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## Congratulations are in Order

Last Saturday's announcement at the Oregon Wheat League convention in Portland that Kenneth Peck of Lexington had been named Oregon's "Conservation Man of the Year" should make all Morrow county residents just as proud of his award as we know he and Mrs. Peck are to have received it. It is the second state award to come to Morrow ranchers within the last week in recognition of their excellent farming practices—only the Monday before Alvin Wagenblast, also of Lexington, won second place in the Northwest "Grassman of the Year" contest.

Peck's and Wagenblast's awards do much to point up the effectiveness of Morrow county's continuing campaigns by Conservation Districts, Wheat Growers Associations and many other organizations of the value of modern farming practices. Conservation of land is vital everywhere, but there is no part of Oregon where it is as important as in an area such as Morrow county where we have serious erosion problems caused by extreme blow or wash. The recognition these men have received for their efforts in conserving the soil should certainly make the directors and managers of soil districts, and many other conservation-minded farmers mightily proud of the jobs that have been done.

The proudest of all, we know, are Mr. and Mrs. Peck and Mr. and Mrs. Wagenblast, and they have every right to be. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations on a job they both will say is not yet completed.

## No Regulation Needed

The First National Bank of Portland recently served notice that it would fight any attempt by the next legislature to regulate the hours of banks by prohibiting Saturday banking. Statistics gathered by First National in a recent survey showed that it will have quite a few Oregon citizens ready to fight at its side.

Several years ago the state-wide bank inaugurated 10 to 5, six-days-a-week banking in Oregon and according to its findings the practice has been well accepted by the people of the state. A survey of the business done by First National's 74 branches showed that Saturday banking was frequently two to three times heavier than any other day of the week which certainly indicates that many of the citizens of the state would be inconvenienced if banks were forced to close all day Saturday.

Aside from any personal inconvenience that might come from such suggested regulation, we feel that if such a regulatory and restrictive measure is proposed or passed by the legislature, that it would be unfair and discriminatory. Banks are a business that deal with the public just as do grocery stores, drug or department stores or any of the hundreds of other classifications of business and we can see no justice in singling them out as the subject of restrictive legislation such has been proposed or at least rumored.

We like Saturday banking and think that it is almost a necessity in the business world. First National will get our support, and we think, the support of most of its customers, if and when it has to fight to keep on giving us the kind of service it wants to give, and many Oregonians want to receive.

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Congratulations go to Kenneth and Lucile Peck who were honored on Saturday morning at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League as state winner of the Conservation Man of the Year contest. They were presented with a fine trophy as a recognition of being the top conservation farmers in the state of Oregon.

This is the first time anyone from Morrow county has won this honor since the start of the contest in 1948. This means that you must practice conservation religiously if you are to be chosen as the state winner. Kenneth has

done one of the most outstanding jobs in our state to win this honor. Farmers of Morrow county will have the opportunity to visit the Peck farm and to see these conservation practices established and used when the annual conservation field day is held next May. This field day is sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League at the farm of the state winner each year.

Attendance of Morrow county farmers at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League was cut down somewhat by the adverse weather conditions. The weather in Portland and vicinity during the League made one feel happy to be from Eastern Oregon where the weather is mild. Those who braved the weather to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Howton, Mr. and Mrs. Max Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barak, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. John Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Tad Miller, Jim Lindsay, Paul Tews, Norman Nelson, Roy Lindstrom, Milton Morgan and Mrs. Alex Green. Total attendance at the annual meeting was smaller than average however, participation in committee meetings and the number of recommendations and actions that came on the floor were more than in past years. A fine program was presented during the three days.

At a recent meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation advisory committee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, much concern was shown regarding urban

and industrial expansion. They are asking the U. S. Department of Agriculture to take steps to help check the rapid conversion of good agricultural land to non-farm uses. They estimate that about 17 million acres of good tillable land has gone to non-farm use in the past 15 years, and that this rate is being stepped up. They ask, first, that the department take a lead in calling this situation to the attention of the executive and legislative branches of the government. Then, they ask that the Federal Government itself set up a suitable mechanism to prevent the appropriation of good farm land to non-agricultural use. Finally, they ask the departments help in informing the people about this growing problem.

