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Happy Silver Anniversary!

Charles Hodde to Speak At Conservation Meet

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Charles W. Hodde of Vancouver, Wash., chairman of the Pacific Northwest River Basins Commission, will be the principal speaker at the Silver Anniversary annual meeting of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district at the Lexington Grange Hall Tuesday night, February 4, at 7:30 p.m.



CHARLES W. HODDE

Appointed by President Lyndon Johnson, Hodde has served in his present position since March 6, 1967. Previously, he was Pacific Northwest regional coordinator for the Department of Interior, Portland. His topic will be, "Water for Morrow County Farmlands." This address by the outstanding authority on water resources will be one of the highlights of the annual meeting. Herb and Bob Peterson of Ione, chosen as State Conservation Men of the Year for 1968, will be presented by the 1967 state winner, Louis Carlson, also of Ione. Two supervisors will be elected at the business meeting, and reports of an outstanding year for the district will be given.

Five original supervisors of the district will be acknowledged at the 25th anniversary meeting. They are Henry Peterson, John Wightman, O. E. Wright, W. E. Hughes and O. W. Cutsforth. The district was actually formed in 1941 but was inactive during two war years, thus making this the official 25th anniversary.

Current supervisors are Raymond French, chairman; Ken Turner, vice chairman; Dick McElligott, secretary; Ed Gonty, treasurer; Bryce Keene, Albert Wright, David Baker and Gerald Peterson. Advisory supervisors include D. O. Nelson, O. W. Cutsforth, Ray Heimburger and Paul Pettyjohn. Refreshments, including a special anniversary cake, will be served after the meeting with the compliments of the district. Everyone is invited to attend, and all are urged to come to hear of developments of importance to the county and to take advantage of the opportunity of hearing Hodde.

College Regional Rodeo Scheduled Here in Late May

Northwest regional competition of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo association will be held at the Morrow County Rodeo grounds in Heppner on May 30, 31 and June 1, Riley Freeman, agriculture instructor at Blue Mountain College, said Monday. The college is host for the regional event, and Freeman is the faculty representative in charge of arrangements.

Some 150 contestants from colleges of Montana, Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho are expected to come for the event, which will be held a week earlier than the national finals in Sacramento, Calif. Freeman said the Heppner grounds were chosen as the location because they are considered ideal for this competition, and the facilities are excellent for accommodating the contestants and the events planned.

Helping with arrangements here are the members of the Morrow county rodeo committee, Freeman said. Plans are underway to coordinate the event with the annual Old-Timers picnic on Memorial day.

From 15 to 18 colleges will have entrants in the events scheduled. Blue Mountain has some outstanding performers in rodeo. Mrs. Patti Pettyjohn McCoy of Ione, student at Blue Mountain, won third nationally last year in barrel racing, and is favored as a national winner in the event this year.

In addition to five standard rodeo events, the regionals will have barrel racing and goat tying contests for women, ribbon roping for men, and a wild cow race.

In the next four months college students will work in planning the event and making arrangements. It is expected that as many as possible of the contestants from other localities will be housed here, but some will probably have to stay at Boardman, Hermiston and Pendleton, Freeman said.

A former Northwest Rodeo association cowboy, Freeman himself has won trophy saddles and other awards in active competition. His home town is Baker. Freeman, who was guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce meeting here Monday and discussed the agriculture program at Blue Mountain, said that he plans to return at a later date to appear before the Chamber and coordinate plans for the regional rodeo.

Willow District Meeting Called

Annual meeting of Willow Creek District Improvement Co. will be held at the county courthouse on Monday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. There will be election of new officers, and principal speaker will be Quentin Bowman, state water resources director, of Salem.

Discussion of Willow Creek dam project will be on the agenda. Local support is being encouraged placing \$250,000 in next budget to get project underway, according to Herman W. Winter.

