

In History — Soil Conservation Laws in Oregon Go Back to 1870

Oregon's first official land conservation act created the town of Clatsop (now Gearhart) in 1870 to keep farm animals from grazing along the sea ridge.

Today, the state Soil Conservation District law covers 57 districts including more than 85 percent of Oregon's farm land.

Eighty-nine years ago when the Oregon legislature formed Clatsop, unrestricted grazing on the dunes near the beach was destroying the cover grass and permitting sand to blow over nearby farms.

Boundaries of the town extended 1 mile along the Pacific shore from the Columbia river south to the Necanicum river. A town ordinance empowered the marshal to collect \$1 per head for horses, mules or cattle and 50 cents per head for sheep, swine, goats or other domestic animals found grazing within this area. Additional charges were made for the animals' board while they were impounded by the town.

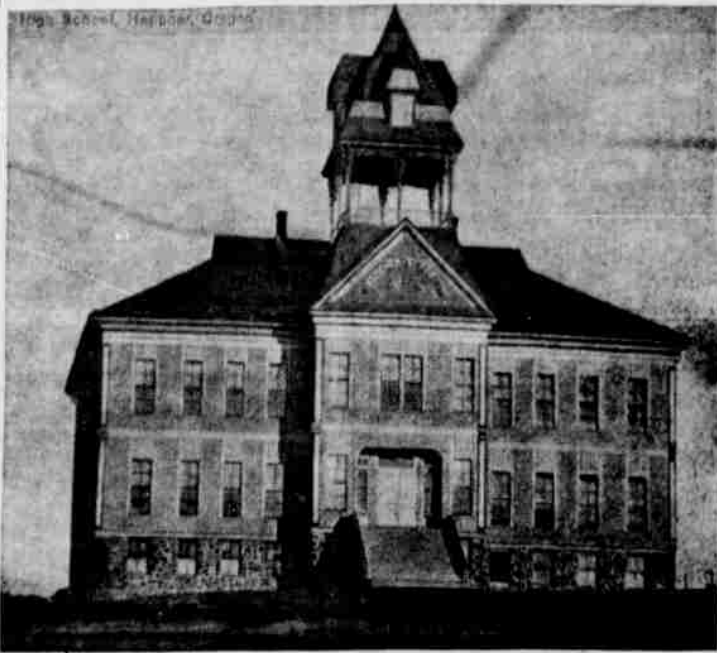
In addition, if the owner was convicted of permitting his stock to graze in the prohibited area he was subjected to a fine of up to \$50 backed by a jail sentence for nonpayment.

This start toward controlling sand dunes is a good example of early group action for soil conservation, says Arthur S King, Oregon State College extension conservationist.

However, the ordinance didn't permanently solve the problem at Clatsop—possibly for lack of enforcement or because it was forgotten when this farming town was reorganized as the resort city of Gearhart in 1919.

The next 10 years or so found both livestock and people thronging over the foredune, destroying the cover by overgrazing, fire and unrestricted travel. The foredune again began to move inland until the federal government was asked for help. In 1933, the Soil Conservation Ser-

A Centennial Year Historical Feature—



HOW MANY REMEMBER—The old Heppner school that was located on the hospital hill just below where the hospital now stands? This building was built in 1892 and the last graduating class, according to the best information the G-T can get, was in 1913 (and there is a possibility that the graduation for that class was held in the new building, the present Heppner high school building for which construction started in 1912). The story is still told that the wind blew so hard on the hill that the belfry on this building swayed as much as six feet and during a good blow classes let out for fear the building would fall down. It was finally torn down during 1914 and 15 and several houses still standing in Heppner which were built out of lumber from the school. This cut was made from a postcard which was printed in Germany at an unknown date, though certainly before the building was demolished.

vice started extensive dune control work. Six years later, the state legislature passed the Soil Conservation District act. This law had the same basic intent as the act which created Clatsop 69 years before. However, the new law was much broader in scope. It provided for formation of districts responsible for all phases of soil conservation—not just sand dune control. The Warrenton Soil Conservation District was one of the first to be formed. Its boundaries were similar to the original town of Clatsop. In 1948, this district voted land regulations comparable to those enacted by Clatsop nearly 80 years earlier. Now livestock can graze in the area, but only with a permit.

M-F Pea Festival Due This Weekend

Milton-Freewater—The 15th annual Pea Festival gets underway here with the junior livestock show on Thursday and Friday. Thursday evening will see 500 school children in an Oregon Centennial pageant at the high school, depicting early settlement of the area.

