and cross slope farming; 31,283 acres; wildlife area improvement 24 acres. John Ely, Oregon state game commission, outlined the wildlife habitat improvement program being carried on in cooperation with the district. Colored slides showed some of the shelter belt plantings and game bird development in this district.

E. R. Jackman, range and pasture specialist, Oregon State College, main speaker of the day, discussed various farm programs and their effect on conservation. He pointed out that over the past years of rigid farm supports, little conservation had been carried out on dry land farms due to the high support on wheat which encouraged all land in production. He stated that if our people, both farm and city were to continue to prosper that conservation must be a part of everyone's farm operation. He suggested that future farm legislation should include provisions to encourage conservation of our natural resources.

Coffee and doughnuts served by the Lexington home economics club were provided by Mervin Leonard of Lexington Implement Company and Don Hatfield of Hatfield's Grocery, Lexington.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Prock, Heppner, a 6 lb. 11 oz. girl born Jan. 30, named Tricia Lynn. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stangel, Condon, a 4 lb. 14 1/2 oz. boy born Jan. 30, named Glen Robert. To Mr. and Mrs. Malvon Morris, Heppner, a 9 lb. 7 oz. boy born Jan. 30, named Kenneth Leon. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes, Condon, a 6 lb. 9 1/2 oz. boy born Feb. 1, named Robert Dan. To Mr. and Mrs. James Greiner, Mayville, a 8 lb. 11 oz. boy born Feb. 1, named Paul Joseph. To Mr. and Mrs. Dean Graves, Heppner, a 7 lb. 12 oz. boy born Feb. 8, named Eric William.

Medical—Fredrick Newby, Kinzua; Dan S. Holliday, Kinzua; Luther Schoolcraft, Kinzua; Edward Harding, Walla Walla.

Minor Surgery—Evoone Gammell, Heppner, dismissed.

Major Surgery—William Mc. Kinney, Condon.

Out-patient—Sandra Carlson, Ione.

HEPPNER P-TA TO MEET FEBRUARY 9

The Heppner Parent-Teachers association will meet at the school for its regular monthly meeting next Wednesday, Feb. 9 with part of the program to include a silver tea which will be held in observance of founder's day. Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Mrs. James Hager will be in charge.

Dr. Russell, of E. O. C. E. will speak on speech defects and hearing.

Mrs. Delmer Settler and Mrs. Elmer Matteson of Monument were Heppner visitors Monday.

Tapemeasure Used to Set Admission to Dimes Drive Party

The residents of Ceell took a new approach last week when they held a chili feed to raise money for the March of Dimes—the bigger the customer, the more it cost him.

Admission to the affair was charged at the rate of one cent per inch of the person's waist measurement and then each person let his conscience guide him in what he paid for his food.

Mrs. F. McClintock furnished chili, crackers and coffee and the other residents of the community furnished pies and cakes. About 35 persons attended and the March of Dimes netted \$60.44 from the affair.

March of Dimes Campaign Nears \$2,000 Total

The Morrow county March of Dimes drive fund was swelled this week following the Monday Mother's March and the reporting in of several areas which had not previously informed drive treasurer, Floyd Sayers, of their work. The county total now stands at \$1,781.09.

The special Mother's March in Heppner which was conducted by the Boy Scouts under the direction of Mrs. Jack Loyd, Mother's March chairman, brought in \$161.21 during the hour's drive, it was reported. Ione, the only other community to report on the Monday night drive, added \$50 that evening to swell that town's total to \$233.75. Ione's Mother's March was under the direction of members of the Ione American Legion Auxiliary.

The fund was aided by various other organizations during the past week with the Heppner Shamrocks, town basketball team raising \$50.75 with a benefit game last Saturday night. The Heppner schools also added \$125.62 when the grade school reported collections of \$85.62 and the high school \$45.00.

At the high school a contest between classes was held with the seniors far outdistancing the other classes to raise \$26.90. The freshmen came in second with \$10.60, followed by the sophomores with \$5.10 and the juniors with \$1.40.

