

Livestock Man of Year To Be Named Saturday

Climaxing feature of the program of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association meeting this week-end will be the announcement of the county Livestock Man of the Year. The committee choice will be made known at the banquet at the fair pavilion Saturday evening.

From the number of candidates considered for the honor, the field was narrowed to three by the selection committee at a recent meeting. Choice between them will be kept secret until Saturday night. Finalists are Dick Wilkinson, Harold Wright and Elmer and Roger Palmer, who operate as a father and son combination.

A recent addition to the operation of Wilkinson, which includes a commercial herd of 500 Hereford cows, is a herd of 14 registered Herefords which will provide at least a part of the herd bull replacements needed each year. Stock water ponds and spring developments and eighteen individually fenced pastures assure better distribution on the range. A program of land leveling coupled with concrete head ditches and diversion dams further provides for more efficient production of the 1000 to 1500

tons of hay needed each year for this operation.

A program of constantly improving the 15,000 acres of range and pasture on Willow and Hinton creek watersheds which provides feed for the 500 cow herd won Wilkinson consideration for 1961 "Cattleman of the Year."

A complete beef operation, commercial and registered Hereford herds, with feedlot to carry through at least a part of the calf crop to the finished product characterizes the operation of Wright, as a contestant for 1961 "Cattleman of the Year." The 9,420 acre operation is well managed for the most efficient production of grass and hay for his three hundred-plus cow herd including 100 head of registered Hereford cows.

The use of heifers from the registered cow herd as replacements for the commercial cow operation characterizes the quality of Wright's Hereford cattle.

Callhood vaccinations for the prevention of Brucellosis, vaccination of feed lot cattle with red nose vaccine and following a strict spray schedule for control of grubs and lice contributes to the sanitation program carried out on this ranch.

A crossbreeding program started several years ago has substantially increased the weaning weight of weaner calves which Elmer and Roger Palmer market each fall from their herd of 85 cows.

The Palmers are first livestockmen to go to a three-way cross in a beef crossbreeding program. With an original cross of Shorthorn on Hereford cows, replacement heifers have been kept which are now being crossed with Angus. This practice has contributed to the 1961 weaning weight of 430 pounds with one-half the calves from two year old heifers calving in April and May. This practice combined with brush cleaning and grass seeding, water development and deferred and rotation grazing has earned this operation a spot for consideration for 1961 "Cattleman of the Year."

Fire Protection Discussion Set

A public round table or panel discussion on fire fighting by state and federal forest fire fighting agencies is planned for early in February as a result of interest in the matter expressed here.

Frank Weatherford, Representative of the 22nd district, told members of Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday that he had talked to Dwight Phipps, state forester, of the possibility of holding such a meeting in the area to bring out "all aspects of state forest fire fighting." Chamber members agreed to back such a meeting with U. S. Forest Service personnel asked to attend to explain their policies.

The meeting is designed to see if the state and federal agencies can better coordinate their fire fighting activities in the public interest.

Orville Cutsforth, who first brought the subject up at a chamber meeting, said he knew a lack of cooperation existed but said he felt it was the result of policies set down by the agencies themselves, and stressed that it was not the result of decisions on the local level. Neither the state fire fighters nor the U. S. Forest Service personnel are permitted to fight fire on land under the jurisdiction of the other, he contended.

"This may be all right as far as policy goes," he said, "but it is all wrong for the taxpayer."

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ASCS Sets Spring Signup For Growers

Spring signup for the 1962 wheat stabilization and feed grain programs will start February 5, and run through March 30.

Growers who wish to participate in either or both of these programs must sign an intention to participate form before March 30, to be eligible for a diversion payment and price support on the particular commodity.

To be in compliance with these programs, a grower must divert a minimum of 10% of his wheat base and 20% of his feed grain base.

For full details on individual requirements, stop in at the county ASCS office before the end of the signup period.

Awards Presented Auxiliary Work At Annual Meet

The annual meeting of Pioneer Memorial hospital auxiliary was held in the courthouse on Monday evening.

W. I. O'Harra, hospital administrator, presented auxiliary pins to members who had completed 100 hours or more of volunteer work at the hospital during the last year. Those present to receive their pins were Mrs. Hazel Mahoney and Mrs. Nora Turner of Heppner. The others who were entitled to pins but were not present, were Mrs. Dee Gribble and Mrs. Edna Turner of Heppner. O'Harra also presented certificates of award to Mrs. Bertha Hunt of Lexington, for completion of 630 hours, and to Mrs. Rufus Piper, also of Lexington, for 1150 hours work. Others who have given almost 300 hours each are: Mrs. Catherine Thorne, Ione; Mrs. Lola Breeding, Lexington; Mrs. Faye Munkers, Lexington; and Mrs. Elaine Rietmann, Ione.

Projects completed in 1961 were reported. With the cooperation of the Rhea Creek and Willow Granges and other organizations of the county, the auxiliary purchased four walkers for use in the rest home and hospital. Seventeen quilts have been made by members and friends of the auxiliary for patients in the rest home and children's ward.

Projects for the coming year will be a resusitator and covers for some of the chairs in the hospital. The purchasing of more wheel chairs was also discussed.

It was voted to change the meeting day of the organization to the third Monday of every other month. The next meeting will be March 19 at 7:30 p. m., the place to be announced later.

