

125 Attend FFA Banquet; Rill Chosen Star Farmer

Heppner High school's chapter of the Future Farmers of America was host to parents and guests at an impressive banquet Thursday night, February 22, in the Catholic Parish hall. Some 125 were present for the dinner, in all.

William Rill, chosen Star Chapter Farmer, walked off with a lion's share of awards, getting nine in addition to the Star Farmer honor. The youth's father, L. H. Rill, was given the honorary degree ceremony by the FFA officers and joined the 22 other honorary members associated with the chapter.

President Merlin Hughes was master of ceremonies, and address of the evening was by Everett Struckmeier, who himself as a youth attained virtually every honor that the Future Farmers offer, from the local level to national. He discussed the history, type of organization, objectives and benefits of the FFA.

Chapter report was given by reporter, Harold Gray, and the national convention report was given by Bob Fetsch and Archie Ball, who attended the meeting in Kansas City, Mo.

Spencer Sampson furnished entertainment by singing "Trees," and "Wonderland by Night" with Carl Burkenbine as accompanist.

Officers taking part in the program, besides those mentioned,

were Rill as vice president; Gary Van Blokland, secretary; Ball, treasurer; and Bill Struthers, sentinel.

Advisor Gerald Jonasson presented awards as follows:

FFA Foundation awards—Soil conservation, William Rill, Ronald Becket, John Wagenblast, Frank Osmin, and Kenneth Wright; best farm plan—William Rill (plan donated by Ralph Richards); star greenhand, Kenneth Wright; livestock farming, William Rill; poultry farming, Chris Brown; crop farming, William Rill; public speaking, William Rill (also plaque donated by Rhea Creek grange).

Chapter Farmer degree pins—Spencer Sampson, Don Van Winkle, Dick Struckmeier, Ken Wright and Larry Monagle.

Morrow County Livestock Growers awards—Beef production, William Rill; sheep production, Kenneth Wright; swine production, William Rill.

Plaque for best livestock production—William Rill.

Troyco award (FFA knife)—Best freshman boy, John Wagenblast.

Outstanding scholarship award—Gary Van Blokland.

Outstanding achievement awards—(donated by Bank of Eastern Oregon)—Archie Ball, Gary Van Blokland, Bob Fetsch, William Rill, Merlin Hughes.

Star Chapter Farmer—William Rill. It was also announced that Rill will receive the State Farmer Degree at the state convention to be March 14 at Coos Bay.

Girls of the Future Homemaking chapter, with Mrs. Elmer Schmidt advisor, served the ham dinner that was topped off with cherry pie and ice cream, appropriate for George Washington's birthday.



IONE HIGH'S basketball team makes the tournament trail tonight when they play in the 7-B district meet at the Pendleton Armory, playing McEwen of Athena at 7 p. m. From left are Ken Nelson, Ken Klinger, Wayne Hama, Mary Padberg, Bruce Rigby, Tom Pointer, Ron Crabtree, Rollie Ekstrom, Jim Martin, Jerry Davidson, and Less Madden. In the foreground are Manager Mancell Townsend and Coach Glenn Biehl.

Cardinal Cagers to Play Tonight in 7-B Tournney

With a season's record of 12 wins and 6 losses and second place finisher in the western division of the Morrow-Umatilla B league, Ione High school's basketball team will face McEwen of Athena at 7:00 p. m. tonight (Thursday) in the district 7-B basketball tournament in the Pendleton armory.

The Cardinals will be the only Morrow county team in the tournament, since St. Joseph of Pendleton downed Riverside of Boardman-Irigan in a playoff for the fifth representative to the Morrow-Umatilla league.

Two come from the western division, two from the eastern division, and the fifth is determined by a playoff between third place finishers in the division.

Eight teams are entered in the meet.

Opening game was Thursday afternoon at 1:30 between Mt.

Vernon (18-3) and St. Joseph (11-10). Second game was between Umatilla (15-7), Morrow-Umatilla western division champs, and Prairie City (14-5) at 3 p. m.

Ione and Athena (19-3) play the first game tonight at 7:00 and McEwen is listed as one of the tournament favorites. Weston (16-4) and Spray (14-5) clash in the final game of the opening round at 8:30 tonight.

Winners advance in the championship bracket for games Friday night, and losers go into the consolation fight for games Friday afternoon. Should Ione win tonight, the Cards will play the winner of the Spray-Weston game at 8:30 p. m. Friday. If they lose, they go against the loser of the Spray-Weston fray at 3 p. m. Friday.