Though the drive is officially over, a considerable amount of money is still expected from outlying areas which have not yet sent in their figures, Sayers said.

Heart Fund County Chairmen Named

Appointment of P. W. Mahoney of Heppner as chairman of the annual Heart Fund campaign of the Oregon Heart Association in Morrow county has been announced by Henry Andrae of Portland, state chairman. The campaign will be held through the month of February.

"We are very pleased that Mr. Mahoney has accepted this appointment and hopeful the people of Morrow County will support the Heart Fund," Andrae said. "The work of the Oregon Heart Association is most deserving."

In addition to the month-long campaign there will be an immunization this year in most Oregon communities—a Heart Sunday on February 20. On this day there will be a door-to-door solicitation. The Heart Sunday chairmen in Heppner will be Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall.

Arlington Woman Killed by Train

Mrs. Zenett Logan, about 70 years of age, a resident of Arlington, died Tuesday night in a The Dalles hospital after being struck by a train in downtown Arlington Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Logan was walking from a store to her home and apparently did not see or hear the Condon train which was moving slowly, according to reports. She was taken to The Dalles in the Arlington ambulance.

Mrs. Ray Barnett of Ione is a niece of Mrs. Logan.

IONE SETS BOY SCOUT SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Boy Scout Sunday, February 6, will be observed in Ione with all Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts planning to attend the Ione Community church in a body. Parents are especially invited to attend with the boys.



GUESS WHAT—The GT photographer took this picture more because of its beauty than for its news value, but he also wonders how many persons can recognize what it is. Those well acquainted with television will probably identify the maze of lines as a TV antenna—and they will be right. This picture was taken Monday just when the heavy freezing fog was beginning to break and showed the heavy coating of beautiful frost on the metal which is coated to many times its actual size. This antenna is one of those located on top of the hill southwest of the slaughter house.

PETITIONS ASK INCORPORATION OF KINDERGARTEN INTO SCHOOLS

The Heppner Civic League voted Wednesday night to start the circulation of petitions within Heppner which would ask the school board to call a special election to determine if voters will approve the incorporation of the present kindergarten into the school system.

The Civic League is now operating the kindergarten which they took over from the Jaycee-ettes when the group disbanded.

League members emphasized that they are not trying to "sell" the people on the idea, but that there has been considerable talk of such a move and if a sufficient number of voters sign the peti-

tions the question can be brought to a vote. It requires signatures of one-third of the registered voters, about 230, to meet petition requirements. There would also have to be a small special tax levy to maintain the class should it receive a favorable vote.

The organization indicated that should the plan be rejected, it would be willing to continue operating the nursery school as it has in the past. Officers said the main purpose of the petitions is to determine just how the people would like to have the kindergarten operated.

New officers were installed at the Wednesday meeting with Mrs. Bradley Fancher named president; Mrs. Fred Sanders, vice president; Mrs. James Lovgren, secretary; Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, treasurer; Mrs. Herman Green, Mrs. William Labhart and Mrs. Larry Down, board members.

The group set the date for its rummage sale as April 22 and 23 and named Mrs. Labhart and Mrs. Jack Loyd as chairmen.

The next regular meeting will be Feb. 21.

Steer Prices Again Advance

HERMISTON—Irvin Rauch of Lexington topped the market at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday with one \$15 lb. fed steer that sold for \$21.60 cwt. and one 720 lb. heifer that sold for \$19.00 cwt., Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports.

The highest price paid for steer calves in over nine months, \$21.60 cwt., was received by E. R. Lyons of Umatilla for nine steer calves weighing 4400 pounds. The increased demand and price 80c over the previous Friday, was line with other markets.

Consigned at the sale Friday were 308 cattle compared with 442 the previous Friday, 210 hogs compared with 132, and 2 sheep compared with 221.

