

Turner Youngest Conservation Man

By N. C. ANDERSON

With conservation always in his mind, Kenneth Turner, Sand-hollow community rancher, is the youngest farmer yet chosen for this distinguished honor since its inception 15 years ago. Kenneth, 29, has developed a comprehensive conservation program on the 2,694 acre wheat and cattle ranch, a part of which was homesteaded by his great-grandfather Christopher Columbus Turner in 1884. Leasing the ranch after his father's death in 1956, Kenneth, graduate of Oregon State University, began an enthusiastic program which now includes grass and alfalfa rotations for hay and pasture, diversion ditches, contour strip cropping, sod waterways, ponds, channel improvements, pasture rotations, and stubble mulch.

Selecting Turner as a result of this outstanding piece of conservation work for the title of "1964 Conservation Man of the Year" were Bob Jepsen, Ione, chairman, representing Morrow County Wheat Growers association; Garland Swanson, Ione, 1963 winner of the conservation title; Roger Palmer, representing the Heppner Soil Conservation district; and Fritz Cutsforth, member, county ASC committee. Nels Anderson, county agent and Ralph Richards, Soil Conservation Service were ex officio members.

Descendant of Pioneers

Kenneth, the fourth generation on the farm, is from pioneer stock, descending from great grandfather Christopher Columbus Turner who in 1884 along with Squire L. Turner and Granville McCarty, claimed 3 homesteads and 2 timber cultures which are now part of the present farm. In 1885, grandfather Robert Willis Turner homesteaded an adjoining 160 acres. Additional tracts were bought and in 1918 Samuel J. Turner, Kenneth's father, took over the operation. In 1942 more farm land was purchased from Harold Cohn. Upon his father's death in 1956, Kenneth leased the ranch from his mother, Nora C. Turner. Mrs. Turner is the daughter of James D. and Kathryn Doherty, early Morrow county settlers.

The 2,694 acre ranch includes 1,079 acres of crop land grass and alfalfa seedlings in soil bank now totals 275 acres which have been laid out since this program came into being. There are 210 acres of grass and alfalfa rotations which include 14 acres of sprinkler irrigated alfalfa at the ranch headquarters. This hay provides the needed winter feed for 60 cows and calves maintained on the ranch. There are 1340 acres of range land which are utilized for grazing as well as the crop aftermath and grain diverted in the farm program. Twenty-five acres of dryland alfalfa also provide feed. Pastures are rotated with eight pastures ranging from 100 to 450 acres in size.

Ranges Improved

A range improvement program on heavily infested sage brush land led the way in setting an example of what can be done in a clearing, shaping and seeding program. One hundred twenty two acres of dryland alfalfa and grass seeded on this area provides an abundance of pasture which have allowed the Turners to increase their beef herd. Before, it was a jungle of heavy sage brush with little, if any grass produced.

The first contour strip cropping was established soon after the ranch was leased by Kenneth in 1956. Strip cropping was expanded to the Cohn place in 1963 which now with a network of diversion ditches, protects this operation from soil erosion. Frequent cloudbursts have made erosion a severe problem in this area. The steep land aggravates the situation but 11 diversion ditches with a combined length of 4.2 miles, the 245 acres of strip cropping, three sod waterways, 534 acres of grass seeded since 1957, combined with an all stubble mulch fallow program provides the safety protection necessary in at least normal conditions.

Kenneth, experimenting constantly with new conservation equipment, follows a program using chisel plow with curled shanks to work the heavy soil in his area sufficiently, skew treaders and center drive weeders for handling heavy stubble. Equipment is hydraulically controlled to get over sod waterways with easy maneuverability. Deep furrow drills, again with hydraulic hitch, are used in seeding stubble mulch in the fall. A sub-soiler is used wherever hard-pan or restricting layers cause need for opening the ground for better root and water penetration.

Cooperates in Weed Control

Kenneth, active in many community affairs, has been interested in conservation and better farming practices since his return to the farm. Chairman of the Morrow County Wheat Growers association of the production and land use committee for the past six years, he has, through his constant interest and encouragement, provided incentive for weed control research and conservation farming. He has been a constant cooperater in weed control methods to determine new chemicals for the control of perennial as well as annual noxious weeds. The first TBA, now used extensively in Morrow county as a means of controlling field bindweed, (Wild Morning Glory), was first tested and tried on his ranch.