Officers elected for 1962 were Mrs. Piper, president; Mrs. Bertha Hunt, vice president; Miss Leta Humphreys, secretary; Mrs. W. C. Rosewall treasurer, and Mrs. Elaine Rietmann, the outgoing president. 3-year term member of the board.

Fallout Shelter Survey Under Way

All buildings in the county which would reduce radiation by a factor of 20 are being listed in a survey started at the courthouse Wednesday. The survey is part of the nationwide search for buildings which can be used as fallout shelters "in case of atomic attack."

Oliver J. Domreis, engineer, is checking assessors cards and maps at the courthouse in search of location of such buildings. He said the type he was looking for was mainly two story buildings with basements, not necessarily large. In fact, he indicated that larger buildings were less apt to provide adequate shelter. A large building requires a greater weight to provide the same protection," he said. Shelters are best when below ground, the engineer stated and said that the protection was provided by the mass of material between the individual and the fallout.

Both public and private buildings in the county are being considered.

Second phase of the program will be a physical check of the buildings which this preliminary survey indicates would provide the required radiation reduction, and will be followed later by a third phase.

Domreis represents Moffitt, Nichols and Taylor, a Portland firm of civil engineers who have a contract with the U. S. Army Corps of engineers to make the survey. The army engineers are administering the program for the office of civil defense.

The preliminary survey is to be completed in 18 eastern Oregon counties by February 10 and the physical check of buildings is expected to follow immediately.

Heppner PTA Elects Nominating Trio

A nominating committee to choose a slate of officers for 1962-63 Parent-Teacher association was named at Heppner PTA meeting Wednesday night. Mrs. Robert Hopper was named by the executive committee, and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn and Hillard Brown were nominated from the floor. All were elected.

Plans were made for the amateur show to be held March 9 with admission prices of 75 cents for adults, 50 cents for high school students and 25 cents for grade school students. Tickets will be sold by 7th and 8th graders with one ticket awarded to each student for every nine tickets he sells.

President Robert Hopper will name a committee to be in charge of arrangements for the amateur show.

Mrs. Arnold Melby, program committee chairman, introduced Don Turner, who showed the picture, "Communism on the Map." A discussion period followed with questions answered by Turner.

Mr. Cole's seventh grade room won the room count.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served in the cafeteria by room mothers of the 5th and 6th grades.

Lodges To Install

A joint installation of officers for Willow Lodge No. 66 and San Souci Rebekah No. 33 is planned for Saturday, January 20. A potluck supper will be served at the beginning of the evening at 6:30 p. m. All members are urged to plan now to be present.

TB Patch Tests Given At Schools

Tuberculin patch tests were given to 7th and 12th graders at Heppner schools Monday. They will continue at all schools in the county during January.

The program is sponsored jointly by the Morrow County TB and Health association and the Morrow County Health department, according to Mrs. Velma Glass, public health nurse. The tests will be administered to all students in grades 1, 7, and 12 in the Boardman and Irrigon schools.

In Heppner, Ione and Lexington students in grades 7 and 12 only will be tested since local physicians had agreed to include the tuberculin skin tests in the pre-school physical examinations for all first graders.

The patch test consists of an adhesive strip impregnated with dried tuberculin being applied to the skin for 48 hours. The test is "read" 48 hours after removal of the patch. The majority of those tested show no reaction at all, Mrs. Glass said. Even if red spots appear after the tape is removed it does not mean that active tuberculosis is present; it simply indicates that further examination by means of a chest X-ray and physical examination by the doctor should be done.

"Tuberculin testing, along with routine chest X-rays, are our best methods of detecting tuberculosis, a disease that can be cured if treated early," Mrs. Glass said.

Methodists to Hear Pendleton Manager

Methodist Men will hear a talk by M. O. Gardner, Pendleton city manager, at their January breakfast meeting in the Heppner Methodist church Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

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All members of the Methodist men are urged to attend the breakfast and each is requested to bring a friend. Non-members are also welcome.

Two Banks Raise Savings Interest

First National Bank of Oregon has boosted its interest rate to 3 1/2 per cent on regular savings deposits, it was announced today by Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide banking system. The rate will be retroactive on accounts to January 1. Simultaneously, the Bank of Eastern Oregon announced a similar increase in interest rate on savings accounts through Gene Pierce, local manager.

The new rate will be figured on minimum monthly balances and will be compounded and paid quarterly, Voss said.

Authority for the new high-interest rate on savings was provided by recent action by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Commission when they boosted the ceiling on the authorized rate from three to 3 1/2 per cent for regular savings on deposit at commercial banks.

Family Adopts Son

Stephen Paul, who was one month old on January 2, joined the family of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Wolfington on December 20. Rev. Wolfington is minister of the Assembly of God church in Heppner. They also have a daughter, Mary Ann, who is two years old.

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Townsend Leaves; Rea New Manager

Dave Townsend, manager of Tri-County Equipment Company of Heppner since October, 1960, has been promoted to manager of the Arlington store of the company, and Gerald Rea, who has been with Tryco and Emco, its predecessor, for five years, has been named manager of the local branch.

Townsend took the management here two months before the firm changed from Emco to Try-

co. He has been active as a Cub Scout leader and in Chamber of Commerce work. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have one son, Bruce, 9.

Rea, who was born in Ione, is well known here. Recently he has been working on sales for Tryco.

Townsend said that his family will move to Arlington as soon as a suitable residence can be found.



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