

130 Hear of Work Of FFA Chapter At Annual Dinner

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for the state livestock proficiency award."

He cited John Venard, manager of the Heppner branch, First National Bank, and Gene Pierce, president, Bank of Eastern Oregon, for their support of the FFA program and added that the Oregon Bankers' association contributes \$5000 annually for the FFA work.

"The Future Farmer of today is the successful farmer of tomorrow," Harris said. He said the FFA motto is "a source of guidance and inspiration," and declared, "We take it to heart to become better students and better citizens of the United States."

Wedin, in his talk, said that vocational agriculture is a "four-way deal," requiring: (1) good school administration; (2) good instructor to meet the needs of the community; (3) cooperation and support of parents; (4) the work of the boy in the program.

The banquet, featuring roast beef, was served in efficient style by the Future Homemakers of America, under the direction of Virginia Buch, advisor.

Mrs. Grace Schmidt, former home economics teacher and FFA advisor, was honored and presented a gift by President Osmin in appreciation of her work at past banquets.

Careful opening and closing ceremonies, conducted by officers of the chapter, added to the occasion. Invocation was given by Cecil Berry, one of the members.

Highly-Effective New Weed Control Methods Outlined

Weed control research conducted by William O. Lee at Oregon State University is featured in the current issue of Agricultural Research magazine, published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Lee has developed a method of controlling weeds and volunteer crop plants without harming a new crop. To do this, he prepares a seedbed in change-over fields in the fall, bringing feed seeds to the soil surface and then kills the weeds and volunteer crop plants when they emerge by spraying with a non-residual herbicide.

Grass seeds for the new crop are planted very early in the spring, just below the surface of the soil, without further seedbed preparation. The new crop is able to grow rapidly, without competition, and produce a pure stand the first year.

Several herbicides have been tested. Paraquat and a combination of IPC plus 2, 4-D have shown most promise. Timing of the herbicide applications has a marked effect on degree of success. December and January applications are more effective.

This method could be applied in other geographic areas, to save grass seed producers both time and money in completing a change-over of crops, it was noted. Growers could move quickly to take advantage of favorable prices, keep each field productive every year, and sell crops at least two years sooner than is possible under present

Amateur Radio Class To Start Monday

Jim Sherman, secretary, announced that a class in amateur radio will be held starting Monday, March 1, at 7 o'clock, in the city hall building.

The first meeting will be a general discussion of the course. It will be a free course open to the public. Those wanting to attend the first meeting so everyone will start together. No equipment will be necessary. Instructor Ray Smith will give a discussion on amateur radio.

New Directories Placed in Mail By Phone Company

Pacific Northwest Bell customers in Heppner, Ione, Lexington and Pendleton began receiving their new 1965 telephone directories by mail this week, Dale Slusher, local manager, said.

Slusher urged everyone immediately upon receiving his new directory to jot police, fire and other emergency service numbers in the spaces provided inside the front cover of the phone book. Small pictures of appropriate emergency vehicles have been printed next to these spaces to aid quick identification.

Slusher emphasized that anyone calling for help directly via the operator should make sure that the location and type of emergency is clearly understood.

The white cover on the new directory is labeled, "Oregon—the greatest place in the world to raise your family." Backing up this statement are four sketches depicting fishing, skiing, boating and education.

The cover also includes a color photograph of beautiful Crater Lake and Wizard Island in Southern Oregon.

Some 1,800 copies of the new directory were printed this year with 1,445 slated for the initial delivery. The rest will be used during the year for replacements of worn-out copies and for new customers.

The directory delivery is expected to be completed by Saturday, February 27.

HEPPNER SCHOOL MENUS

Week of March 1-5

MONDAY — Sloppy Joes, hot rolls, buttered peas, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY — Potato salad, baked lunch meat, ginger bread, applesauce, bread and butter, and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Tuna macaroni salad, green beans, cheese sticks, berry cobbler, bread, butter and milk.

THURSDAY — Chili beans, cabbage salad, fruit Jell-O, bread, butter and milk.

FRIDAY — Tomato soup, cheese sandwiches, lettuce salad, cherry cobbler, and milk.

methods. Lee is a research agronomist with the Agricultural Research Service, U.S.D.A. The experimental work was done in cooperation with the OSU Agricultural Experiment Station.

