



WILD PEOPLE FROM BORNEO? Oh, no. This is part of the Central Market crew dressed for Crazy Days Friday. Forrie Burkenbine (right) dressed in the long-hair modern manner and won a \$5 prize for the craziest merchant's costume for men. Mrs. Bob Bergstrom (second from right) won \$5 for being judged the craziest costume for women. Others are (from left) Ernest McCabe, Mrs. Bill Privett (My, what big teeth you have!) and Art Burkenbine. (G-T Photo)

Tom Says Farms 'Married to Government'

Allen Tom of The Dalles, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, talked of problems, present and future, facing the industry at the fall meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers association Tuesday.

His talk, given at a luncheon at noon in the St. Patrick's parish hall with business people as guests, was a highlight of the day-long meeting. Committee sessions occupied the morning, and Ron Daniels, superintendent of Morrow county schools, discussed the proposed state tax program in the afternoon. Workers' Compensation was also an important matter considered by the growers.

Some 70 persons heard Tom at the luncheon with Ken Turner, county president, acting as toastmaster.

"The most important thing in your business happens to be government, whether you like it or not," the national president told the audience. "For better or worse, we are still married to government."

He said that wheat growers must decide what to do about a farm program since the present program expires this year.

"The greatest problem that the farmer faces is income," he declared. "Why is the price of wheat so low this year?"

Last year farmers were told that they would have \$2 wheat, the speaker said.

"A lot of farmers still have wheat in storage waiting for \$2," Tom said that he felt increased allotments contributed to the situation. The national association actively opposed a big increase in allotments on the theory that the surplus problem "wasn't licked."

World crop of wheat last year

was 10,300,000,000 bushels, which means that more will be added to surpluses, he said.

Since more than 80% of the northwest wheat has to be disposed of out of the area, ranchers here depend a great deal on Public Law 480. Canada has a big surplus and Australia, which has but 10 million acres of wheat "not long ago" is going to harvest 22½ million acres, he said.

"Here we're planting fence to fence. Frankly, I think we're hurting ourselves."

Tom said that China may be in "real trouble" with crop failures.

"The question is this—do we let them starve? I doubt it."

He pointed out that in South America about 10,000 people die each day from malnutrition. They need food that the United States can produce.

However, he added, "How are you going to market wheat in under-developed nations unless they improve their economic conditions?" Education is the answer, he declared.

The national president discussed proposed legislation in the Congress for the wheat program, none of which has "felled" as yet. He spoke of the possibility of an "Exporter's Club" where the four wheat producing nations would get together and hold that the world price is too low.

Another possibility on forcing a price rise is that wheat ranchers might consider getting together with labor and declare, for instance, "We won't move this wheat until we get \$1.70 per bushel," he said.

"In the long run the wheat industry has a terrific future," President Tom said, "but not in the short run."

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CROSS AT YOUR OWN RISK



IF MERCHANTS are supposed to be a bunch of clowns, a person might as well dress like one. So said these gals of J. C. Penney Co. for Crazy Days. The clowning clerks are Mrs. Betty Gentry, Mrs. Lorna Borman, and Mrs. Neva Matteson. (G-T Photo)

115 Kids Parade For Crazy Days; Winners Named

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Youngsters through the fifth grade combined Halloween fervor with Crazy Days as they dressed up to participate in the Crazy Days parade here Saturday. A total of 115 took part. In addition to the Heppner school band, directed by Arnie Hedman.

When judging was completed on the best costumes, Greg Cline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cline, was awarded a \$5 prize for boys, and Paula Heinrichs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heinrichs, won a \$5 prize for girls.

All the kids who took part in the parade received ice cream treats. A large number of parents was on hand to view the proceedings and to enjoy the costumes.

In the merchants' dress-up Friday, the usually sedate store owners and clerks abandoned their dignity to yield to the funny and the bizarre. A committee of judges decided that the \$5 award for men should go to Forrie Burkenbine, manager of Central Market, for his get-up, and another \$5 award for women was won by Mrs. Bob (Marlene) Bergstrom, also of Central. It is easier to picture their weird costumes than to describe them, and so their photos are elsewhere in this paper.

