

Crowds Due for Christmas Opening

Grain Growers Talk Certificate Plan at Busy Annual Meeting

With an agenda crowded with important matters, annual meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers in the fair pavilion Monday night was a busy affair. The new government certificate plan was up for scrutiny and consideration with the referendum vote ahead, an important amendment to the by-laws of MCGG was passed unanimously, a good report on the 1961 year despite a light crop was presented by President Paul Jones, and directors and officers were elected for the coming year.

Although business occupied much of the 3-hour meeting, there was time for entertainment, door prize drawings and enjoyment of the delicious champion 4-H beef dinner, prepared and served by ladies of the Willows Grange.

Four little granddaughters of Manager Al Lamb, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lamb of Seattle, furnished the entertainment. They sang three numbers. Their mother was accompanist.

Martha Doherty, state champion Soil Conservation District speaker, gave her winning talk to the audience that filled every place at the tables. Three hundred places were set. Martha was introduced by Ralph Richards of the Soil Conservation office.

Allen Tom of The Dalles, president of the Oregon Wheat League, told of the "fantastic" potential wheat markets in the orient and India in the principal address of the evening, and he also described the new farm program upon which growers must make a decision at the time of the referendum.

"You will be voting on whether to accept the certificate plan or whether you accept 50% of parity provided, you comply with the program," the state wheat leader said, "I question that we have any alternative but to vote for the certificate plan."

Tom said that at the Oregon Wheat League meeting Monday through Wednesday of next week he will ask the convention to adopt a resolution endorsing the new program or rejecting it.

However, he said, "I really believe that after about 30 years of work on the part of the Wheat League, this program is basically what we have been working for."

In the past farmers have been operating under the uncertainty of a one-year program. On the coming referendum they will vote on whether to accept the certificate plan and whether it should be on a one-, two- or three-year basis.

"Personally I would like to see it on a three-year basis so we can plan ahead," Tom said. The referendum requires a two-thirds vote for approval.

As to the potential wheat markets, Tom pointed out that over half the people in the world live in the Orient and that India is the second most populous country in the world. In 1966 India will have one-half billion people, Tom said, and its potential as a wheat market is "fantastic. . . beyond our imagination."

The Pacific Northwest is very dependent on the government programs, the speaker declared. Eighty per cent of its wheat production must be exported and 60% of the 80% is through government programs under Public Law 480.

"Our market for the future lies in the underdeveloped countries of the world," he said. He discussed "funny money," the term applied to payments from countries abroad for grain shipped to them. Because of their under-valued currencies, these nations' payments, or "funny money," are invested abroad. However, Tom described how this "funny money" works for good, through loans to foreign governments, grants for economic development, for health, education and welfare, loans to private business seeking to get established in the foreign countries, and for military and common defense.

Tom congratulated the Morrow Grain Growers on the "fine turnout" at the meeting and urged attendance at the coming state convention.

Paul Jones, president of the Morrow Grain Growers, opened the program by introducing directors and associate directors and extended welcome.

"The past year (crop year 1961) is one of which we can be very proud considering the moderate crop," he said. Net profit was \$72,000 and series 9 certificates, representing approximately \$35,000 were paid in cash. On series 20 certificates for the 1961 crop year, 10% was paid in cash and capital reserve cer-

tificates issued for the balance. Money paid to the growers is a definite help to the economy of the county, Jones said.

In the past 10 years, the Morrow Grain Growers have paid nearly \$250,000 in taxes.

"Thus, you can see that we not only do a favor for our own patrons, but to the whole community," the president stated. Jones discussed advantages of cooperatives and told of the new North Pacific terminal on the Columbia River at Kalama, Wn. This is an export facility, he

said, not a storage facility and can load a ship in one-third the time of any other elevator on the Pacific coast.

At the present, MCGG warehouses have 1,010,000 bushels of wheat stored and 800,000 bushels of barley.

While this appears to be one of the most favorable fall seasons on record for the crop next year, there is nothing to indicate that the Morrow Grain Growers will have one of 1's highest storage years, the president said. (Continued on Page 6)



ELDER ELWOOD BOYD

Elder Boyd Here To Serve Church

Elder Elwood Boyd, new pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church, arrived in Heppner with his family last Thursday and started with his duties Saturday. He is district pastor for the denomination, serving Heppner, Spray and Condon.