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Ullman Supports \$10 Million More Federal Flood Aid

An additional \$10 million has been requested by the Department of Agriculture for emergency conservation practices through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for restoration of flood-damaged agricultural resources in the Pacific Northwest, Congressman Al Ullman has advised the Gazette-Times.

"I am supporting the appropriation of these funds at the earliest possible time," he said.

"One of the aspects of this program that has caused some concern in Oregon is the limitation of \$2500 on federal participation on individual farms and ranches. As a result of conferences in my office with Department officials and a personal representative of the President, I am pleased that the following guidelines have been approved for operation of the program in the flood disaster area: Farmers and ranchers who have suffered damage should apply immediately to their County ASC office for assistance through 'regular' and 'emergency' ACP programs," Congressman Ullman added.

Regular ACP assistance is available in amounts up to \$2500 at the ratio of 80% federal—20% owner contribution in designated disaster areas, subject to approval by the County ASC Committee, and subject also to the availability of regular funds in any given county.

Emergency ACP funds are available, in addition to the above, as follows: (a) applicant submits request to County ASC Committee for total amount of emergency funds needed, based upon formula of 80% federal assistance; (b) County Committee can then immediately approve an initial \$2500 in emergency funds for work to be undertaken within 30 days; and (c) the balance of the request is subject to final approval by the State ASC office in Portland.

Through the conference in my office I was able to get a ruling eliminating final federal review in Washington, D. C. which has heretofore been required," Cong. Ullman said.

Funding for the emergency program is being carried out as rapidly as possible, and all applications are subject to availability of funds at the time. In all cases, applicants should make sure that the conservation practices accomplished under this program are authorized and that cost estimates are legitimate and reasonable.

The initial authority for approval of these emergency conservation practices is in the hands of elected local ASC committees. I am confident that they will assist all applicants to the fullest, and the Department has assured me that all applications in excess of \$2500 will be processed as rapidly as possible," the Congressman said.

FHA Offers Aid With Low Income Credit Service

A new credit service to help low-income families in rural areas raise their incomes is now available in Oregon, according to State Director Robert V. Pierce, Farmers Home Administration. Pierce said the new service opens up Farmers Home Administration credit aid for the first time to many low-income rural families who previously were unable to obtain either public or private loans to improve their earnings.

The Farmers Home Administration office at Pendleton is accepting applications in Umatilla, Morrow, Sherman and Wasco counties for loans up to \$2,500 to finance farming enterprises, small family businesses, trades and services. Rural co-operatives, low-income families and providing services and facilities not otherwise available may also be eligible for credit under the program.

Borrowers will be provided continuing management aid to help them make a success of their farming enterprises or new businesses. The Farmers Home Administration, a U. S. Department of Agriculture agency, will administer the new loan service under recently delegated authority from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Liberalized loan terms and conditions for participating low-income families allow for interest rate of 4% percent. To be eligible for the new rural credit program, an applicant must live in a rural area, have an income that does not cover basic family necessities, be unable to obtain credit from other sources, including the regular loan program of the Farmers Home Administration, and show a reasonable promise of succeeding in the enterprise to be financed by the loan.

A cooperative, to be eligible, must be primarily composed of and serve low-income rural families and be unable to obtain credit from other sources. In addition to the new credit service the Farmers Home Administration serves all rural counties in Oregon with loans to finance farm operations, buy and enlarge farms, construct rural housing and develop community water systems, recreation areas and grazing land. It also provides a program of emergency flood loans, watershed loans, and rural renewal loans.

BMC Eyes Future At Report Meeting

With construction of the Blue Mountain College building well underway in Pendleton and with enrollment at the community college exceeding expectations, the future of the new institution is looking bright. This general optimism was reflected at a recent report meeting for 1964-65 in Pendleton, at which time President Wallace McCrae delivered the budget message for 1965-66 as budget officer for the college district.

Budget for the current year '64-65) was planned for 363 full time equivalent students, but enrollment exceeded expectations, McCrae said. A total of 452 were enrolled in the fall term, and 457 in the winter term. This is expected to drop to 400 in the spring term. Full time equivalent for next year is predicted at 456. This would require an enrollment well in excess of 500 students, since it takes 15 hours of college transfer work or 20 hours of mechanical work for a full time equivalent. Some students do not carry this heavy a load.