More than 100 very fine horses will be entered in the horse show Friday and Saturday afternoons. Indications are that horses entered are of exceptionally high class. Association members have stated they expect to make this one of the top shows in the Northwest. Featured will be performance classes in gaited, hunt, jumpers and fine harness. Motto of the show is "Champions competing for top money." Oscar Pollard is chairman; mayor Leigh Price is ringmaster. Friday afternoon is "Family Day" at the horse show.

A big kiddies parade is slated for 10 a. m. Friday. The annual style show, sponsored by the Jaycees, will be presented at 8 p. m. at the high school.

Saturday morning activities open at 6:30 a. m. at the Community building with a cowboy breakfast. At 10 a. m. the annual Main street extravaganza, the many floats, bands, marching and mounted units. Parade theme is "Memories." Immediately following the parade will be the annual barbeque at the Community building, featuring a really tasty Western-style meal.

Saturday afternoon is final day of the big horse show. This is followed at 5 p. m. at the Pioneer Posse grounds by a jackpot show, a rodeo-type event with roping and mounted games. Saturday night marks final event with a big dance.

Justice and Municipal Courts

George Frank Fisher, passing with insufficient clearance, posted \$30 bail.

NEW SALESMAN JOINS BRUCE MOTORS

Bob Hamby this week joined the sales staff of Bruce Motors Heppner Ford Dealer. He comes here from Pendleton where he has been with Eastern Oregon Motors for the past four years. Mrs Hamby and their six children will move here after the close of school.

NADINE WADDILL PLEDGES

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON—New spring term pledges in campus sororities at the University include Nadine Waddill, freshman from Lexington. Miss Waddill pledged Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Miss Waddill, an education major, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Dale Waddill of Lexington.

ATTENDS CAMPUS DAY

Ned Clark, Heppner, was among some 280 Northwest young people considering college next fall to attend annual Campus Day at Linfield college, McMinnville, April 25.

Students met professors in their departments of particular interest and attended sample college class sessions and athletic and social functions during the day.

In the evening they were entertained at a banquet and were guests at the annual Mu Phi Epsilon song contest.

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Boardman School Vote is Heavy

By MARY LEE MARLOW
A total of 110 voters turned out for the school election here Monday, which is the largest turnout here in years in a school election. Henry Gantenbein, the only one running in Boardman, zone 1, received 106 votes. Henry Zlvey received one vote as a write-in.

For Irrigon, zone 2, James Henderson got 107 and Warren McCoy received 2 votes. For Ione, zone 3, Donald McElligott received 99, and Frederick Martin 6. For Lexington, zone 4, Ellwynn Peck had 92, and Delwin Nelson 13. The Heppner rural district, zone 5, had 98 votes for Alvin Bunch, and 9 for William Weatherford. Heppner, zones 6 and 7, had 57 votes for L. Edwin Dick, Jr, 39 for Phillip Blakney, and 37 for Lowell Gribble.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrival—To Mr and Mrs Lawrence A Harrison, Cascade Locks, an 8 lb 2 oz girl born May 4, named Terri Lee.

Patients—Inez Meador, Heppner, dismissed; Delores McLachlan, Heppner, dismissed; Nadine Worlain, Kinzua; Judy Griffith, Heppner, dismissed; Steven Munkers, Heppner, dismissed; Stanley Ray Bird, Kinzua, dismissed; Bertie Davis, Condon; Walter Harold Gay, Heppner; Francis D Robinson, Lexington; Robert Huffman, Heppner; William H Shook, Kinzua; Ruth Ann Casebeer, Heppner; William C Smith, Heppner; Jane Tintin, Spray, dismissed; Frank Caldera, Spray; Jeanette Lujan, Ione, dismissed; James Marquardt, Lexington, dismissed; Pauline Gates, Condon; Donna Barbour, Heppner.

Mr and Mrs Jack Bedford left today (Thursday) for a vacation along the coast and in Portland.



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ASC Rule on Wheat Mixtures is Dropped

Special treatment which wheat mixtures have received under the acreage allotment and marketing quota program will be discontinued effective with the 1960 wheat crop, according to an announcement by chairman, J. E. McBurney of the State Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation committee.

The special provision has permitted a farmer to grow wheat in mixtures classed as mixed grain without a charge against his wheat allotment or marketing quota. The original purpose of this provision, Mr McBurney said, was to permit growing mixed grains for feed in areas where it has been a past practice. However, there are reports of some abuse of the privilege by separating the grains and marketing the wheat through regular commercial channels.

