



PLEASANT SETTING for group picture of the 1969 Conservation Man of the Year family is in the yard at the Bergstrom place at Gooseberry. From left are E. W. (Bill) Bergstrom, his wife Anna, Mrs. Rudy (Beth) Bergstrom, and Rudy Bergstrom. The picture isn't complete without the big 4-year-old collie, Laddie, who is picture shy. (G-T Photo).



RUDY BERGSTROM (left) shows dam of watering pond to County Agent Harold Kerr. Bergstrom built the dam last year but heavy runoff water from snow melt cut through it this spring. Repairs will be made. (G-T Photo).

Bergstrom Named Conservation Man

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the Ben Akers place at Gooseberry and in 1932 Bill Bergstrom added the adjoining Esteb place at Gooseberry. Bill's father died in 1956.

Rudy Bergstrom is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bergstrom. Bill is one of three sons in the Erik Bergstrom family, which also included one daughter. Bill's brothers are Carl, who lives in Ione; and Oscar G., now in Portland. The sister, Ellen, died in 1926. Oscar farmed in the county until 1957.

In the family of Olaf Bergstrom, brother of Erik, were ten children. Mrs. Helma (Frank) Anderson, is deceased, as is another daughter, Mrs. Ellen Allyn. Other daughters are Mrs. Emma Long, Mrs. Hannah (Ben) Anderson, Esther Bergstrom and Mrs. Florence (Laurence) Beck. All of Heppner. Sons include John, Carl V., who is deceased; Al Bergstrom of Portland; and Ed Bergstrom, Ione.

Has Many Activities
The 1969 Conservation Man of the Year is a member of the Wheatgrowers Association, Oregon Wheat League, and Morrow County Livestock Growers Association.

He is active in lodges, church and community affairs, being a member of the Heppner Elks, Ione Masonic lodge, the Royal Arch Masons, the Rhea Creek Grange, the Valby Lutheran church, and the Ione PTA. He is a past master of the Rhea Creek Grange, and is on the Valby church council. His wife, Beth, shares his wide interests and is also a member of the Eastern Star at Ione.

Rudy is also a member of the Morrow county weed advisory

committee.

The Conservation Man is pretty much a do-it-yourself rancher. With his father, he does most of the ranch work, conducts his own weed spray program, builds his own ditches with a dozer and then seeds them as soon as they settle. He built a sizeable dam near his home last year, but heavy snow melt breached it early this year. About the only hired help is that of a truck driver during harvest season.

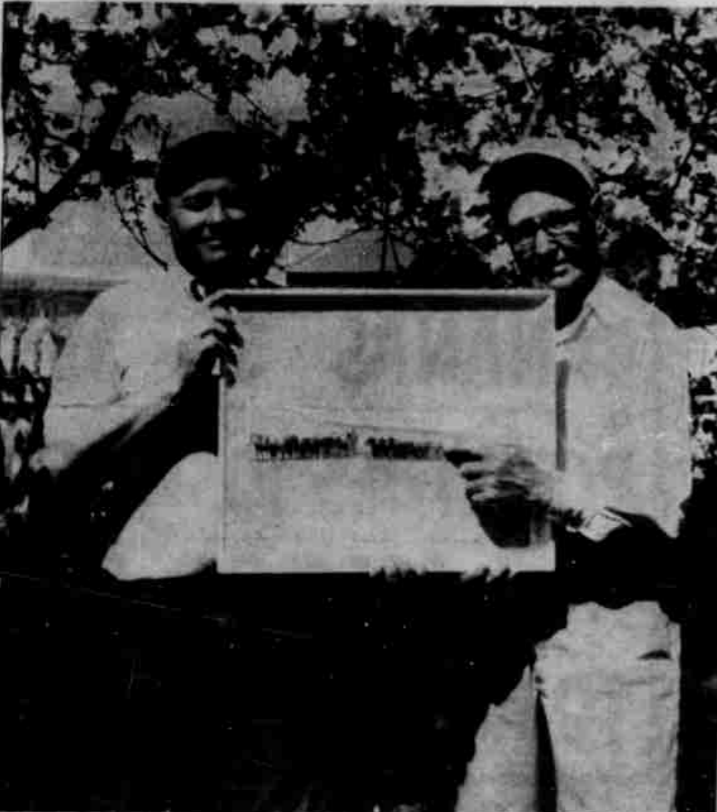
Standing on the site where pioneers came to establish the community of Gooseberry, one gets the feeling that they would be proud of the choice of Rudy Bergstrom as 1969 Conservation Man of the Year and would be well pleased of the manner in which he and his father, Bill Bergstrom, have been stewards of the soil they once worked.

Mrs. Ilene Wyman entered St. Anthony hospital on Sunday for observation, and will undergo surgery on Friday.

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RUDY BERGSTROM, 1969 Conservation Man, points out how he solved a water runoff problem on his place. He stands at left on the end of an embankment that prevents water running down slope to the left, but the contour changes here, and the embankment at the right, which continues on out of the picture, keeps the water from running down the slope that now veers to the right. Jack Sumner, chairman of the selection committee, stands at right. Bill Bergstrom, Rudy's father, stands by car (left), and County Agent Harold Kerr is at the right of the car. (G-T Photo).



BILL BERGSTROM (right) shows his son, Rudy, Conservation Man for 1969 in Morrow County, how it was done in the old days as he points to an old-time picture. To see what he is pointing out, turn to page 8. (G-T Photo).

Memorial Day Chosen For Pioneer Picnic

Plans are well underway for the 16th annual Pioneer Memorial picnic, planned for Friday, May 30, at the fair pavilion, according to announcement from Carl Troedson, chairman of this year's event.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., with members of the Golden Age club in charge.

A potluck dinner will be served at noon with meat courses, rolls, ice cream and beverages furnished by the Memorial Picnic Association. Others attending are to bring a variety of salads and other potluck dishes.

Pioneer residents of the area as well as former residents are invited to attend the picnic and join in for a day of visiting and reminiscing with old friends.

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The open-house celebration, with the public invited, will start at 1:30 p.m. at the hospital, N. E. Sandy boulevard and 82nd avenue.

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