Increased enrollment in the current year resulted in some curtailment, since, under the budget, the college was limited to expenditures of \$432,000. Development of the evening program was barred and some budgeted faculty members were not hired.

Problems encountered include: 1. Decentralization of the school with classes in several locations in town, requiring staff members to "move all over town;" 2. An inadequate library and heavy dependence on county and state libraries; 3. Heavy dependence on rented facilities, which are costly to the district; 4. Additional expenses, including in-

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care, then dismissed, include the following: Kraig and Kathy Cutsforth, Heppner; Harvey Childers, Ione; Dee Pettyjohn, Heppner; Eddie Gunderson, Jr., Heppner; Jane Ann Hilderbrand, Heppner; Marion Templeton, Spray; John Reeder, Pilot Rock; Rodger Hollomon, Kinzua; Barbara Bowman, McNary; Oscar Peterson, Ione; Robert Hulett, Kinzua; Merle Brauer, Long Creek; and Fordyce Hills, Lexington.

Those admitted, and still receiving medical care, are the following: Elaine Bietmann, Ione; Clara Flower, Kimberly; Clarence Edwards, Condon; Gwyneth Green, Heppner, and Peggy Henry, Heppner.

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creasing administrative and clerical expenses; 3. Unexpected expense on planning building and on curriculum development; 6. The constant demand for college faculty to appear in the various communities. "We dare not neglect this area," McCrae said.

The practical nurse program with one instructor to 20 students is faced with the state board's standard for accreditation of 1 to 10 or 15. Also increase in staff is necessary to handle continuous growth in technical areas and business education, the president said.

Curriculum changes to be considered include: 1. Agriculture to serve the demand for an agricultural area. 2. Police science (Inservice training for peace officers was held this year with two classes). 3. Additional courses in English and languages in the college transfer program as well as for more in mathematics and science.

In several areas the college is meeting only minimal requirements, McCrae said. Such include art, music and speech, giving only enough to allow college transfer students to "move on" to four-year colleges.

"We've done a shameful job of providing faculty assistance on student activities," the president said. "This is a real lack that needs serious consideration."

In determining what to expect in future enrollment the college has the problem of being too young to compile an experience record on which to base predictions, McCrae pointed out.

Michael Kilkenny of Echo, chairman of the college board, in discussing progress and problems of 1964-65, told how the building program had been delayed because of failure to procure matching federal funds on schedule.

"President McCrae went to Washington and came home with the money," he said.

Contract for the construction of the first structure for the college, located on a tract acquired opposite the highway from the state hospital, was awarded to Bechtel Bros., and the building is now on its way. Three units are included in the building.

"With tight holdings on the building project, it looks like we can immediately start thinking about the second building," Kilkenny said. This would be an 8000 square-foot shop building to be located near the first structure.

Chairman Kilkenny made a special point of the need to keep patrons of the two-county district informed, saying, "We've got to tell the people what we are trying to do."

Mrs. Gene Conklin, Pendleton, secretary of the scholarship and development committee, and

Truman Bailey, director of guidance, reported for this group, saying that 22 students were awarded scholarships at the beginning of the fall term, ranging from \$5 to full tuition. Six more were awarded at the beginning of the winter term.

"In nearly every case scholarships have meant the difference of finishing one term and starting another," she said. Many organizations have cooperated to assist with scholarships, memorials and grants. Donors may determine to whom the awards may go.

Ted Furst, student body president, was high in praise of the college board of directors.

"They really have the respect of the student body," he said. He told of student activities—the basketball team, wrestling, the school newspaper, and others. Archie Ball of Heppner is vice president of the student body.

S. E. Brogotti, vice chairman

of the State Board of Education, said in discussing the place of Blue Mountain College in the Oregon Community College program. "This college is looked at with a great deal of envy by some other institutions. It is being developed as the law envisioned it should be developed."

He said that there are some unallocated funds from the state college bond issue which will be allocated between now and July 1.

"We will be in there pitching for all we can get for the community college in the state," he said.

At an organization of the meeting of the budget committee, it was pointed out that estimated receipts for 1965-66, other than taxes, would approximate \$347,556, of which \$197,448 would come from the state community college fund and some \$109,440 from student tuition, based on the 456 full time equivalents at \$80 per term for three terms.

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