



Jack Madison of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission presents plaque to Dick McElligott.

McElligott honored as conservationist

Secretary of Morrow Soil and Water District, vice-president of Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, and President of the Morrow County Wheat League has earned Dick McElligott, lone, the title of Oregon's Outstanding Soil and Water Conservation District Director for 1973.

McElligott was named recipient of the award at the 25th annual meeting of Oregon Association of Conservation Districts held last week in Kah-Nee-Tah resort, Warm Springs, Ore.

Jack Madison of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission awarded McElligott a plaque for his outstanding work in soil and water conservation in Oregon as well as in Morrow County.

"This is the first time a Morrow County person has been selected for the state award," said Dave Franzen, Soil and Water District Conservationist.

McElligott's conservation work for the state includes:

...serving as an officer for OACD for two years, on the financial committee for the association, and participating in state-wide conservation programs.

Soil and water conservation activities in Morrow County for the lone rancher includes: officer of the Morrow Soil and Water District, for six years; committee member for the selection of the Wheat League's conservationists man of the year; served on the Resource Conservation Development; and has been active in solving oil and water problems, such as wind erosion, in Morrow County.

"Dick has also played an active role in his community," said Franzen. Among his activities includes being named Morrow County Father of the Year; 4-H ski leader; and member of the St. Williams Catholic Church in Lone.

McElligott runs a wheat and livestock operation with his brother, Don, in Lone. He and his wife, Loa, have 12 children.

Law change on diseased animals

Brucellosis and tuberculosis reactor animals will be able to go through a livestock auction, on Dec. 26, 1973 reports Dr. Glen Rea, state veterinarian of the State Department of Agriculture.

At present, the infected animals are required to be sold for commercial slaughter only, not for breeding purposes.

Morrow County residents having opinions on the new livestock law can write Dr. Glen Rea at the State Department of Agriculture, Salem.

The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a regulation on feedlot operations regarding waste water and runoff.



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Conservationists want Navy out

A resolution asking the Navy to discontinue its use of the Boardman Bombing Range was passed at the 25th annual meeting of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts held last week at Kah-Nee-Ta resort, Warm Springs, Ore.

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District proposed the resolution to allow the more than 50,000 acres in the bombing range to be made available for agricultural development.

"The Heppner district also proposed an irrigation district improvement company to be located on the dry land area of north Morrow County," according to Dave Franzen, Soil Conservation Service District Conservationist.

The proposed company would establish a comprehensive irrigation plan for parts of Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties.

"The proposed irrigation company was accepted by the convention delegates and later this year an engineering survey will be made," Franzen said.

Bob Jepsen, lone, told delegates that the new Rural Environmental Conservation Program will be in effect by the first of the year.

Sheep raisers meeting on brand regulations

Morrow County sheep raisers are invited to attend a public hearing on new regulations on the state's new sheep branding law, Thursday, Nov. 29.

The hearing will be held in the conference room at 10 p.m. at the Agriculture Building in Salem.

The proposed regulations list the types of brands and locations of the various types of brands that would be acceptable for recording with the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Types of brands being proposed are paint, tattoos, hot iron or firebrands, super-chill or freeze iron, or instrument and caustic chemicals.

The program is similar to the Agriculture Conservation Program which enabled farmers to install conservation measures with the aid of federal money.

Convention delegates also passed a new proposed Water Bank Bill which will enable rural and city irrigation and water developers to borrow money from the state to improve water systems. The bill will be voted on during the general election next May.

One of the highlights of the convention was the presentation of Oregon's Outstanding Soil and Water Conservation District Director, Dick McElligott, lone, was the recipient of the award presented by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission of Oregon.

Morrow County delegates who attended the three-day convention were: Dick McElligott, vice-president, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts; Bob Jepsen, chairman, of the Oregon Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service Committee; Ken Turner, chairman, Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District; Rudy Bergstrom, director, Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District; and Franzen.

Earlier in the day, the two associations will hold their meetings and elect officers for the coming year.

Speakers for the livestock growers meeting include Ron Baker, C&B Livestock Company, Hermiston; Jack Sumner, state representative; Jerry Wasserburger, account executive, Du Pont Walston; Dave Church, animal nutritionist, Oregon State University; Gene Kunkle, state brand inspector for the Department of Agriculture; and Ostensoe.

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The paint brands would be located on the right or left hip with the top of the brand facing towards the backbone. Locations proposed for tattoo brands are inside the lower lop, inside the front or back legs on the woolfree area above the hock or knee and on either side of the tail in the woolfree area. The fire brands, freeze brands and caustic brands would be located on either the nose, left or right jaw.

Persons unable to attend the hearing but having data or testimony to submit may write Gene Kunkle, Assistant Administrator, Livestock Division, State Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Building, Salem 97310.

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Farm-City banquet is Nov. 30

Don Ostensoe, executive secretary of the Oregon Cattlemen Association, will be the guest speaker at the 24th annual Farm-City Banquet, Nov. 30, at Heppner High School Cafeteria.

The 7 p.m. dinner is sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce and the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, and is open to the public.

During the banquet the outstanding livestock growers and soil conservationists in the county will be announced.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation of a \$100 diamond given by Peterson's Jewelers, Heppner.

The banquet is held in conjunction each year with the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association and Morrow County Cowbelles Association.

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Plan to finance sewer, water expansion studied

BOARDMAN - The possible expansion of the city water and sewer systems to accommodate the housing growth in Boardman was discussed at length at last week's city council meeting.

City Engineer Stan Wallulis of Pendleton told the council that he believes Boardman has a strong chance of getting a \$15,000 housing and urban development study grant for its water and sewer system. Boardman is making the application through the East Central Oregon Association of Counties for the study funds, according to Wallulis.

Cecil Cooley of Hermiston, a housing developer, was again at the meeting and was looking for an answer on a question relative to repayment to the developer for expansion of the water and sewer systems. To bring about a major project, as Cooley is proposing with Howard Kartchner, Desert Magic Farm Corp. president, would call for a big expansion program in Boardman's water and sewer systems.

Cooley told the council that his firm may be in a position to advance the money for the expansion if it would be repaid by the city, either through funds received in federal grants or by connection fees.

Mayor Dewey West Jr. and other members of the council showed interest in the proposal and instructed City Attorney M.H. Van Valkenburgh of The Dalles to pursue the proposal and give the city an answer.

In other business the council approved a resolution to call for amending an ordinance immediately that provides a fee for water and sewer

connections. The amended ordinance is expected to call for water and sewer connection at \$85 plus the cost of the meter and 110 per cent of the installation cost. The fee is the recommendation of the public works committee headed by Councilman W.E. Nelson.

The council action on the connection fee is the result of a 12-unit apartment complex that is scheduled for construction soon by I.M. Docken and Rick Haberlock of Boardman. The connection fee would apply to each living unit in a multi-residential structure.

It was explained at the meeting that water and sewer connection fees were included in the cost of lots sold in the relocated city of Boardman and began in the mid-1960s when the town was moved.

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Agriculture calendar

- Nov. 9-17 Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland.
- Nov. 15-17 Oregon Cattlemen Association Convention Sheraton Hotel, Portland.
- Nov. 30 Morrow County Livestock Growers Association meeting, Elks Lodge, Heppner.
- Nov. 30 Morrow County Cowbelles Association meeting, Elks Lodge, Heppner.
- Nov. 30 Farm-City Banquet, Heppner High School, 7 p.m.

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