

### Lexington Grange Hosts Visitation

Greenfield Grange presented the program at Visitation Night at Lexington Grange Feb. 19. A trio of women, Mrs. Roy Ball, Mrs. Hazel Carpenter and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe accompanied by Mary Lee Marlow sang "Whispering Hope". An open discussion followed a panel presentation of measures that were to be presented to the current legislature. Members were urged to write their legislators. Mrs. Donald Baker led the discussion.

There were 53 guests. The program was preceded by a potluck dinner. The flowers were arranged by Frances Smouse.

Cecil Jones, past master presided at the meeting. The charter was draped for Alvin Wagenblast. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt sang "Beyond the Sunset."

### Grange Committee Meeting

The Rhea Creek Grange Committee of Women's Activities met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright on Thursday the 22nd, for luncheon and the regular business meeting. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright, Mrs. Adrien Bechtolt, Mrs. Edwin Cutting, Mrs. Walter Wright, Mrs. Wm. Bergstrom, Mrs. Bob Stevens, Mrs. Ray Drake, Mrs. Glen Farrens, Mrs. Elmer Palmer, Mrs. Orian Wright, Mrs. Martha Van Schoick and Mrs. Oma Cox.

George Washington was remembered in the roll call, with stories and reminiscence of history learned in school. The flags displayed in Heppner for the occasion were noted and appreciated. Chairman, Mildred Wright, read the selection, "Together" and the By-Laws of the Club.

Much discussion was held concerning the impending loss of the Neighborhood Center and the hope expressed there might be some way to hold on to it as the work carried on there has done so much for the community.

The entertainment committee was asked to meet and plan a social night for the Grange members for the month of March if possible.

Mrs. Ola Ruggles was reported improving at her daughters home in Prineville. Mrs. Leonard Hill is also much improved. It was good to have Mrs. Glen Farrens out again after a bout in the hospital and quite a long convalescence.

Several members attended visitation night on Monday at Lexington, and reported a very good meeting and program.

### JUSTICE COURT

Matthew Greenup, no operators license, \$6; Roy Camargo, defective equipment, \$6; James Dunbar, DUIL, \$305; Rodrick Thompson, disobeyed stop sign, \$17, susp.; Mitchell Ashbeck, no slow moving emblem, \$17, susp.; Jerry Gentry, no motorcycle endorsement, \$27, susp.; Lyle Peck, Jr., violation of basic rule, \$22; Willard Harrison, no operators license & driving while license suspended, \$155 or 20 days in jail; Harvey Smith, violated basic rule, \$11; Steve Beardsley, failure to yield, \$11; John Asher, no operators license, \$27; Monte Turner, defective equipment, \$11, susp.; Melissa McElligott, defective equipment, \$11, susp.; Michael Christensen, illegal turn, \$6; Gregory Davidson, defective equipment \$6; Lonnie Ray Collins, driving while license suspended, \$80; William Morten, illegal possession of deer, \$25; William VanBelle, illegal possession of deer, dismissed; Ronald Cornwall, defective equipment, \$11 susp.; John Messick, no operators license, \$27, susp.; Robert Nash, violated basic rule, \$6; Dennis Logan, turning without giving signal, Trial & court costs, \$87; Steven Brown, failure to yield, \$17; Joe Gaarsland, defective equipment, \$11; Mark Hopkins, excessive motor noise, \$6; Danny McBride, no vehicle license, \$11, susp.; Fred Wardell, defective equipment, \$11; Marlon McKenzie, excessive motor noise, \$17; Robert Lewis, expired vehicle license, \$11, susp.; James M. Prock, expired license, \$6; Ron Currin, no operators license, \$27, susp.; Gary Noble and Douglas Jones, depositing litter near stream, \$17 each; Michael Grant permitting unlicensed person to drive, \$27, susp.; Richard Pettyjohn, careless driving, \$32; Ronald W. McCorkle, hunting prohibited methods, \$27; Thomas K. Keasal, transporting birds without heads, \$60; Lonnie Collins, driving with license suspended, \$105; DUIL, \$305; Gloria Papineau, improper passing on hill, \$6; Wesley Ivey, failure to stop at stop sign, \$17, forfeited.

### Chamber

#### HEPPNER-MORROW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1973 Officers of the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce are: President, LeRoy Gardner; Vice President, Harley Sager; Secretary, Nona Sowell; Treasurer, John Messick.

Directors are: Term expiring December 31, 1973: L.E. Dick, Past President; Veldon Robinson, Jim Bier, LeRoy Gardner, Dorothy Heard, Larry Mills. Term expiring December 31, 1974: Bob Abrams, Harold Kerr, Harley Sager, Dick Sargent, Ray Boyce.

