

# Heppner Youth Tops P. I. Show With Hereford

Sixteen-year-old Gary Van Blokland of Heppner topped the best in the northwest when his Hereford steer, "Ben," walked off with honors as grand champion of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland Tuesday.

This classic livestock achievement came in the open class after Gary's steer had captured the champion award in the 4-H class. The youth, a Heppner high school senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Van Blokland of Ruggs. His 17th birthday will be next month.

Governor Mark Hatfield presented the grand champion banner to Gary Tuesday morning. The youth received trophies from the American Hereford association. Additional prizes of \$10.00 for champion steer and \$250 for topping the show were awarded by the American Hereford association.

It was Gary's first time to exhibit at Pacific International. He has been a 4-H club member for eight years and has carried livestock projects throughout that time.

The grand champion Hereford, which brought Gary such wide

recognition, is 17 months old and weighs 930 pounds. It brought \$1,860 Wednesday when it was purchased by the Imperial Hotel at \$2 per pound, 50 cents above last year's stock sale price.

Gary will keep the animal on exhibit at the show until Sunday.

The same Hereford was Grand champion steer at the Morrow county fair. Here it was judged champion over 4-H animals. The steer is from the Harold Wright herd and was purchased by Gary as a 4-H project.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Blokland drove to Portland Tuesday after receiving word of their son's honor. They arrived too late to attend the banquet but did see him on television and attended the sale. They returned home Wednesday night.

"Gary is very calm about the whole thing," his mother reported today.

## Weatherford Says He'll Run Again For Legislature

Frank Weatherford, Olex, will run for re-election as representative in the state legislature next year, he announced here this week. He is a Democrat.

"I feel it is a duty to protect the interests of those who have sent me to the legislature twice to announce that I will run again for representative from my district," he said.

"Under the re-apportionment Howell Appling, Secretary of State, has ruled that one representative from Umatilla county and one at large from Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman counties will serve the people of this area," he continued.

"If the Supreme Court finds this equitable I will run for the legislature to represent the five counties.

"My decision was reached for the express reason of trying to assure adequate representation from our former districts. Someone familiar with our particular needs in the four counties, as differentiated from Umatilla county, should occupy this position."

Weatherford had just returned from Bend where he attended the meeting of the Eastern Oregon delegation on reapportionment Saturday.

At the meeting, Weatherford reported, Senate President Harry Bolvin was instructed to appoint a committee of three to five members to draft a bill for initiative in reapportionment to bring to the next committee meeting, and also to appoint a committee on intelligence and a committee on finance.

"It is estimated it will take \$100,000 to bring this bill to the people; we already have \$20,000 committed," he stated.

The next committee meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Pilot Butte Inn in Bend, Weatherford said.

# Accidents Claim 3 Lives in 3 Days

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BEVERLY DAVIDSON (Third from left) receives first place trophy in the Soil Conservation speech contest Monday night from Paul Jones, president of Morrow County Grain Growers. Holding her second place trophy is Libby Van Scholack (second from left), and Sandra Harshman (second from right) has third place trophy. At left is Bob Jepsen, a supervisor of the conservation district, who was chairman of the contest, and at right is Ralph Richards, conservationist. (G-T Photo)

## Civic League Sets Fall Rummage Sale Friday, Saturday

Fall rummage sale of the Heppner Civic League will be in the old Central Market building Friday and Saturday, with the doors opening at 8:00 a. m.

The sale this year is highlighted by an unusually good stock of fall and winter clothing, according to the committee. Clothing has been sorted, cleaned, priced and displayed. Many articles are in first class condition and some will need only a little repair.

Featured stock this year includes boxes of wool and cotton rags for rug-making and house cleaning purposes. Unusual finds will be a standing bird cage, medicine cabinet, two complete sets of dinnerware, fruit jars, TV trays, and a sewing machine. Also for sale are two pairs of bamboo drapes complete with valances.

All merchandise is sold on a first come, first served basis. Prices are reduced on Saturday afternoon to clear out unsold merchandise. Members of the Civic League will be on hand from 8 each morning until 5 p. m. to assist the public in their choices.

Co-chairmen of this year's sale, Mrs. Roy Erickson and Mrs. Ralph Richmond, expressed appreciation for the assistance of Civic League members and kindergarten mothers in weekly sorting meetings. Also recognized are Mrs. Don Bennett and Mrs. Jack Healy, poster committee members; Mrs. Matt Hughes, clerking schedule chairman; Mrs. Haskell Sharrard, Mrs. Jim Prock and Mrs. Robert Abrams, pickup committee.

The twice-a-year rummage sale is at present the sole support of the Civic League kindergarten which has now been in operation 12 years. The kindergarten was established by the Jayettes in 1949 and continued until 1955 when the Jayettes became the Heppner Civic League. The Civic League has continued with the kindergarten as well as other projects designed to benefit the community.