A graduate of Union College, Lincoln, Neb., Elder Boyd served various churches in Nebraska before coming here, the most recent being North Platte.

Family of Elder Boyd includes his wife, Doris, and five children, Bruce, 11; Kim, 9; Lynn, 7; Gail, 3 1/2; and Julie, 2.

The new pastor succeeds Elder David Bauer who has accepted a position at Truckee, Nev.

Meeting Slated To Consider Booth

Gene Pierce, chairman of a Chamber of Commerce committee, has called a meeting for Thursday night, November 29, at 8 p. m. in the Bank of Eastern Oregon to consider plans for a Morrow county booth that may be used at the state fair next year and at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

Members of his Chamber committee will be in attendance, and representatives are urged to be present from the City of Heppner, Morrow county, farm groups, larger industries and from all organizations that might have ideas or aid to give.

It is planned to raise funds and hire a professional firm to build the booth around ideas that may be suggested by those interested in furthering the county's interests. This first meeting will be to consider such ideas, Pierce said.

Tax Collections Climb over 85%

Property tax collections reached 85.6% of the total roll as of the November 15 disbursement deadline, it was reported Wednesday from the Morrow County Tax Collector's office.

This means that \$1,011,399.99 was paid by the deadline date for rebates, leaving only approximately \$182,000 yet to be collected on the total roll of \$1,193,680.76. Much of the amount to be paid will be collected on a quarterly basis.

Another story in this paper tells of the biggest payment—that by the Pacific Gas Transmission Co.—of more than \$84,000.

The 85.6% by the deadline is a higher total than usual and surprised those in the office. Payments were slow starting but late rush zoomed the total far ahead of an average year by this time.

Morrow Growers Have Large Part In State Meeting

Morrow county wheat growers will have a prominent part in the annual convention of the Oregon Wheat Growers League to be at the Multnomah hotel, Portland, Monday through Wednesday, November 26-28.

This county this year will be official hosts at the meeting and will have responsibility of welcoming those attending and extending hospitality.

Milton Morgan, lone, is second vice president of the state league and will give the response following the address of welcome by Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland Chamber of Commerce president, Monday.

Bill Barratt, Heppner, who has won a wide reputation as a toastmaster, will serve in that capacity at the annual banquet Tuesday evening at 7 p. m. Awards will be presented at this dinner meeting, including those of the cake baking contest. Bob Jepsen of Ione, chairman of the league's public relations committee, will announce the press award winners. He will also make a report of his committee, one of seven standing committees, at the business session on Wednesday before adjournment at noon.

Charles Allen Tom, The Dalles, president, will be in charge of the sessions, and a highlight of the 3-day meeting will be an address by U. S. Senator Maurine Neuberger, who will give the keynote speech Monday on the topic, "From the Rightside."

A no-host luncheon at noon with members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce in the Multnomah grand ballroom is also considered a highlight, and Morrow county growers are particularly urged to attend this dinner. Speaker will be Stary Gange, Visalia, Cal.

Applications Open For Postal Positions

James H. Driscoll, Heppner postmaster, announces that applications are being received by the Portland Regional Civil Service office until November 26, to establish a roster from which appointment to clerical positions can be made as the needs of the service require.

Forms may be obtained at the local postoffice to make application, with probably point of examinations to be in Pendleton. Starting wage would be \$2.26 per hour, with the probability that work offered would be on a part time basis. Some of the advantages of postal employment include low cost group life insurance, health insurance, paid vacation, and sick leave benefits. Employees obtaining a permanent status are eligible for civil service retirement benefits.

For further information, please contact the postmaster, or H. C. Wilson at the local post office.

New Ramp Poured At Fire Station

Getting the big fire trucks in and out of the Heppner fire department "barn" from now on will be considerably easier. New concrete ramp was poured this week, eliminating the old curb and sidewalk, City Superintendent Vic Groshens said. Previously chunks of tapered wood were used in the gutter to help get the trucks over the curb, but if they were approached at a slightly wrong angle they would cause the truck to lurch. Recently this resulted in smashing into a section of the block building and a small portion had to be replaced.

