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MANY FUTURE FARMER achievements were evident last Wednesday when honors were presented at the annual Heppner FFA chapter banquet in the Catholic parish hall. Bill Struthers, chapter president (fourth from right) is shown handing plaque to James M. Hager of Heppner after Hager was named honorary member. Bob Hager (left) was one of three cited for outstanding achievement; John Wagenblast (second from left) was chosen Star Farmer and received many other awards; Harold Gray (second from right) was cited for outstanding achievements, as was President Struthers; Hollis McDonald of The Dalles, State FFA president, (third from right) was principal speaker; and Gerald Jonasson (right) presented awards. (G-T Photo)

Many Honors Given At FFA Banquet

John Wagenblast of Heppner High chapter, Future Farmers of America, was named chapter star farmer and James M. Hager was initiated as an honorary member at the chapter's annual parent and son banquet attended by some 150 members, parents and other guests in the Catholic Parish hall Wednesday night, February 20.

Wagenblast, a sophomore in high school, received a number of other honors for his outstanding work, including a \$10 prize for his first year farming program, speech trophy from the Rhea Creek grange, scholarship pin, and a pin from the Morrow County Livestock Growers for his work on a beef project. He also was presented a jacket from the Pendleton Grain Growers for winning a contest on his first year record book recently.

Dick Flaize was selected outstanding freshman in the FFA program and received a knife donated by Fryco Equipment Co. Cited for outstanding achievement in the chapter and awarded plaques from the Bank of Eastern Oregon were Bill Struthers, Harold Gray and Bob Hager. Frank Osmin received the first place soil conservation trophy from the Heppner Soil Conservation district, together with a Foundation medal, and William Rill received the second place conservation trophy, given by Ralph Richards. Osmin also received a \$5 second prize for his initial farming program.

Ken Wright received the rotating plaque for general livestock excellence, and he also received a pin for his sheep project. Melvin McDaniel received a pin for his swine project. Tony Doherty, second to Wag-

enblast in scholarship by a small margin, was presented a pin for this achievement.

FFA foundation pins were awarded as follows: Poultry farming, Chris Brown; crop farming, John Wagenblast; farm mechanics, Melvin McDaniel; farm electrification, Harold Gray.

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Music Departments To Present Concert

The concert band of Heppner High school will be heard in a special program of individual and group numbers in the high school auditorium Thursday evening (tonight) at 8 p. m. Also on the program is a girls' vocal quintet, heard in two groups of numbers.

A clarinet duet number will be played by Annamaria Brindis and Kathy Ray; alto saxophone solo, Sandy McDonald; bass solo, Steve Warren; French horn solo, Sarah Strait, and baritone solo, Richard Clark.

Appearing in the girls' quintet are Pam Cochell, Sherron Bunch, Shirley Carlson and Judi Hamilton, accompanied by Lorraine Leonig.

Joining in popular trumpet trio numbers are John Cleveland, Chris Brown and Dick Struckmeier.

Other instrumental solos will be heard on the flute, by Janis Baker; trumpet, Dick Struckmeier and tenor saxophone, Laura Sumner.

Accompanists are Marti Dixon and Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens. Directing band numbers will be Arnold Melby, and vocal numbers by Mrs. Groshens.

Cardinals to Face Monument in Meit

Jone's resurging Cardinals will face Monument tonight (Thursday) at 7 p. m. in the district 7-B basketball tournament at the Pendleton armory. If they win, they will play the winner of the Athena-Mt. Vernon game at 8:30 p. m. Friday, and visitors of the contest will be in the finals Saturday at 8:30 p. m.

Winner of the tournament goes to the state B tournament. Should Jone lose tonight, the Cards will play at 3 p. m., Friday in consolation.

Coach Glenn Biehl's team finished third in the Umatilla-Morrow B league, and the first four teams qualify for the district meet, together with four from the south.

An added feature of the tournament will be the performance of the three Halvorsen boys and Tom Heimburger of Jone on the trampoline at half time of the second game tonight, (Thursday).

REMEMBER



National 4-H Club Week Set For March 2-9

Morrow county 4-H clubs are making plans to celebrate National 4-H Club Week, March 2-9 announced Joe Hay, Morrow county extension agent. Forty-four clubs with close to 350 Morrow county 4-H members will join 2,250,000 other 4-H members of the nation to publicize this well-known youth program sponsored by the Extension Service.

