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TO THE EDITOR . . .

To The Editor:

Well, there is something new under the sun, and that is a "letter to the editor" by my very old and valued friend, a good former editor of our local paper, Otheo G Crawford. I well remember the time I first saw Otheo when he arrived in Heppner. He was a slender, fine and handsome lad, I think a little younger than myself. In the early days of the Crawford family in Heppner, I used to pal around with an older brother, Neal (or Neil) Crawford. Then I remember the day Garfield arrived in our bustling little city. (Stewart Holbrook still says "village.")

Of course I far outdistance Otheo, as I was born there, and I know Mr Bert Mason has lived in Morrow county probably longer than I have, but I do not think he is a native of the county. O G was a printer's Devil for a long time and I used to envy him. I set type one winter for Jesse Shelly, who went to Spray and published the Spray Courier for a little while. His father was the minister of the Christian church at the time, as was O G's father in the very early days of the church.

Yes I certainly do remember about Addison Bennett and his Irrigon Irrigator, and it was pure carelessness on my part, as I looked up my notes to see if I had really forgotten Mr Bennett, and sure enough, I had not. I remember Mr Bennett very well. Indeed, he came over to Heppner many times and cleaned up on some of the local expert billiard players. The billiard and pool tables were in the pastime on the corner where the Masonic hall stands. It was a two-story wooden building. Ed Ashbaugh, Doug Gurdane and other old-timers ran this place at various times.

But I certainly did not know about the "Weekly Times" published by Homer H Hallock. That was a complete surprise to me. That was the year I was born, so how could I remember? And I did not know about Sam Pattison re-establishing the Hepp-

STAR THEATER

Thurs., Fri., Sat., May 15, 16, 17

Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs

Brought back for a third time. PLUS

The Twinkle In God's Eye

Coleen Gray, Mickey Rooney.

Sun., Mon., May 18, 19

The Deep Six

Alan Ladd, Dianne Foster, William Bendix and others. Sunday at 4, 6:05, 8:10.

Tues., Wed., May 20, 21

Doctor At Large

Dirk Bogarde, Muriel Pavlow. Family nights and Free show nights for anyone living adjacent to Heppner but outside the city limits and who does not receive mail on a rural route.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

This week a new alfalfa variety planting was made at the Don Greenup farm comparing five creeping type alfalfas. The new and relatively new varieties being compared are Nomad, Rhyzoma, Rambler and Teton. Rambler and Rhyzoma are Canadian developed creeping varieties; Nomad developed in Oregon with a new one Teton, from the South Dakota state experiment station. Approximately two acres each of these four varieties were planted to compare their ability to stand under heavy grazing. The alfalfas were seeded with a mixture of Intermediate wheatgrass and tall fescue.

On Thursday, May 22 Dean Swan, weed research man with the Pendleton branch station will be in the county to assist the agent in selecting plots where morning glory research work will be carried on this year. Recently the Oregon State college experiment station made plans to establish trials in each of the Columbia Basin counties on new methods of morning glory control. In an appeal for cooperators, we have received a number who have indicated their interest in the program. Trial plots of approximately 190 by 120 feet will be used for testing various rates of weed killer materials at four dates of application. Plots will be selected that are most accessible to with as even an infestation of morning glory as possible. The first application is planned for about June 1 depending on emergence. Progress and results of the plots will be reported on from time to time.

Phil Emert, lone is the first rancher, at least to my knowledge, to begin hay harvest in 1958. Last week Phil was harvesting alfalfa and filling his trench silo. While this may be a little early for hay or silage making it will be only a matter of a couple of weeks until this operation will be in full swing. This is especially true of those who will be making silage for it can be put up earlier than hay. A lot of hay which turns out worthless due to a high percentage of weedy grasses, and from rain damage has been

ner Herald. I am very grateful to O G for this information. I saw the fight on Main street by Col Redington and Mr Shutt. Mr Shutt was a much younger man and an athlete and very active. But the very next issue of Mr Redington's paper was a blistering article against every thing Mr Shutt stood for.

Here is a little article from the "Lexington Budget" of Dec 12, 1889:—"To the Budget's knowledge fourteen births occurred in Morrow county last month-six girls and eight boys. Not bad for a dry season. Suppose the Hunt railroad should strike out by way of Foster, across Morrow County, through Lexington and Fossil, and connect with the Oregon Pacific. Why not? Keep both eyes on Lexington. You will find GOOD ACCOMMODATIONS at the "Lexington Hotel" J W Redford, propr."

O M Yeager
Castle Rock, Wash.

going into silos the past few years. The latest to begin using silage is Krebs Brothers, Cecil who after the first year say that not only does it make excellent feed but it also affords them a chance to begin haying earlier putting early cut alfalfa in the silo. Since silage can be made during the rain a lot of first cutting alfalfa which is practically worthless from being rained on can be utilized. Krebs also find that by getting this first crop off early they are able to irrigate their alfalfa fields while there is still water in the creek.

