

Heppner FFA Has "The Year of the Awards"

This may be "The Year of the Rat" in China but here in Heppner it's the "Year of the Awards" for the FFA chapter.

From last year's State Convention when Kirk Robinson was the 12th member of the Heppner FFA to win the State Farmer Degree there has been a succession of awards. Eight members attended the State Convention at Bend.

Jon Hedman had the Grand Champion FFA steer at The Wheat League Show at The Dalles. Rick Drake had the champion light Hereford. Heppner took second place in the State Meat Judging Contest. Members of the team were Bill Jepsen, Greg Greenup and Mark Hopkins. Jon Hedman and Rick Drake. Jon Hedman and Rick Drake.

AT THE MORROW COUNTY FAIR, Greg Greenup showed the Grand Champion FFA market lamb; Ted Bellamy the Grand Champion Market hog; Kirk Robinson showed the Reserve Champion steer. Kirk tied with Bill Acock for the Champion Hereford exhibit. Kirk was FFA Champion Showman. Heppner Chapter won 2nd place in the Livestock Judging Contest. Ted Bellamy was 2nd high individual of the contest.

SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR The Heppner team took first place in Livestock Judging and four members were the top four individuals of the show: Ted Bellamy, Kyle Robinson, Rick Drake and Kirk Robinson.

Eight attended the District Soil Judging Contest at Moro and 20 attended the State Soil Judging Contest at Pendleton. THE PI: All of these fairs were preliminaries leading to the BIG ONE. Here the Heppner Livestock Judging team took the Championship of all championships. Members of the team were Ted Bellamy, Kirk Robinson and Kyle Robinson.

The banquet this year will not be held during FFA week as usual but has been scheduled for April 4 following the State Convention to be held in Pendleton, March 22, 23, 24, 25.

MRS. ELMER (KAY) ELLSWORTH has recently returned from Jackson, Miss., where she attended the inauguration of her nephew, William Waller, as governor of Mississippi. She also attended the inaugural ball. She was gone three weeks.

The Ellsworths have lived in Boardman for the past six months where Ellsworth is chief project inspector for the Bonneville Power Administration.

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District After Fed. Cash

The old District 12, now called the East Central Ore. Assn. of Counties, will have to get itself reorganized or it won't work, some government people said last week at the meeting at Fossil. Apparently, more people are needed to represent smaller cities and minority groups when making requests for government grants.

District 12 was originally organized with the five counties of Morrow, Wheeler, Umatilla, Gilliam and Grant. This gave way to a system to include the towns in each individual county. The original district idea was started by Governor McCall. It is believed that he insisted on such a formation because of pressure from the Federal level.

As we understand it, the idea was to have a "clearing house" where requests for government grants and matching money would all be studied and cleared before applications were sent on to various government bureaus. It was believed this would greatly facilitate such grants as it would narrow the great number of governmental entities the Federal people would have to deal with.

Tom Harper of Hermiston says he thinks a terrible bureaucracy is springing up. This district is in the process of hiring a fulltime professional staff and at Thursday's meeting it was brought up that a tentative budget of \$72,000 was set up for the period starting April 1 and ending June 30, 1973. This breaks down to \$16,000 for an executive secretary and a research assistant and secretary for \$7200. Other staffers would be paid by GEO and OSU.

Formation of a new 15 man board is expected to meet the rules of the governments bureaus. Cash contributions would be required of the counties with Morrow's share being \$648.25. Amount is on a base rate of \$900 and the rest according to population. District has requested \$30,000 from the EDA for an economic development plan. The district also has a request for a HUD grant of \$10,000 for a housing study and \$5000 for a human resource planning study request.

GRAIN PRICES

(FOB Lexington does not include warehouse chgs)
Courtesy MCGG
Soft white
wheat 1.47 1/2 bu.
Red wheat 1.54 1/2 bu.
Barley 49.25 ton

Don Bennett Bumps Bull

Popular rancher Don Bennett hit a 2000 lb. black bull on a black Tuesday night as he was on his way to a meeting of the new Water Control District. Miraculously, he walked away from the car and walked to Art Vance's house. He bled profusely from a scrape wound on the top of his head. He is confined to his home for a few days.

Accident occurred between Vance's and Riddle's on Hinton Creek road.

