

# Gar Swanson Chosen Morrow's 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 Morrow 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 administrator 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 Jensen, Ione, chairman; Elmer Palmer of Eightmile, 1962 winner 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 naturally 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 later 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 using the ingenious method of sighting with a telescope rifle to set stakes in a straight line.

This ingenuity characterizes the 1963 Conservation Man of the Year. He built the first hydraulically-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 mulch and used the disk plow before turning to the more modern implements for making trashy fallow.

"I have never moldboard plowed an acre in my life," he declared.

Gar built his own air compressor to operate greasing equipment, and uses the same 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 operation are three bird gizzlers as an additional conservation practice.

The Swanson family lives in a beautiful home on the southeast edge of Ione, and it was designed for their family living.

They built the home in 1948, and in ensuing years, two of their children were married, Jean Ann to Kenneth Turner, and Lt. Dennis Swanson now serving in the Air Force ROTC, to Joan Ingram of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Turner live in their home in Sandhollow and Lt. and Mrs. Swanson are currently at Fort Bragg, N. C., after he completed a hitch of duty in Vietnam. Jean Ann attended Marylhurst College, near Portland for a year before her marriage.

John, 19, who has completed his sophomore year at Portland University, is home part time, and Jim, 12, has just completed his sixth grade at Ione.

Although Jim is the only child living at home full time, the big place with its large rooms and full basement for games and gatherings remains a popular spot for the entire family. Grandchildren now have come along to enjoy it, too. The Turners have Cheryl Ann, 4, and Lori Marie, 2, and Lt. and Mrs. Swanson have Michael, 3, and Antonette, 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.

"A fellow would think the kids weren't interested in farming,"



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

# Class of '63 Reaches New Scholarship Peak

"What the world needs most today are 'creative individuals' that are willing to tackle any crisis, are willing to accept any challenge, will use their full potential, and will never stop learning." These were words of challenge to Heppner High graduates by their commencement speaker, Dr. Henry Tetz, professor at Oregon College of Education, and former school superintendent in Morrow county, at commencement exercises Wednesday, May 29, in the high school gymnasium.

A packed audience of friends and relatives of the 32 graduating seniors observed with interest and pride the recognition given them through words of praise and awarding of monetary aid for further education.

A new peak was reached in the awarding of \$6400 in scholarships for advanced learning; an increase of \$2000 over what was given last year.

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 speech and challenged fellow classmates to "stand up and be square" in the world of changing values, being careful to observe and preserve the right values 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 speech 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"—emphasizing 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 longer able to live and work independently. "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 for total estimated expenditures of \$543,878 for the year 1963-64, has been adopted by the budget committee and is published for the first time in this paper on page 2, section 2.

The amount to be raised by taxes is set at \$171,674, as compared with \$162,213 in the 1962-63 budget. All this is within the 6% limitation. In addition, \$115,000 voted by the people as a road serial levy, is not subject to the 6% limitation.

Hearing on the budget will be June 28 at 10 a.m. in the courthouse. On the budget committee are Henry Baker, chairman; Gene Pierce, secretary; Paul Slaughter, all citizen members; and Judge Oscar Peterson and Commissioners Gene Ferguson and Milton Biegel, members of the county court.

# WEATHER

By Leonard Gilliam  
Weather report for the past week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	83	49	—
Thursday	77	62	.02
Friday	74	46	—
Saturday	72	49	—
Sunday	66	42	—
Monday	70	44	—
Tuesday	74	46	.03
Wednesday	67	44	—

State scholarships were awarded five graduates. Bill Cox was recipient of partial fee and tuition scholarship to Oregon College of Education; Virginia Springer received an alternate fee and tuition scholarship to Oregon College of Education; Jacqueline Brindle was awarded full tuition scholarship to Eastern Oregon College, and Leanne Joynes received a four year partial tuition scholarship. Ann Jones, through the University of Oregon Development Fund, was granted a \$500 per year, four year scholarship at U of O.

Elks scholarships went to Martha Doherty, first place girl winner; Ann Jones, second place girl winner, and Shan Applegate, first place boy winner.

Harlan McCurdy, Jr., presented the American Legion scholarships to Jack Flug and Leann Joynes.

Based on outstanding participation in the band during grade and high school years, \$200 scholarships were presented to Laura Lee Sumner and John Cleveland by Bud Peck, in behalf of the Band Parents' club. A music scholarship of \$100 to a deserving student in the music department was awarded Shirley Carlson. Shirley was also

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10 Cents

# 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, and 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.

## Free Swim Due At Pool Saturday

Swim season here will be inaugurated with free swimming on opening day, Saturday, starting at 1 p.m. at the municipal pool. Afternoon session will be from 1 to 4 and the evening swim time will be from 6 to 8 with Tom Hughes, lifeguard, in charge.

Regular hours of the pool will continue as 1 to 4 and 6:30 to 8 through the summer on Tuesdays through Saturdays. On Sundays it will be open from 1 until 5 p.m.

Season swim tickets should be purchased at the city hall and schedule of prices is as follows: Family season ticket, \$18; adult season ticket, \$9; high school season ticket, \$6; grade school season ticket, \$4.

## Man Gets Probation On Money Charge

Charles Cloy Gulliford, 26, of Stanfield was placed on five-years probation by Judge William Wells in circuit court in Pendleton Friday after the defendant had pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Gulliford was accused of selling worthless health and accident insurance policies in Morrow county and was charged on a Morrow county indictment, District Attorney Herman Winter said.