Club members will again be putting up window displays in stores throughout the county depicting some of the projects and activities the club has carried out through the year.

In addition to the window displays, the National 4-H Club Week committee, consisting of Mrs. Leo Ashbeck, Pine City, chairman; Mrs. Roger Campbell, Lexington; Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, Jone and Everett Struckmeier, Heppner, have planned other activities to be carried out through the week. Club members will present programs at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce on Monday, March 4; the Heppner Soroptimist club Thursday noon, March 7, and at the Rhea Creek and Lexington Granges, March 8 and 9. Other activities include the sending of "thank-yougrams" from the county agent's office on behalf of all 4-H members and leaders to "Friends of 4-H" for their fine support throughout the year. They will be wearing 4-H tags on their shirts and dresses to school to let other boys and girls know they are 4-H club members.

Restaurants throughout the county will be supplied with placards for their tables containing the 4-H pledge on one side and a table grace on the other side.

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be carrying a special section for 4-H news in their March 7 edition.

Justice of Peace James O. Hager Claimed by Death

Justice James O. Hager, 85, the "grand old man" of the Morrow County courthouse, died Saturday, February 23, after being in poor health for a number of months.

He had served as justice of the peace for the sixth district, Heppner, for 25 years, and when he ran for re-election last year, he was the oldest man running for election for any position in the state. Justice Hager ran without opposition and his re-election was a foregone conclusion because of the respect and esteem with which he was held.

Funeral services were Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church here with the Rev. Melvin Dixon officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Born at a sheep camp at Cayuse Station near Athena in Umatilla county, February 6, 1878, Hager's life was a colorful one that stretched back through a colorful era. He was the only son in a family that included eight sisters.

The family moved to Heppner when he was a tot, and his parents were engaged in the sheep business here. Hager attended Heppner High school and graduated from it in 1894, then attended the University of Oregon before returning to the family ranch. He has lived here ever since.

On September 29, 1909, he was married to Emma M. Baird in Heppner. They continued ranching until he was 35 years of age, and then they went into the drayage business.

On February 23, 1937, he was appointed justice of the peace by Governor Charles Martin and served continuously until he was forced to resign after suffering a stroke. Larry Cook, Sr., was appointed pro tem justice of the peace during his illness, and Oliver Creswick was appointed to the post after Mr. Hager's recent resignation. When he was elected last fall, it was the fifth time that he had won the position at the polls.

A longtime member of the Heppner Methodist church, Justice Hager also was a member of Neighbors of Woodcraft and formerly had been active in the Heppner Elks lodge.

Besides the widow, Mrs. Emma M. Hager, he is survived by two sons, Homer E. Hager of Hermiston and James M. Hager of Heppner; a daughter, Mrs. Harriet E. Shaw of Washington, D. C.; five sisters, Mrs. Grace Storey of Chilliwack, B. C., Canada, Mrs. Edith Leach of Pendleton, Mrs. Sybil Bran and Mrs. Ruth McMurdo, both of Heppner, and Mrs. Marie Sims of Pendleton; and four grandchildren.

Heppner made 23 on 68 attempts for about 33%. From one point of view, the game was lost on the free throw line for the Mustangs because they hit only 16 of 33 attempts in that department while Sherman made good on 16 of 26 tries.

Doug Bish, Ron Johnson and Doolin were the big guns in the Sherman attack and they provided a one-two-three punch that was mighty tough to handle. Since Bish and Johnson are only juniors it doesn't bode well for the future of other western division teams next year. Doolin and big Jack Kellogg graduate but most of the other Huskies will be back, and Heppner can have a go at the same club again.

Bish connected for 23 points and everyone of them hurt the Mustang cause, Doolin pumped in 15 and Johnson made 14. On the Heppner side, Padberg

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Golf Club Plans Biggest Year; Work Days Set

Willow Creek Golf club anticipates its biggest year, both in improvements on the Heppner course and in interest, Clint McQuarrie, president, said Thursday morning. Many plans have been made, initiation fee for membership has been lowered, several major projects are scheduled, and a special rate is offered for students who wish to play.

