

Secretary of Agriculture Commends Heppner Soil Conservation District

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman has written to Raymond J. French, chairman of the Heppner Soil Conservation district, stating his commendation of the district in its action in updating the soil and water program and modernizing the Memorandum of Understanding with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"The Heppner district was the first in the state of Oregon to update its program and modernize its Basic Memorandum of Understanding with the U. S. Department of Agriculture as requested by them.

"This is an important initial step in helping private landowners move forward more effectively with their soil and water conservation effort," Secretary Freeman said.

"The district movement has gained enormous strength over the past quarter century because you and other dedicated men have given freely of your time, energy, and imagination in the finest tradition of democratic action and self government.

"We are on the threshold of a new era in the management of our resources—of land and water, forest and wildlife—by our people," he continued. "I am convinced that your district has an important part to play in giving reality to our broadened concepts of conservation and wise land use. I urge you to push forward in every way you can conceive to achieve maximum advancement in the conservation and development of our soil and water resources within your district."

T. P. Helseth, state conservationist, pointed out that the Heppner district was first in the state to update its program at the request of the USDA, which pointed out that the Memorandums in use until early this year were designed for use a generation ago and not for the 1960's.

In a letter to French, Helseth said, "This indicates good progress and I am sure that all the agencies in the Department stand ready to assist you in taking advantage of the new opportunities in moving ahead with your soil and water conservation program."

The district submitted a detailed local program with its signed copies of the Memorandum in late February or early March of this year. It was signed by Chairman French and Secretary Nels Anderson. Assisting were Ralph Richards, work unit conservation, and supervisors of the district.



RAYMOND FRENCH
Chairman, Heppner Soil Conservation District



RALPH RICHARDS
Work Conservationist, Heppner Soil Conservation District

Memorial Picnic Plans Underway

Plans are underway for the annual Morrow County Memorial Day reunion and picnic, to be at the fair grounds building on Thursday, May 30, Don Turner, chairman, announces.

Soroptimists club will have charge of registration, which will begin at 10:30. A potluck buffet will be served promptly at noon, Turner said. Members of Heppner Rainbow for Girls will serve.

County Judge Oscar Peterson will welcome visitors and Father Raymond Beard will deliver prayer.

Mrs. Ed (Eleanor) Gonty is secretary-treasurer of the event. There will be prizes awarded the oldest pioneer present, the former Morrow county resident coming the greatest distance to the meeting, and for the oldest continuous Morrow county resident.

Two Win Prizes In Fish Contest

Michelle Evans won first prize for girls and Greg Greenup won first prize for boys in the Opening Day Fishing contest sponsored by the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers, John Pfeiffer, judge, said. Michelle's fish was 12 inches and Greg's was 12 1/2 inches.

Another boy brought in a batch of 10 for measurement, but all were under the winners, Pfeiffer said. Except for a few phone calls, these comprised the entry list.

Opening day proved a discouraging proposition for the youngsters, with the rain and snow bringing creeks to a high and roily state.

Elections Coming; Absentees May Vote

Those who vote in school elections in the county on Monday, May 6, will be faced with four separate ballots, Supt. Robert Van Houtte states.

There will be one ballot for election of a director from the Heppner zone with Conley Latham and Andy Van Schoiak being the candidates for the one position, that being vacated by L. E. (Ed) Dick. Another will seek the recall of Fredrick Martin, lone, from the board.

A third will be a budget vote on the Blue Mountain Area education district, and the fourth will be on the election of director for the district.

Absentee ballots are available for those who will be out of the county on election day. They may be obtained by application to Beverly Gunderson, clerk of the Morrow county district, in the courthouse.

Rummage Needed For Coming Sale

May 24 and 25 is set for the semi-annual Rummage Sale sponsored by the Civic League which helps support the kindergarten. This spring the two-day sale will be held in the old Bakery building.

Anyone having clothing, toys, books, furniture and household items is asked to call Mrs. Berry (676-5356), Mrs. Jack Ploybar (676-5356), or Mrs. Jimmy Proek (676-9412) for pickup and delivery. The clothing will be laundered and the better clothing cleaned. The sale sponsors say not to throw away those unused items during spring house cleaning, but give them to the Civic League for the Rummage Sale.

Trampoline Boys Add New Thriller With Para-Kite

A new sport which is just dangerous enough to increase the thrill aspect was introduced in Eastern Oregon on Saturday afternoon when lone's trampoline boys tackled their newly acquired Para-kite for the first time.

Using one and one-half miles of runway on Heimbigner's ranch, the boys took turns flying the Para-kite which was towed behind a powerful automobile.

Tom Heimbigner took the first ride and was so obviously thrilled by it that Joe Halvorsen could hardly wait for his turn. After watching these two boys having so much fun, "Old Ray" simply had to give it a whirl. He had a little bit of difficulty when he started though. It seems that the 200 pounds of wheat took a lot faster takeoff speed and he could hardly sprint fast enough to get the job done. However, with a little bit of luck, he became airborne and then it was nothing to get him up to the 45 foot level at which the tow-rope length seemed to allow the rig to perform best.

After this, young Mark Halvorsen made his first flight and he was quickly followed by Rolie Ekstrom. Most common complaint was that hands got cold from the speedy ride through one and one-half miles of cold air.