The Cards have their work cut out for them. In previous games this year they have been unable to defeat Athena, but may have some surprises in store for the McEwen five in the opener. Weston tied with Athena for the eastern division championship, and this means that Coach Glenn Biehl's boys will have almost as tough a row to hoe in the second round. Spray boasts a fine record for the year, too.

Seal Proceeds Climb; Free X-Rays Offered

Each community is reporting good results in the Christmas seal sale of the county health and tuberculosis association. Mrs. L. E. (Rachel) Dick reports. At this point, proceeds show the sale to be nearing the same total as last year, she said.

Free chest X-rays will be offered at the Pioneer Memorial hospital next Wednesday, March 7, from 7 to 8:30 as one of the activities sponsored by the association, she said.

William Schrunk Dies February 16

William Fred Schrunk, 80, brother of Albert Schrunk and Mrs. Dewey Britt, both of Heppner, died in West Linn February 16. Funeral services were Tuesday, February 20, at Holman Hankins and Rillance mortuary.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schrunk and Mr. and Mrs. Britt went to Portland for the services.

The deceased had retired from Crown Zellerbach Paper Co. after 31 years of service. He was born in Germany and had lived in West Linn 40 years.

Surviving are his widow, Rose; two sons, Ivan, Hillsboro, and Roy W., Portland; two brothers, Herman, Oregon City, and Albert, Heppner; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Miller, Oregon City, and Mrs. Britt, Heppner; and five grandchildren.

Co-op Biddies to Meet

The Co-op Biddies will meet Monday, March 5, at 1:30 p. m. in the Lexington city hall. Different new crafts will be shown by members of the group.

Legion Groups Plan Joint Dinner Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will be host to Legionnaires, their families and friends, at a special potluck dinner meeting Monday night, 6:30 p. m., at the Legion hall.

American Legion's birthday will be celebrated at the dinner by the serving of special cake and ice cream, furnished by auxiliary members. A door prize will be presented to one lucky member who attends. Community singing is planned as a short program between the dinner and business meeting.

Mrs. Ayres' Mother Dies in The Dalles

Mrs. Catherine Bariletti died at The Dalles February 22 at the age of 71. Funeral services were Monday morning in The Dalles. Attending the services from here were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hevener, and Rev. Raymond Beard.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Ayres, four sons, Alfred, Moorhead, Minn; Lambert, Pendleton; Dennis, The Dalles; and Dr. Robert, Yakima, Wn.; also 16 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Municipal and Justice Court

Overtime parking, fined \$1.00; R. D. Nickles, K. Howard, Dolores Thorpe, and Barbara Leyva.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients in Pioneer Memorial hospital this week are: John Cordero, Condon; Alfred Troedson, Heppner; Pat Cutsforth, Lexington; Mabel Davidson, Ione; Aline Adams, Heppner; John Damon, Heppner; Grace Nickerson, Heppner; and George Steagall, Lexington.

Those dismissed this week were: Kenneth Blake, Heppner; James Craig, Kinzua; Delores Bailey, Heppner; Denise Bloodsworth, Heppner; and Lucille Parrish, Heppner.

Talent Winners Asked To Appear On TV Program

A program of entries in the Amateur Talent Show, set for Friday evening, March 9, in the high school auditorium, is gradually taking shape, according to the committee in charge.

Further applications are encouraged and will be accepted through this week in any of the four divisions: pre-school, grade school, high school and adult. The committee needs to know by March 3 the number and kinds of entries and whether any special staging needs are desired in order to get the program organized and staging plans made.

An invitation has been received from "Teen Time," a TV talent show seen locally from the Tri-City TV station in Kennewick, Wn., for winners to appear on their show. They will also be given cash prizes from the PTA, the sponsoring organization, the night of the show.

Advance ticket sales are underway by the grade school children. Admission prices are set at 25c for grade school students, 50c for high school students, and 75c for adults.

Those still wishing to enter may call Mrs. Ed Dick, 6-9920 or 6-9633; Mrs. Mary Bryant, 6-9493; or Mrs. Robert Hopper, 6-5848.

School Bonds Win Voter Approval

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may be the first to get started now that the bond issue has been approved, Administrator Robert Van Houte said. Moving at the best possible speed, contracts can hardly be let before late in May, if then, he said.

Architects will need time to draw up plans and specifications in detail and call for construction bids must be given.

Work of the Riverside school cannot move forward until a site is selected and plans are finally approved.

Receiving votes of the election proved to be a dramatic affair. Returns were reported to the Heppner elementary school for tabulation. Count at Heppner was known among the first, giving a substantial lead to the proposal. However, Irigon, Rugg and Lexington whittled the lead. Fine City added one vote to the affirmative side. When the overwhelming negative vote was reported from Ione, it appeared that the issue had lost, since it trailed at that time in tabulations by 37 votes.