Harold Kerr Chosen Morrow County Agent

Harold Kerr, presently Crook county extension agent, will assume the position of chairman of the Morrow county extension staff in March, according to an announcement from Gene M. Lear, director of extension.

Kerr will fill the position formerly handled by Gene Winters, who is now on overseas assignment in Jordan. Kerr is expected to report for duty about March 17, following completion of economic planning efforts in the area of youth work and human resources in his present post in Crook county.

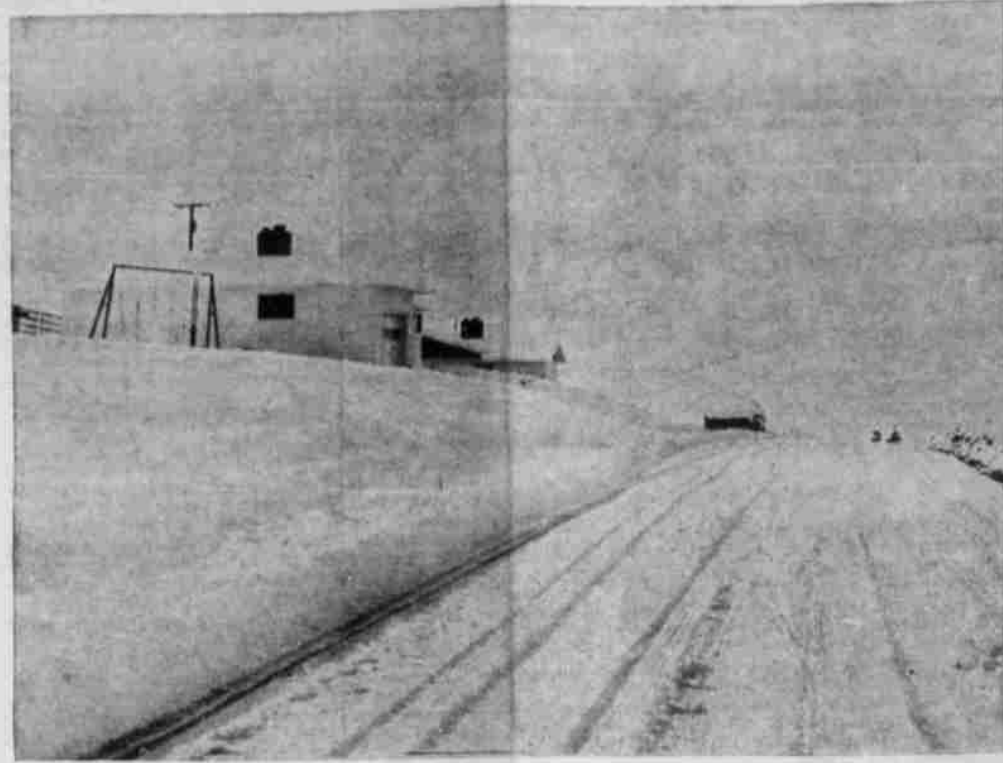
Kerr has served with Oregon State University Extension Service since 1960, with his whole period of service in Crook county. He is a 1957 graduate of Oregon State University with a bachelor of science degree, and served in the U. S. Army 1957-59. He recently completed a graduate program at Colorado State University, receiving a master of education degree in June of 1968.

Kerr's responsibilities in the Crook Extension program have included leadership of the youth program, the weed control work and some responsibilities for livestock. He is a member of

PTA Reschedules Panel Meeting

The Elementary PTA meeting, film and panel discussion originally planned for last month has been rescheduled, and will be held next Wednesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the grade school. At this time there will be a brief PTA meeting, followed by the film strip "Sex, the Moral Dilemma," after which will be held a panel discussion. Moderator of the panel will be Mrs. Herman Winter. Other panel members include Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, Mrs. Bill Rawlins, Rev. Raymond Beard, Rev. Dirk Rinehart and Lynn Pearson.

The elementary PTA extends an invitation to interested parents and high school students in surrounding areas to attend this educational meeting.