Since 1949 a Kindergarten Board has been in charge of the operation of the kindergarten using funds supplied by the sponsoring organization. Original members of this board were Betty Estberg, Rachel Dick, and Bonnie Barratt; its present members are Mrs. Don Bennett, Mrs. James Prock, and Mrs. Matt Hughes.

The first children to attend this local kindergarten are now seniors in Heppner high school.

## Bev Davidson Wins Soil Speech Contest

Beverly Davidson of Heppner high school won first place in the district soil conservation speech contest, held in the Heppner elementary school, Monday night.

Libby Van Scholack, Heppner, was second and Sandra Harshman was third. Each received trophies from Morrow County Grain Growers, presented by President Paul Jones.

Others competing were Laura Sumner, Marlene Fetsch, Martha Doherty, all of Heppner, and Linda Halvorsen, Kathy Rea, and Jim Martin, all of Ione.

## Trade at Home Series Starts in This Issue

A series of advertisements is starting in this issue of the paper through the sponsorship of local merchants and businesses calling attention to the benefits and advantages of buying at home.

Nearly 50 are cooperating in supporting the series which will run twice each month. The merchants ask the public to read the message and consider the ideas expressed. They present some new angles to an old problem.

The young speakers, showing a keen insight for the need for soil conservation and its importance to this area, all spoke on the topic, "Soil Conservation in an Oregon Soil Conservation District," interpreting it in their various ways.

Bob Jepsen, a supervisor of the soil conservation district, was chairman of the contest, gave the rules, introduced the speakers by number and later told the audience of the work of the soil conservation district. There was better attendance than in some former years with approximately 40 persons present.

Judges, Ralph Richmond, Ray Lundell and Wes Sherman, complimented all the speakers for their fine work and pointed out that it was a difficult job to select the winners because of the general excellence of the talks. Ralph Richards, district conservationist, was timekeeper for the event. Each speaker was allowed seven minutes and penalized if he spoke less than five or more than eight minutes.

As local winner, Beverly will compete in the area contest at the Pendleton high school auditorium October 25 at 8 p. m. Winner there will go to the state contest at Klamath Falls November 7-9.

## O'Malley Takes Dive With Window Pane; Glass Remains Intact

Gerald O'Malley, teller at First National Bank, decided to have a "quiet" vacation visiting his mother, Mrs. Marie O'Malley, in Enterprise this year.

Things don't always work out as planned and Gerry, becoming bored with inactivity, offered to help around the house by installing the storm windows for winter. The job looked simple; two hooks at the top fitted into slots, then the window was locked at the bottom.

But Gerry, more used to counting money than hooking things in slots, got only one hook in and couldn't get the window either straightened out or unhooked. He leaned too far out—and fell, with the window still in his hands, onto a porch roof, where he continued his descent until he hit the lawn below.

The bad luck stopped right there, however. The window was intact, and Gerry was unharmed.

Another "high spot" of his vacation was catching both performances of "The Ink Spots" in their recent appearance at La Grande.

## Grain Growers Pay \$25,000 Taxes

Morrow County Grain Growers, third largest property taxpayers in the county, submitted a check for \$25,004.10 to Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, tax collector, Tuesday in payment of the Grain Growers' 1961-62 taxes.

Manager Al Lamb, who made the tax payment, said that the sum was down slightly from last year—approximately \$70 lower. Included are taxes on seven elevators and other properties owned by the Grain Growers.

Union Pacific Railway and Kinzua Corporation are the two largest taxpayers in the county.

## Buck Winners Fail to Collect

Though winners of \$55.00 in Lucky Bucks were named Saturday, only \$1.00 was claimed. Kay Robinson, Heppner, received her Lucky Buck.

The top prize of \$25.00 will be added to the drawing Oct. 28, making \$50.00 available to the winning name.

Those names called and persons not present to collect their money Saturday were Pearl Wright, \$25.00; Barbara Cutsforth, \$10.00; Elsa M. Leathers, Henry Stotts and John Larson, \$5.00 each; Opal Briggs, Don Turner and Elaine Rietmann, \$1.00 each.

## Just 3 Miles Separate 2 Wrecks

Two men were killed in a one-car accident on highway 207 at Rock Creek eight miles south of Hardman Wednesday evening, bringing the traffic toll to three in Morrow county in three days. Three other young men were injured.

Dead from the Wednesday accident are Robert Johnson, 20, Rt. 1, Box 11, Pendleton, and Glen Vernon Finley, 18, Pendleton, who was said to be driver of the car.

Killed Sunday night in another one-car accident only about three miles from the scene of the second mishap was James A. Bowsby, 45, Kinzua.

