

Morrow County Youth Win Honors In 21st Annual Junior Stock Show

Capturing honors with grand champion FFA steer, reserve champion 4-H steer and scoring well in other areas, Morrow county youth made a fine showing at the Junior Livestock Show in The Dalles last week.

Steve Wagenblast's 905 lb. Hereford—one of two animals that he entered in the show—was judged grand champion FFA steer of the show and received high praise from the judges. Steve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast of Lexington, received a trophy for his grand champion and also received a silver buckle from the Hereford association for having the best Hereford exhibit. His second steer was reserve champion in the FFA Hereford class. Meanwhile, 13-year-old Herbert Ekstrom, III, won reserve champion award in 4-H with his Hereford steer. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ekstrom, Jr., of Ione. Young Herb's animal was second in the Hereford steer of Larry Lindland of Eagle Creek (Clackamas county) who showed the grand champion 4-H steer.

Monte Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans, brought more honors to the county with his Black Angus, which was judged reserve champion in its FFA Angus class. Monte had the only Angus among the six beef animals taken to the show by the Heppner High chapter members, Hal Whitaker, advisor, said.

While the animals of three other FFA chapter members—Earl Struckmeier, Alfred Drake and Dave Wright—did not place, all were judged choice.

Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Drake, was champion FFA sheep judge of the show, which is sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League. The Heppner chapter's livestock judging team finished fifth among 15 teams competing, Whitaker said.

Herb Ekstrom, III, added to his laurels by winning second in beef showmanship, again placing behind Lindland of Clackamas county.

Morrow county showed the champion beef herd of the five FFA animals and also the champion beef herd of five 4-H animals with Gilliam county second in 4-H.

At the auction show last Wednesday night, Wagenblast's grand champion steer brought 57½¢ per pound, going to Interstate Paving and Brady's Market, The Dalles. His second steer was sold to Bill Dick of The Dalles at 35¢ per pound.

Ekstrom's 4-H reserve champion was sold to the Tennessean Engineering Corp. of The Dalles at 41¢ per pound.

The choice steers of Struckmeier, Drake and Wright each brought 30¢ per pound—4¢ over market—with Struckmeier's and Drake's being bought by Morrow County Grain Growers.

In all, the young livestock exhibitors at the show—some 200 in number—collected \$33,980.36 for 306 head of grain (partly wheat) finished steers, hogs and lambs at the 21st annual show. Business firms and others around Oregon boosted the average prices by placing high bids in all divisions.

Average prices per hundred pounds were 22.27 for steers against a market price of 26.00 for prime and choice; 30.55 for hogs against a market price of 22.75; and 41.92 for lambs against a market of 24.50.

Compared with a year ago, the show had 50 additional animals with the exhibitors from 19 Oregon counties and 16 FFA chapters showing 306 head.

Sale prices were somewhat higher than last year in relation

to the market prices. The market prices for steers were 50 cents a hundred less than a year ago, hog prices \$5 a hundred less, but lamb market prices were 25¢ higher. The average sale price on 97 lambs was more than \$8 a hundred higher than in 1966.

Si Williams of Walla Walla, Wash., was the auctioneer at the sale, and Ray Peterson, extension agent at Klamath Falls, judged the beef classes in the show. Ray Novotny, extension agent of Harney county from Burns judged the sheep, and Ray Meenach, a swine breeder of Spokane, Wash., judged the swine.

Bill Cox Gets Degree at Uof O

William C. Cox II, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Cox of Heppner, was graduated Sunday, June 11, with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon at Eugene.

He plans to return to Heppner for summer work with the U. S. Forest Service and then return to school to begin work on a Master's Degree in Business Administration in the fall.

His parents and Todd and John Cox traveled to Eugene to attend the Commencement and Baccalaureate exercises held at the University's Hayward Field stadium.