A WORLD OF WHITE has surrounded residents here for the past six weeks, and snow flurries were continuing this week. This photo of a pure white landscape blending with a mottled white sky was taken looking west from the Earl Ayres home on Skyline Drive. Homes of Joe Balfe and Dick Carpenter are in the picture. (G-T Photo.)

8 Inches More Snow Ups Total over 3 Feet

More than eight inches of snow falling from Saturday through Tuesday has brought the winter's total in Heppner to 37.7 inches, Don Gilliam, weather observer, reported Tuesday evening. This is the fifth heaviest snow on record in Heppner since 1910.

Heaviest winter's snow was 1915-16 at 65.25, followed by 1949-50 with 46.4, 1928-29 with 42.5, and 1922-23 with 41.75 inches.

This week's snow closed schools in Heppner and Ione at noon Monday because of the difficulty of getting buses through the drifts on country roads.

Heppner schools remained closed Tuesday, but classes resumed in Ione. Boardman and Irrigon schools remained open throughout the period. All schools were in operation Wednesday. Teaching staffs remained on duty in the schools that were closed.

Parents of rural children were asked to bring them to the main traveled routes to meet the buses.

The county reported that several roads were blocked with snow drifts as of Tuesday and crews were working to open them. Gilliam said that there has been measurable snow each day this month except for January 6, as well as for each of the last four days of December. As of Tuesday there was 12 inches of snow on the ground here.

The month of January brought precipitation of 2.60 inches as compared with the normal of 1.29. Of the precipitation, 1.92 inches was from snow, with the moisture going into the ground.

December brought 11.2 inches of snow and so far this month, 26.5 inches has fallen. Accompanying the snowfall this week was another drop in temperature with the thermometer dropping to 8 degrees below zero on Friday, five degrees below last Thursday, and three degrees below on Tuesday.

Maximum for the week never climbed above freezing, 31 degrees on Sunday being the highest.

Complete report for three weeks is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	16	6	Tr. Snow
Thursday	16	-5	—
Friday	9	-8	.01
			(.03 Snow)
Saturday	13	4	.17
			(2 1/2" Snow)
Sunday	31	8	.15
			(2 1/2" Snow)
Monday	30	2	.06
			(1.3 Snow)
Tuesday	14	-3	.05
			(1.3 Snow)

Mustangs to Meet Eagles, Irish

Greater Oregon League BASKETBALL STANDINGS (Western Division)

	W	L
Wahtonka	2	0
Heppner	1	0
Madras	1	0
Sherman	0	2
Pilot Rock	0	2

By PAT KILKENNY
Heppner High school cagers will be looking to better their season record of 11-3 when they face Wahtonka and DeSales on January 31 and February 1. They meet the Eagles of Wahtonka at Chenoweth Friday night. The game is the Mustangs' second league clash of the year. The two teams met once in a preseason battle. The Mustangs defeated the Eagles, 60-47, during the Christmas tourney at Chenoweth.

Saturday night they will meet DeSales at Heppner in a non-conference battle. The Mustangs hope to square a 56-50 loss to the Irish suffered in Walla Walla Saturday night.

Don't Be Alarmed; Firemen to Test Flood Siren Friday

When the city flood siren sounds Friday evening at 7:30, don't be alarmed. Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine advises Heppner residents.

It has been 4 1/2 years since the siren has been used, and the test will be made to be sure that it is still in good working order, he said.

Newcomers to Heppner may not realize that the city has a flood siren, as well as the more familiar fire alarm. The fire alarm is an air horn, and tests of this are made each Monday noon.

With the heavy snow cover and the possibility of a fast runoff in case of warming temperatures, the fire department feels it prudent to be sure that the flood siren is working properly.

If there were a real flood emergency, the community would be notified by three sequences of three soundings of the flood siren, a total of nine soundings.

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Sherri O'Brien Named Princess for Wranglers

The 1969 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court is completed with the selection of the fourth princess.