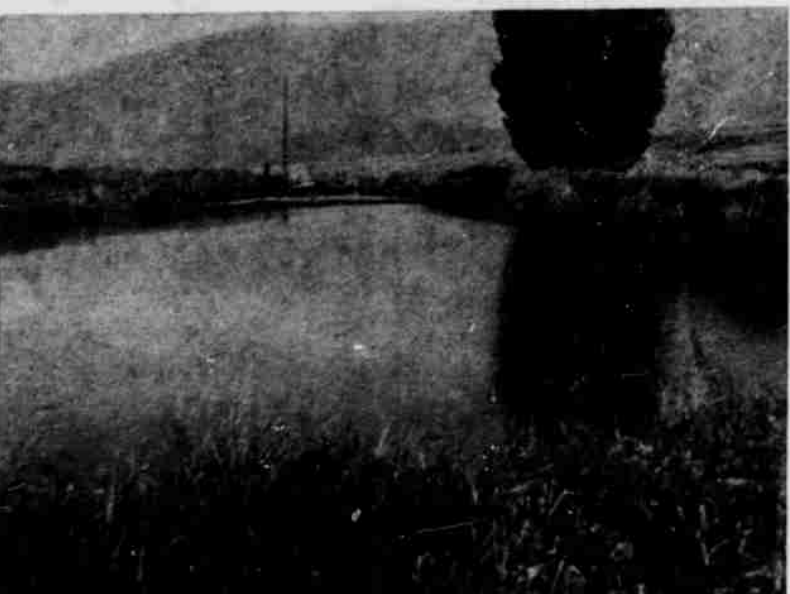
ONE OF THE big diversion ditches that prevent erosion on the ranch of the 1964 Conservation Man of the Year is shown here. (G-T Photo)



A LUSH stand of alfalfa, nearly knee-high, is irrigated from a pond (just out of the picture at the right) on the place of Ken Turner, 1964 Conservation Man of the Year. (G-T Photo)



FISH WEREN'T biting in mid-day when Ken Turner was eager to show how quick he could land one in his farm pond Saturday. Moss in the pond has developed into a problem. Picture below shows the pond before the moss developed. (G-T Photo)



THIS IS HOW farm pond on the Ken Turner place looked before moss intruded. It is about 2 1/2 feet deep at the present time.



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Be Safe
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Be Thrifty
Buy Company Performance—don't give them.

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Notice of Budget Hearing

The budget for City of Heppner for the fiscal year 1964-1965, beginning July 1, 1964, as detailed and summarized in the accompanying schedules, was prepared on an accounting basis consistent with that used in prior years. Major changes, if any, and their effects on this budget are set forth in an accompanying statement. A copy of the budget document may be inspected by interested persons between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Recorder's Office, City Hall. A meeting of the City Council will be held the 15th day of June, 1964, at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of holding a public hearing on this budget. Any person may appear to discuss the budget, or any part of it.

Signed:
AL LAMB,
Chairman of Governing Body

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1964-1965, BEGINNING JULY 1, 1964

FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1964		Total All Funds*	General Fund	Water Utility	Street and Road Fund	Sewer Fund	Fire Dept. Reserve Fund	Special Sewer Assess. Fund	Sewer Sinking Fund
TAX LEVY COMPUTATION									
Total Budget Requirements	\$194,765.31	\$ 59,675.00	\$ 46,100.00	\$ 19,700.00	\$ 19,338.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 870.00	\$ 36,082.31	
Less Budget Resources, Except Taxes to Be Levied	171,567.31	41,577.00	41,000.00	19,700.00	19,338.00	13,000.00	870.00	36,082.31	
Taxes Necessary to Balance Budget	23,198.00	18,098.00	5,100.00						
Add Taxes Estimated Not to Be Received During Ensuing Year	1,392.00	1,392.00							
Total Taxes to Be Levied	\$ 24,590.00	\$ 19,490.00	\$ 5,100.00	None	None	None	None	None	None
Analysis of Taxes to Be Levied									
Within 6% Limitation	\$ 19,490.00	\$ 19,490.00	\$						
Not Subject to 6% Limitation	5,100.00		5,100.00						
Total Taxes to Be Levied	\$ 24,590.00	\$ 19,490.00	\$ 5,100.00						

*All reserve funds and special revenue funds, if any, are included

FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1963		Total All Funds*	General Fund	Water Utility	Street and Road Fund	Sewer Fund	Fire Dept. Reserve Fund	Special Sewer Assess. Fund	Sewer Sinking Fund
TAX LEVY COMPUTATION									
Total Budget Requirements	\$150,940.00	\$ 57,980.00	\$ 46,360.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 18,280.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 820.00	None	
Less Budget Resources, Except Taxes to Be Levied	127,878.00	40,278.00	41,000.00	19,500.00	18,280.00	8,000.00	820.00	None	
Taxes Necessary to Balance Budget	23,062.00	17,702.00	5,360.00						
Add Taxes Estimated Not to Be Received During Ensuing Year	692.00	692.00							
Total Taxes to Be Levied	\$ 23,754.00	\$ 18,394.00	\$ 5,360.00	None	None	None	None	None	None
Analysis of Taxes to Be Levied									
Within 6% Limitation	\$ 18,394.00	\$ 18,394.00	\$						
Not Subject to 6% Limitation	5,360.00		5,360.00						
Total Taxes to Be Levied	\$ 23,754.00	\$ 18,394.00	\$ 5,360.00						