Increased demand and price for veal, \$24 cwt., \$1.90 above the previous Friday, also was in line with other markets. Oregon and Washington packers, feeders and farmers contributed to broad demand at a brisk sale. Baby calves were up \$3.50 hd. at a \$22.50 top, dairy heifers up 30c at \$13.90 cwt and sows up \$1.30 at \$17.20 cwt. Feeder steers gained another 10c at a \$20.50 cwt top.

More steer calves and stock cows will be in demand at the next sale Friday.

Others topping the market Friday were Walter Wyss, Boardman, one lamb, 125 lbs., \$19.00 cwt.; L. G. Shattuch, Boardman, one veal, 290 lbs., \$24.00 cwt.; Frank Densel, Hermiston, one sow, 365 lbs., \$17.20 cwt.; Dave McIntosh, Hermiston, five stock cows, \$122 hd.; C. E. Justus, Hermiston, one Holstein cow, 1315 lbs., \$11.70 cwt.; J. D. Smith, Hermiston, one feeder hog, 110 lbs., \$20.80 cwt.; R. E. Lyons, Umatilla, 23 heifer calves, 10,760 lbs., \$18.10 cwt.; Floyd Daniels, Echo, one fat hog, 245 lbs., \$19.35 cwt.; B. F. Firkins, Echo, two weaner pigs, \$11.50 hd.; Charles Shoene, Ritter, three feeder steers, 2220 lbs., \$20.50 cwt.

Calves: Baby calves 4.50-22.50 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves 19.35-21.60 cwt.; heifer calves 16.35-18.10; veal 21.10-24.00.

Steers: Stocker steers 16.75-18.10 cwt.; feeder steers 18.25-20.50; fat slaughter steers 20.50-21.60; fat heifers 16.75-19.00.

Cows: Dairy cows 85.00-132.50 hd.; dairy heifers 10.50-13.90 cwt.; stock cows 95.00-122.00 hd.

Slaughter cows: Commercial 11.85-13.20 cwt.; utility 10.60-11.50; canner-cutter 7.50-9.00, few heavy Holsteins to 11.70; shells 6.10-7.30.

Bulls: 13.10-15.60 cwt. Hogs: Weaner pigs 8.00-11.50 hd.; feeder pigs 17.50-20.80 cwt.; fat hogs 18.25-19.35 cwt.; sows 14.10-17.20; boars 7.60-9.40.

Sheep: 1 fat lamb, 19.00 cwt.; 1 buck, 4.50 cwt.

Local Television Plans Temporarily At A Standstill

Many persons have been continuing to avail themselves of the opportunity to watch television on a nearby hilltop, but as yet no definite plan for piping in the signal to Heppner has developed though steps were being taken early this week to investigate the feasibility of forming a cooperative which would service the area.

The city council last week sent out survey cards by mail asking residents whether they were interested in TV, if they would be willing to pay a suggested \$135 hookup charge and \$3.50 a month for the service; whether they preferred to get reception from a private company, a coop, or have the city furnish it. The results as tabulated Wednesday by city recorder Ted Smith are inconclusive, and showed about an even number of answers on both sides of both questions. Fifty-nine persons said that they wanted television and would be willing to pay either the \$135 or \$15 a month. 51 persons said they were not interested at all. 25 indicated they would prefer a private company furnish it; 11 voted for a cooperative and 28 said the city should furnish TV.

Smith said the totals did not balance out because there were several that indicated they did not want television, but also voted for either private, coop or city providing it. Some also indicated they wanted TV but did not vote on the method of getting it.

It is understood that an attempt is currently being made to raise a sufficient amount of money with the idea of forming a cooperative to supply the signal to Heppner residents. While no definite action has yet been taken to start such an organization, it is understood that several thousand dollars has been subscribed for such a move.

The city council has taken no action on the matter, nor has it officially canvassed the mail poll but it is expected to come before the meeting of the group next Monday night.