Miss Sherri Lynn O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien, is the choice of the Heppner Wranglers riding club for this year's princess, succeeding Marcia Jones. Others selected earlier for the court of Queen Sheila Luciani are Princess Patricia Healy, Princess Joyce Hamilton and Princess Rhonda Belinger. Continuing her services as official chaperone will be Mrs. Archie Munkers. New tailored riding outfits have been ordered by the court to be ready for early spring appearances.

Princess Sherri, a senior at Heppner High school, was thrilled with her selection, fulfilling one of her lifetime dreams. She has been a member of the Wranglers every since she can remember, and has enjoyed riding all her life. Much of her riding has been in competition in 4-H horse shows, and in helping friends in cattle drives "for fun". When small, she rode on her parents' ranch on Little Butter Creek, but now rides mostly for pleasure, since her family has moved into town.

Sherri has been a Wrangler pennant bearer for four years, and for the past three years has been one of four pennant bearers who accompanied the court in local and nearby appearances. She has completed seven years in the 4-H horse club, has won ribbons in the county 4-H show, and has been a two-year competitor in showmanship and horsemanship at the state fair. She attended 4-H summer school for three years, and is a member of the Empire Builders 4-H club.

Born in Walla Walla, Wn., September 26, 1951, she came here with her parents when a small baby, and Heppner has been her only home. She has attended the Heppner schools through grade and high school, and is one of the school's most ardent supporters. She has tak-

Problems of rising costs, uncertainty of property tax relief from the state level, a deficit in beginning balance, and the matter of reaching agreement on teacher salaries confront Morrow County School District R-1 in preparing its budget for 1969-70, Supt. Ron Daniels told the budget committee in his budget message Tuesday night.

"The budget message and the budget document were particularly difficult to prepare this year," he said. "A salary schedule satisfactory to both the district and the teachers has not been established, classified salary adjustments might be made, and the amount of basic school support funds remains an uncertainty. Therefore, this bud-

et document as presented is certainly subject to drastic revision before the final adoption."

Board Offers Higher Base, Less Increment

In an attempt to avoid an impasse on teacher salary negotiations, the Morrow county school board Tuesday night proposed a plan that would substantially increase starting salaries in the district but would decrease the annual salary increments.

Under the proposal, which was approved unanimously by the board following the first budget committee meeting, a new teacher with bachelor degree would receive \$6400, as compared with the present \$6000. Annual increments for each added year of experience or for additional training would be at the rate of \$200, as compared with the present 5%.

Net effect of the proposal would be to reduce increases for teachers at higher levels of the schedule but provide a higher base, thus putting the district on a more competitive basis with other districts in the state in attracting teachers here.

To help compensate for the reduction at the higher levels, another step for experience is proposed for teachers with bachelor degrees plus 30 hours academic training; for those with master degrees or bachelor degree plus 60 hours; and for those with master degrees plus 60 hours. At the present time those with bachelor degrees plus 30 hours reach the maximum after 11 years experience. This would be extended to 12 years, providing the additional step.

In the two other cases, the present 12-year maximum would be extended to 13 years.

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Schools to Continue

School buses to Ruggs and Hardman area left Heppner schools early Wednesday afternoon and were not to return until Monday due to strong winds drifting the snow along those routes, the district office announced late Wednesday. Plans are to keep schools operating, and students are to meet other buses on main roads throughout the county through the remainder of the week.

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Future plans for the brown-eyed princess include attending college, probably at Blue Mountain Community, where she can join a rodeo club and continue her favorite sport—riding.

Daniels said that it would be "unrealistic" to recover all the deficit balance in one year but that he would hope that it could be recovered within the next three or four years, keeping costs down enough in the coming year to recapture part of it.

For the second straight year the budget does not include any new programs or expansions of present services," he said. "It does, however, reflect the philosophy that the patrons of Morrow county desire to provide a sound, fundamental education for every child residing in the district. The budget also reflects the rising costs for maintenance

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