

# Morrow Grain Growers Consider Expansion Plan

Possible plans for expansion into related fields by Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc. were outlined by President Walter Jacobs at the annual MCGG meeting in the fair pavilion Monday night.

With the developments apparently forthcoming in the north end of the county through irrigation and other forward steps, he said, directors have been looking at the possibility of securing a site at a strategic location to serve farmers and the area through a cooperative business.

He said that the firm is checking with farmers and residents in the area to determine if they would be interested in having such a venture started there.

Jacobs also told the members

that the MCGG should consider an increase in grain handling charges, which have not been raised for years. This brought a motion from the floor by Phil Mahoney, recommending that the directors increase handling charges by 1/4c per bushel. The motion passed without any dissenting votes.

**New Dock Talked**

Another important item of business came to the attention of the membership from Jacobs. Rising of the reservoir from the John Day dam will eliminate present docking facilities at the Hogue-Warner terminal on the Columbia. Engineers were engaged to see what other possible effects the reservoir would have on the terminal, and the report is that a sump pump may

need to be installed to handle a small amount of moisture that may accumulate in the bottom of the pit.

Estimates on a new docking facility range to \$131,000, but Jacobs said directors are working with other engineers to see if a dock could be built from the shoreline at less cost than one at the higher figure from barges in the river.

The president said that it is hoped that the work can be done for somewhere between \$70,000 and \$90,000. Financial advice has been that the funds should come from the cooperative's current assets, but Jacobs expressed the fear that this would cut too deeply into them. It was at this point that he proposed the increase in grain

handling charges.

Harlan McCurdy, Jr., treasurer-manager, said that the 1 1/2c increase would mean approximately \$30,000 per year in revenue. The increase proposal was only in the form of a recommendation to the directors.

**250 Served at Dinner**

The business session came at the end of the meeting, which started with a 4-H champion beef dinner, served by the Willows Grange of Jone, to the some 250 persons present. The meal was served piping hot and delicious in fast time by the efficient crew.

Nonda Clark, fourth place winner in the state speech contest of Oregon Soil Conservation districts, gave her prize-winning

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# Board Expects Heavy Bidding on Riverside

"Tight money" that has resulted in a construction lag in the Northwest may prove to be a beneficial factor for the Morrow County school district which has issued a call for bids on construction of the new Riverside High school at Boardman, according to a report from David Potter, district superintendent, at the regular board of directors' meeting Tuesday night.

"The number of requests for plans and specifications is very gratifying," Potter told the directors. He said that 30 or 40 firms are considering bidding on the project due to the shortage of work because of "tight money." Bids on the project

will be received until Tuesday, December 6, at 3:30 p.m.

Majority of points on the construction have been settled with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the superintendent reported, although there are still some minor differences on details of proposed construction. Cost of the total project is estimated at \$1,350,000 and most of the funds will be supplied by the Federal government.

**Salary Proposals Talked**

Tentative proposals of teachers and administrators in the district on salary matters were brought to the attention of the board at the meeting by Mrs. Vi Lanham, chairman of the

professional negotiation committee, which was formed under a new state law.

Now serving on the committee are Mrs. Lanham, Clint Agee, Ron Black, Gladys Hobbs, Jim Marvin, Dick Carpenter and Ron Daniels, the latter two being administrators and the other five being teachers.

Mrs. Lanham said that a canvass of teachers had been undertaken to determine their views.

One proposal that seemed to get nearly 100 percent agreement of the certified staff of the district is that all present teachers should be placed on the salary schedule where they should be in relation to their training and experience. Mrs. Lanham said that "gross inequities" exist with some teachers not getting full credit for their training and experience. A tentative computation brought out the estimate that it would cost the district about \$9400 per year to correct the discrepancies, Mrs. Lanham said. She added that this is considerably less than she had expected it might be.

Another matter that may be requested by teachers is that they receive pay for days that they are required to be away from the job on such matters as community service. These may be in the nature of public relations service for the school or the district.

"Teachers feel that this should not come out of their salary or time for personal leave," Mrs. Lanham said. Prior approval from the administrator for the absence would be required, she added.

The poll of teachers indicated that they will also ask that the board not change the amount of experience allowed a teacher in placing that teacher on the salary schedule. In some instances, teachers have been allowed only half credit for their years of experience.

Also being considered by the committee is the matter of three-year continuing contracts.

"We are working on the salary schedule, and hope to make it realistic," the committee chairman said. "We are not 'shooting for the sky' but want to keep good teachers here."

The negotiation committee feels that the board of directors has developed a very competent staff this year, she said, and that "it is proving to be a very pleasant year." It was emphasized that it is essential to hold this type of staff.

Formal proposals will be worked out by the committee after they have been presented to teachers of the district, and they will be presented to the board for consideration at an ensuing meeting.

**League Dilemma Eyed**

Attention to the dilemma that faces Heppner High school in the Greater Oregon athletic league occupied considerable time at the Tuesday meeting.