Of immediate importance are the work days scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, and the club is calling upon all of its members to respond to help out. A fleet of heavy equipment has

been lined up to assist, including four trucks, two caterpillars, two other tractors and a grader. "It isn't often that we get this much equipment assembled at the same time, and we need every person to come and help use it," McQuarrie said.

Those who can come and spend all day, either Saturday or Sunday or both, and those who can come only for an hour are asked to turn out. They will haul dirt, fill ditches, level land, pick up rocks, and do all manner of other projects.

No member will be permitted to play on the course while the work crew is on hand.

One of the major projects planned for the future is the finishing of the large house recently donated to the club by Frank Turner into a clubhouse. Rotten pine has been donated for the inside finish, a large gas range of restaurant size has been given the club, and a refrigerator has also been donated. Two houses formerly owned by the railroad were purchased by Turner for \$300 and he gave them to the club. The club then moved them to their present location near No. 1 tee.

Another project scheduled is that of piping water from the well to the house. Planting of a lawn is also slated.

Work is also underway on converting greens from sand to grass. No. 9 green is completed. No. 7 is started to grass. No. 1 needs fertilizer, top soil, and rocks must be removed, and No. 6 awaits solution of a water problem.

A ditch has been dug along the property line on No. 3 hole to take care of the water problem there.

Work days will be called periodically throughout the year, most likely to be on Sunday.

Initiation fee will be reduced from \$30 to \$10 until July 1, but membership will remain at \$30 per year. This includes a couple and their unmarried student children. It is expected that many here will want to take advantage of the low initiation fee and will join. Those interested should see or call Clint McQuarrie or Mrs. Harlan (Donna) McCurdy, Jr., secretary.

Students whose parents are not members may pay \$10 for a half year or \$20 for a full year's play for 25c for nine holes until the end of the school year.

At the club's recent annual meeting, all officers were re-elected for another year, including McQuarrie as president; Maurice Groves, vice president; Conley Lanham, treasurer; and Mrs. McCurdy, secretary.

Activities committee, which will plan for Sunday play, set up rules for the course and also handicap rules, consists of Harlan, chairman, Phil Mahoney, Harlan McCurdy, Jr., Lowell Gribble, Bob Cantonwine and Darrel Reisch.

WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	52	31	—
Friday	59	33	—
Saturday	63	32	—
Sunday	63	38	—
Monday	67	43	.11
Tuesday	56	29	—
Wednesday	54	36	—

Total rainfall for February was an even 2 inches.

'Big Bad Bomb,' Cause of Fuss, Furore, Turns Out to be Gentle Little Smoker

FLASH BULLETIN! Sheriff Bauman reported today (Thursday) that an enlisted man of the Navy came and claimed the "Big Bad Bomb" this morning.

If all the energy created by the fuss and furore over discovery of a small size smoke bomb here Saturday were contained in a tight place, it would be 100 times that which could ever be generated by the bomb itself.

Daily papers and wire services made a big thing out of "the bomb" after it was found behind the Anne Smouse house on Hager Street (Willow Creek highway) Saturday by four girls. Radio and television picked it up. The Navy and Army Ordnance got into the act, and late Wednesday afternoon sheriff C. J. D. Bauman received a call from Lieutenant Commander D. K. Dagle of the 13th Naval District, Whidbey Island, Washington.

The story was published Wednesday that the sheriff had buried the bomb on orders of the Navy when they decided that it was a live bomb. However, when the story appeared, "the bomb" was not



MRS. BEVERLY DOHERTY, chairman of the ways and means committee of Beta Omega, Ione, hands check to Mrs. Ruth Casebeer, director of nurses at Pioneer Memorial hospital, in payment for two Baumanometers for use in taking blood pressure (shown in foreground). Mrs. Darlene Hoskins, president of Beta Omega, looks on. The Ione organization sponsors a similar project each year. (G-T Photo)

Beta Omega Boosts Hospital with Gifts

If you've been a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital, chances are that some of the equipment used in your care was donated to the hospital by one of a number of organizations and individuals.

If you enter any time from now on, it is quite likely that one of the new Baumanometers, donated by Beta Omega, of Ione, will be used on you. But don't be alarmed—don't let the name frighten you. It is merely a device used in taking blood pressure and will supplement the smaller units used by the staff.

