

Conservation Week Observance Led by County Group

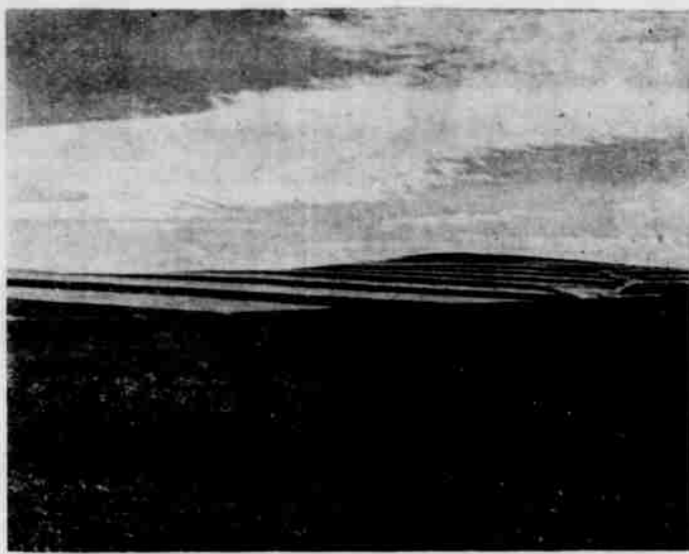
Value to All Residents Shown By Accomplishments

Morrow county joins this week, May 20-26, in observing Conservation Week which has been proclaimed by Governor Robert D. Holmes. Under the direction of Newt O'Harra, Morrow county chairman, an active committee has done many things to bring conservation, in all its facets, before the public.

The idea behind the observance of this special week is to continue the educational program started several years ago to show the people of Oregon how great their interest is in the preservation and wise use of all of the state's natural resources. Most of this county's organizations have taken part in the program, including the chamber of commerce, long a promoter of such work; the schools; all farm organizations and the churches. The county conservation committee under the direction of O'Harra, has made every effort to bring conservation to the minds of all residents by means of special displays, speakers and numerous programs.

Seen Monday at the chamber of commerce was an unusual display of conservation practices carried out in the county, not only in soil and water savings, but also in timber management and wildlife. The display is now being shown in the lobby of the First National Bank in Heppner where it has been viewed by many hundreds of persons.

Primary concern of conservationists in this section of the



STRIP CROPPING is one conservation method recommended for certain farm areas where it is necessary to stop heavy wash or blowing. The alternate rows of stubble and grain slow up erosion processes. Many acres of this type of farming has been added in Morrow county in recent years.

state is soil and water and the Heppner Soil Conservation district is the leader in promoting good soil usage. The district is the sixth oldest in Oregon, having been formed on October 4, 1941. It is the seventh largest in the state, embracing 1,330,660 acres which includes a majority of the farm and range land in the county. There is also on other soil district in the county, the Boardman district, which was established in 1947 which comprises 68,700 acres.

Field Day Set

Many special programs have been scheduled this week in the county with the most important set for next Saturday at the farm of Oregon's 1956 Conservation Man of the Year, Kenneth Peck. A full day's program has been planned and many hundreds of

interested persons are expected to view the farming procedures which won the title for him. Almost a next-door neighbor of Peck's is Alvin Wagenblast, who was selected second place winner in the state Grassman of the Year contest. Both awards came to Morrow county farmers in the same year, a record unequalled by any other county.

The Heppner Soil Conservation district also has come in for its share of recognition, and those who work with the soil are quick to give credit to the directors of the district which has been acclaimed the best in the entire nation in its record of accomplishments. The men who now head the district are Raymond French, Donald Peterson, Raymond Lundell, John Wightman and Alvin Wagenblast. Wightman has served for 16 years, being one of the original directors when the Heppner SCD was formed. Also given much credit by the directors, is Tom Wilson, conservationist who helps carry out the numerous projects.

The "Keep Oregon Green" campaign has also been widely accepted and promoted in this area of the state through the efforts of lumber companies and wildlife organizations. Wise timber utilization, tree farming and game conservation have for many years been a part of all these organization's efforts. All play a vital role in the welfare of not only this county, but the whole state.

Accompanying photographs show a few of the numerous ways conservation is being practiced in the county, as well as the effects of poor soil usage.