Wild Life Sanctuary Set At Irrigon

A wildlife sanctuary is being developed from 14th St. in Irrigon east to the Umatilla County line, along the Columbia River, by the Corps of Engineers. After the completion the area will be maintained by the State Game Commission, according to Gordon Richardson, Project Engineer at McNary Dam.

The area will eventually be open for regulated hunting and fishing. The lakes have been stocked with bass and crappies and gambusia. The gambusia, sometimes called mosquito fish, feed on mosquito larva and its hoped will decrease the mosquito population in the area. The gambusia is a tiny fish resembling the Guppy, which has been introduced into no less than 70 countries to control the mosquito. It is both hardy and prolific. Since the encephalitis carrying mosquito has been found in this area, the introduction of the gambusia fish is timely.

Grazing cannot be allowed along the river as was once allowed since the cattle would destroy plantings. A variety planting has been done to offer sanctuary for birds and small animals. Some evergreen shrubs and trees have been planted, such as the Rocky Mountain Juniper. Other trees and shrubs include the green and yellow variety of weeping willow, mulberry, multiflora rose, black cherry, Hoppa Crab, honeysuckle (bush type) and oak. The sandunes in the area will be seeded, to prevent blowing.

GARY AND PUP GET CHILLED Gary Fredrickson was pulled into an icy pond, by his 8 month old German shepherd puppy, when he tried to help him out Saturday afternoon. The dog goes for a dip in the Columbia River everyday and had jumped in but was having difficulty getting footing on the icy ledge. When Gary went to his rescue, then Gary had trouble as the ice kept breaking. He was assisted by his friend Darrel Pummel, who managed to keep dry. Both boys are students at Riverside High school, and had gone to the pond, an inlet of the Columbia River near the Paterson Ferry Road to sled.

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Rasmussen-Lott 2nd Addition Set For Acceptance

At the Heppner City Planning Commission meeting Feb. 15, the Commission recommended to the City Council that Addition No. 2 of the Rasmussen-Lott Addition be accepted. There are 27 lots in this addition. There were 9 lots in the No. 1 addition and there are 7 acres yet undeveloped.

The owners have had the lots surveyed, streets made and sewer lines are being laid. The City will provide water lines to the property edge and install fire hydrants.

At the meeting Mr. Lott explained how the utilities were to be installed underground in recognition of the anti-pollution movement.

Cub Banquet This Tuesday

The Cub Scouts will have their first annual Blue and Gold Banquet Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks dining room. All Cub Scout families are invited to this potluck supper. Beverages and rolls will be furnished.

The Den Mothers will put on a skit. Awards will be made.

Mrs. DeMeritt Passes

Funeral services were held Feb. 17, at the Kinzua Community Church, for Eva Almeda DeMeritt, of Camp 5, who passed away at her home, Feb. 13th, after an extended illness.

Mrs. DeMeritt was born Aug. 28, 1912, at Smithfield, Utah, to Joseph and Rosetta Barker. She married Frank H. DeMeritt at Preston, Idaho, Feb. 5, 1931. She was a member of the Latter Day Saints Church. She had lived at Camp 5 for over seven years. Before her illness, she was very active in community affairs.

Eva is survived by her husband, Frank, of Camp 5, one son, Myron Wilson of Calif., three grandchildren, four Great grandchildren, three brothers: Eldis Barker, Ogden, Utah, Vermont Barker, Logan, Utah, and R.L. Barker of Ogden, and one sister, Velda Eterlin of Ogden, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Haystack Cemetery at Spray. Albee's Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Casket bearers were: Earl Norris, Herschel Murdock, Lowell Sharp, Dale Jones, Richard Mortimore, and Milo Prindle. Honorary bearers were Ken Smith, Heppner, and James Walker, Condon, Virginia. Kelso accompanied the Kinzua Community Choir. Rev. Bill Mai conducted the services.

Besides her family, Eva leaves a host of friends to remember her.

Mrs. Phelps Passes

Mrs. Margaret Phelps who operated a funeral home here for some years died Feb. 12 at Belle Fourche, South Dakota. She had lived there for the past year with her daughter, Mrs. Juanita Spikermeier. Funeral services were held there Feb. 15. Burial was in Heppner Masonic Cemetery in the Phelps family plot with Father Beard officiating.