In the meantime, local and outside television engineers are continuing to experiment with new antennas and various locations, and the hardest of the TV enthusiasts brave the cold night air to watch their favorite programs at the hilltop recreation center.

Ministers Urge Asking God's Aid In World Crisis

The Heppner Ministerial association, joining with like organizations in Hermiston and elsewhere, are urging residents of this area to attend church regularly during the coming weeks and to ask God's guidance in solving the serious world situation which is currently becoming more tense, particularly in the far east.

The Heppner association today released the following statement as an opening of their campaign:

"In view of the serious situation in the world, in which our country is involved in the Far East, and in view of man's great need of God as a constant guide, which need becomes more apparent in times of difficulty or disaster. In view of the general and wide-spread indifference to God and God's Church, when—1. We should attend church services for personal strength. 2. To pray for God's guidance to our leaders that they may keep us from disaster. 3. To show to the world our faith, in God and God's church by fulfilling our obligation to the same, part of which is attendance regularly to its services, knowing that God will strengthen those that wait upon Him.

"We the ministers of Heppner, in accord with the ministers of Hermiston united with various community organizations, call on the people of Heppner and vicinity to attend their places of worship each Sunday, and to play for God's guidance and help for our leaders. That we may have peace on earth good will among men. That we confess our need of God's only begotten Son, even the Lord Jesus Christ.

"We will give and publish our attendance in each morning worship until Easter, each church listing its attendance. Praying for increased realization of our own responsibility of our Lord, our country and ourselves."

Red Cross First Aid Classes to Start

All persons who are interested in signing up for a Red Cross sponsored series of first aid classes are asked to attend an initial meeting Tuesday, February 8 at the Heppner city hall.

The course, which will consist of nine two-hour classes is open to anyone over 18 years of age, it was announced today.

Livestock Theft Being Investigated

State and county law enforcement officials are investigating the theft and butchering of a calf from the Ray Wright herd which occurred last Thursday night, sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reports.

Wright reported that the animal, a 300 pound white face, was dragged into a shed on his ranch near Ruggs probably last Thursday night, and was killed and partially butchered on the spot. The shed is only about 200 yards from the Wright house, but was not visible from it. The head and entrails were left where the animal was killed.

Police indicated they had some leads, but would make no statement on their findings.

C of C Sets First Of New Value Days

The first of a series of four special city wide Value Days selling events will be held Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19, it was announced today by the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce. They will be similar to those held during 1954.

Special free parking privileges will be extended to Heppner shoppers on the two days, and a special free show for all children under 12 years of age will be given at the Star Theater on Saturday afternoon donated by the participating merchants.

The other value days will be held on May 20-21, August 19-20 and November 18-19, it was announced.

Government Programs For Wheat Surplus Talked at Meetings

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Possible government programs for dealing with the wheat surplus problem have been discussed at several meetings of Oregon's Columbia Basin wheat growers in recent weeks, reports J. W. Scheel, assistant director of the Oregon state college extension service.

The meetings were sponsored and conducted by the OSC extension service and the Oregon Wheat Growers league. The wheat growers discussed what they felt should be included in a government wheat program and compared the probable results of different types of programs that might be undertaken. About 400 farmers in 19 communities in six counties took part.

A new bulletin, "Which Wheat Program", prepared by the agricultural economists of OSC, the State College of Washington, and the University of Idaho, was distributed at the sessions. Copies are available from county extension agents in the three states.

The publication compares five different kinds of government wheat programs: the present flexible price support approach, rigid price supports, forward pricing (now used in Canada), the domestic parity plan (endorsed by the Oregon Wheat Growers league), and compensatory payments (the type of program now in effect for wool). A similar analysis is given of what would happen with free market prices and no government wheat program.

Each of these programs is briefly explained as it would affect wheat growers, feed producers, livestock producers, handlers and processors, consumers, taxpayers, administration and other nations.