Originally acquired for use in their water ski show on Labor Day, they find that it works so well on land that it will be a year-around part of their activity program.

Anyone who would like to see the Para-kite in action will be able to do so when McNary Yacht Club holds its annual Boater's breakfast sometime in the near future.

Actually the Para-kite is nothing more than a conventional parachute with slits cut into it in such a manner as to give it the necessary lift when it is towed by any vehicle which has sufficient power and weight to do the job adequately. The manufacturer recommends not less than 150 horsepower if a boat is used as the power supply.

Snow Ditches Bus

Some school students of the Hardman area did not get to school in Heppner last Thursday because a bus slid into the ditch after attempting to get through a two-foot deep snowdrift on the highway. The driver, Don Clark, was alone in the bus, on his way out to pick up a load. Wrecker of Farley Motor Co. pulled the bus out of the ditch.

Injured Youth Still Unconscious

Robert Ashmead, 17, of Spray, remained unconscious in Pioneer Memorial hospital Thursday morning following a one-car accident between Fossil and Condon Saturday night. His condition was reported as "fair."

A companion, Mike Kyle, 21, also of Spray, was dismissed from the hospital Monday. Ashmead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashmead suffered severe concussion and lacerations and Kyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kyle, sustained contusions of the chest, lacerations of the head and neck and mild concussion.

The two had been to Roseburg to attend the funeral of Kyle's grandmother when their car hit a slick spot on the highway and went out of control. Both were thrown against the windshield. It was snowing at the time of the accident.

Touring Drama Group to Stage Play on Friday

Stage will be set in the Heppner Christian church Friday evening, April 26, for presentation of the dramatic religious play, "Rehearsal in Kerioth," by the Heritage Players, a touring troupe of highly experienced actors from Eugene, according to Rev. Charles Knox, pastor.

The play will start at 7:30 p.m., with no admittance charged. A free will offering will be received to cover costs of presentation.

"Rehearsal in Kerioth," written and directed by Ronald Coulter, one of the actors, is centered about a modern young actor and actress who are unsympathetically rehearsing the roles of Judas Iscariot and Mary of Magdala. During rehearsal they in their imagination become the characters. The drama re-humanizes these characters, stripping them of two thousand years of tradition and literary cliches and reveals unique insights into the "treachery" of Judas and the beauty of forgiveness.

Featured artists include Carolyn Bartell of Tacoma, Wn.; Steven Williams, Seattle, Wn.; Mr. Coulter, drama instructor at Northwest Christian College, Eugene, and Jeannine Kay, Eugene, program coordinator and operator of the complex lighting and sound systems.

The public is cordially invited to attend, with special invitation to church groups and to young people who are interested in seeing exceptional acting, costuming and use of special effects.

Workday And Tryouts Slated for League

A call goes out again for fathers of Little League players and prospective players to gather Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at the field for a workday. The fence and dugouts will be put in place and a new permanent backstop will be made.

Starting at 2 p.m. all boys between the ages of 8 and 12, inclusive, and not now on a Little League team, will have a chance to try out for the three Heppner teams. At the close of this session the managers will select the players needed to fill out each 15-man team roster. Also at this time the Farm Team managers will be present to sign up the 5-year olds and others not on a team. They will practice during the summer and have practice games with the Lexington Farm team.

Coach Joe Yocum has called a practice for the Indians Little League team for Saturday afternoon at 4:30 at the school field. This team is made up of Lexington and lone boys and completes the 4-team league of Willow Creek Little League.

Piano Pupils Appear In Public Recital

Piano students of Mrs. Virginia C. Turner will be heard in public recital Sunday afternoon, April 28, at 4 p.m. at the First Christian Church. Guest artist will be Mrs. Warren Miller who will sing two vocal numbers. Parents and friends are encouraged to be present for the annual event.

Appearing on the program will be Gail Batt, Marti Dixon, Gwendolyn Drake, Susan

Gun Club Takes Third in State, Brown is Winner

Top shooters of the Morrow County Gun club combined with those of the Pilot Rock Gun club on Sunday to take third place honors in the State Junior Telegraphic Shoot-off at the Portland Gun club grounds.

The team posted a total of 475 out of a possible 500, and was topped only by Gresham Elks at 482, and the Portland Elks with 478. Around ten clubs were in competition.

Dale Brown, Heppner, was high individual shooter, scoring 99 out of a possible 100. He returned to his state championship form displayed at other meets, with excellent marksmanship to win over all other individual entries.

Making the trip from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Hershaw Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. George Snider, Harvey Smith and Luke Bibby.

The Morrow county club will have its annual spring shoot on May 26, with neighboring clubs invited to compete for the perpetuating purse. It will also participate in the Elks Memorial shoot-off in Condon next week.

Drake, Ricky Gimbel, Susan Jensen, Charlene Knox, Christine Lindstrom, Susan Lindstrom, Cheryl Lundell, Kathy Melby, Susan Melby, Sara Miller, Lee O'Connor, Martha Peck, John Rawlins, Jean Siewert, Paula Siewert, Judy Smith, Jean Stockard and Dee Anne Wagner.

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