At the Bank of Eastern Oregon, a \$10 prize for the youngest mother-in-law to come to the bank in costume Friday as a Crazy Days feature went to Mrs. Leon Ball, who is a mother-in-law at 39.

In the bank's guessing contest, Mrs. Bill Privett won a \$5 prize. In guessing the total weight of the bank's employees, she was off the exact total by only nine pounds.

Fish Saves Angler From Rattler Strike

Delvin Matteson of Heppner should be thanking his lucky stars today as a result of a near disastrous fishing trip on the John Day river over the week-end.

Matteson was fishing with his brother, Lyle, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Lorene Matteson, all of Heppner, when he was fortunate to land a steelhead of considerable size, some 28½ inches in length. Moving upstream to join the others, he unknowingly walked past a rattler, which struck the fish he was carrying. Matteson, feeling a jerk of the fish in his hand, turned in time to see the rattlesnake coiled and ready to strike a second time.

Needless to say, the snake was destroyed and Matteson has all eight of the rattlers to prove it, as well as quite a "fish story."

Annual Dinner Meeting of MCGG Due Monday Eve

A crowd of 300 persons or more is expected at the annual dinner meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., in the county fair pavilion here Monday, November 6, starting at 6:30 p.m.

No speaker has been obtained for the meeting, and time will be devoted to hearing reports and general discussion on business matters of the expanded cooperative, Harlan McCurdy, manager, said. The corporation has merged with Lexington Oil Cooperative and is in the process of purchasing Lexington Implement Company.

Grand champion 4-H steer will be the main entree of the beef dinner, which will be served by members of the Willows Grange.

Door prizes, also consisting of champion beef, will be distributed throughout the evening.

In the business session, McCurdy will give his report as treasurer and manager, and Walter Jacobs will give the president's report. Directors will be elected to fill places of those whose terms expire this year.



"RESUSCIANNE" (center) was the guest of honor at the first session of the Red Cross first aid class which met Wednesday night, November 1, at the junior high library. Standing beside her at left is Mrs. Phillip (Betty) Doherty and at right is Ken Methvin, both instructors in the first aid course. "Resuscianne," although not a living creature, is no dummy. She will be used for teaching mouth to mouth resuscitation in the course, and unless correct techniques are used, she will not "breathe." It isn't too late to sign up for the 10-hour course, which will meet once each week. Anyone interested may call Methvin at 676-9460 or the U. S. Forest Service office here for more information. (G-T Photo)

Honors, Awards Mark Farm-City Dinner Wednesday

Honors and awards were the order of the evening last Wednesday night at the Farm-City banquet with more than 230 attending in the Heppner High school cafeteria.

Larry Lindsay was presented as Morrow county's Livestock Man of the Year with Ned Clark, one of last year's recipients, making the presentation.

Louis Carlson, Conservation Man of the Year, was presented a gift by Ray French, chairman of the supervisors of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district, and also received a plaque from Highland Machinery Company, Condon, with Jerald Rea making the presentation.

In each case, wives of the men of the year—Corinne Lindsay and Betty Carlson—shared the honors with their husbands. Lindsay, in his response, paid tribute to his mother, Mrs. Alex Lindsay, and said that he was following a plan laid out by his father who died prematurely of a heart attack at the age of 44.

Frank Anderson, vice president of the Hereford Breeders association, presented a premium Hereford exhibitor award for 1966 to Don Robinson for the Kirk and Robinson ranch and to Herb Ekstrom and Sons as the 1967 premium Hereford exhibitor. The Ekstroms were unable to be present to receive the award.

Another award presented in absentia was that to Atlantic Richfield by the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce with Dr. Wallace Wolff making the presentation on behalf of the awards committee. Wes Marlatt, who was to receive the honor on behalf of the company, was unable to be present.