Conservation Practices Gain Here During Spring

A total of 812 acres of strip cropping has been established in the Heppner soil conservation district this spring to bring the district total to 9,593 acres, it was reported at a meeting of the district supervisors recently in the bank building. Latest strip cropping was established on the ranches of C. W. Jones and sons, Don Peterson, Elmer Palmer and George Ransom.

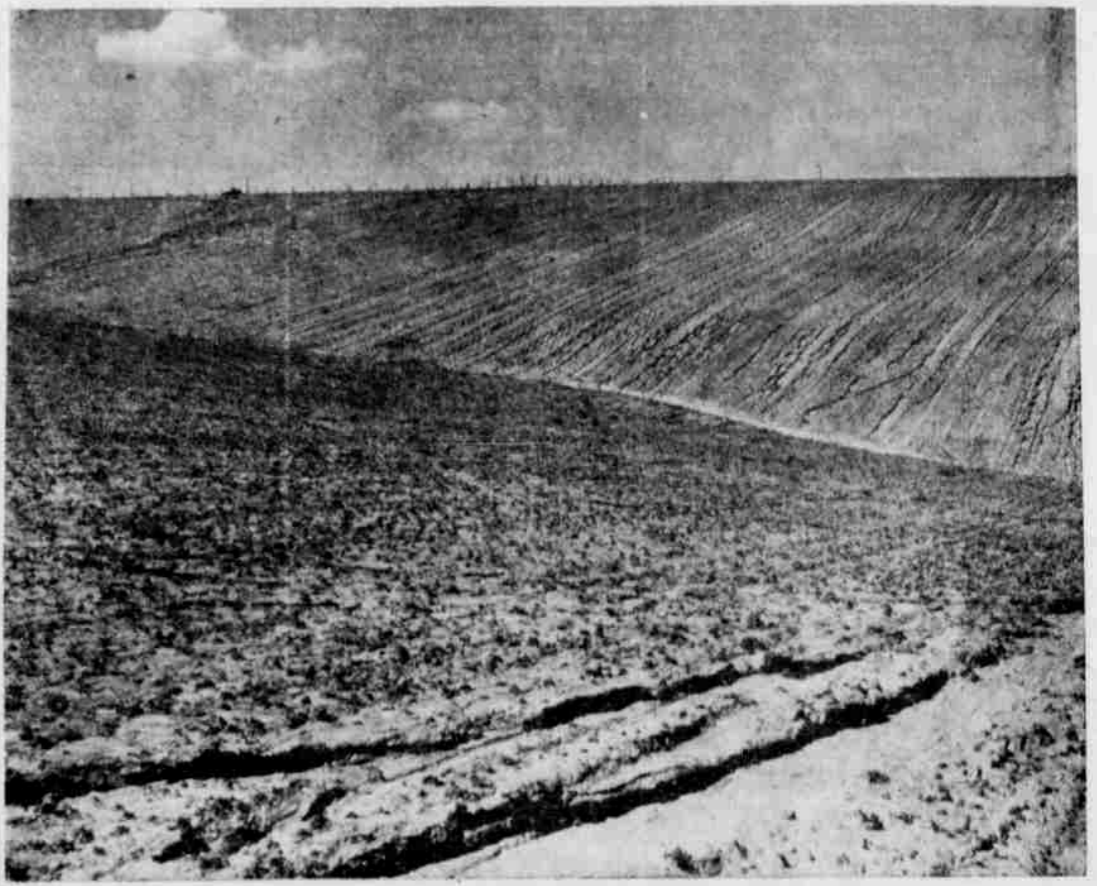
Committees for state conservation week, May 20-26, was appointed by county chairman Newt O'Harra who announced that the week's activities would include talks at the chamber of commerce, a television program featuring Kenneth Peck and N. C. Anderson, county agent, over the Pasco station on May 20; displays in the First National Bank; the state field day at the ranch of Kenneth Peck, Lexington, winner of the soil conservation man of the year award; special conservation articles in the Heppner Gazette Times and church observance on soil stewardship Sunday.

Plans were made by the supervisors of the Heppner district to participate in the state field day Saturday, May 25, at the Peck ranch. Score sheets for the national Goodyear contest were completed and the district re-enrolled for the 1958 contest.

Conservation practices in the April progress report included 31 acres of land leveling 158 acres grass-legume seedings, 700 feet of irrigation ditches staked, 950 feet of tile drains installed, two irrigation systems established on 13 acres, 2000 feet of buried sprinkler main line installed and one diversion dam survey made.