Committee Assignments made by President Gardner: Merchants - Randall Peterson, Chairman - Mark Murray, Elma Harshman, Jack Van Winkle, Grace Buschke, Ed Gonty, Rita Hedman, Ron Palmer, Dick Sargent.

Program - Avon Melby, Chairman - Dorothy Heard, Dale Slusher, Paul W. Jones.

Agriculture - Larry Mills Chairman - Bob Jepsen, Frank Anderson, Oscar Peterson, Dick Wilkinson, Larry Lindsay, Roy W. Lindstrom, Garland Swanson, D.O. Nelson, Harold Kerr, Dale Boner, Kenneth Smouse, Jack Sumner, Kenneth Turner.

Willow Creek Project - Paul Jones, Chairman - W.C. Rosewall, Oscar Peterson, Charles Heard, Jack Van Winkle, Kenneth Turner, Bill Collins, Dale Boner, Dave Harrison.

Membership & Attendance - Dorothy Heard, chairman - Herman Winter, Bob Abrams, Elma Harshman, Ray Boyce.

Banquet & Hospitality - Randall Peterson, Chairman - Harley Sager, Don Cole, Ron Palmer, Jim Bier, Dave Harrison.

Rodeo, Float & Parades - Harold Kerr, Co-Chairman, Randall Peterson, Co-Chairman - Gene Pierce, Elaine George, Rod Murray, Jim Farley, Joyce Bergstrom, Veldon Robinson.

Christmas Decorations - Nona Sowell, Chairman - Elaine George, Veldon Robinson, O.W. Cutsforth, John Messick.

Taxation & Legislation - Robert Abrams, Chairman - Paul Jones, Ron Daniels, Herman Winter, Bill Collins, Joyce Bergstrom, Clarence Rosewall.

Inter-Community Relations - Ray Boyce, Chairman - Oscar Peterson, Ron Daniels, Gene Pierce, Gar Swanson.

Youth Activities - Don Cole, Chairman - Robert Abrams, Dr. L.D. Tibbles, Rev. Ed Cutting, Rev. Mark Johnson, Glen Ward.

Brochure Committee - Dorothy Heard, Chairman - Harold Kerr, Gene Pierce, Jim Bier, Paul Jones, Nona Sowell.

Homesteads & Heritages - Gene Pierce, Chairman - Oscar Peterson, Jerry Sweeney, Ed Dick, Elaine George.

Civil Defense - John Mollahan, Chairman - Dr. L.D. Tibbles, Dr. Wallace Wolff, Paul W. Jones, Bill Collins, Tiny Sweeney.

### Awards & Recognition

Dick Sargent, Chairman - Dr. Wallace Wolff, Elma Harshman, Rod Murray, Ed Dick.

Parks & Recreation - O.W. Cutsforth, Chairman - Jack Van Winkle, Charles Heard, Glen Ward, Dr. L.D. Tibbles, Dale Boner, James Driscoll.

Development Committee - Herman Winter - General Chairman

Heppner Municipal (Housing) and Business Development - Harley Sager, Chairman - W.C. Rosewall, Clint McQuarrie, Nona Sowell, Gene Pierce, Bill Collins, Jerry Sweeney, Ray Boyce.

Industrial Development - Veldon Robinson, Chairman - Gene Pierce, Jerry Sweeney, Nona Sowell, Dale Slusher, Harley Sager, Gene Trumbull, Elton Weeks.

County-Wide Development - Paul W. Jones, Chairman - Ron Daniels, Harry O'Donnell, Dewey West, Gar Swanson, O.W. Cutsforth, Jack Van Winkle, Forrest Zuppe, Charles Heard, Glen Ward, Joyce Bergstrom, Gene Trumbull, Dave Harrison.

### 20 More Take First Aid Course

R.B. Cogburn and C.E. Rouse have completed instruction for another Red Cross Multimedia First Aid Course. Among those taking the course were ambulance drivers, ski patrol and REA employees. The class of 20 met Wednesday and Thursday at the American Legion building.

Dan McBride and Dick Sargent will go on to Pendleton on March 8 to take the Multimedia Instructors course. Also going over for the Instructors course are Kenneth Nelson and Wayne Hams who took the standard Multimedia course previously.

Others passing the course were Jack McTimpeny, Billy E. Gentry, Doyle Key, Bernard E. Marshall, A.L. Daggett, Clarence Baker.

Vernon Wilson, Calvin Sherman, Gene Pierce, Ed Struthers, Dan James, Jim Prock, Bob Lowe, Harry O'Donnell, Art Vance, Joyce Bergstrom, Elwayne Bergstrom and Bob Duncan.