The judge ordered that he make restitution of money collected on the sale of the policies.

## 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 itinerary, he will view various farming practices, demonstrations, irrigation projects fertility programs, food industries, and agribusiness.

In doing so, he will go through Colorado, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona with the others on the tour.

All expenses are paid but transportation to and from Salt Lake City, and this is at the expense of the recipient. County Agent Anderson will be allowed two weeks educational time for the tour, and the rest is charged to his annual leave.

The study tour is sponsored by Dow Chemical Co. of Midland, Mich., and was started several years ago. Other county agents from Oregon have been awarded similar grants in the first years of the sponsored tour.

Anderson will fly by jet to Salt Lake Sunday, and the tour begins Monday. He hopes to be able to find some time to visit a sister in Phoenix, Ariz., while he is gone and expects to be home on June 29.

## Lance Tibbles Due To Receive Degree

Warren Lance Tibbles, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Tibbles of Heppner, will receive the bachelor of law degree at the 86th annual commencement exercises at the University of Oregon Sunday, June 9, at 2:30, in Eugene.

Tibbles completed his undergraduate work three years ago, and expects to take the bar examination this summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Tibbles expect to go to the commencement. A total of 1851 candidates for advanced and baccalaureate degrees will be presented at the exercises.



NELS ANDERSON

## Committee Gives City Budget Okay; Hearing Slated

Calling for total expenditures of \$142,940, the city budget for Heppner for 1963-64 was adopted by the budget committee Wednesday night after being approved by the city council at its regular meeting Monday night.

The total tax levy needed—\$23,754.00 is well within the 6% limitation, except for \$5,360 not subject to the limitation. Receipts from sources other than taxes are estimated at \$127,878.

James H. Myers was elected chairman of the budget committee and Alvira Irby is secretary. Hearing on the budget will be July 1 at 8 p.m. at the city hall.

The budget calls for expenditures of \$57,980 in the general fund, \$7,500 in the general road fund, \$12,000 in the state tax street fund, \$46,360 in the water fund, \$18,280 in the sewer fund and \$820 in the sewer extension fund. A sum of \$5000 is listed as a transfer from the general fund to the fire department reserve fund to go towards the purchase of a new fire truck.

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

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 repairs of the "public properties" section. Expenditures for parking meters has been increased to \$1500 to permit purchase of new meters. A total of 100 will be purchased instead of the 75 previously 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 maintenance. Superintendent Vic Groshens said.

The city superintendent's salary 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 secretary, the budget committee is composed of C. E. McQuarrie, Glen Ward, Piri Howell, and 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.

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## 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 the forenoon each Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon.

Regular hours will be maintained on Mondays through Fridays, the office being open on those days from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

In case of emergency at any time while the office is closed, a member of the staff may be reached by calling 676-9228, Wes Sherman; 676-5820, Arnold Raymond; or 676-9965, Joe Hartle.

## Firm to Acquire Site; Building To Start Soon

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 working on closure of purchase of property 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 should be in the week of June 17. The 50x140 ft concrete block building will be located on the site 80x240 feet.

"While there are still odds and ends to finish up, the bowling alley is assured," Higgins said.

Clint McQuarrie and others pushing the drive to subscribe the \$10,000 in advance ticket sales hope to go over the top soon, but Higgins said that he expects to close the sales on Saturday, June 15. After that time it will not be possible to obtain the tickets that will allow play at the lanes at reduced rates after its opening. Any money collected for the tickets is to be held in escrow until the lanes are in operation.

They may be purchased at Gonty's, Central Market, Heppner Auto Sales in Heppner; Peck's Grocery in Lexington; and Jim's Service Station in Ione. Denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 are offered.

Art Dyke of Cheney, who will operate the lanes, is not expected to come to Heppner, except for short periods, until at least two months. It is expected that play may start within 90 days after start of construction.

## New Pavilion Floor to Provide For Skating Rink

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, Cutsforth 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.

## Valby Dedication Service Slated

Another milestone in the venerable history of Valby Lutheran church, located 18 miles south of Ione, will take place Sunday at services dedicating the addition to the parish hall.

At the same time an altar rug will be dedicated in memory of Ben Anderson and parents in memory of Mancel Townsend.

Morning worship will be at 11 a.m. and potluck dinner will follow at 12:30 with the dedication set for 2 p.m. Pastor Kenneth Robinson announces. Services of Hope Lutheran church in Heppner will be adjusted so that its members may attend services here and then go to the events at Valby. Service here will 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

was conducted by Dr. Erik Norelius on Palm Sunday, 1886, and the church was formally chartered the following day with 17 members.

Construction of the church building was completed in 1896, first church to be built in Morrow county.

The first worship service conducted by Dr. Norelius was in the home of Carl Anderson, and the second worship service was conducted the following day, April 19, 1886, at the home of John Jensen. After the men had eaten their noon meal, according to the "Memoirs of Dr. Norelius," they went out, sat on the woodpile and there organized the Valby church. Starting with the 17 members, the group grew slowly and by 1896 there were 40 communicant members and 41 children.

In 1896 the small congregation elected a building committee to erect the church building, and a 5-acre tract of land was donated by Andrew Peterson as the site for the church and the cemetery. The building was dedicated October 24, 1897, having been erected and furnished at a cost of \$458.82.

While the church membership was composed principally of Swedish immigrants and the services were in the Swedish language, the transition from Swedish to English began early in the history of the church.



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 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)