Work was done by Howard Keithley with Umattila Ready-Mix supplying the concrete.

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THIS BIG bear brought in Tuesday, November 13, by a quartet of Portland hunters was black as the night when they hauled him into downtown Heppner and hoisted him around from the back of a pickup for this picture. It was no easy job holding the unsupported end of the pole under the 300-lb. bruin's weight. The group who shot him while on an elk hunt include Bud Simmons, Larry Pert, Clark Maxfield and Roger Perkins. The bear, late for hibernation, was shot on the Glavey place. (G-T Photo)

Rash of Crashes Hits

A wave of accidents involving pickups, automobiles, a logging truck and one horse were reported this week as snow and icy roads hit the area higher up over the week-end.

The first accident occurred Friday afternoon on Ditch Creek road near Ditch Creek Guard station. Andy Van Schoiack was traveling up hill when he saw the other pickup, driven by Emery Clapp, Heppner, U. S. Forest service employee, coming down the hill toward him. Andy had stopped to let the other vehicle pass but due to the ice and snow on the road, Clapp was unable to get stopped and rammed the Van Schoiack pickup. The 1957 Willys pickup, owned by Farley Motor Company and leased to the U. S. Forest Service, sustained estimated damage of \$650. Van Schoiack's 1962 Ford pickup was damaged about \$250.

On Saturday noon and also on the Ditch Creek road, Michael Gray, driving a 1958 Chevrolet pickup and going north, collided with a 1962 Chevrolet pickup driven by Daniel Samuel Cox, Cheshire, Ore. The two met on a curve and because of the icy roads could not stop. Light damage was done to the left sides of both vehicles. No one was injured.

Ronnie Leonnig, 19, Heppner, going north on Willow Creek highway 74 near Jordan elevator, Sunday afternoon collided

with a herder riding a horse and herding cattle. Leonnig ran into the animal as he rounded the curve near the elevator. He could not stop in time to prevent hitting the horse and rider as they were in the right lane. The herder, Martin Echezarreta from Spain, is employed by George Rugg. He suffered a fractured knee cap. The horse was injured seriously and had to be shot. Little damage was done to Leonnig's 1961 Ford Galaxie and he was not injured.

A loaded logging truck belonging to the Owen Leathers, Jr. estate and driven by Kenneth Jenkins, Spray, narrowly escaped a serious accident as the brakes became hot and would not hold as it came off Heppner hill towards downtown Heppner last Friday. The truck was slowing down to stop at the stop sign between Gilliam and Bisbee and Fullerton Chevrolet when the brakes failed to respond. The driver saw Clayton Ayers going up Main and making a left turn on May and to miss him, Jenkins swerved the truck in close to the corner at Gilliam and Bisbee, turning right on May. The truck caught the state highway marker bending the pole and tearing off the directional sign, but only slightly touched the Ayers pickup. Ayers was unaware anything was wrong until he was hit. No one was injured and there was no damage to either vehicle.

Seal Campaign Has 'First Lady' Honorary Leader

The 56th annual Christmas seal campaign will get underway in Morrow county by December 1 with the mailing of letters and seals to all residents of the county by community chairmen, according to Mrs. H. J. Strober, county chairman.

In her capacity as National Honorary Chairman of the 1962 campaign, Mrs. John F. Kennedy, through a letter to William J. Martin, national tuberculosis association president, points out that "all Americans should be conscious of the continuing threat of tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases to the health of our people. Traditionally, Christmas Seals have been a potent weapon in the fight against these diseases. As National Honorary Chairman, I therefore urge all of my fellow Americans to continue their generous support of the Christmas Seal Campaign in 1962."

"Christmas Seals are a tradition in our family," the First Lady said last year when she accepted the first sheets of Seals from Charles O. Finley, the 1961 national chairman. "I can't think of a year when I haven't used them." The first Seal in her life pictured a merry little minstrel ringing a Christmas bell. It carried the message, "Health Greetings, 1929."

