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Gar Swanson Chosen Morrow's 80th Year Conservation Man of the Year

A complete strip-cropping program on 1920 acres of crop land has brought Garland Swanson of Ione the title of 1963 Conservation Man of the Year for Mor-

row county. The selection will be announced officially at the annual meeting of the county Wheat Growers association Tuesday night, June 11, at the Lexington Grange hall at 8 p.m. Ralph McEwen, new admini-

trator of the Oregon Wheat Commission, will be the principal speaker at the meeting and will discuss foreign wheat markets in his talk. Paul Tews, president, is in charge of the meeting.

Swanson was selected as the Conservation Man for 1963 by a committee composed of Bob Jepsen, Ione, chairman; Elmer Palmer of Eightmile, 1962 win-ner of the conservation title; Raymond Lundell, representing the soil conservation district; Tews, as representative of the ASCS; Nels Anderson, county agent; and Ralph Richards, soil conservationist, the latter two being ex-officio members.

After operating a grain buying business in 1933 that was started by his father, Swanson began operation of his first farm in 1938, and it has been enlarged to the present size.

Interest in farming came nat-urally for Gar since his father interspersed farming ventures with the grain buying business. The father, John Emil Swanson operated the Farmers Elevator Co. in Ione, and became the first manager of Morrow County Grain Growers when it started in June, 1930. Gar, who at various times was

also in the farm machinery business and had the Standard Oil wholesale business in Ione, built elevators on the east end of Ione and sold them in 1946 to Archer Daniels Midland Co., which la-ter sold them to the Morrow

County Grain Growers. Swanson's wheat field south of Ione, 1200 acres in all, presents a beautiful picture of strip cropping with 26 strips carefully established, each 203 feet wide. They are designed to fit his farm implements so that there is no wasted motion. The strips are a mile and a half long. In addition to providing ease of operation, the strips offer fire

protection by interspersing the fallow strips with strips of grain. The straight edges took some care to achieve with Gar finally The straight edges took some ing schools observed with international care to achieve with Gar finally using the ingenious method of sighting with a telecope rifle to set stakes in a straight line.

signting with a telecsope fille to set stakes in a straight line. This ingenuity characterizes the 1963 Conservation Man of the Year. He built the first hyd-raulically-controlled hitch for drilling wheat on steep land, and he was one of the first to use a weeder with penetrating shovels for making stubble shovels for making stubble mulch and used the disk plow before turning to the more modern implements for making



GAR SWANSON of Ione, chosen Morrow county's Conservation Man of the Year, holds a handful of stubble mulch on his farm op-eration south of Ione. Strip cropping undulates over the land-scape in the background. (G-T Photo)

Free Swim Due At Pool Saturday Class of '63 Reaches New Scholarship Peak

"What the world needs most , State scholarships were awardthat are willing to tackle any crisis, are willing to accept any challenge, will use their full po-lege of Education; Virginia that are willing to accept any filon scholarship is challenge, will use their full po-tential, and will never stop Springer received an alternate is learning." These were words of fee and tuition scholarship to challenge to Heppner High Oregon College of Education; graduates by their commence-ment speaker, Dr. Henry Tetz, full tuition scholarship to East-professor at Oregon College of ern Oregon College, and Leanne and School Joynes received a four year partment speaker, Dr. Henry Tetz, Turt Argon College, and Leanne professor at Oregon College of ern Oregon College, and Leanne Education, and former school superintendent in Morrow coun-ial tuition scholarship. Ann to at commencement exercises Jones, through the University of ty, at commencement exercises Wednesday, May 29, in the high school gymnasium. Oregon Development Fund, was granted a \$500 per year, four year scholarship at U of O.

A packed audience of friends and relatives of the 32 graduat-ing seniors observed with inter-

arsnips for advanced learning; an increase of \$2000 over what Graduates processed in their blue and gold caps and gowns to music by the high school band. Following the invocation by Rev. Kenneth Robinson, Martha Doherty welcomed those attending in her salutatory paeed and challenged fellow users in the world of graduates of stating participation in the band furing grade and high school years, \$200 band. Following the invocation bus as to a deserving entries to a deserving entri ern implements for making attending in her salutatory "I have never moldboard plow-"I have never moldboard plow-ed an acre in my life," he de-clared. (Continued on page 8)



Go-Ahead Given on Bowling Lanes

Merchants to Honor Fathers Next Week

Merchants of Heppner will honor fathers of the area at their first annual Fathers Day promotion next week end, Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants committee announces.