However, Boardman was the last to report and the rather surprising majority overcame the lone deficit and gave the issue the slim victory.

J. O. Hager, justice of the peace, returned to his office at the courthouse, Thursday after a week's bout with the flu.

Foresters Talk Fire Cooperation at Meet

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ever, that in six districts in Oregon and Washington last year the Service took action on 12 different fires not on its lands. One in northern Umatilla touched in only three acres of U. S. Forest land and yet the federal government spent \$250,000 in controlling the blaze that jeopardized the National Forest.

Criticism came up of a situation that was identified as occurring on Hunter Creek where a rumored "100 men" of the Forest Service refused to fight the fire until it crossed the water.

Herb Smith of Georgia-Pacific told the officials, "If you have a fire crew out, it should give private crews a hand."

Mallery and others from the Forest Service said that they had no knowledge of this particular situation, but said that the decision on whether Forest Service land is in jeopardy is the judgement of the man in charge. It is possible that his judgement may be in error, he said.

State Forester Phipps told of the agreement between the state and federal agencies that provides for a one-mile strip on each side of a common boundary in which either will take initial action on fires. If it is on land of the other, the responsibility for the fire shifts to the proper agency when its suppression crew arrives. In some instances, the agency with primary responsibility will ask the other to take jurisdiction because of its own lack of access or other reasons, he said.

Mallery reiterated that the Forest Service men are responsible to the General Accounting Office and cannot fight fires "way outside" National Forest lands.

Cutsforth then asked the question, "Is this policy too tight?" Mallery replied, "I think we have all the leniency we need. I don't know of a single instance where action or judgement has been wrong."

The discussions brought out the fact that a private operator or private citizen may, and should, act to suppress a forest fire on public lands. Reasonable costs incurred will be reimbursed by the responsible agency. Some timber sale contracts require the private operator to assume fire responsibility.

Ferguson asked, "Is it then legal for us to start fighting fire on public lands when we see it?" To which Wilson replied, "It is practically illegal if you don't."

Mallery pointed out that of 268 fires in the Umatilla Forest last year only eight became large. "This is not a bad record for us," he declared.

Crawford asserted that one of the breakdowns in fighting the Ditch Creek fire was the failure of loggers and individuals to fit into the "organizational pattern." One private party cost \$3000 when the job could have been done much better and cheaper if the person had "fit into organizational thinking," he said.

He also cited an instance when a seven-acre fire, handled by ranchers, cost \$2180 to suppress. Rep. Frank Weatherford who spoke briefly at the start of the meeting, added a concluding statement to the effect that if the state had bulldozers and equipment that it actually needs for fire fighting, taxes for this purpose would be triple what they are now.

Ray Williamson discussed his role in working with private operators in getting assistance on fires in the Heppner district. Ferguson proposed that logging operators might be asked to stay home on week-ends on a rotational basis to be ready for calls.

The meeting ended amicably. Some expressed the feeling that they had received a better understanding on the coordination and cooperation between agencies. Other private citizens pointed out that they had not realized before that they could take initial action on a fire without authorization.

However, Cutsforth said that he felt that some of the local taxpayers' questions remained unanswered.

The observation by several that lack of communications and understanding appeared to be a common problem that was responsible for much of the difficulty seemed to be the consensus of the group.

Among others present at the meeting were Richard L. Graham, Kinzua Corp., Barney Malcom, Heppner Lumber Co.; Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman; County Judge Oscar Peterson; Bill Scott, Kinzua Corp.; Jerry E. Asher, Bureau of Land Management; Glen Ward, Oregon State Game Commission; Milo Medlock, Gillingham-Wheeler-Pomona Grange Master; Carl McDaniel, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kenneth H. Keeling, Boise Cascade Corp.; Rae L. Johnson, Georgia-Pacific; and a number of ranchers and private citizens.

Deadline Friday On Tax Filing

March 2 is the deadline for filing personal property returns, Morrow County Assessor Oliver Creswick says.

The returns cover all personal property used to earn money. They apply to such things as business inventories, office furniture and equipment, farm and logging equipment.

Assistance or information regarding the returns may be obtained at the assessor's office in courthouse. The telephone there is 6-9421.

Pat Cutsforth III In Pioneer Hospital

Pat Cutsforth, 25, Lexington, was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital from a heart attack Tuesday morning, suffered while feeding cattle at the home of his father, O. W. Cutsforth.

The father reported today (Thursday) that Pat's condition is still serious and he was not permitted to visit him this morning.

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