Dropping the wheat mixture provision should not cause any inconvenience to farmers, Mr McBurney said, since the 30 acre feed wheat provision is now available by law to farmers who wish to grow feed wheat for use on their farms and will have no other wheat for market. Where a mixture contains so little wheat that it is not graded as "mixed grain," the acreage will not be classified as wheat acreage.

GRANGE TO MEET

The Rhea Creek Grange will hold its regular monthly meeting Friday night, May 8 starting with a potluck dinner at 6:30.

FARMERS UNION MEET

A meeting of the Farmers Union will be held Tuesday, May 12 at 8 p. m. at the Fred Mankin residence in Heppner.

John Wightman and his daughter, Mrs Claude Graham left Monday evening by plane for Dauphin, Pennsylvania where they were called by the serious illness of his brother and sister.

Mr and Mrs Paul Koenig and family were in Walla Walla Sunday and while there attended the boat show at the Walla Walla Boat Club. A J Mathison, Mrs Koenig's father, was in charge of the program and also took first place in the show for the best decorated boat.

A First Friday Breakfast was held at the St Patrick's church last Friday morning and forty children attended. Mrs Phillip Blakney, Mrs John Williams and Mrs Paul Koenig were in charge.

Mr and Mrs Walter Edger returned the first of last week from a two week vacation. They toured Southern California, Southern Arizona where they saw the Montezuma Castle and the petrified forest, and also visited Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada. While in California they visited relatives.

James Farley and Bud Spring were in Pendleton last Thursday evening to attend a business meeting.

SYMPHONIC CHOIR TO PERFORM IN PENDLETON

The Portland Symphonic Choir and a ballet team of three will appear in concert in Pendleton at the Vert auditorium on Saturday evening, May 9 at 8:00 p. m. as part of the Oregon Centennial program.

C Robert Zimmerman will direct the choir which he organized in 1945. The ballet group is from the Jaquiline Schumacher ballet school in Portland.

ATTEND PARENTS WEEKEND

Mrs Clint Agee, Mrs Joe Hughes and Bob Mahoney were in Forest Grove for the May festivities and Parents weekend at Pacific University. Bill Hughes, son of Mrs Hughes, was the esquire for the May queen.

SPECIAL SPEAKER SET

Rod MacKenzie, graduating senior at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif will preach at the lone Community church Sunday, May 17. A potluck dinner and business meeting will follow the service.

Those attending the Oregon Congress of Parent Teachers in Corvallis Monday through Thursday were Mrs Charles Huggett, Ed Dick, Mrs William Labhart, and Mrs Norman Nelson.

Elder and Mrs A J Reising and son Donald of Spokane were weekend guests at the home of Dr and Mrs C M Wagner.

Among those attending the Mothers Weekend at OSC in Corvallis were Mrs J C Sumner, Mrs Jim Lovgren, Mrs James Thomson, Mrs Claude Graham, Mrs Carl Rhea, Mrs Walter Wright, and Mr and Mrs Ralph Beamer.

Mr and Mrs LeRoy Gardner were in The Dalles Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr Gardner's grandmother.

Bill Labhart and Glen Ward were in LaGrande Friday to attend a Game Commission meeting, and returned home that evening.

Local News In Brief

Mr and Mrs Carl Vincent and children, former residents of Heppner, were visitors at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Tom Walker for the weekend. The Vincent family resides now in Bates.

Those attending the district deputies spring clinic meeting and the Oregon Non-profit Organization Sunday at the Pendleton Elks Temple were exalted ruler Delmer Jordan, and his officers, Everett Keithley, Lowell Gribble, John Williams, Kemp Dick, Harley Young, Bob Platt, and Glen Ward and past exalted rulers LaVerne Van Marter and John Hartman.

Mrs Frankie Conroy of Medford is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs Joe Nys.

A party of seven enjoyed a fishing trip over the weekend on the Deschutes river near Madras. The fishermen were Eddie Gunderson, George Stillman and son, James Mallon, Gordon Pratt, Clint Agee, Irvin Anderson, and Clarence Johnson.

On Monday, Mr and Mrs Cecil Eichinger of The Dalles visited at the home of his sister and mother, Mrs Clyde Nutting and Mrs Cora Eichinger and also at the home of his niece and family, Dr and Mrs James Norene.

LEXINGTON

The Tops Club met at the home of Bertha Hunt on Monday night. At this time the "Twilight Scalers" of Pendleton were the guests. The visiting group gave a very clever program for the evening. Coffee was served later in the evening.

Among those from out of town here for the Claude White services Friday were Gerald White of Kansas City, Nell White and Mrs White of Pilot Rock, and Ione Gilbreath of Dayton, Wn.

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