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## TO THE EDITOR . . .

To The Editor:

I wonder how much of Morrow county's income should go for the schools? How much of ours? When is the point reached when the county will begin to own our homes and farms in this period of rapidly diminishing farm income.

Can we afford thirty to forty dollars a day and five to eight dollars per hour for teaching time and school administration services. With a ten percent escalator clause in the contracts? Can we afford about \$60.00 per student for 1200 students for administration.

We used in the five schools in Morrow county last year about \$650,000.00 from taxes. With the elimination of two of the five high schools (Lexington and Irrigon) the new proposed budget is about \$775,000.00 to be raised from taxes and an additional sum asked for of about \$150,000.00 for improvements, etc.

With a total sum of about \$1,010,000.00 raised by taxes last year in the county for schools, roads and everything, can we use about \$925,000.00 for schools? I wonder?

O W Cutsforth

Dear Mr Penland:

One of your good subscribers has just enclosed a clipping from your valued paper telling of the passing of another Morrow county pioneer, our beloved Gene Noble. So few are left of our frontier generation, so I just have to write and tell you not only of my grief, but also to note here in how well you reported his passing. With the possible exception of Hamley's in Pendleton, I do believe that Gene Noble had more men on horses pulling Noble leather than any other, and of course all of them

did not "pull leather" and they were still in Noble saddles.

When my father, myself and my brother Spence were keeping the wheels turning on the old GT we printed catalogs for Gene and it always gave us the good old feeling of "home town" to realize the sway and importance of the "Noble Saddle". There may have been some, but few could excel Gene and it was a common sight in days gone by, to see Gene rushing down to get his "saddle a day" off to the expectant orderer (yes, Gene could make one saddle by himself a day.)

Gene no doubt was a 71 year subscriber to the Oregonian (it has always been our first love) but don't let anyone say that Gene's desire for the news ever swayed him away from the Democratic party—just as father George before him, he was a staunch Democrat always and may it be said that he and the late Jesse Wells, for so many years the county assessor, were two good Democrats who could get Republican votes in what was then a very strong Republican county. They were both men of outstanding integrity and that is not saying anything against their honorable opponents. Gene served Morrow county as treasurer with great credit and I know there were times when he "itched" to make that beautiful stamping on his saddle leather when he had to forego it to mix around with county warrants.

Gene and the late Leslie Matlock were grammar school classmates in Heppner of my beloved mother Cora Dale Spencer Crawford. There were others, of course but these three are gone—all leaving a very strong imprint upon the record for good.

I just want to say in passing that for one of the old timers, and in my youth I little dreamed I would ever be one, that Heppner is a storehouse of so many interesting happenstances—joy, tragedy, great sorrow and so many happy days, perhaps—yes, for sure, this is no different from any other fine community in America. But Heppner ranks so high in the list among these that has gone to the depths of despair and come back better than ever, but at what a terrific cost. I need only mention 1903.

Today, unless one had been there, Heppner is far removed from pain, grief, tragedy as I saw it when I was but 10 years of age. There is no point in going thru all of that again, only now, the old ones know—the young ones need not know.

I started writing about Gene and of course like most of our old timers, I digressed. The best of everything Bob, to you and Mrs Penland, and if you will tell me the price I want you to enter me on the "sub" list. I should be getting your fine old GT every week.

Sincerely,  
Art Crawford  
San Francisco, Calif

## County Agent's News

By PAUL RAVEN

A number of farmers, in Morrow county are participating in a cost of wheat production study for the 1958-1959 crop year. The enterprise management study contains detailed information on costs, returns, and management practices. As it happens, many farmers were aware of the actual cost of wheat production. The farm crops committee, therefore, appointed a sub-committee headed by Harold Snider to study costs on a number of farms in all areas of the county. Manning H Becker, Oregon State College extension specialist in farm management is assisting in the cost study, which will continue for one cycle of production from preparation of land through marketing of the crop.

During the past several weeks, the following ranchers were contacted by a personal visit to assist in the completion of their records: Kenneth Smouse, Harry Proudfoot, Paul Tewes, Bob Peterson, Louis Carlson, David Baker, Kenneth Turner, Harold Snider, Melvin Moyer, and John Graves. Manning H Becker is planning to visit each ranch co-operator around July 1, to discuss summer fallow records and answer any questions on records. We would be glad to hear from any other persons interested in conducting a wheat cost study, which can help individual farmers improve their income through better management.