Father's Day is June 16, and the observance here will be June 15. Special bargains for Father's Day will be offered together with other appropriate attractions to be announced next week.

charge.

5 p.m.

Nels Anderson Gets Dow 5-State Study Tour Grant

Recipient of a Dow Study Tour scholarship grant, County Agent Nels Anderson will leave Sunday for Salt Lake City, Utah, to join county agents from 11 western states for a month-long trip in five states.

The Morrow county agent is the only one chosen this year from the state of Oregon. On the tour, which has a broad itin-erary, he will view various farm-ing practices, demonstrations, irrigation projects fertility pro-grams, food industries, and agribusiness.

At Pool Saturday swim season here will be in-Swim season here will be in-

augurated with free swimming All expanses are paid but transportation to and from Salt on opening day, Saturday, start-ing at 1 p.m. at the municipal Lake City, and this is at the expense of the recipient. County Agent Anderson will be allowed pool. Afternoon session will be from 1 to 4 and the evening swim time will be from 6 to 8 two weeks educational time for with Tom Hughes, lifeguard. in the tour, and the rest is charged to his annual leave.

Regular hours of the pool will The study tour is sponsored by continue as 1 to 4 and 6:30 to 8 through the summer on Tues-Mich., and was started several days through Saturdays. On Sunyears ago. Other county agents from Oregon have been awarded similar grants in the first years days it will be open from 1 until Season swim tickets should be of the sponsored tour.

purchased at the city hall and schedule of prices is as follows: Anderson will fly by jet to Salt Lake Sunday, and the tour begins Monday. He hopes to be Family season ticket, \$18; adult season ticket, \$9; high school season ticket, \$6; grade school season ticket, \$4. able to find some time to visit a sister in Phoenix, Ariz., while

he is gone and expects to be home on June 29.



A bowling alley is assured for Heppner!

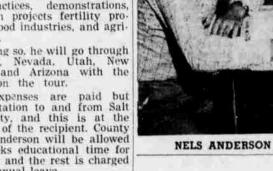
This was the good word brought to the Gazette-Times Wednesday by Hank Higgins of the firm of Joy, Higgins and Henderson of Spokane.

Although the advance ticket sale is still somewhat short of the \$10,000 goal. Higgins said that the firm is satisfied with the response to date and has asked an attorney to start work-ing on closure of purchase of propery for the bowling lanes site behind the Heppner Hotel.

"More than 200 persons have signed for advance play tickets." Higgins said. "While this is short of our announced goal, it is nevertheless very rewarding. We (of the firm) haven't done as much work ourselves here as in other places, but others have pitched in and we want to thank all who have evidenced this interest.

He said that if title to the property can be cleared at once, and no other obstacles come up start of construction on the lanes

Calling for total expenditures of \$142,940, the city budget for Heppner for 1963-64 was adopted by the budget committee Wed-nesday night after being approv. nesday night after being approv- \$10,000 in advance ticket sales hes any minimum after being approvements in a over the top soon, but regular meeting Monday night. The total tax levy needed— \$23,754.00 is well within the 6% 15. After that time it will not limitation, except for \$5,360 not subject to the limitation. Rebe possible to obtain the tickets that will allow play at the lanes at reduced rates after its opencelpts from sources other than taxes are estimated a \$127,878. ing. Any money collected for the James H. Myers was elected tickets is to be held in escrow chairman of the budget commituntil the lanes are in operation. day, June 9, at 2:30, in Eugene. Tibbles completed his under-graduate work three years ago, and expects to take the bar ex-amination this summer. Dr. and Mrs. Tibbles expect to go to the commencement, A to-tal of 1851 candidates for ad-vanced and baccalaureate de-grees will be presented at the 3200 in the same at the same a



compressor to fill tractor fuel tanks. Other implements about the

operation show the inventiveness used in changing them to fit his specific needs.