Mrs. Phelps was in her eighties. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps came here in 1929

Coming here for the burial were relatives Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill, Coos Bay, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hill of Hillsboro.



LOOK at all the black hair! The Plocharskys have finally agreed on Wayne Charles as the name for their latest arrival, Morrow County First 1972 Baby born in Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The Plocharskys are receiving their year's gift subscription to the Gazette-Times. Shortly Mrs. Plocharsky will be shopping for the other beautiful gifts they are to receive.

School Board Receives First Resignations

Two resignations from Riverside High School were accepted by members of Morrow County School District R-1 board of education Monday evening at Boardman. They were from Dennis Faletti and Bill McLarty. They have taught at Riverside the past two years. Mr. Faletti band and chorus and Mr. McLarty, guidance, speech and drama.

One year contracts were voted to the following: A.C. Houghton, Geneva Coker; Heppner Elementary, Dennis Cass, Audrey Jones, Ray Maynard, Dorcas Stewart, Per Walthington; Heppner High Stan Addison, Stephen Brownfield, David Conn, Linda Panter, David Mann, Frank McAllister, Linda Neal, Dennis Toney; Ione, James Anderson, Nyoka Anderson, Sarah Andrew, Dennis Brandon, Diana Kincaid, Del LaRue; Riverside, Connie Clough.

Three year contracts: A.C. Houghton, Audrey Botti; Heppner Elementary, Alan Beck, Rachel Dick, Karen Dubuque, Kathryn Hoskins, Inez Meador, Lucille Peck, Linda Riley, Tom Shear; Heppner High, Dale Conklin, Dean Nafziger, Jane Rawlins, Ron Riley, Hal Whitaker, Dennis McKay; Ione, Lynn Kilpack; Riverside, Bob Byrd, Don Hendrix, Nancy Leroux, Edith Partlaw.

Action on Ed Hiemstra's contract was delayed until further discussion with the Heppner Advisory Committee on March 6. Teachers retiring at the end of this year are: Alena Anderson 2nd grade Heppner, Gladys Ely 4th grade Ione, Lester Leroux science Riverside and Zoe Billings 1st grade A.C. Houghton.

SELLS LOT-Board members authorized the sale of a district-owned lot that faces the Boardman city park. The matter had been discussed in November and agreement was reached at that time to sell the lot if a fair price was offered. Bill Nelson's offer of \$2250 was accepted. This will bring the Teacherage account to \$4628.

Mrs. Gary Grieb was appointed to the Advisory Committee for Heppner-Lexington area. Wesley Cronk was hired as bus driver for A.C. Houghton replacing Ival Sullivan who is leaving.

The board voted to participate in the three-county Small Schools program on April 24 at Riverside. The three counties are Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam. The emphasis this year is individualized instruction.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-- Mr. Daniels noted that the Morrow County teachers had used 445 teaching help units from the IED for the 4 month period ending Dec. 30. This is slightly above last year's use for the same period. This includes items such as films, models, displays, etc.

The district will provide transportation for those sophomore, Junior and Senior students attending WOW Day

PUBLIC INVITED Ione Lions Bill Drug Talk

The Ione Lion's Club will have Ladies night on Mon. Feb. 28. The dinner (smorgasbord style) will be held

Marcel Heads Draft Board

Marcel Jones of Heppner has been named as new chairman of the board, a position that Robert Eaton previously held. Other board members are Gerald Peck of Boardman, Carroll Wilkins of Arlington and Rolene Fulton of Fossil.

Robert Eaton of Condon was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation Tuesday when Selective Service Board No. 31 held their regular monthly meeting at Condon. Mr. Eaton, who is retiring as a board member, has served almost twenty-two years on the local board.

Mr. Eaton was entertained at a dinner Monday evening in appreciation for his long and faithful service to the board. Also attending the dinner was Mrs. Al Riney, Executive Secretary of the board.

Wilderness Study Meets

A public meeting will be held to review the inventoried areas and to obtain public comment about them before final decisions are made on the proposed Wilderness Study Areas. Meeting dates will be announced through the press. In addition to comments invited from interested people at the public meeting, written statements also will be received for 30 days after the meeting dates from persons who were unable to attend. Written statements should be addressed to Forest Supervisor, Umatilla National Forest, 2517 S.W. Halley Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.