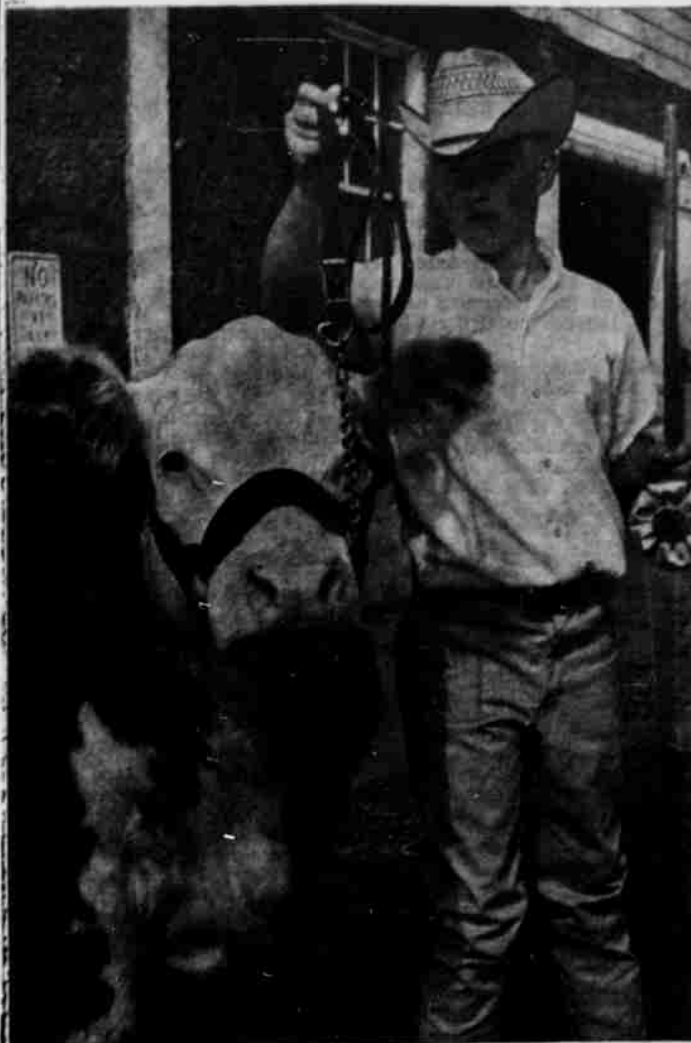
Some 1878 candidates were presented at the 90th Spring Commencement in Eugene and 264 others were presented earlier for degrees in Medicine, Dental Medicine and Nursing at the University's Medical and Dental Schools, making a total of more than 2100 candidates for degrees from the University of Oregon at the end of spring term this year.

1947 Class Reunion Scheduled June 24

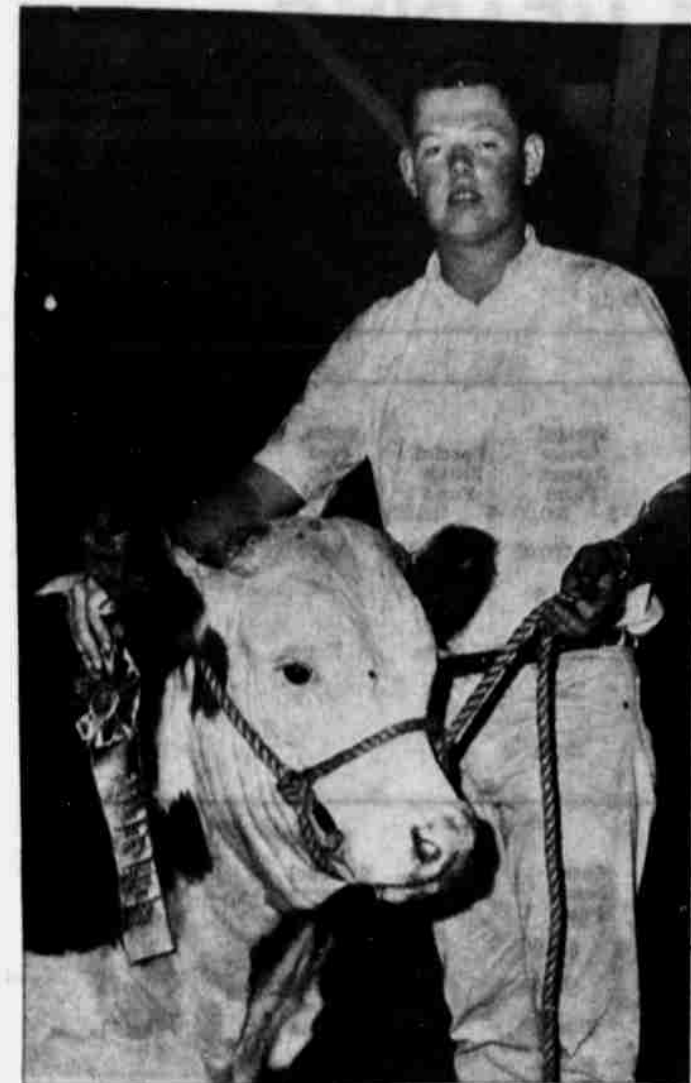
Reunion of the Heppner High school class of 1947 is planned for Saturday, June 24, at the Wagon Wheel banquet room in Heppner, members of the class of 20 years ago announce.

The dinner meeting will start at 7 p.m. An effort is being made to contact all members of the class, which numbered 29, and it is expected that approximately 20 will be in attendance.

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HERB EKSTROM, III, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ekstrom, Jr., of Ione, won first place with his Hereford in the 4-H class shown, and later the reserve grand championship over 75 steers entered in competition at the Junior Livestock Show held at The Dalles last week. Larry Lindland of Clackamas county showed the grand champion, also a Hereford.