Serving as community chairmen, with Mrs. Strober, are Mrs. Harry O'Donnell, Heppner; Mrs. Gene Orwick, Lexington; Mrs. Paul Tews, Ione; Mrs. Ruth Coy, Boardman, and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe, Irrigon.

Officers of the Morrow County TB and Health Association, sponsors of the annual campaign, include Mrs. W. W. Weatherford, Heppner, president; Mrs. Jack Barak, Lexington, vice-president; Mrs. Herman Green, Heppner, secretary, and Mrs. Carl McDaniel, Heppner, treasurer.

Willow Creek Dam Meeting Scheduled

Meeting of the Willow Creek dam project coordinating committee is set for the evening of Monday, November 26, Oliver Creswick announces.

It is expected that the Army Corps of Engineers will have all estimated figures available on the dam and project at the time. At the last meeting some 35 local organizations were represented on the committee in attendance. The group has now grown to include more than 40 organizations, Creswick said.

27 Stores Offer \$250 In Prizes

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Santa Claus . . . \$250 in prizes in a window guessing contest . . . treats for the kids . . . downtown Christmas tree . . . free parking . . . and fine displays of gift merchandise.

These are some of the highlights of Christmas Opening to be in Heppner Saturday, under sponsorship of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Santa Claus is due at 1 p.m. Saturday on the main downtown corner.

Twenty-seven stores are participating in the guessing contest, and each is offering a prize averaging in value of \$10. The public—young and old—is asked to take part and go to every store to enter a guess. There is no obligation, and every person has a chance to win every prize.

The contest will open with unveiling of windows at 9 a.m. and will close at 4:30 p.m. In most instances, stores will ask those taking part in the contest to guess retail value of merchandise in window displays, but others will have variations of this theme. This is particularly true in the cases of those businesses who deal primarily in service instead of merchandise.

In order to participate, the person must get one of the guessing slips in the place of business, enter his name and address and the amount of his guess.

Stores participating are Anderson Builders Supply, Barratt Sales Co. (closes at noon so guesses must be made prior to that time), Case Furniture Co., Central Market, Helen Cox Flowers, L. E. Dick, Economy Market, Elma's Apparel, Gazette-Times, Gilliam and Bisbee, Gonty's, Heppner Auto Parts, Hotel Grill, Humphreys Drug, Lairds', Mi-Ladies, Pecks' Ski Shop, J. C. Penney Co., Peterson's Jewelers, Phil's Pharmacy, Red and White Grocery, Ron's Flowers, C. A. Ruggles Insurance Agency, Waggon Wheel Cafe, Woe-TV, Western Auto, Wilson's Men's Wear.

When Santa Claus arrives to greet children of the area, he will be prepared to give out sacks of candy, furnished through the cooperation of the Elks lodge. Randall Peterson has been making arrangements with Santa for the appearance and Jim Farley has been taking care of the candy for Mike White-smith, general chairman of the Christmas Opening.

The Christmas tree is the contribution of Jeff Walker, who volunteered to get it for the Christmas Opening as a gesture of goodwill for the children of the community. Harley Young is assisting with erection of the tree.

Merchants announce that they have fine stocks of gift merchandise for the holiday season and invite the public to come and browse through their stocks. One of the purposes of Christmas Opening is to show the selection and quality of gift goods available at home at economical prices without the need of going elsewhere.

Many firms tell of their stocks in advertisements in this issue of the paper, and the public is advised to read them and take advantage of buys offered. One business—Helen Cox Flowers and Gifts—offers free transportation to her shop, since it is outside the main business district. Any who wish to ride to her shop are asked to gather on the main downtown corner.

Those taking part in the guessing contest will find printed lists of all stores, prizes offered and rules at all the participating stores.

Schools Open House Dated November 28

Open house for schools in Heppner, both elementary and high school, will be Wednesday night, November 28, from 7:30 until 9 p.m., Principals Gordon Pratt and Hillard Brown announced.

It originally was planned to have the open house affairs during American Education week but conflicts prevented it.

All parents, townspeople and those throughout the area are invited to come, meet teachers, consult with them and visit classrooms during the evening.

Other dates announced for schools are for the Christmas programs—at the elementary school December 18 and at the high school December 19.



See Santa Saturday

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