

A Sharp Man on the Slope - - - - Roger Palmer, Soil Conservation Man of the Year

When Roger Palmer was named Morrow County's 1973 Soil Conservation Man of the Year, he had an instant rooting section in his wife Shirley and his six children Sandra 16, Karl 15, Cathy 13, Larry 11, Paula 10 and Jason 4.

He received an induction into the values of saving soil and water from his father, whose conservation practices earned him Soil Conservation Man of the Year in 1962. For several years he ranched with his dad but has been on his own since 1963. By purchasing and renting, he is farming about 1660 acres.

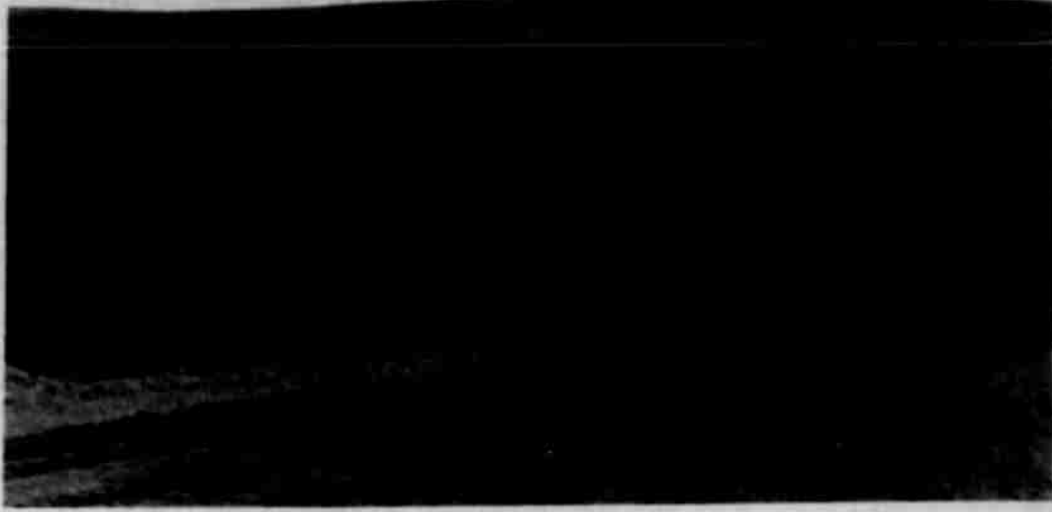
The most outstanding of his practices as viewed by the selection committee was the restoration of a north slope on Rood Canyon.

When he started on the slope the strips were not on contour and there were no diversion ditches. He put the strips on contour lines and put in diversion ditches to protect the strips. He has the ditches separating the wheat from the summer fallow strips. He says if he were to do it again, he'd center the ditches in the summer fallow and the wheat strips.

There had been some severe washing on the slope which has now been stopped.

The Soil Conservation service will lay out the ditches and make suggestions for other conservation practices. Slope of the ditches is 8 to 1.5 feet per 100 feet. The course is based on the steepness of the slope, the soil series and the availability of outlet. Mrs. Palmer says "with every thunder storm he puts in another ditch".

He has 74000 feet of diversion ditches. He has put in silt dams, grassed waterways, critical area plantings, three stock ponds and has done some tile work.



The slope that was the deciding conservation factor that made Roger Palmer, the 1973 Conservation Man of the Year.



Roger and Shirley with Jason, the only youngster not in school.

Roger practices deferred grazing. This allows the grass to get a good start until seed maturity. After that he practices deferred rotation grazing and puts the cattle on the grass on alternate years or as the grass grows.

Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer and is a native of Morrow County. He started first grade at Hardman and then he and one other student were the only students at the school in Rood Canyon where there isn't even a school building now. He was one of six students at the Eight Mile School in his 4th and 5th grades. He can remember when there was a store and post office at Eight Mile. Later the store served as the teacherage. Mrs. Buelah Lundell was his teacher. Then he came into Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School in 1953.

He and Shirley Peck were married in 1955. Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck who ranch on Upper Rhea Creek.

When they bought the Hazel Hood ranch in 1963 they had lots of water in the well but it's gone down each year. When they dug it out they found an old slot

machine and it still had a quarter in it.

This fits into their hobby of finding and refinishing antiques. They have an old clock collection. The family eats around a big round oak table with each oak chair different. These they found in the doctors office in Arlington at the time they were moving the town.

Each youngster has a job to do feeding the animals in the morning or evening. They have a few ducks, geese, turkeys, peacocks and banties. They have sheep and pigs as 4-H projects. They have cats and dogs. Mrs. Palmer is individualizing the girls in sewing.

The Palmers are members of the Oregon Wheat League, Oregon Cattlemen and Valby Lutheran Church.