Dr. Wolff said that it has been given in recognition of the company's work towards civic beautification by removing an old building and by community development of the Richfield station.

Herman Winter, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was toastmaster at the dinner. One of the first important matters undertaken was to determine who had won the \$100 diamond given by Peterson's Jewelers as a feature of the dinner. After some 236 persons had carefully examined the rhinestones that were in all but one envelope, Dick Wilkinson finally came to the conclusion that his was not a rhinestone. He won the diamond.

Winter introduced Larry Williams, John Day, president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association; Bob Jensen, president of the Oregon Wheat League, and Carl Bartlett, a vice president of the First National Bank of Oregon.

He introduced Gail McCarty, county extension agent and Mrs. McCarty; Ralph Richards, conservationist with the Conservation district, and Mrs. Richards; and Ray French, chairman of the district's supervisors.

French in turn introduced the other supervisors present and their wives. Supervisors include Vernon Munkers, Ken Turner, Roger Palmer and Dick McElligott.

Winter introduced Lindsay as president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers, who, in turn, introduced his vice president, Allen Hughes, and Mrs. Hughes; Gail McCarty, secretary; and announced that Gerald Swagart is treasurer.

Lindsay introduced Mrs. Walter Wright, president of the county CowBelles, and Mrs. Waver Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Frank Anderson, vice president, was unable to be present.

Winter then introduced officers of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Addition Possible In Nursing Home, O'Hara Reports

Possibility of an addition to the nursing home at Pioneer Memorial hospital was discussed by Will O'Hara, hospital administrator, during a talk to the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The present nursing home on the lower level of the hospital has been full for about three years, he said.

"We're having to turn people away."

At the same time, the hospital is running into problems for not offering more deluxe rooms and private rooms in the nursing home, he said. The hospital does not take any out-of-county welfare cases in the home.

Talk has centered around a 30-bed addition, the administrator said, with recreation facilities and cheerier rooms.

Cost of the addition, which is only in the "talking" stage, is difficult to estimate, O'Hara said, but a possible figure would be \$10,000 per bed.

In his general discussion about Pioneer Memorial, O'Hara said, "Hospital business in Heppner is getting more and more difficult all the time."

Increasing regulations are the key to this, he said. "We're trying to keep ahead of them."

Last year, the financial picture was a "little better" than the previous year, and the hospital totaled 10,424 patient days for the year.

The average cost for a medical patient is \$40 per day, and the nursing home cost is about \$10 per day. Present hospital rate for a bed in a 2-bed room ward is \$32 per day.

"Big cities are 20% to 40% higher than we are here," O'Hara said, "but they offer more services. There are more tests that they can run. They have interns on their staffs."

Payroll at the hospital last

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Neighborhood Center Offers Public Service

The Heppner Neighborhood center, established through the Office of Economic Opportunity, is now available for community use. Located on the first floor of the Gilliam and Bisbee building, it is open daily from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. It may be reached by telephone at 676-5873.

Visitors are welcome to use its sewing machine facilities and invited to sign for basic education classes. Its primary purpose is to "serve needs of people in every aspect of human relations, whether they be social, recreational, educational or employment needs."

The staff is planning to hold an open house in the near future, to help the public become aware of its facilities and services.

Woman Seriously Burned at Spray

Mrs. Colton (Dorothy) Bostwick, who was seriously burned in a fire which took her home in Spray Wednesday morning, October 25, is reported in fair condition at Pioneer Memorial hospital. She received second and third degree burns to her face and other parts of her body in a vain attempt to rescue the family dog from their burning home about 9:30 a.m. The family lost all its possessions. Their three children are being cared for by friends.

Mr. Bostwick is an employee of Heppner Lumber Co. at the Spray mill.

Special Board Meet Time is Changed

Time of a special meeting of the board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 with Auditor Fred Witherell has been changed to 8:30 on Monday, November 6, instead of 8 p.m. on that night, as was previously announced. Ron Daniels, school superintendent, states. Members of the budget committee are also to meet with the board.