This week Beta Omega, through its president, Mrs. Robert (Darlene) Hoskins, Mrs. Charles (Beverly) Doherty, chair-

man of the ways and means committee, and Mrs. Sam (Alice) Crawford, a member of the same committee, presented a check for \$100 to Mrs. Marvin (Ruth) Casebeer, director of nurses, to pay for the Baumanometers.

The devices are floor models for taking blood pressure and will be used in the delivery room and in the recovery room. Beta Omega, which plans on at least one such project each year, is dedicated to such work. A few years ago they gave a dozen bathtubs to the hospital. On another occasion they gave monetary assistance to a nurse who was severely burned in an apartment fire, helping with her personal expenses and buying new clothing.

Probably their largest public service project was piping water to the cemetery at Ione, which cost in the neighborhood of \$800.

The organization is also concerned with the Society for Crippled Children and Adults and has agreed to conduct the Easter Seal campaign here. Their aid, in this connection, extends to the Crippled Children's Hospital in Eugene.

Money for the Baumanometer was raised through a benefit movie and other undertakings.

Beta Omega isn't a large organization, consisting of only about 20 members. But the work they have done to help others in their 10 years' existence has been significant here.

Mrs. Casebeer put it into words. "We certainly do appreciate these gifts. They mean a great deal to us."

Foreclosure List Publication Due

Real property foreclosure list for Morrow county will be published probably next week, the office of Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reports.

Anyone who has two year taxes three or more years delinquent will appear on the list. Those who pay prior to the publication of the list will have their names removed.

After the list is published, the delinquent taxpayer is charged a 2% penalty plus interest. Publication of the delinquent personal property list was published recently.

Sherman Wins, Mustangs' Hopes Die

Heppner High's high hopes for a state tournament basketball team, sustained through one of its best seasons on record, died Tuesday night.

Sherman county's high-gear team won the playoff game to decide supremacy of the western division of the Greater Oregon league in the neutral Condon gym, 66-62, before an overflow crowd estimated at 1100 persons. The teams were tied at the end of the regular season, each with a record of seven wins and one loss.

Balance of the Moro five and accurate shooting at crucial moments of the game proved to be the deciding factor of the contest. Hustle exhibited by the influenza-ridden Mustangs brought the battle right down to the wire, and with only 37 seconds left in the game they were just one point short, 62-63. With only 13 seconds to go, the Heppner five still had a chance as they worked the ball under their own basket. It went out of

bounds, and the Heppner partisans felt that a Sherman lad touched it last, but the officials ruled a jump ball. Sherman got the tip, and that did the trick.

Three more points were added to the winners' total on a single free throw by Bill Rayon and two by Bill Doolin as time ran out.

Heppner had the lead eight times during the ball game, but never by more than one point. They were ahead, 6 to 5, in the first quarter; 25-24 and 27-26 in the second quarter; and five times in the blazing third quarter that kept the crowd in a frenzy, 42-41, 44-43, 46-45, 48-47, and 50-49. Only once was the game tied, that at 12-12 in the first quarter.

The Huskies were ahead of the Mustangs five points at half-time, 37-32, and in the fourth quarter built up the margin to eight points at one time, 52-60, after Ken Blagg had fired one through the hoop with only 3:32

left to go. Seemingly hopelessly outdistanced, the Mustangs came roaring back. John Porter hit a free throw, and Dick Springer made good on one of two gift shots. At 2:41 Lee Padberg, who played a courageous game with a temperature of 102 as he battled both the flu and Sherman county, whipped in a bucket, then jumped in another at 2:02, bringing the count to 58-61, but with 54 seconds left, Shan Applegate desperately applied the steam for the Mustangs, driving in for two points and quickly following with two more at 37 seconds to go, making it one point short, 62-63.

Concluding personal fouls were committed in desperation and the Moro five made good on them to capture the game. There was no denying the fitness displayed by the winners. Official record shows their shooting average at 37% on 25 of 68 attempts, but most Heppner observers would swear it was

better than that. Heppner made 23 on 68 attempts for about 33%. From one point of view, the game was lost on the free throw line for the Mustangs because they hit only 16 of 33 attempts in that department while Sherman made good on 16 of 26 tries.

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