For those who have been thinking about making silage, it is not too early to get the silo dug and ready now. A trench silo is easy to dig and shape up with most equipment most ranchers have available, however if the job is left go until it is time to put in the silage a few days can make a lot of difference. About 10% of the hay crop is lost annually in harvesting, storing and feeding. That is equal to one whole crop every ten years. What other business can lose 10% of its investment every year? Even when hay is cheap it will pay to cut down on these losses by handling hay fast and getting it out of the field quickly. Of course, there many ways besides silage making to cut down on this loss. Some hay men are using ploy film covers, doing a better job of stacking, chopping instead of baling, putting a roof over the hay and in some cases pelletizing.

The USDA last week announced an advanced minimum support price of \$1.81 a bushel for the 1959 wheat crop. This rate is based on the legal floor of 75% of parity. It is 3 cents above the 1958 support rate because the parity price has gone up. This announced rate cannot be lowered but it may be upped if the parity price rolls up later in the season or supply conditions change. The wheat growers will be assured that the 1959 support price will be no lower than announced, they will have to approve marketing quotas in the referendum scheduled for June 20. If growers reject the idea there will be no restrictions on marketings, but the support rate as of July 1, 1959 would drop to 50% of parity as required by law.

The annual state Conservation Man of the Year Field Day

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette Times
May 17, 1928

Next Tuesday 22 of Heppner's young people will stand in a row to receive diplomas in recognition of their having completed the high school curricula with due credit.

On Saturday afternoon the house on the George Dykstra ranch some 12 miles southeast of Heppner was totally destroyed by fire, along with the most of the contents.

Results of the student body election held May 11 were as follows: Clarence Hayes, president; Margaret Notson, vice president; Mary Beamer, secretary; Roderick Thomson, treasurer; Elmer Hake, sergeant-at-arms; Jack Casteel, yell leader; Anna McDaid, assistant yell leader.

C W McNamer, R A Thompson and D O Justus were Heppner stockmen in Pendleton on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Albert Nelson, extensive wheat grower of the Lexington section, was attending to business in Heppner on Saturday.

will be held Saturday, May 17 on the farm of Larry Starr of Summerville in Union county. The program will begin at 10:30 am. During the day's program those in attendance will see practices on the farm consisting of grass seedings, ditching, timber management and other good farming practices on his 2067 acre operation. E R Jackman, Oregon State college, will be main speaker. A tour of Mr Starr's prize herd of Polled Herefords and his hog operations will be held during the morning session followed by a free barbecue lunch. Morrow county wheat growers will be interested in making note of this field day and plan to attend.

With sheep shearing season here again, it is time to think about saving the best looking fleeces for county, state and national wool shows. If you haven't been able to mark the sheep having especially good fleeces before shearing, there is still time during shearing to set aside attractive and good fleeces. Big fleeces with the brightest color, longest staple, most crimp and most uniform fineness or grade

throughout will rate highest in shows. There should not be wide difference between fine and coarse fibers from shoulder to breach. Also fleeces should not have excessive non-wool materials such as sand, wool grease, seeds, hay, straw burs, paint and stained wool. Non-wool materials not only add to fleece shrinkage but also detract from fleece appearance and reduce chances for a good showing. Fleeces should not show weak spots or breaks in the wool fibers. Fleeces with kemp, hair-like fibers, or black colored fibers are taboo for shows. It is a good idea to set aside several fleeces from which to choose the superior ones to exhibit. Clean wool, heavy weight, long staple and over-all quality or excellence will determine the final choice. When a wool judge has two fleeces of similar quality from which to choose a winner—which one will take the honors? The one most carefully arranged and tied. First spread out the fleece on a clean table or floor, skin side down taking care not to pull open the fleece as it is handled. The fleece will look much like a felt or hide. At this stage, before rolling or tying, remove all heavy tags, stained wool and obvious foreign matter. After rolling the fleece and tying it carefully, finally wrap the fleece in heavy brown paper, place in a strong cardboard box, and store it in a clean, dry place until show time. We hope we will have many fleeces at the county fair this year!

Each day we continue to get reports at this office concerning the increase infestation of mice and squirrels. Mice infestations

are especially noticeable at plowing time. We would like to call to the attention of everyone the recommendation made at the recently held County Planning Conference. The recommendation was made that mouse and squirrel control be a regular practice such as other farm operations. The only known control is continued baiting when infestations build up. This office handles a fresh supply of both zinc phosphide and strychnine poison oats for control purposes. The bait is mixed by the U S Fish and Wildlife Service and is sold at cost.

Recently plans were made for

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Assessor of Morrow County subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow County at the Primary Election.

Present Incumbent
HARRY DINGES

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FOR COUNTY JUDGE

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Judge of Morrow County subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow County at the Primary Election.

Present Incumbent
Oscar Peterson

VOTE FOR


DELMER BUSCHKE

Republican Candidate

For

COUNTY ASSESSOR

- Life Long Morrow county Resident
- Capable, Dependable



Pd. Adv. — Delmer Buschke, Heppner, Oregon

the annual 4-H livestock field day which will be held again this year at the Freddie and Norman Nelson ranch north of Lexington. Nelsons have been host for this field day for the past three years. During the day livestock club members will have the opportunity to fit, groom and show, and judge classes of livestock consisting of beef, sheep, swine and dairy. The training given during the day will be helpful to those who will be exhibiting on June 9, 10 and 11 at the Oregon Wheat Growers League as well as those who will have exhibits at the county (Continued on Page 5)



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