A number of Morrow county farmers have shown much interest this spring in farm windbreaks, which provide protection from wind as well as beautifying the entire farmstead area. During the past several weeks, windbreaks have been planted on the Roland Bergstrom ranch at Gooseberry; the Paul Brown ranch and the Howard Pettyjohn ranch at Heppner. The Bergstrom planting consisted of five rows, one row each of Caragana, Russian Olive, Black Locust and two rows of Ponderosa pine.

Windbreaks are also planned for the Blaine Chapel ranch at Hardman and the Flying "A" Motel at Heppner, and will be planted as soon as the ground has been prepared.

For those who are interested in tree planting, it is not too early to plan. The deadline for ordering seedlings for farm windbreaks has been extended from April 1 to the 15th.

There is still a large selection of trees available which include Douglas Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Black Locust, Caragana, Russian Olive, Russian Mulberry, and Chinese Elm. We will be glad to help you with your planning. Windbreaks established in your community demonstrate that trees can be grown in dry land areas with proper care and management.

Jim Valentine, Heppner rancher who has recently taken over

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the  
Gazette Times  
April 4, 1929

The miracle of the age! That is the way talking and singing motion pictures have been described thru-out the country. And now, through the energies of Manager Sigsbee of the Star theater a series of talking and singing acts will be presented to Heppner people on Saturday.

Heppner's free Chautauqua for 1929 will start June 8, according to announcement of directors of the association Tuesday evening.

Miss Gladys Bengel had as her dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Eph Eskelson on Monday evening, the Misses Nancy Harris, Helen Haskins, Hortense Kay and Gladys Horrell, all of whom were with the Whitman glee club and were college friends of Miss Bengel.

The latest reports from R W Turner, Heppner citizen on his return from visiting the Holy Land and European points, is to the effect that he was with relatives in Illinois, and will be home soon.

fertilizer and sales application in this area and who has been active in the drive to organize a county wide fire control program, called the office Saturday to list some additional equipment which he will have available to assist with the fire program during the year. Jim has three 1200 gallon tank trucks with 2 way pumps for suction and discharge. Those trucks will be on call to all communities and will help considerably in the planned program.

Questionnaire survey cards sent out with a letter explaining the proposed county wide fire control program have stopped coming into this office. While 109 farmers sent back these cards, there were over 300 mailed. It is still not too late to get your card in the mail if you are one of these who have not yet done so.

At the request of over 50 farmers attending our annual weed educational meeting held on February 9, a county wide Weed Advisory Committee was appointed. The appointments were made by county judge Oscar Peterson and the county agent. Duties of the committee were to assist in over-all planning of the county weed spray program as well as to assist with educational activities in advising people of the need for weed control. This committee which consists of Dick Wilkinson, Orrian Wright, Heppner; Alex Lindsay and Norman Nelson, Lexington; and John Graves, Hardman, met for the first time Tuesday of this week. During the evening many suggestions were made for improving the weed program and plans made to carry out various activities throughout the year. The education program recommended at this county-wide meeting was reviewed with plans for accomplishment.

Colored post card mailings of the major noxious weeds in the county are being made available by the college. The committee recommended that these be sent out at the time of the year that control methods were recommended listing recommended control practices and timeliness of applications. Also recommended were weekly news articles in this column which were timely on weed control practices. The group stressed the importance of agricultural conservation practice payments to help farmers defray the cost of weed control, urging all farmers to sign up for this practice at the local ASC office. They were

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especially interested in those farmers who live in the upper watershed areas where many of our weed infestations originate and taking advantage of this means of controlling weeds at the least possible cost to them. Land owners will be urged to cooperate with their tenants in getting a weed control program under way on the farm if one has not yet been initiated. This is especially important since the county-wide group asked that enforcement of the weed control district law be put into effect in 1960. This would affect only those who have not shown any interest in a weed control program on their farm. The group felt there was the need for continuing the present county weed control budget and asked that all farmers cooperate in advising them or the County Agent's office of perennial noxious weeds in their communities which need control. They urge all farmers who have no weed control equipment to consider owning their own so that spray work can be done when needed. For those with small infestations which do not warrant outlay of such equipment the county weed truck is available for limited custom work.