JOE MYERS admires the diamond studded 4-H leaders pin presented to Mrs. Louis Carlson at the annual 4-H Leaders banquet. She has been a 4-H leader for 20 years.

Morrow 4-H U.S. Greatest

The 4-H Leaders Dinner Thursday evening at Ione School was prepared and served by the Empire Builders, with assistance from Nancy and Steve Brownfield, their leaders, and from Mrs. Dick Schlichting. The sponsors of the dinner were Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Assn. It was a delicious ham dinner.

Speaker of the evening was Joe Myers, OSU assistant director of Extension Service in charge of 4-H Club work. He told the audience Morrow County had increased its participation a third in 1971. Over 50 percent of the eligible youngsters in the county are in 4-H club, highest incidence in Oregon and very likely highest in the country.

He said this was all made possible by the leaders of the 4-H clubs whom he praised. He complimented Birdine Tullis for "having much to do with the increase." He said she is one of two pioneers in her type of work in 4-H and Extension work in Oregon. He also complimented spouses of the leaders for their help and cooperation.

He said the adults of the community provide a mirror for the children. Mr. Myers said 4-H has been attempting to provide a basic start and this has been reflected in many successful careers. He said it might not be so successful in the future.

Morrow County has been exporting its youth. There were 41,000 club members in 1971.

Mr. Myers said sometimes he feels we are somewhat rule crazy. He said club work should be about letting people in instead of out.

He said what we are trying to accomplish is to encourage youngsters to be creative, to get a job done -- not just to have rules.

There are over 60 different projects in 4-H. Levels should be tailored to the youngsters. It is a wonderful program and has always been many different things to many different people. And it must answer the question: how can it be? help the individual child?

Entertainment was provided during the meal by Mr. and Mrs. John Maatta, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell James with Mr. James on the piano and Kim Gutierrez on drums. The room was gaily decorated in colors favoring George Washington's birthday and Valentine's Day.

Ted Bellamy State Farmer



The number of State Farmer Degrees is limited in Oregon to 2 percent of the total state membership in any one year. Heppners two applicants this year were Ted Bellamy and Tom Cutsforth.

Ted Bellamy received word last Wednesday that he had been awarded the State Farmer Degree.

STATE FARMER DEGREE requirements are rigid. Green Hand Degree and Chapter Farmer Degree. At least two years membership in FFA are required. Ted is in his 4th year of FFA. To earn the Green Hand Degree, members must recite a livestock project. To earn the Chapter Farmer Degree, the member must have the Green Hand Degree, be able to lead a group discussion for 45 minutes and have a supervised ag project and or work experience or farm placement program.

Ted has fulfilled these requirements. He owns one-third of the Bellamy Swine project with two brothers. They run about 10 brood sows. He owns one-fourth of the Hereford Cows project with three brothers. They have six cows.

State FFA Officers conducted an on-the-farm interview. He filled out a 10-page application form. Two weeks after that he went to Riverside High School where the State officers conducted a formal interview on his livestock project and on his leadership abilities.

Ted is president of the Heppner Chapter this year. He must have earned at least \$500 on his project in one year.

The last requirement on the State Farm Degree was a rigid test on his farm knowledge, parliamentary procedures, community activities and knowledge of FFA.

Ted is in his 4th year at Heppner High School having transferred from Sherman at Moro. He says his ag projects are his hobbies. He likes to swim and he lettered in football. He'll be Oregon State bound this fall with a major in Food Technology.

MRS. JOHN HANNA underwent major surgery several weeks ago at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. She was expected to be there about three weeks.



ELKS LEADERSHIP award winners receive their \$100 bonds at the Heppner Elks Annual Saturday afternoon. They are Cheri Carlson and Clint Krebs, both of Ione High school. Whitey Schroth of Hermiston made the presentation. He is Grand Lodge committeeman.



GREG DAVIDSON was named the Heppner High School United Nations essay contest winner according to Pete McMurry IOOF contest chairman. Greg, with Kathleen McElligott, Ione's essay winner, will enter the Morrow-Umatilla County competition at Pendleton on March 12 at 2 p.m. at the IOOF Lodge Hall. The winner of this District meeting will go on the United Nations Tour this summer.