

Ken Turner Chosen For County Honor

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and grandson of Robert Willis Turner. Only two of his father's six brothers are living, Frank W. Turner of Heppner and Johnny W. Turner of Baker. Only sister in the family is Anita May Turner, now living in Eugene. Samuel Turner died in 1936, Loy Turner died in 1963, Willis Turner in 1937, and Jesse O. Turner in 1961. The seventh brother, Robert Leslie Turner, died in infancy.

With wife, Jean Ann, who is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gar Swanson of Ione, and two small daughters, Cheryl Ann and Lorie Marie, Ken is perfectly content on the ranch.

The family was engaged in transplanting some hardy rhubarb plants when County Agent Nels Anderson and the writer arrived for an interview Saturday. The Turners joked about getting into a "rhubarb" when they didn't have enough rhubarb to go around for supper the night before and hoped that the new plants would satisfy the demand.

At one side of their comfortable house lays an abundant alfalfa field with the stand now knee-high. Water that irrigates it via a sprinkler system comes from Ken's big pond that he scooped out some 200 feet behind the house. When he started to dig the pond some years ago, he was discouraged to find that the soil was largely an ash. He didn't think it would hold, but he turned the water in and now it shimmers in the sun. Moss has become a problem, and he has been working on methods to

get rid of it. He and his father-in-law rigged up some woven fencing, and attached it to a steel cable, in an attempt to dredge it out, but they have found it to be a terrific job.

They have hauled out a big heap, but there is plenty left, and they have the problem of disposing of that which they hauled out.

Nevertheless, the fish which stock the pond seem to enjoy the moss, and the kids enjoy fishing with their daddy. Luck is generally good with catches up to 12 inches.

Ken volunteered to give an impromptu angling demonstration in mid-day on our visit, but after 10 minutes and only one "bump" decided that it was the wrong time of day.

It is obvious that Ken Turner is one who could be nothing but active and moving. Basement of his home is a beautifully finished living quarters with four large rooms, a project that he completed last year. The wood-paneled quarters make a fine, cool retreat in summer time.

Jean Ann enjoys gardening and her flower garden at the side of the house is a source of pride, and joy.

After a cup of coffee with the Turners, Nels and the writer took a quick tour of Turner's operations. Everywhere the practices of conservation are evident—strip cropping, huge diversion ditches, trashy fallow. In his talk was the eagerness to continuously improve the land for full utilization.

The lack of moisture has hurt this year.

This is the worst my place has looked," he growled. When Anderson expressed the hope that wheat growers might salvage a 15-bushel crop on the average in this dry year, Ken was skeptical. He pulled up a wheat stalk, peeled it down to the undeveloped kernels and showed that where there should be four kernels developing in a mesh, there was only one.

Ken was born in Heppner on July 10, 1935, and graduated from Heppner High in 1952. He was a member of the FFA chapter and at one time was chapter president.

At Oregon State University he majored in general agriculture, getting his degree in 1956.

This is his eighth crop year on the place since he leased it from his mother following his father's death.

The young farmer is a supervisor of the Heppner Soil Conservation district, this being his third year in that capacity. He is a life member of the Oregon Wheat League and a member of the Morrow County Livestock Growers.

Turner is one of the moving spirits of the annual fifth grade conservation tour and assists with the Soil Conservation speech contest. He is an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic church and is a past president of the Holy Name Society there. His talents also extend to music, being pianist for the Elks.

Restlessly active, every move that this young rancher makes is one with an eye for improvement. As he stepped from his home to show us his alfalfa stand, he hopped across a sprinkler system that he is installing on the lawn.

"I've got to bury that this afternoon," he said.

Chewing on a stalk of green wheat a short time later he pointed out a patch of rye intruding on one corner of his place and told of his plans to get rid of it. A few minutes later he pointed out a "wind blow" and declared that he was going to haul some barnyard fertilizer to the spot to add organic matter

WHERE'S CHARLIE?



"He's Gone to Get Ready for Heppner's Sidewalk Bazaar July 10 and 11"

County to Take Cutsforth Park

Deed of Cutsforth park, embracing 14 acres, will be turned over to Morrow county soon. Orville Cutsforth, one of the directors of the park, has announced. The action was to have been taken at a county court meeting Wednesday but was delayed in order that a clause be included requiring the county to continue using it for park purposes. This is to be done at the request of the court.

Cutsforth originally donated 13 acres of land for the park, which has become a very popular spot for outings, and it has been administered by a board of directors, including Elks and Odd Fellows representatives. Another acre was given by P. W. Mahoney.

Under the new plan the county will own and operate the park.

Al Lamb on Trip To National Capital

Al Lamb, director of National Farmer Cooperatives, left Tuesday on a trip to Washington, D. C., to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the national organization.

He spent Tuesday night in Portland before flying east. Lamb expected to visit with Congressman Al Ullman and others of Oregon's Congressional delegation before returning. In his capacity as a member of the Morrow county Port Commission he expected to investigate the matter of establishing a wildlife refuge on the Columbia River waterfront in Morrow county, a step that has been proposed by local groups.

Lamb planned to return to Heppner Saturday.

and hold the soil. The Turners will be hosts at one of the stops on the annual conservation tour Friday. Everyone is invited to make the tour, the only requirement being to bring a sack lunch. Departure will be at 9:30 a.m. at the fairgrounds with transportation by bus.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Joe Hartle and Mrs. Ernest Christopherson returned home late Sunday with Mrs. Hartle's daughter, Shirley Carlson, and Mrs. Christopherson's daughter, Sherrie, who have been attending Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. The two women left Heppner last Thursday for Provo and the group visited relatives on the way home.