Business and monkey business over a delicious piece of pie and coffee around the beautiful oak table with 8 unmatched chairs. Jason, Roger Palmer Soil Conservation Man of the Year, Shirley Palmer, County Agent Harold Kerr and Dave Franzen, District Conservationist.



Enough to make any man beam....Sandra, Paula, Cathy, Jason, Larry and Karl and of course Mr. and Mrs. Roger Palmer.

Simulated Bus Wreck Well Done

The simulated bus and truck accident staged here Friday night was deemed a real success. Sirens sounded at 6:30 Friday evening signaling attention on what was a collision between a highway truck and a school bus at the foot of the hill road from the high school. Vehicles had gone over the grade. In theory they had rolled over, with the truck close behind the school bus cutting off the emergency exit.

Sheriff John Mollahan was first on the scene. School children - 17 of them - were in the bus with 13 "badly hurt". Some of the ones supposedly unhurt later suffered shock. The unhurt ones immediately tried to help the hurt children. Heppner Rural Firemen, Sheriff's Dept., City Police and volunteers immediately swung into action, directing traffic and helping in many ways. Ambulance arrived shortly and the

nurse - Eunice McElligott - quickly started treating the injured and sending the most seriously hurt up to Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Of the 13 injured children, one had a broken neck, one had his leg torn off at the knee, another had his leg broken below the knee, one had a head injury and no pulse, several had arm, leg cuts and lacerations and many internal injuries. One had a broken ankle. The dump truck driver was found to have suffered a "heart attack". Judge Paul Jones came to the scene to observe and offer any help needed.

Don Munkers is the director of the Morrow County Dept. of Emergency Services who arranged the practice accident. He would like to thank everyone for their kind cooperation during the practice, with special thanks to the high school students who did so well.

The Benton County director of Emergency Services - Jim Blodgett was present to assist and loaned some equipment.

The Morrow County Search & Rescue Posse were in charge of directing control, in case there was real emergency occurring during the practice emergency. They had portable radios as well as car and truck radios.

Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine commented that this was an extremely valuable experience.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman and several volunteers provided transportation to the Hospital. Bob Lowe was in charge of the

Ambulance transportation, calling ambulance drivers, arranging for stretchers and other equipment and help with receiving the patients at the Hospital. Ilene Wyman, hospital administrator and Mrs. Nedra Smith, head nurse, handled the nursing fast-moving emergency part of the program at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.



Roger Palmer at his antique desk of many drawers and compartments.

"Wunnerful, Wunnerful" Is Runaway Best Seller

Bandleader Lawrence Welk has recently celebrated his 70th birthday. The autobiography he wrote with Bernice McGeehan, "Wunnerful, Wunnerful", was reviewed for the Bookworm Club by its president Mrs. Jerry Brosnan at its second April meeting at the Eb Hughes home on Little Butte Creek.

Mrs. Brosnan used the Bantam Books paperback edition which is selling like hotcakes at \$1.75. It has 16 pages of photos of the Welk family and friends. The book is organized in four sections: The Farm, The Road, Chicago, Television. Each section is fascinating reading, but most of us are most familiar with the last part of this success story.

Earliest Memory
"My earliest clear memory is of crawling across the floor of our sod farmhouse toward my father, who was smiling and holding out his accordion. I can still recall the wonder and delight I felt when he let me press my finger down on the keys, which were round and shiny like pearl buttons, and squeeze out a few wavering notes."

Lawrence dropped out of school at 11 years of age after a serious illness which had caused him to miss much schooling and to get behind his classmates. He tells of his first two cheap accordions and how they fell apart. "Then when I was about 17 my dad loaned me \$400 to buy a really good one. It took such a long time in coming - I watched our mail delivery daily for four months. I promised to work hard for four years to pay back the loan to my dad."

Other Incidents
The autobiography continues

with accounts of Mr. Welk's first jobs, playing at local weddings and celebrations and with many pages of musical group adventures. He tells of his marriage and the birth of his children. He was so excited about going on radio, and then finally realized his great potential with Champagne Music on T. V.

A Wide Appeal
Mrs. Brosnan's review showed this book will appeal to many, to readers of every age and cultural background. It was first printed in late 1971 and condensations of it have appeared in Catholic Digest, Chicago Magazine, Coronet, and Guideposts.

Dedication
Lawrence Welk has written this dedication for the book. "To my wonderful family, who have been so patient and understanding during the writing of this book, to my wonderful musical family, who have taken on added responsibilities and made me so proud of them; and to my wonderful family of fans and friends who have enriched my life...and made it all possible."