Richard Carpenter, Heppner High school principal, presented proposals that have been considered by the league in an attempt to establish equitable athletic schedules. None of those which have been proposed and discussed at district meetings have been acceptable to all schools in the league.

Major problem comes with the fact that Vale and Nyssa, now operating alone as the eastern division, are also involved in the Snake River Valley league, primarily composed of Idaho schools. They cannot accept many more games in major sports without jeopardizing their SRV standing.

Distances between schools in the area encompassed by the league is a complicating factor.

The Oregon State Activities association board of control will meet November 26 and will consider the problem at that time. Gene Chester, district chairman, has called a meeting of administrators in district A-2 (which comprises the Greater Oregon league) on November 25 in a last effort to arrive at a solution agreeable to the majority of the schools.

Vale and Nyssa state that they can play only three league games and still pay in the SRV league. Burns, John Day and Enterprise are concerned about finding enough teams to fill their schedules, Carpenter said, and therefore want a round robin schedule to guarantee them a sufficient number of games. Madras had traditional games with Prineville and Redmond which it desires to continue, and the White Buffaloes don't want to travel the long distance to Enterprise.

At the forthcoming OSAA meeting, classification of A-2 schools may be raised to 250 average daily membership. If this occurs, four schools—Heppner, Enterprise, Sherman and Pilot Rock—could return to "B" classification. Carpenter emphasized the "could" and said that the drop to class B would not be mandatory. At the same time, if classifications do not raise, Madras may go up to A-1 classification.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles made it clear that he was not in favor of Heppner dropping to B classification, declaring that it would hurt interest attendance and morale. He said that he has known times in the past when

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## Rain Brings Smiles For County Ranchers

You can easily spot the ranchers this week. They are the ones with broad smiles on their faces.

The week's general rains came at a time when they were badly needed to provide moisture for seeding fall grains, and it was enough to do some real good.

Don Gilliam, weather observer in Heppner, reported the week's total at 1.55 inches, but reports indicate that it was heavier in the northern part of the county.

fell below freezing with temperature down to 28 degrees early Friday morning. High temperature the same day was only 36 degrees but the week's high came on Sunday at 60 degrees.

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Thursday	50	31	.00
Friday	36	28	.37
Saturday	53	30	.03
Sunday	60	36	.06
Monday	57	39	.36
Tuesday	49	44	.63
Wednesday	56	39	.10

### Combined Service For Thanksgiving Set Wednesday Eve

Combined community Thanksgiving church service will be presented through the cooperation of the South Morrow Ministerial association Wednesday evening, November 23, in All Saints' Episcopal church at 7:30. Churches of the association will share in presenting the service.

Al Boschee, pastor of the Christian churches of Heppner and Lexington, will speak on "We Give Thanks," using Ephesians 5:20 as his text.

The Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of the Methodist church, and the Rev. Dirk Rinehart of All Saints', co-chairmen of the service, are planning special music for the occasion.

Special practices are being held by the junior choir of the Episcopal church, under the direction of Mrs. Rinehart, and by the junior choir of the Methodist church, under the direction of Mrs. John Maatta. The two choirs are planning to combine for special numbers for the evening community service.

The combined service at Thanksgiving time has been held here for a number of years with persons of all faiths attending. Last year it was held in the lone United Church of Christ with a large crowd present.

The public is invited to attend.



**PROUD POSSESSOR** for the second year of the revolving Wrangler trophy is Becky Fulleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fulleton, an accomplished young rider. She won the all-around championship as high point playday winner the past two years, and if a winner again next year, will have permanent possession. (G-T Photo)

## Young Rider Retains Trophy For Second Year

For the second consecutive year, the name of Becky Fulleton has been engraved on the all-around championship trophy of the Heppner Wranglers. Becky was presented the revolving trophy at the annual Buck-burger Feed of the Wranglers in October, along with other award winners in junior, senior, and in her own 12-and-under age group.

Becky, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fulleton, competed with Wranglers who were considerably older and more experienced, but made up for it in determination through her excellent riding ability.

In total points compiled during four Wrangler playdays last spring, Becky was high point winner. She rode a family favorite registered quarter-horse, "Joe" for the playdays, and was deeply saddened in September when another of the registered Fulleton quarter-horse string, "Final Edition," also used in racing, died of an illness.

Along with her sisters Ruby and Diana, Becky has always been a great competitor in Wrangler and rodeo races. It was after a hard luck fall in a rodeo race last summer, which put her in the hospital for a few days, that Becky was awarded the "hard luck cowboy" hat. According to her mother, she has ridden since she could "sit in the saddle" and won her first blue ribbon at the age of two, on a little pony at the Wrangler Horse Show.

The big trophy is now one of a great many awards which rest on the Fulleton mantel, won by various members of the Fulleton family, who all "just love to ride."