The next course which is already filled will be given March 13-15.

### Firemen's Ball on St. Patrick's Day

The Heppner firemen will sponsor a "Firemen's Ball" on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at the Legion Hall in Heppner. This will be a public dance and the plan is to use money made to purchase training and fire-fighting equipment. The dance will begin at 10 p.m. and will feature live music. Tickets are \$1.00 per person. Make your plans now to attend and help a worthwhile cause.

G-T Want Ads Pay Big

### Committee OKs College Budget

A budget requiring a tax levy that is three percent over the current year's levy was approved Feb. 21 by the Blue Mountain Community College budget committee.

Approved unanimously by the 14-member committee, which includes seven members of the college board of education, the budget will require a levy of \$845,770 to operate the college for the 1973-74 school year.

The levy, to be voted on April 2 in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, is estimated at \$1.78 per \$1000 true cash value, an increase of five cents over the current year's levy. Since BMCC has no tax base, the full amount has to be voted each year.

Total operating budget approved by the committee is \$2,058,875, up 4.6 percent over this year's figure. The proposed budget would allow a modest beginning in music and home economics plus an enlarged Licensed Practical Nursing program, President Wallace W. McCrae told the committee.

The proposed budget also allows for continuation of the college's Air Traffic Control program and a health services program for high school students.

A public hearing on the budget was scheduled for 8 p.m., March 14 at the college.

Budget Committee Chairman Bob Mautz, Pendleton, described the budget as "a well-organized, well-thought-out document that represents the needs of Umatilla and Morrow counties. I certainly think we all can support it and that our votes will approve it."

Discussing the college's efforts to add a two-year, Associate Degree Nursing program, Board Chairman Bob Abrams, Heppner, said that while he approved of adding the ADN program he would oppose eliminating or cutting back the Licensed Practical Nursing program.

McCrae said the administration's position was the same as Abrams' and that he was hopeful the college might have both programs.

Harmon Springer, Hermiston, then asked McCrae to look into programs to train persons in solid state electronics. McCrae said this was being investigated now, along with other new programs in the Applied Sciences.

Members of the budget committee, in addition to Mautz, are: Ben Holdman and Bob Stangier, Pendleton; Bill Etter, Pilot Rock; Homer Hughes, Lexington; Vilene Ringhand, Milton Freewater, and Shirley Zielinski, Boardman.

Members of the board of education, who also serve on the budget committee are: Kenneth Dauble, Weston; Russell Dorran and Brent Horn, Hermiston; Joe Green, Pendleton; Bob

Zerba, Athena; Abrams and Springer.

### COMPARE BEEF WITH

(Ed. Note: Homer Hughes clipped this and brought it to the Gazette-Times)

I am not kicking about workers getting these wages, but I do want to point out that based on take home pay, meat is a better buy than ever.

According to the National Livestock and Meat Board, the average retail price of meat has advanced about 35 percent in the past 20 years, while personal disposable income of the U.S. consumer has increased by more than 100 percent in the same period. While it is true that prices for live cattle in some midwestern markets reached the highest price in 21 years recently, at \$38.50 cwt., it should also be understood that in 1964 the average price of cattle dipped to \$18.10, and only a year ago in Jan., hogs hit a bottom of \$15.00 cwt. It is only through constant improvement in production methods, more meat per man hour and per acre and per unit of feed, that farmers and ranchers have managed to stay in business.

In 1930, you could buy the best Chevrolet made at a cost of about \$695; the best Chevrolet today costs in the neighborhood of \$5,600. In 1925 the top Ford could be purchased for \$485. What is it now? Around \$7,000. In 1930 you could buy the best men's suits for \$22.50 to \$50.00. Try that now. In 1930 ladies' shoes were \$3.85 to \$4.00 a pair. Men's Oxfords in that era were \$4.85 to \$6.00; now they are \$24.00 to \$30.00. Men's work shoes then were \$5.00 to \$6.50 - presently they cost \$20 - \$30.

A little different story is the price of feed wheat. In 1930, the farmer got \$40.00 per ton, and for barley \$38, and oats \$44. Now prices respectively are about \$47.00, \$46.00 and \$46.00 per ton. So the grain farmer has not been getting rich on grain prices either.

Then take a look at the comparative cost of just one machinery item. The best Caterpillar tractor in 1930 to 1940 cost \$1,600 to \$1,800. The cost now? \$16,000 to \$18,000. Ten times as much.