In looking over the extension activities of the county agent, it was found that 478 farm visits were made by him during the year. Other farm contacts were through office and telephone calls with 1519 office calls and 2255 telephone calls. 405 news articles were released during the year and 7,390 bulletins requested by farmers. Nineteen adult demonstrations were put out to show farmers how or why a new method or variety was better than an old one. Other contacts with farmers were through meetings and during the past year the agent held 190 meetings, attended by 5,853 people. In the 4-H club program, agriculture leaders held 102 meetings, attended by 1,353 club members. Two Hundred-fifty days were spent working with the adults program, 113 days on 4-H club work. Of this total of 318 days the great amount of time was 76 days spent on livestock projects. 70 days were spent on extension organization and program planning with 59 days on crops.

In the 4-H Club Program, 212 boys and girls enrolled in 280

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times December 16, 1926

A 200 book traveling library from the state will be open to the public of Heppner Monday, the result of action taken by interested persons at a meeting Monday evening at Legion headquarters.

Cold weather hit the Heppner section on Sunday and there was a fall of several inches of snow here.

Laxton McMurray this week purchased the Ernest Moyer wheat land near Jordan Siding.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Matteson were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McDaniel, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. P. Mahoney arrived home today from a visit at Prairie City.

The Civics class at Heppner high school elected city officers last Friday. The officers are as follows: Mayor, Paul Hisler; Councilmen, Marjorie Clark, Reta Crawford, Anna Wightman, Ruth Furlong, Velma Fell and Gene Doherty; treasurer, Orrin Bisbee; Recorder, Earl Ayers; Marshal, Miss Fishel.

One hundred seventy-seven of these boys and girls finished 240 projects. While the number of boys and girls enrolled in club work has remained quite constant over the past few years, this number is only 27 per cent of the potential number of boys and girls eligible for the many 4-H projects designed for town and rural youth. The greatest number of enrollments were in 4-H clothing projects with 81 enrolled, the next greatest number in cooking with 66 enrolled. In livestock projects, 30 were enrolled in beef, 30 in sheep, 10 in swine, 9 in rabbits, 8 in dairy, 6 poultry, and 26 in electricity. One member carried a food preservation project, one a room improvement and 12 older boys and girls were enrolled in junior leadership.

Galvanized roofing that show signs of rusting can be painted with a coat of metallic paint to give added protection. A second coat added three or four years after the first coat will provide some increased life over two coats applied at the same time.

## Heppner Couple Wed

Mrs. Mary Cason and Earl Bryant were married Wednesday, November 7 at Lovelock, Nevada.

They are making their home in Heppner.

## Episcopal Auxiliary Meets Monday Night

The Womens Auxiliary of All Saints Episcopal church held a regular quarterly meeting Monday evening at the parish house with 18 present.

Plans for several projects for the coming year were discussed and a committee appointed to meet with the vestry.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses Mrs. Lowell Gribble, Mrs. Claude Graham, Mrs. Richard Wells and Mrs. Robert Ferrell.



## SECURING OR BUYING VOTES

Since the announcement that 85.1 per cent of Oregon's registered voters went to the polls Nov. 6 and broke the state ballot box record the 1-Told-You-So boys have been getting free rides on the editorial pages of big town papers.

Each of these vox populi addicts has a different diagnosis of what caused the heavy vote.

It has been credited to the increased population of the state, to labor's political education classes, to resentment toward higher taxes, to the erosion on a party too long in power to an accelerated interest in politics by women.

Little has been said of the half million dollars, plus, spent by the two parties and what it may mean.

The record of money spent at the record vote are synonimous, as records go. Advertising the big show last November brought out the big vote.

What interests most of us most is will a better turnout at the polls make better government. And what are we going to do with this sequel. The higher stakes the higher the bidding. There has always been vote buying. It was

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Most Christmas fixins are planned weeks ahead so guests will always be welcome and snacks and holiday cookies are always on hand. However, all the delicious foods shouldn't be reserved for guests. You'll find it's as much fun to have some surprise snacks when your family is home watching TV in the evening.

And while everyone is decorating the Christmas tree or wrapping gifts they'll love steaming chocolate to drink with tasty Christmas snacks to nibble on. Simple, easy to make snack foods become something special when they're radiating from a snowball centerpiece you can make yourself.