Teresa Harshman Wins Area Contest

Teresa Harshman, Heppner High school junior, won the area speaking contest of soil and water conservation districts at Hermiston Wednesday night.

She will now advance to the semi-final contest which will be at Arlington today (Thursday) at 1:30 p.m. If she should win again in this contest, she will go to the state convention of soil and water conservation districts in Lakeview next week-end and will speak in the state finals there Friday, November 10.

Teresa won the local contest in Heppner last week to win the right to go to the area contest.

Second in the area was Marcia Harper of Helix, representing the East Umatilla district, and third was Ron Wallace of Umatilla, representing the South Umatilla district.

The Heppner entrant is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman. Ken Turner, chairman of the contest for the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district, said after hearing the contest Wednesday night, "She is a natural speaker."

'Heat Wave' Hits Waning October

By summer standards, Monday and Tuesday weren't hot, but for October's final two days, they may have been record-setters. Temperature rose to 73 degrees on Monday and soared five degrees higher—to 78 on Tuesday.

Ponderton's 74 degrees on Monday was announced as the highest temperature ever recorded there on that date.

While the warm weather was accompanied by Indian summer days, deluxe, it seemed to be beautiful weather that Morrow county could ill afford. Ranches are still parched for rain and farm work is impeded.

A total of 40 inches of rain was reported here, of which, 26 inch came Saturday, but it was not enough to help too much. It was reported as being spotty around the county.

Official weather report for the week of October 25-31 as compiled by Don Gilliam, weather observer, is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	59	39	.02
Thursday	57	28	—
Friday	65	38	.12
Saturday	57	41	.26
Sunday	58	36	—
Monday	73	43	—
Tuesday	78	50	—

Del's Market Hit In Night Burglary

Burglars entered Del's Market at Lexington sometime Saturday night by forcing a rear window and took an undisclosed amount of cash and checks.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman said that "several hundred dollars" were taken, representing Saturday's receipts at the store. The prowlers forced open a locked filing cabinet where the money had been placed at closing time.

Also scooped from the drawers were records of some of the store's charge sales on salesbook slips.

Sheriff Bauman and Deputy Dean Gilman investigated and State Patrolman Curtis Culp assisted. They were called when the store was opened Sunday to accommodate a customer and the loss was discovered.

Del Piper, owner of the store, was gone elk hunting Saturday. The burglary occurred sometime after closing time Saturday evening and the time the store was opened Sunday.

The sheriff's office and state police are continuing the investigation.

Piper Bags Big Buck, Is Contest Winner

Winner of the annual "Big Buck" contest sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 87, has been announced by Jerry Rod, commander. Winner of the Remington pump 30.06 deluxe was Melvin Piper, who bagged the big buck while hunting in the Willows.

The buck dressed out at 181 pounds and was weighed in at Court Street Market.

Mustangs to Play Cards in 8-Man 'Extra' on Friday

Heppner High's Mustangs will convert to 8-man football Friday afternoon to play the Ione High Cardinals, who have captured their league championship. The game will be played on the Ione High Memorial field, starting at 1 p.m.

Originally announced for Thursday afternoon, the date of the contest was changed because of conflicts that developed on Thursday.

Coach Gordon Meyers, whose team clinched its championship by defeating Riverside on October 20, felt the need of keeping his team in shape during the long three weeks before the district title on Saturday, November 11, at 1:30 p.m. at Prairie City. Thus, the game with Coach Ed Hiemstra's Mustangs, out of contention for state playoffs, was arranged.

Seniors will not play for the Mustangs, and the squad will be composed of freshmen, sophomores and juniors—essentially next year's football team.

In the "extra" contest there will be no kickoffs in order to avoid injuries on the runbacks. Play will be started with one team taking the ball on the 20-yard line.

Admission to the game will be 75c for adults and 25c for students. Proceeds will go to the Ione High athletic fund, and this will help finance the trip to Prairie City.