## Nonda Clark Ties for Fourth in State

Nonda Clark, who carried the banner of Morrow county through three contests after winning the local soil conservation speech contest, tied for fourth place in the state at the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts convention in Seaside Friday. She had won the semi-finals at Arlington after tying for first in the area at Athena before going to Seaside.

State champion is Barbara Rogers of Bend, representing the Mid-state Soil and Water Conservation District. Second was Naome Dahill of Monument, representing the Monument district. Third was Bob Blackford of Portland, representing the Multnomah county district, and tied with Nonda was Melba Strom of Junction City, representing the North Lane district.

Vernon Munkers brought more honor back to Heppner when he won the individual soils judging contest. He won a hunting knife as a prize.

Thirteen from the Heppner district attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Ken Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCracken (Conservation Man of the Year in Morrow county), Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fielder and Miss Clark. Fielder is Heppner high school teacher.

Turner, who was chairman of the speech contest here, said, "I thought Nonda was just perfect with her speech. Her timing was perfect and it was just remarkable." He added that all of the contestants this year were excellent. "Not one made a bobble."

Walter Crouse, Grants Pass dairy farmer and cooperater with the Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District, was the winner of the Outstanding SWCD Cooperator award for



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1966 at the awards banquet of the 18th annual meeting of the state association.

The award is made each year to the district cooperater who has made outstanding progress in soil and water conservation and who has shown community leadership in conservation. It consists of a plaque from the state association and \$100 from the U. S. National Bank and a plaque and \$50 to the soil and water conservation district nominating him.

Crouse's award for leadership in the community project for flood control on the Rogue River and application of a complete conservation plan was made from a selection of 10 other outstanding nominees.

The Goodyear Award went this year to the Yamhill Soil

and Water Conservation District. Given for outstanding district program in the state, the prize will be a one-week trip to Litchfield Park, Ariz., for chairman of the district board of supervisors Stan Christensen and Eugene Stockhoff, as outstanding district cooperater.

The Illinois Valley SWCD received the Lucille Cochran Award for the district with the best attendance at meetings and best minutes.

Munkers took the individual soils judging championship for men with Lynn Clark of Corvallis second and Frank Wimmers, Hood River, third.

### Cracked Insulator Cause of Outage; Report Helps Crew

A cracked insulator on a power pole of the 69,000-volt transmission line from Jordan to Heppner resulted in a short-circuit that caused a 12-minute power outage in the Heppner area just after 8 a.m. Tuesday, Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, reported.

Were it not for the help of Jim Bloodsworth, rancher, the outage would have been considerably longer. The short-circuit caused a fire on the power pole near the Bloodsworth place between Heppner and Lexington. The rancher saw the fire and called the company immediately. A crew was dispatched and extinguished the fire while service was out.

Replacement of the defective insulator was done with power back in service.

If Bloodsworth had not called, the pole may have burned completely and could have caused a much longer outage.

## 30 Mustangs Answer Call for Basketball

Thirty boys reported Monday when Coach Bob Clough at Heppner High held first basketball practice for the coming season. Some will be cut soon to Jayvee status to get the varsity down to its squad limit, the coach said.

On the basis of the coach's predictions, basketball season in the Greater Oregon league could possibly wind up similar to the football season. Heppner High will have one of the better teams in the western division, but Vale looms as a very powerful squad in the east.

It may be recalled that the Vikings lost in the district tournament to Wahitonga last year by only one point. The Eagles then smacked Heppner by a decisive score.

Coach Clough figures that Sherman county may be the team to beat in the western division for the Mustangs with Grant Union and Madras looming as strong contenders.

First pre-season games for the Heppner High boys will be December 3 at Pilot Rock and December 6 on the Mustangs' floor against lone High. These will be non-league games, of course.

Four lettermen are back from last year's team, and three of them were regulars. They are

Jim Doherty, Mac Hoskins, Jim Jacobs and Steve Wagenblast.

Another letterman, big Russ Kilkenny, expects to join the team as soon as he has recovered from an injury.

Some first year varsity men who look exceptionally good in early practice are Randy Stillman, Bill McLeod and Dave Hall, the coach said.

Strengths of the team will include fine overall speed, well-balanced scoring as well as effective scoring ability, and good depth at the guard positions, Coach Clough said.

Handicaps could be lack of depth of tall men (although the first line should be strong) and lack of rebounding strength (without Kilkenny) early in the season.

Those out for the varsity include the following:

**Seniors** — Mike Alsop, John Cox, Doherty, Bob Harris, Hoskins, Jacobs, Jeff Turner, Jerry Stefani, Wagenblast.

**Juniors** — Earl Ayres, Bob Dobbs, Hall, McLeod, Steve Pettyjohn, John Rawlins, Stillman, Kilkenny.

**Sophomores**—Calvin Ashbeck, Melvin Ashbeck, Bill Baker, Jim Bloodsworth, Don Cossitt, Earl Dickson, Monte Evans, Mike Healy, Gary Kemp, Dean Kindie, John O'Donnell, Larry Pettyjohn and Mike Smith.