Another interesting conservation practice is that of construction of six silt retaining dams to prevent deep soil erosion and make possible the strip cropping of this entire field. More than 500 hours were spent by Swanson on his own bulldozer in erecting his silt dams and smoothing up canyons for ease of operation. The result has been very satisfactory.

Swanson has seeded grass on 380 acres. This fall the remaining part of his soil bank seeding expires, and strip cropping will be finished for the entire ranch. Some soil bank will be left in strips that will be fitted in to a grass rotation if future farm programs allow.

Also installed on the farm op-eration are three bird guzzlers as an additional conservation practice. The Swanson family lives in

a beautiful home on the south-east edge of Ione, and it was designed for their family living. They built the home in 1948,

and in ensuing years, two of and Mrs. Turner live in their home in Sandhollow and Lt. and The amount to

John, 19, who has completed is sophomore year at Portland University, is home part time, and Jim, 12, has just completed Long and L

a popular spot for the entire the county court family. Grandchildren now have come along to enjoy it, too. The Turners have Cheryle Ann, 4, and Lori Marie, 2, and Lt. and Mrs. Swanson have Michael, 3, and Antoinette, 2.

The sons have been a great help to Gar in his farm operation, first Dennis, and now John when he is home from college, and with young Jim coming on.

fellow would think the kids weren't interested in farm-

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Gar built his own air com- ing values, being careful to ob pressor to operate greasing serve and preserve the right valequipment, and uses the same ues in life. Her emphasis was on believing in honesty, loyalty, courage and hard work, all basic through the years in the

founding of our country. A vocal solo, "Climb Every Mountain," was sung by Gordon Pratt, high school principal. Valedictory speach by Miss Ann Jones, expressed appreciation to faculty and parents for their dedicated help through their years of school. She spoke on "Wisdom is Truth"-empha-sizing the fact that no man is wise enough by himself and has constant need for more wisdom; that every man should strive for some goal in life and is no long-

er able to live and work inde-pendently. "The greatest concern of man is to know how to fill his place in creation," the speaker pointed out.

Following the inspiring address of the main speaker, Dr. Tetz, Mr. Pratt presided over the presentation of awards.

County Budget Adopted, Printed

Morrow county budget, calling their children were married, Jean Ann to Kenneth Turner, of \$543.878 for the year 1963-64, and Lt. Dennis Swanson now ser- has been adopted by the budget ving in the Air Force ROTC, committee and is published for to Joan Ingram of Pendleton, Mr. the first time in this paper on

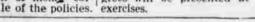
The amount to be raised by Mrs. Swanson are currently at Fort Bragg, N. C., after he com-pleted a hitch of duty in Viet-nam. Jean Ann attended Maryl-6% limitation. In addition, \$115,hurst College, near Portland for a year before her marriage. 000 voted by the people as a road serial levy, is not subject

his sixth grade at Ione. Although Jim is the only Gene Pierce, secretary, Paul child living at home full time, Slaughter, all citizen members;

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week is as follows: Hi Low Prec Wednesday 83 77 49

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purchase of a new fire truck. Cash balance in this reserve fund as of July 1, 1963, is set at \$3,000.

Committee Gives

City Budget Okay;

The amount to be raised by taxes is up only \$199.50 above the 1962-63 budget when the sum to be raised by taxes was set at \$23,554.50.

Small salary increases are provided for some city employees and a new floor covering for the city hall is provided under re-pairs of the "public properties" section. Expenditures for park ing meters has been increased to \$1500 to permit purchase of new meters. A total of 100 will be purchased instead of the 75 prevously planned. Maintenance of the meters is also provided in the

figure. Paint for the swim pool brings about a \$200 increase in supplies

for the pool. Under the street department there is an increase from \$750 last year to \$1382 for supplies. This is for creek channel mainenance. Superinten d e n t Vic Groshens said

The city superintendent's sal-ary is split for the first time this year in the budget, part coming under street department and part under water department

Besides the chairman and the ecretary, the budget committee s composed of C. E. McQuarrie, VALBY LUTHERAN Church's parish hall addition (right in the picture) will be dedicated Sunday afternoon at a special service in the church, located some 18 miles south of Ione. The church Ward, Pirl Howell, and llen history spans 77 years in Morrow county. Morning worship will be at 11 o'clock with potluck dinner to be at 12:30 and the dedication service at 2 p.m. (G-T Photo) Gene Pierce as citizen members, and the city council, Mayor Al Lamb, and Councilmen Ed Gonty, Earl Ayres, Carl Spaulding, John Pfeiffer, LeRoy Gardner

and Conley Lanham. The budget is published on pages 4 and 5 of this section of the paper.