The bulletin and meetings are the result of work done by a committee of OSC extension service staff members. The committee was set up to plan emergency educational activities in the Columbia Basin because of planting controls that brought sharp cuts in wheat acreages the last two years.

"Growers are concerned about alternative wheat programs because incomes are threatened and grains are continuing to accumulate in storage despite marketing quotas and planting restrictions," explained Scheel, who is committee chairman. "Also lower wheat prices are in prospect as government price supports are reduced and the formula for parity is modified under provision of present federal laws."

HEPPNER EXTENSION UNIT MEET CHANGED

The Heppner extension unit meeting previously set for Feb. 8 has been postponed until Feb. 15, it was announced this week.

It will be held at the William Heath home starting at 1 p. m. and the subject will be "getting the most from electricity."

Near-Epidemic Flare of Measles Reported Here

A near-epidemic of measles descended on various sections of Morrow county during the past week or two but the spread of the disease was quite spotty with some areas reporting many cases and others practically none.

Heppner, Lexington and Boardman have reported the greatest number of cases according to physicians and school officials, while, up to the present at least, the Ione schools have had no cases among students though two or three pre-school children have been reported ill.

Probably the hardest hit of the county schools has been the Lexington school where at one time only five children of the first grade class of 16 were attending classes. It has been estimated that approximately two-thirds of the entire primary group at the school either has, or has had, measles during the past two weeks.

In the Heppner school there have been between 25 and 30 children out of the lower grades and at least 75 percent of the cases have been in the 4th grade. Clarence Johnson, principal reported. He said that there has been no new cases reported in the last two days, however.

The Boardman school also has reported quite a few students out for the same cause, but no exact count of cases was available from there.

Local physicians report that there are now about 100 cases in the Heppner area and described the growth as a fairly wide-spread epidemic. Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county health officer urged all parents of children with even a mild cough to keep them at home and said that any child who is out of school for more than two days will be required to have a doctor's permit before returning to classes. He also advised parents who know their children have been exposed that they can get free inoculation of immune globulin which is donated by a state agency. He said its use is particularly advised to minimize and prevent measles in infants and very small children. The serum doesn't give lifetime immunization, but does protect the child for about four weeks.

Another physician said that if the globulin is given five days after exposure, it often results in a milder case of measles but probably will give life-long immunity. Last year there were practically no cases of measles reported in this area, it was said.

Heppner High Honor Roll Students Named

Heppner high school principal E. J. Dobbie, this week released the list of honor roll students which showed that 10 students placed on the top grade list during the second nine-weeks period and nine during the entire semester. All received grades of one-minus or better.

Fourteen students also placed on the second honor roll with grades of "2" or better. The names follow:

The following have received no less than a one-minus in all subjects.

Semester: Lillian Elde, Mary Ruth Green, Sally Palmer, Barbara Prock, Joan Wright, Patsy Wright, Nancy Anderson, Karen Prock, Lance Tibbles.

Second Nine-Weeks: Lillian Elde, Mary Ruth Green, Sally Palmer, Barbara Prock, Joan Wright, Patsy Wright, Nancy Anderson, Karen Prock, Lance Tibbles, Jay Sumner.

The following have received a straight two or better in all subjects.

Semester: Jean Graham, Lyle Jensen, Dick Kononen, Lynda Borman, Darlene Connor, Shirley Peck, Beverly Baker, Shirley Kononen, Alice Peterson, Jay Sumner, Janet Wright, Joan Brosnan, Tom Curritt, Helen Graham.

Second Nine-Weeks: Frances Duran, Jean Graham, Lyle Jensen, Dick Kononen, Lynda Borman, Darlene Connor, Shirley Peck, Beverly Baker, Shirley Kononen, Alice Peterson, Meredith Thomson, Janet Wright, Joann Brosnan, Helen Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hutchison and daughter Merry Marie of Pilot Rock were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferrell Sunday.

Stanley Cox of Ione took his father, Percy Cox, to the Veterans hospital in Walla Walla Tuesday.