You'll find the white plastic foam balls hold party picks firmly in place and Christmas greens and decorative tree balls add a festive touch to the tablepiece. Use it for a party buffet or on the coffee table for before-dinner hors d'oeuvres. Fresh garden flowers replacing the evergreen make it a year around decoration.

At your own family party serve gay miniature kabobs on multi-colored toothpicks. Skewer one stuffed olive, a minced ham cube, and a cheese circle all topped with a tangy pickled onion. Be sure to have plenty of cream cheese balls rolled in bits of dried beef and crown other picks with party sausage and all-time favorites, carrot curls and ripe olives.

You'll find the lightweight plastic foam used for the snack holder in sheet form and balls at your local variety store. For the circular base insert a dinner plate on a one-inch thick sheet and cut around it with a sharp paring knife. Then with adhesive glue or toothpicks attach the large half ball (also cut in half with a knife) to the base. For extra sparkle brush glue on the balls and sprinkle with glitter.

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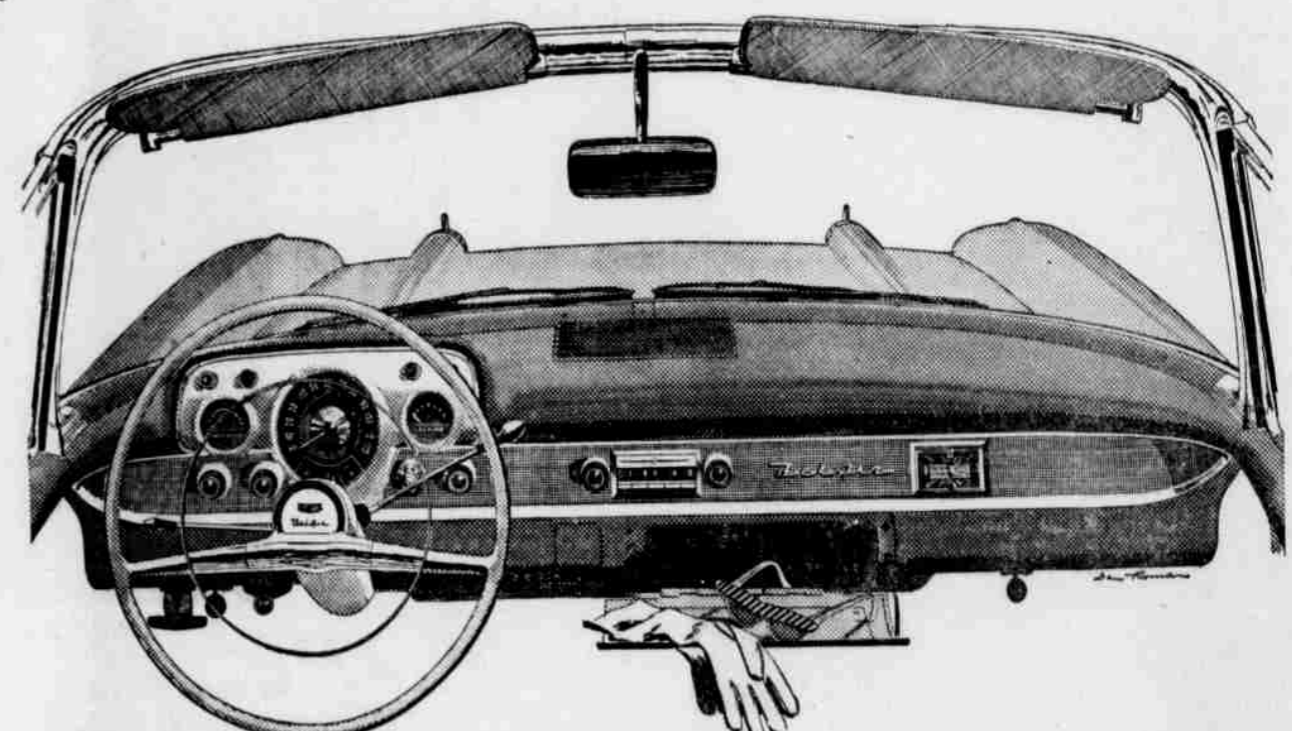
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