The group also agreed to check into prices and possible usage of a gas fired flame thrower for control of smoe grassy noxious weeds. Authorization was given for the purchase of a four foot three point hitch operated grass drill for seeding down new roadsides to grass for weed competition.

Ralph Marlatt, Heppner was interviewed as operator of the county weed sprayer for this season.

For the first few warm days of spring, interest is developed by many of our farm and townspeople in planting a vegetable garden. This office at this time of the year receives a number of inquiries as to the best varieties to plant. As a help to those who wish to try some new introductions as well as the reliable old stand-bys the extension horticulturists have prepared a list of vegetable varieties for 1959. We would be happy to provide those interested with a copy of the list of varieties.

On March 11 the Oregon State Department of Agriculture had word that the state supreme court had upheld the constitutionality of Oregon's Brucellosis eradication law, clearing the way for continuance of efforts towards a Brucellosis free state by June 1959. The suit attacking constitutionality of the 1957 law has slowed the program and had cast a shadow of uncertainty on the state's right to conduct the clean up program. Plaintiffs were Sid Seal, the Wallowa County Stockmen's Association and 28 cattle-

## First 4-H Summer School Scholarship Comes From Pine City

The Pine City extension unit, for the fourth consecutive year, has the distinction of providing the first 4-H summer school scholarship to be received by the county agent's office. The scholarship is in the amount of \$25.00 and will provide some 4-H club member from that community a trip to the 4-H summer school to be held on the Oregon State College campus, June 20 to 27, reports N C Anderson, county extension agent.

A committee of leaders and parents consisting of Marcel Jones and Gene Pierce, Heppner; Alfred Nelson and Orville Cutsforth, Lexington; are in charge of securing the 4-H summer school scholarships for the delegation of 32 boys and girls who will represent Morrow county this year.

Eligible boys and girls, those who are at least 13 years of age on January 1, 1959; have completed at least two years of 4-H club work with all projects enrolled in successfully completed in 1958 are now in the process of making application to be considered as a delegate from Morrow county. With over 70 members eligible the summer school selection committee will have an important job on their hands in

men who said they represented 110 other persons in the livestock business in Eastern Oregon. Those concerned with the clean up program are now looking forward to the June 30, 1959 goal for statewide certification as a modified Brucellosis free Oregon. Against the deadline, Dr A G Beagle, federal veterinarian, placed the programs position as follows: Crook, 75% completed; Gilliam, 80%; Harney, 95%; Jackson, 75%; Jefferson, 78%; Klamath, 75%; Lake, 75% and Wallowa, 90%. During February, 1256 herds containing 42,112 cattle were blood tested with 348 reactors disclosed for a percentage of .826. There were 1,120 dairy herds ring tested, containing 22,400 estimated cattle with 18 suspicious herds disclosed.

selecting the more outstanding boys and girls. They will be selected on all around 4-H club work including such points as interest and attendance, attendance at club meetings. Club spirit sportsmanship, cooperation and work being up to date. Permanent 4-H records which club members keep will be the basis for selection. The permanent 4-H record includes the entire record of the club member for the projects and exhibits, demonstrations and other tests, leadership and special 4-H recognition obtained. Applications must be received at the county agent's office by April 1. Delegates will be selected by a committee composed of Mrs Veda Brenner, and Lloyd Morgan, Ione; Kenneth Peck, Lexington and Mrs Andy Van Scholack, Heppner.

Scholarships in the amount of \$25.00 provide board and room and incidentals for the club member while attending the week long summer school. With the first such scholarship now received the groundwork is laid for the scholarship committee. Farm and civic organizations as well as individuals interested can provide scholarships by contacting this committee or the county agent's office.

## IONE COOKERETTES

The Ione Cookerettes held their meeting at the home of Marilyn Morgan, our junior leader, March 26.

Mrs Baker showed us how to make out our records. Marilyn gave us a talk telling us some of the ways we can be good hostesses.

For refreshments we had punch and cupcakes. After we had the meeting we all played games.

Susan Lindstrom, reporter

## SPOON LICKERS CLUB

Tuesday the 24th the Spoon Lickers 4-H club meeting will be held at Celia Boulden's. Then our group will tour the Heppner Bakery.

Tuesday, March 10, our 4-H meeting was held at Carols Anne Anderson's.

Carol Anne demonstrated whole wheat muffins.

Kathy Ray, reporter

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