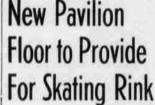
Office to Close At Noon Saturdays

Through the summer months, office of the Gazette-Times will close at noon on Saturdays. It will be open on

Fridays, the office being open on those days from 8 a.m.

reached by calling 676-9228, Wes Sherman; 676-5820, Arnold Raymond; or 676-9965, Joe Hartle.

the lan and \$820 in the sewer extension fund. A sum of \$5000 is listed for short periods, until at least as a transfer from the general fund to the fire department re-serve fund to go towards the after start of construction.



Work is in progress on laying a new hardwood floor at the county fair pavilion at a cost of approximately \$5000, Orville Cutsforth of the fair board told the Chamber of Commerce here

Monday. Arnold Melby has contracted with the board to do the job and the board expects to have a "No. 1 floor," Cutsforth said.

Select long-length pecan flooring will be used over a layer of plastic to prevent moisture from getting through. At the present time, the plastic is down and the sub-flooring is laid, but the entire job is expected to take several weeks.

The pecan was chosen as being the best for roller skating, Cutsforts said. One man has approached the board about renting the building for a skating rink, he said.

At the same time a ventilating fan is being installed to make it cooler in the summer time.

While making it possible to use the building as a skating rink, the new floor will also make the pavilion more suitable for dancing and other purposes.

Vandals Destroy **Planted Petunias**

Things were looking bright and nice at Central Market on Memorial Day. Not only did the store have a new coat of paint, applied by Ernie Winchester, but Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie, wife of the owner, set out petunias in the planters in front of the store.

The paint job was still bright the next day, but the petunias weren't They had been pulled up, picked off and pinched so that the entire six dozen were destroyed.

This was a considerable blow to the folks who were trying to do their part to make the town look nice. They suspected that kids were responsible. If not, the fellow could apply for the "meanest man" title. And if kids did it, they weren't exactly little gentlemen, cither.

the big place with its large and Judge Oscar Peterson and At the same time an altar rug rooms and full basement for Commissioners Gene Ferguson will be dedicated in memory of games and gatherings remains and Milton Biegel, members of memory of Mancell Townsend. The first worship service con-Morning worship will be at ducted by Dr. Norelius was in 11 a.m., and potluck dinner will follow at 12:30 with the dedi-the second worship service was By Leonard Gilliam Weather report for the past neth Robinson announces. Ser- April 19, 1886, at the home of eek is as follows: .02

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south of Ione, will take place ered the following day with 17 Sunday at services dedicating members. the addition to the parish hall. Constru Construction of the church building was completed in 1896,

will be dedicated in memory of first church to be built in Mor-

cation set for 2 p.m., Pastor Ken- conducted the following day,

events at Valby. Service here will woodpile and there organized

in Heppner will be adjusted so eaten their noon meal, accord-that its members may attend ing to the "Memoirs of Dr. Nor-services here and then go to the elius," they went out, sat on the

be at 9 a.m. with Sunday School following at 10 a.m. Seventy-fifth anniversary of Valby Lutheran church was held in 1961. Initial worship service

elected a building committee to erect the church building, and a -acre tract of land was donated by Andrew Peterson as the site for the church and the cemetery

ted and furnished at a cost of \$458.82

ship was composed principally of Swedish immigrants and the services were in the Swedish language, the transition from language, the transition from Swedish to English began early

At the present time there are about 70 communicant members

Valby Dedication Service Slated In 1896 the small congregation

While the church member

in the history of the church.

the forenoon each Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. Regular hours will be main-

tained on Mondays through

until 6 p.m. In case of emergency at any time while the office is closed, a member of the staff may be

The building was dedicated Oc tober 24, 1897, having been erec