Standings

LITTLE LEAGUE

AS OF June 4

Team	Win	Lost
Braves	5	3
Dodgers	2	8
Indians	5	2
Giants	4	5
Girls Softball		
Streakers	1	1
Goof-offs	1	0
Wildcats	0	1

Mrs. Lois Winchester Heppner, Oregon 97836

Dear Mrs. Winchester:

Thank you for sharing with me your concerns about humane education, crime, and causes of crime. I share your concern. Most definitely, kindness is a key to peace. I also agree that man is often not as civilized as he pretends to be and that we must strive to make our young people sensitive to the fact that cruelty and brutality are terrible.

We will do everything possible to promote humane education and the supportive materials in the public schools. I have asked Carrol deBroekert, our Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services, to reply to your letter and materials. Our Citizenship Education Specialist, Al Grubb, has been asked to make some specific recommendations to me on how we can do more in this area. Thanks again for sharing some very interesting materials with me.

Cordially,
Dale Parnell
Superintendent
Public Instruction

Heppner, Oregon
May 29, 1973
Dear Charlie and Dot:
Would you please print my letter that speaks in defense of

Consumer Information on Home Furnishing Available

Major items of home furnishings not only cost a considerable amount of money, but they tend to be around a home for quite a while. It is not surprising that consumers are concerned about making the best purchasing decisions possible, says Birdine Tullis, Morrow Extension Aide. A new way of providing help to those who are shopping for home furnishings is in the test stage at Oregon State University. Five "Consumer Port-

folios" have been assembled to provide shopping guidelines, plus factual information on materials and construction, care, and buymanship techniques. The home furnishings items covered are rugs and carpets, resilient floor coverings such as linoleum and vinyl, upholstered and wood furniture and window treatments of all kinds. A limited number of Portfolios are available to consumers who are in the market now for

one or more of these home furnishing items. The OSU Extension Service will decide whether to make the Portfolios available on a continuing basis, after homemakers have used and evaluated the packets.

Anyone wishing to obtain a Consumer Portfolio is invited to call 676-9642 or stop by the Morrow County Extension Service Office at The Gilliam and Bisbee Building, second floor, Heppner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May 8, 1973

those who can not speak for themselves.
KINDNESS TO ANIMALS
Animals and People are very much alike.
People like a comfortable place to sleep.
So do animals. How about your pets?
People like fresh water to drink. So do animals. Have your pets fresh water to drink?
People like the right food. So do animals. How about yours?
People like to run and jump, to take walks.
So do animals. Does your dog get a walk every day?
People do not like to sit in one place day and night.
Neither do animals.
People like to be with friends and to talk to them.
So do animals.
People would not like to live in cages.
Animals do not like it either. People do not like to be hurt. Neither do animals.
People do not like to be made to act like animals.
Animals do not like to be made to act like people.
People would not like to be hunted nor trapped.
Neither do animals.
People do not like to sit in the hot sun all day.
Neither do animals.
People do not like to sit in the rain or cold wind.
Neither do animals.
People like kind words.
So do animals.
Remember, your pets depend on you.

May I add some people worry about a few misplaced weeds, while on the other hand my concern is about helpless animals staked and chained to bare ground space with out a speck of shade to keep their bodies from slowly baking in the broiling hot summer weather, and no protection from the driving cold rains when they come.
I would like to call attention to people who provide metal oil drums for dogs homes summer and winter. Could anything be colder in the winter and hotter in the summer? Just put a thermometer in one to test for extremes of either weather conditions and see what you will come up with. You will be amazed! It's cruel to chain animals to such evil circumstances.

The Journal Of Education tells us, "THE LACK OF HUMANE EDUCATION IS THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF CRIME." I'm sure no one deliberately causes their pets and animals distress and uncomfortable misery - but as an oversight.
Everyone of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:12 Kindness to all living creatures is everyone's business. Please do the honorable thing and write and ask your Legislators to help Mr. Dale Parnell to promote HUMANE EDUCATION in our schools.

Most Concerned,
Lois Winchester



Fireman Clyde Allstott

and Police Chief Dean Gilman give an assist at the scene of the "accident".

Boardman

Scouts & Webelos
The Pack 667 Cub Scouts and Webelos, and the Boy Scout Troop 667 went on a trip

recently to Desert Magic, accompanied by leaders Joe Turner, Jerry Peck and Rod Duncan. On their return they held a farewell party at the Turner home for Rod Duncan and presented him with a briefcase. Den mothers assisting were Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Gary Pettys and Mrs. Peck.

Last week the Webelos and Boy Scouts with their leader, Jerry Peck, went on a campout to John Day Park. Also accompanying them were Ron Daniels, John Harvey and Dave Walker. While there Scott Daniels was installed as a Webelo.