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Clifford Green, who is attending Oregon State College, has been chosen to Thane, a sophomore honorary service organization. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green.

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By N. C. ANDERSON

While a definite schedule for stops has not yet been completed they are now being planned for the second annual farm fish pond tour which will be held on Thursday, May 4.

We will assemble at the county fair grounds at 9:00 a.m. to leave for the tour which will include stops at newer and older ponds, some just planted, others that have been producing large yields of fish for several years. Andy Landforce, Oregon State College, wildlife management specialist, and Glenn Ward, local agent, Oregon state game commission, will be on the tour to discuss the many aspects of fish pond management for greater production. If you are interested in this popular project which provides recreation as well as producing a lot of meat on your farm, watch for a complete agenda for the day which will be mailed out early next week.

W. W. Weatherford, Lena community rancher, who was well pleased with the results of his artificial insemination program for his beef herd last year, is continuing his program this year. Bill hopes to breed more

cows this year than last since he has learned many more techniques of this exacting job. He will attend the seventh annual Beef Cattle Day at Washington State University at Pullman this Friday.

Mention of the Washington State University beef-cattle day brings to mind one planned by Oregon State University for Friday, May 26. The program looks interesting with some top-notch beef-cattle authorities scheduled for the program.

By the time this column is read, the first Range and Pasture School in the form of a field day will have been held in Morrow county. While this is the first for the county it is also the first for the state of Oregon.

Sponsored by the Heppner Soil Conservation District, the Soil Conservation Service, and this office, help will be given by Howard Cushman, extension soil conservation specialist, and Dr. Charles Poulton, of the range management department at OSC.

Two new bulletins are available on wheat farming in the Columbia Basin. They contain much information on types of farming, land use, summer fallow practices, financing, etc. There is a farm budget sample which any farmer can use to evaluate his operation.

Saturday morning, Columbia Basin county agents had the opportunity to review these two bulletins with Manning Becker, extension farm management specialist, OSC. One of the major uses pointed out for these bulletins would be to evaluate the proposed new farm programs by substituting your farm to apply to the proposed adjustments. The bulletins, 577 and 578, are in easily readable form. Copies are available at this office.

Though my news column was prepared Monday evening a comment is in order to be added Tuesday morning. It was prompted by some of my farm friends at the early Tuesday morning barn fire at the Harold Wright ranch. Jokingly I was told to "pour it on" with a reminder that while it might not be fire season it is hard to predict when a fire might start.

Making several calls Tuesday morning we found that either the spray rig was up in the field or was drained because it was going to freeze. Both are good reasons, but there was some confusion for awhile looking for something to fight fire with. Luckily an alert neighbor came by just in time to report the fire and neighbors responded to the call before it had gotten too far along. But fires can break out at any time and it is always good to avoid the confusion of finding a tank to haul water with or filling a tank while the fire burns merrily along.

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County Assessor Explains 25 Percent Ratio
Oregon Revised Statutes 308.232—VALUE AT WHICH PROPERTY IS TO BE ASSESSED. "all property shall be assessed at its true cash value, or percentage thereof, applied uniformly to all classes of property within each county." Subsection (2) in part, "beginning with the assessment date January 1, 1961, all property shall be assessed at 25 percent of true cash value."
True cash value, as defined by law, means market value as of the assessment date.

Hardman and Rhea Creek News

By CHARLOTTE WALKER

Mr. and Mrs. Bunny Wilhelm and family and Dalton Wilhelm were Sunday guests at the John Hawk home.

Dean Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright, was rushed to the hospital Thursday night for an emergency appendicitis operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Batty of Brookings, and Mrs. Jesse Batty visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Batty and Gail. Mrs. Jesse Batty will remain for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Shank of Mt. Vernon spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Huston Lesley. Mrs. Shank and Mrs. Lesley are sisters.

Bonnie Hawks has gone to Kinzua to stay a few days at the home of her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson.

Mrs. Lorraine Beardsley and children of Portland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buschke and Bret.

Barton and Ned Clark went to McKay Dam for the opening date of fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Vesper Hams and family of Ione visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hams Sunday.

Patty Mahan and Butch Heath stayed at the Darrel Vinson home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilhelm called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Collins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Musgraves and Ivan Smith of Monument visited with Alta and John Stevens Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers Jr., and family went to Bend over the week end. They fished at Cultus Lake and Wickiup Dam and reported the weather was cold and stormy.

The Hardman dances are over for the season but will start again next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Batty and girls, of Pendleton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel and Cassie.

Walter and Ray Wright have received word of the death of their brother-in-law, Walter Cubine, in Portland. Those going to Portland Tuesday to attend his funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Barton Clark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin spent the week end in their mountain cabin at Parker's Mill.

Mrs. Helen Becholdt went to Pendleton Saturday afternoon. She was accompanied by Mrs. Franklin Ely of Ione. They attended a meeting of the Delta

TO THE EDITOR ..

Dear Editor:

For some time now Heppner business has been advocating more friendly relations with the rural people in the surrounding area. It appears to me that some of their gain can easily be lost in this present controversy over the R.E.A. contract with the school which Mr. Blakney and the city council are in objection.

The R.E.A. is a local business owned and controlled by these same rural people that Heppner business has been wooing and these same rural people are helping build the school which is a Morrow County school not just a Heppner school.

The R.E.A. was organized to serve those who were being refused by the power company. Their main office is in Heppner and their personnel live there, which surely must be more aid to Heppner business than the one man employed by the power company, which doesn't have a maintenance crew here.

The Co-op not only brought to the rural people but also greatly helped the service in the towns on Willow creek. Most of P.P. & L. Power for Heppner is

Kappa Gamma national honorary women teachers' society. Dinner was served at Gunthers restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Van Blockland and family went to Condon Sunday to see the Art Seale family.

brought from Bonneville and brought into the area on the same line built by R.E.A. Until this R.E.A. was organized the service here was very poor. The lights were dim, the mill was restricted on power, hot water heaters were small and on clock, motors burned out from low voltage, and outages were a common thing.

This talk of duplication and franchises seems to be more big power company propaganda. They want to serve any place where they can make it tough on the R.E.A. like going into the Space Age Park at Boardman where there is already R.E.A. and to the pumping station on the gas line south of Ione. The latter site is on my place with R.E.A. already there. This pumping station is to use a large

volume of electricity, and were it to be supplied by the Co-op the increased volume would bring greatly reduced rates to all Co-op customers in this area. At present P.P. & L. does not have facilities of their own in this area to service this pumping station.

All the schools in the south end of the county could save by changing to R.E.A. to get away from the demand charge which is outrageous. I should think if the school board took heed to the council's request the taxpayers would have just cause to again vote down the budget.

I would suggest that to solve the duplication problem, a P.U.D. be formed and boost your own community business.

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