*All reserve funds and special revenue funds, if any, are included

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		Current Year (Actual)	Ensuing Year (Estimated)
Type of Indebtedness			
Bonds		\$218,000.00	\$198,000.00
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS		\$218,000.00	\$198,000.00
Petty Cash		\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Balance July 1, 1964			

Approved By Budget Committee May 18, 1964
GENE PIERCE
Chairman of Budget Committee

GENERAL FUND RESOURCES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1964-1965, BEGINNING JULY 1, 1964

HISTORICAL DATA		Budget Current Year	Budget For Ensuing Year Approved
Second Preceding Year 1961-62	First Preceding Year 1962-63		
\$ 1,180.00	1,047.00	1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
5,011.47	5,284.73	5,000.00	5,000.00
968.50	572.00	700.00	500.00
3,862.76	3,786.72	4,000.00	4,000.00
1,927.80	1,930.00	2,300.00	2,000.00
3,247.87	3,374.18	3,400.00	3,450.00
5,738.00	5,862.00	5,700.00	5,700.00
1,824.41	656.11	500.00	500.00
		16,658.00	16,658.00
			\$ 41,577.00

*Available Cash on Hand (Cash Basis) \$ 12,010.00

Other Resources:
Licenses and Fees 1,000.00
Liquor Revenue 5,000.00
Fines and Bail Forfeitures 4,000.00
Parking Meters 2,000.00
Swimming Pool 3,450.00
Occupational Tax 5,700.00
Rural Fire District 500.00
Miscellaneous Receipts 870.00
Transfer from Special Assessment Fund 6,547.00
Transfer from Water Fund, Prorata Expenses 1,000.00
Total Resources \$ 41,577.00

*Includes Unappropriated Balance budgeted last year

STREET AND ROAD FUND RESOURCES

HISTORICAL DATA		Budget Current Year	Budget For Ensuing Year Approved
Second Preceding Year 1961-62	First Preceding Year 1962-63		
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
12,100.39	12,410.25	12,000.00	\$ 12,500.00
6,591.35	5,993.05	6,300.00	6,000.00
573.68	245.11	200.00	200.00
			\$ 19,700.00

*Available Cash on Hand (Cash Basis) \$ 1,000.00

Other Resources:
State Tax Street Fund \$ 12,500.00
Morrow County Road Tax 6,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts 200.00
Total Resources \$ 19,700.00

*Includes Unappropriated Balance budgeted last year

WATER UTILITY FUND RESOURCES

HISTORICAL DATA		Budget Current Year	Budget For Ensuing Year Approved
Second Preceding Year 1961-62	First Preceding Year 1962-63		
\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
32,978.25	32,995.75	32,500.00	32,500.00
632.77	1,132.44	500.00	500.00
			\$ 41,000.00

*Available Cash on Hand (Cash Basis) \$ 8,000.00

Other Resources:
Water Sales 32,500.00
Miscellaneous Receipts 500.00
Total Resources \$ 41,000.00

*Includes Unappropriated Balance budgeted last year

SEWER FUND RESOURCES

HISTORICAL DATA		Budget Current Year	Budget For Ensuing Year Approved
Second Preceding Year 1961-62	First Preceding Year 1962-63		
None	None	None	None
\$10,216.00	10,154.50	10,000.00	\$ 10,100.00
1,275.50	350.00	None	350.00
13,000.00	None	5,080.00	4,650.00
		3,200.00	4,238.00
		\$ 18,280.00	\$ 19,338.00

*Available Cash on Hand (Cash Basis) \$ None

Other Resources:
Service Charges \$ 10,100.00
Miscellaneous Receipts 350.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund 4,650.00
Transfer from Water Fund 4,238.00
Total Resources \$ 19,338.00

*Includes Unappropriated Balance budgeted last year

FIRE DEPT. RESERVE FUND SUMMARY

HISTORICAL DATA		Budget Current Year	Budget For Ensuing Year Approved
Second Preceding Year 1961-62	First Preceding Year 1962-63		
\$	\$		
2,000.00	3,000.00	8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

Resources:
Available Cash on Hand (Cash Basis) \$ 8,000.00
Transferred From Other Funds 5,000.00
Total Resources, Except Taxes to Be Levied \$ 13,000.00
Total Resources \$ 13,000.00

Requirements:
Reserved For Expenditure in Future Years \$ 13,000.00
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS \$ 13,000.00