In Pioneer Memorial hospital as a result of injuries suffered in the second accident are: David Haddock, 25, Heppner; Bobby Parsons, 25, Rt. 4, Jonesville, Va.; and Mylo Milum, 19, Naches, Wn.

According to Dr. W. H. Wolff, attending physician, at noon Thursday the three are in good condition, although Milum has a fractured back. It is expected that Haddock and Parsons will be released from the hospital to go home within a few days.

Bowsby, alone in his pickup truck when it went out of control, became the first traffic fatality in the county in 1961. Then, after going nearly 10 months of this year without an auto accident, two more were quickly recorded in the county.

All five of the young men in the Wednesday accident were employed by the U. S. Forest Service. Stationed at Tupper Guard Station, they had started towards Heppner when the two-door sedan went out of control on a curve, about 37 miles south of Heppner.

The car veered to the right side of the highway, heading north, sheared off a tree that was about a foot in diameter and dropped into a roadside ditch, coming to rest some 8 or 10 feet below the level of the highway on its side, across the highway from Rock Creek. It landed in about three feet of water, and the tree that it had sheared crashed down on the wrecked car.

Fred Ott, who with his wife, Cecile, operates the Wagon Wheel Cafe, was the first on the scene. He said that he was driving towards Heppner and rounded a curve about 6:45 p. m. when one of the injured flagged him.

Ott said that he narrowly averted striking the man as he came upon him in the gathering dusk. Ott later identified the man on the highway as Haddock, who was covered with blood from his injuries.

Ott went to the wrecked car and found Finley lying on top, apparently partially pinned to the car by the tree. The young man apparently was killed outright.

Johnson was floating face down in the ditch, and with the help of Haddock, Ott was able to drag him partially out of the water.

Ott said he was unable to get any of the injured to accompany him when he went to Hardman to summon help. Milum, like Finley and Johnson, had been thrown from the car, but Haddock and Parsons apparently remained inside until after it came to rest in the ditch.

Going on to Hardman alone, Ott placed a call for Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, then returned to give further aid. In the meantime, Barton Clark left Hardman in another car for the accident scene. When Ott arrived back, he found Johnson still alive, but he died while Ott and Clark were with him.

Another motorist by this time had taken Haddock to Hardman, and Ott and Clark managed to get Parsons and Milum to the highway, loaded them into the Ott car, and the cafe operator drove them to Hardman, meeting enroute the ambulance, state policeman and wrecker rushing to the scene.

Oliver Creswick and State Medical Examiner L. D. Tibbles were in the ambulance. They brought the bodies to the Creswick Funeral Home.

Ott picked up Haddock at Hardman and brought all three of the injured to the hospital here.

Dr. Tibbles said Wednesday night that Johnson's death may have been due to drowning.

Finley's mother and stepfather are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Broker of 1101 S. W. 28th, Pendleton. He is also survived by a (Continued on page 6)

## PTA Talks Building Ideas

School building needs in Heppner, and the manner in which they can best be met, were discussed by a panel at the Heppner Parent-Teacher Association Thursday night in the multipurpose room of the elementary school. Many of the approximately 75 persons attending took part in the discussion.

Need of additional room was outlined by both Gordon Pratt, high school principal, who cited an increase from 119 students in high school in 1956 to 213 in 1961; and Hillard Brown, elementary school principal, who said teachers were already worried as to where students would be placed next year.

A preliminary blueprint of the completed high school plant was displayed and explained by Robert Van Houte, school administrator. He said the plans had not been approved by the board and were merely being presented as the best plant which could meet the minimum requirements of the education program in Heppner high school. The structure would cost an estimated \$600,000.

Van Houte said the life expectancy of the building would be such that future generations would receive benefit from it

and that they should help pay for it. For that reason the building committee had recommended a 20-year bond issue, expected to be sold at 3.6 percent interest.

This would mean, Van Houte said, that the first principal payment of \$30,000 and interest of \$21,000 could be met with 3.12 mills.

"If the home you own has a true value of \$10,000, you would pay \$7.80 for the first year and \$4.70 at the 20th year," he said. He predicted that waiting four or five years to build the school plant would probably increase the cost of the building by \$20,300 to \$25,000.

Frank Anderson, chairman of the Heppner school building committee, told of the need for additional room for high school students. He pointed out that the gym at the present high school is inadequate, the FFA program is short on room for projects, and lack of room keeps arts and crafts subjects from being taught.

"Now is the time to build," he said.

Dr. Wallace Wolff told of taxes which would no longer be collected. The sewer bond tax in Heppner has expired; a school (Continued on Page 6)



WORK OF constructing the earthfill dam at Bull Prairie reservoir, 45 miles south of Heppner, is near completion, as this photo shows. Layers of clay have been applied to the dam and road facing is now being applied. The reservoir will be one of the area's most popular outing and recreation spots when it is completed, filled and stocked with fish. Story on page 6 (G-T Photo)