STEVE WAGENBLAST, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast of Lexington, is shown with his grand champion FFA steer which topped the field in The Dalles last week at the Junior Livestock Show held under sponsorship of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Judges were high in their praise of the 905 lb. Hereford and in the manner it had been fitted for showing.

Rev. Mel Dixon Reappointed Here

The Rev. Melvin Dixon was reappointed to serve the Heppner Methodist church for another year by Bishop A. Raymond Grant at the Oregon Methodists' annual conference in Salem last week.

This will start the sixth year at the local church for the Rev. and Mrs. Dixon. They came here from Medford in June, 1962.

The Rev. Austin McGhee, former Methodist pastor here, was appointed to the Molalla church at the conference and will move there from Cave Junction where he has been serving since leaving Heppner.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Herman Green, lay delegate, represented the Heppner church at the 4-day annual conference at Salem. They left here last Monday and the Dixons returned Friday afternoon. Herman Green drove to Salem Friday and met Mrs. Green there. The couple then proceeded to Eugene to bring their daughter, Margaret, home from the University of Oregon where she has completed her freshman year.

Irrigon Seaman Back in San Diego

Commissaryman Seaman Michael R. Snyder, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam I. Snyder of Route 2, Irrigon, returned to San Diego, Calif., aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga, after an eight month deployment to the Gulf of Tonkin.

During the deployment, the carrier made over 11,700 combat sorties against the enemy. Ticonderoga is the first carrier to complete three combat deployments in the Vietnam conflict.

Two Young Men Leave for Midwest

Lawrence Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green, and Tony Doherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty, left Wednesday morning by auto for the midwest where they will spend much of the summer.

Green is going to St. Paul, Minn., to participate in an NDEA (National Defense Education) summer program, and Doherty is going to Escanaba, Mich., to be with his brother, Roger, and expects to find employment there for the summer.

During the school year, Green has been teaching at Odell, in St. Paul he will participate with other teachers who have been instructing under a Care program through the NDEA. He will take seminar courses, hear guest lectures and do project work in economics and writing. The session will end July 28.

Doherty has been attending Eastern Oregon College and plans to attend University of Oregon next year. His brother is engaged in welfare work in Michigan.

Methodists Start Summer Schedule

Summer schedule will begin at the Heppner Methodist church on Sunday, June 18, the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor, announces.

Through the summer, morning worship services will be each Sunday at 9 a.m. Church school will start at 10 a.m. "Monday School" for the primary and children's departments will commence on Monday, June 26, taking the place of Sunday school for them.

Church school will continue through June and July at 10 a.m. for seventh and eighth graders and for high school youth.

Grain Exports Drop Slightly

Grain inspected by the Oregon Department of Agriculture for export from Portland in May dropped below the April exports, but grain receipts in May exceeded those of the previous month.

The exports dropped from 312,762 tons in April to 275,386 tons in May.

May's grain receipts checked by the inspectors totaled 291,090 tons compared with 289,318 tons in April. Grain was received from seven states east of the Rocky Mountains with their total 1,410 tons. This included wheat, barley, grain sorghum and corn.

Analyses for protein in May totaled 2,814. This was 518 less than the number made in April.

At Pendleton the department made 108 track inspections and, at Merrill, 32 wheat-track inspections, four truck inspections, one wheat-hopper inspection and 12 hopper-out inspections.

In Officers' Training

Kenneth Daggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Daggett, Heppner, has been assigned to Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas, in the Officers' Training School. Daggett was graduated at the end of the fall term from Oregon State University, and reported for training on May 10.

586 in Morrow On Social Security

Social security benefits were paid to 586 residents of Morrow County in December, 1966, up eight percent from the year before.

One-eighth of the people in Morrow County were receiving benefits at a monthly rate of \$43,700, Vernon A. Welo, social security district manager in La Grande, Oregon, reported today. There were 505 older people, he said, receiving benefits as retired workers, the wives and husbands of retired workers and as the surviving widows or aged dependent parents of workers who have died.

"But social security is not just for older people," Welo pointed out. There were 52 young widows and children in the Morrow County area receiving monthly benefits amounting to \$3,357 at the end of December. There were 29 disabled workers and dependents receiving benefits at a monthly rate of \$2,221.

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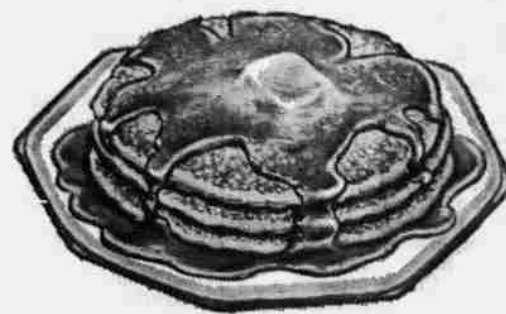
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