Attending the meeting were Raymond French, Raymond Lundell, John Wightman, Alvin Wagenblast, O'Harra, Tom Wilson, S. C. S. conservationist and Al Hasselbocker, county agent at large.

honor of those having birthdays during the summer. Those having birthdays then were Marlene Crawford, Kerry Peterson, Charles Nelson, and Robert Crowell. Guests were Anita Crawford and Chauncy Crowell. Mothers assisting were Mrs. Delmer Crawford, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mrs. Robert Crowell and Mrs. Donald Peterson. They enjoyed a treasure hunt, a ball toss and other games. Gold wrapped pennies were given as prizes.



SOIL LOSS through erosion is illustrated in this photo of a field which has been badly cut by water runoff. The many deep furrows in the field means a serious loss of top soil. Many conservation practices are designed to prevent such erosion.

Mrs. Rawlins New President of Lone Garden Club

By Echo Palmateer

Mrs. William Rawlins was elected president of the Garden club at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Heliker Wednesday May 15. Other officers elected were Mrs. Phil Emert, vice president; Mrs. Walter Dobyns, secretary and Mrs. Edith Nicholson, treasurer.

The Baccalaureate sermon was given at the school cafeteria Sunday evening May 19 with Rev. Floyd S. Bailey, pastor of the Community church as the speaker; Rev. Charles Wilkes, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation and the benediction; Karen Lundell played the processional and the recessional; a song by the congregation and a vocal number by the girls double trio.

ration of Chivalry there Monday evening.

Mrs. Richard Ekstrom and daughter, Vicki Marie, were honored with a shower at the Legion hall Friday evening at 8 p. m. Mrs. Jack Healy of Heppner opened the gifts assisted by Ann Belle Coleman and Mary Emert. The hostesses were Mrs. Delbert Emert, Mrs. Ted Palmateer, Mrs. Denward Bergevin, Mrs. Garland Swanson, Mrs. A. E. Stefani, Mrs. Richard Rea and Mrs. Roger Kincaid.

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Mrs. Fredrick Martin, Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Walter Dobyns attended the Blue Mountain of Garden clubs Saturday May 11. Mrs. Nicholson received the door prize. They enjoyed a fine display of orchids and were told of their culture at the meeting.

Bobby Lee DeSpain has taken over the Oregonian route for the summer.

At the Willows grange meeting Saturday evening May 18, Mrs. Ernest Heliker showed pictures on Japan. Those chosen as delegates to state Grange in June were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. Wate Crawford and Earl Morgan. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Heliker and Mrs. Sam Esteb.

Mrs. Ernest Heliker and Mrs. Sam Esteb entertained the H. E. C. of Willows grange at the Heliker home Friday afternoon May 17.

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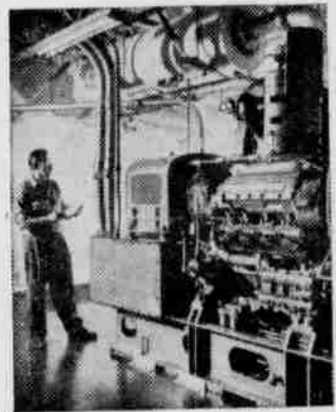


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IONE School Notes

The Seniors had their progressive dinner Tuesday evening May 14. They started at the Lloyd Howton home with cocktails. Those assisting Mrs. Howton were Judy Rea, Sue Coleman, and Alyce Rea. Mrs. Herman Blettell and Mrs. Lewis Ball served them salad at the Blettell home; the main course was served at the Earl McKinney home with Mrs. Hugh Salter, Mrs. Bryce Keene and Mrs. David Rietmann assisting; the dessert was served at the Donald Heliker home with Mrs. Harold Sherer, Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen and Mrs. Ida Coleman and other mothers assisting. At the Heliker home games were played, TV and movies were enjoyed.

The high school held their picnic in the mountains Friday, May 17. Joe Hausler took his 6th and 7th grade pupils on a science field day trip to the mountains May 10. They made their headquarters at the John Eubanks cabin. Those taking the students were Alfred Nelson, John Eubanks, Mrs. Vester Hams and Mrs. Fredrick Martin.

The children who will be in the first grade next year, visited the 1st grade room Monday. The first grade pupils and their teacher, Mrs. Harriet Hall enjoyed a pirate party in the park Friday afternoon, May 17 in

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