These are just some of the items that should go into figuring the cost of living, and the cost of doing business for the farmers; and, of course, the cost of living for everybody. However, we seldom see any news items which headline the cost of specific items such as we now are seeing concerning meat. I think it is time the public got off the stockman's back, and realized that at the present livestock prices, the rancher is just barely getting his breath, and that meat is still the best food item buy in the grocery store. - P.R. "Russ" Gladhart

G-T WANT ADS PAY BIG

Columbia Basin Reports  
Columbia Basin reported that the year of 1972 showed a new low cost to the member. The members averaged a cost of 1 1/4 cents per kwh paid in to Columbia Basin Electric. This compares to 1.4 cents average cost paid five years ago.

Sales for 1972 were reported in excess of one million dollars for the first time by Office Manager, Norm Rickert. Total operating revenues were \$2,221,771.21 for power in 1972. This amounts to approximately \$134.75 per consumer per year for 1972, or nearly \$11.23 per consumer the irrigation users accounted per month.

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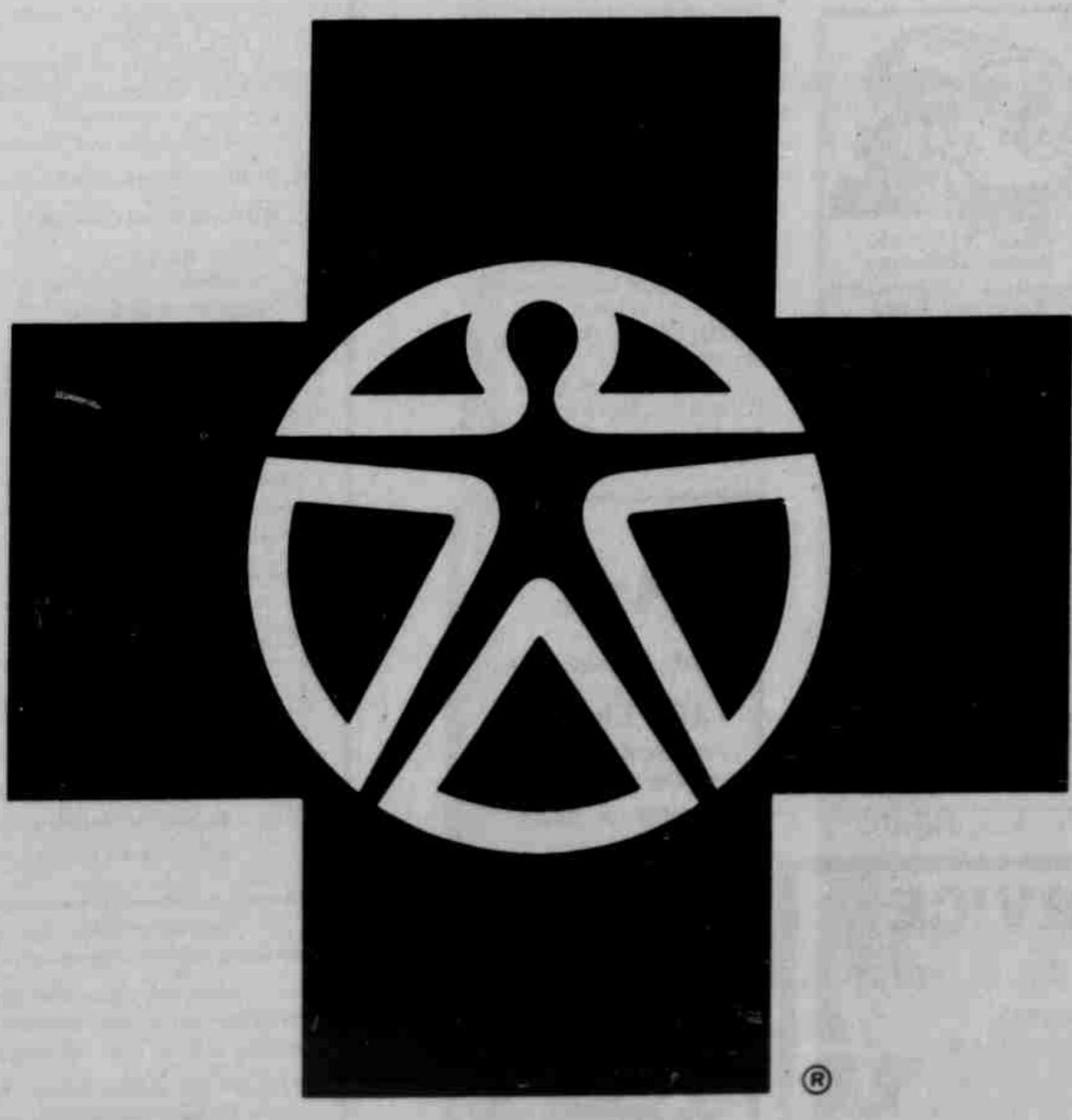
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