Memorial week-end visitors of the home of Mrs. Ila O'Donnell were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mackey of Arlington and Mrs. Junior Boyer and children of Prairie City. Tommy O'Donnell went home with his grandparents for a visit with them in Arlington.

A quest last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fullerton and family was Mrs. Fullerton's mother, Mrs. G. O. Barager of Los Angeles, Calif. She came by plane Tuesday for the graduation of her granddaughter, Diana, and in company with Diana left by car for home on Thursday. The two will leave June 10 for a 10-day vacation in Hawaii, with Diana driving home later this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble left last Thursday for Bowman's Golf Course at Welches, Ore. Joining them on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Brown, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, and Dr. and Mrs. Jim Norene. The four couples returned Sunday from the golf retreat, located nine miles from Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Given returned to their home in Silverton Monday, after spending four days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake. Mrs. Given and Mrs. Drake are sisters.

Relatives of Mrs. Jessie Griffin's here for the Memorial Day week-end were Mrs. Norman Griffin and daughter Sheryl, and Mrs. Gladys Walker of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Case and children of Poulsbo, Wn., and Mrs. Lillian Cook of Oregon City. Mrs. Jessie Griffin was released from Pioneer Memorial hospital Saturday, after suffering a slight stroke. Mrs. Norman Griffin will remain here during her mother's convalescence.

Hail Loss High As Freak Storm Rips Through Area

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there was considerable hail damage on the place of Amanda Duvall, managed by L. B. Ledbetter, in the Blackhorse area. Greatest loss there, though, was "peeling" of the summer fallow, and this is loss that will be hard to replace.

While Heppner remained in the "goose egg" column in precipitation, .70 inch was recorded at the Fritz Cutsforth ranch. In Eightmile country the storm was considerably more gentle. In fact, it appeared to be a separate storm from the one to the northeast. But it was capricious, too. Father and son, Elmer and Roger Palmer, living in homes only a short distance apart on the same place, found that Elmer recorded twice as much rain as Roger did.

At Bill McClintock's place, rain was recorded at .20 inch, at Don Peterson's .34 inch and at Louis Carlson's .15 inch. Markham Baker's gauge showed .34 inch, but a neighbor, Paul Tews had only .08 inch.

In Pine City country the Ashbeck and Luciani places took heavy loss, but good from the rain will probably well make up for the damage. Also hit were Bill Healy and Ron Currin, who had alfalfa ruined.

While Sandhollow ranches were being pummeled, the ranch of Max Barclay at the north end was bypassed by the storm, according to reports.

It's difficult to say whether the good from the moisture coming in this year of drought will exceed the damage of the hail, but, on a county-wide basis, it appears that the moisture will outweigh the loss, although it was a high price to pay for it. Meanwhile, Heppner remained "high and dry" with only .01 inch recorded on Friday.

WEATHER REPORT
By LEONARD GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	85	50	.01
Saturday	72	45	—
Sunday	79	48	—
Monday	85	59	—
Tuesday	85	46	—
Wednesday	73	41	—
Thursday	76	57	—

Harley Youngs Leave on Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Young and family left Wednesday on a two-weeks' vacation trip that will take them to Missouri where they will visit Mrs. Young's mother, Mrs. Carl Kissinger, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Young, all of Maryville.

While there, Mrs. Young will also attend a class reunion. While on the trip, Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op here, will attend a tri-state power meeting at Burley, Idaho.

Sherman Gets Degree

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman and family will go to Corvallis this week-end where they will attend commencement exercises at Oregon State University on Sunday afternoon. Their son, Dick, will receive a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from the university, completing four years of study at OSU and one at Pacific University, Forest Grove.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital and now receiving care include the following: John Stevens, Hardman; Alma Morgan, Heppner; Thomas Blue, Longrock; James Gordon, Heppner, and Jewel Hager, Heppner.

Patients dismissed after receiving care during this same period were Britt Smith, Condon, and Timothy Smith, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dee Hudson, Heppner, are parents of a baby girl, born Saturday, May 20, weighing 5 lbs., 14 1/2 oz. She has been named Cindi Lee and joins a little sister at home.

A son, their first child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Berry, Heppner, on Saturday, May 30. He weighed 6 lbs., 1 1/2 oz. and has been named Richard Andrew.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McLachlan traveled to Portland Saturday to view the Indianapolis 500 Memorial Day race on closed circuit television at the Memorial Coliseum. They returned late Saturday evening.

Lexington News

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Hara and family were visitors Memorial Day at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neat O'Hara.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wright and sons of Portland were visitors Memorial Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Majeske. Debbie Majeske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Majeske, returned home with the Wrights for a visit and their son, Mark, remained with his grandparents for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocum and children visited Sunday in Kennewick, Wn.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Florence McMillan on Memorial Day were her daughter and families, Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin of Rufus and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cool of Pendleton. Vicky Irvin stayed for a two weeks visit with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and son Kenneth were Cove and Union visitors on Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Henderson and children Larry and Betty were La Grande callers on Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Laird were in Portland Sunday to attend the Portland University commencement exercises. Their son-in-law, Ronald Daley, graduated cum laude with a degree in business administration. He will receive his certificate in January as a certified public accountant, and the day after graduation started work as a member of a Portland accounting firm.

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