

# Davidson, Haguewood score high honors

Two Heppner High School students, Greg Davidson and Kristi Haguewood, have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1974.

Principal Jim Bier received word of the awards last week from the Outstanding Teenagers Of America office in Washington, D.C.

The two Heppner honor students will now be in competition statewide with other selected high school students for the Outstanding Teenager of the Year award which this year will be presented by Oregon Governor Tom McCall.

The 51 state winners will then vie for 10 regional scholarship awards of \$500 and the regional winners will be in competition for two national awards of \$1000 scholarships.

The Outstanding Teenagers of America selections are nominated by their high school principals from individual schools across the country for excellence in academic achievement and community service.

All honored students have their biographies recorded in an annual volume entitled "Outstanding Teenagers of America."

Kristi is the daughter of Ron and Lynn Haguewood, and is a life-long resident of Heppner. She holds office for many of Heppner High's activities including president of Pep Club, treasurer of Future Farmers of America, vice-president of Future Homemakers of A-

merica, secretary of National Honor Society and student body secretary. She also participates in girls basketball and volleyball and is accompanist for the school chorus. Outside of school she is an active 4-H member and is currently involved with 4-H leadership.

Greg is the son of Bob and Mildred Davidson of Lexing-

ton and is also a life-long resident of Morrow County. Greg is currently involved in journalism at the high school, being editor of both the school paper and yearbook. President is one of Greg's current titles as he heads the National Honor Society, Thespian Club and senior class. He has been recipient of many awards including his selection last

year to be listed in "Who's Who Among Outstanding American High School Students." Outside of school Greg holds a part-time job at Hager's Dairy.

This is not the first time Greg and Kristi have received awards together; both were winners in the Elks Leadership contest held last December.



Heppner High School's Outstanding Teenagers of America nominees, Kristi Haguewood and Greg Davidson.

## Roundup of school age children under way

The County School Superintendent's Office will spend the next 30 to 45 days trying to locate and list all children in Morrow County ages 6 through 21 not enrolled in school and who have not graduated.

Supt. Ron Daniels announced the project at the county school board meeting in Boardman Monday night, as required by law through House Bill 24-44.

Purpose of the project is to identify the needs of children of school age who are not attending school and map plans to meet the needs. Ernie Teal, county curriculum coordinator, will be conducting the survey. Daniels said civic organizations throughout the county will be contacted to assist in the search.

People who know of any school age child not attending school and not graduated are asked to contact their school principal or the county school superintendent's office.

Four teachers have indicated that they will retire at the end of the current school year: Jessie Faye Morris, 4th grade teacher at Heppner Elementary School; Madge Thomson, librarian at Heppner High School; Eleanor Serpent, 6th grade teacher at A.C. Houghton; and Joyce Smith, special education teacher and librarian at A.C. Houghton.

Five other teachers have notified the board that they do not wish to have their contracts renewed for the next year: Mary Langston, language arts teacher at Lone; Neil Poulsen, math teacher at Heppner High School; Clint Agee, 6th grade teacher at Heppner Elementary School; Dorothy Agee, girls' physical education teacher at Heppner; and Ione Martin, 3rd grade teacher at Lone.

The board reviewed recommendations made by the attendance area advisory

committees regarding the hiring of teachers. It is the board's policy to review the recommendations in February and take final action on contract renewals at the March board meeting.

The public school budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office in Lexington. The board voted to hold the March school board meeting at the same time.

The school budget election is dated for Tuesday, March 26. The board set voting hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Currently, 38 children are enrolled in the 4th grade class at A.C. Houghton school. This is eight over the number the state permits and 13 over the number of children recommended by the state.

The board voted to employ an aide to assist the 4th grade teacher while the board is looking for an additional

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## Farmers advised on fuel

"The essential thing a farmer must do to help assure himself adequate fuel for agricultural production is tell his distributor how much he needs," according to David McLeod, executive director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"Unless a local distributor or dealer knows what his farm customers require, that distributor cannot take the necessary steps to get enough fuel for them."

Informing the distributor becomes even more important if a farmer intends to increase his acreage considerably, or if he wants to expand dairy, poultry, or other farm operations. Local dealers will need this information to request additional fuel from their suppliers.

McLeod said, "Agricultural producers who are all to receive priority allocations, will be required to certify to an ongoing fuel conservation program on their operations."

## Outstanding FFA members honored . . .



Some of the local FFA members honored with awards at the organization's annual banquet Tuesday night were, left to right, Kelwayne Haguewood, Teresa Hughes, Judy Bennett and Bill Van Schoiak.



Rounding out awarded FFA members were, left to right, Clay West, Kyle Robinson, Kristi Haguewood and Mike Bergstrom. Hal Whitaker, FFA advisor presented the awards at Heppner High School Cafeterium.

NONA SOWELL NEW CC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Nona Sowell has been elected a director of the Heppner-Morrow County of Commerce. She is office manager of Kinzua Corporation's Heppner plant.

Mrs. Sowell has been secretary of the chamber for several years.

## Senate votes to double wheat tax

State Sen. Mike Thorne introduced a bill in the state senate last week to raise the Oregon wheat tax from a half-cent to one cent per bushel. The proposal passed the senate 28-1.

The vote evidently came as a surprise to Rep. Jack Sumner, who recalled that the Oregon Wheat Growers League last December urged the tax be increased, but said the organization had agreed to introduce the tax increase proposal at the 1975 legislative session.

Sumner, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, is reported to oppose the manner in which the bill was called up and passed. Mrs. Jack Sumner told the Gazette-Times Tuesday afternoon that her husband felt action should not have been taken without first ascertaining whether or not farmers agreed to the measure being acted upon in the current rather than the 1975 session.

Twenty Morrow County wheat farmers met in Lone Tuesday morning to discuss whether to approve immediate enactment of the tax increase or delay it in order to take a referendum among farmers.

After some explanatory remarks by Stan Timmermann, Pendleton, chairman of the

OWGL federal agricultural programs committee, a poll of the farmers showed 11 in favor of the bill as it passed the senate and six favored a referendum.

The bill is slated to go before the house sub-committee, and action may be taken by the house today or Friday, when the session ends. Should the house approve the senate bill the act will take effect within 90 days, or in time for the 1974 wheat crop.

Morrow County did not recommend an increase in the OWGL budget last fall because there was some division among farmers. The budget for the fiscal year 1974-75 would be almost double the current budget, with special projects increasing from \$170,471 to \$364,000.

Largest increase in the special projects would be for

supplemental research, from \$8,500 to \$65,000. Most of the money needed is for research and development. Farmers at the lone meeting felt they are going to pay for additional research and are willing to do so.

The wheat tax, if finally approved, will yield \$390,000 this crop year. Proposed education activities include daily market information to growers, fighting a proposed freight rate increase, a newsletter, and expanded research into new food products and wheat usage.

### Registration deadline is tomorrow

The deadline to register to be able to vote in the March 26 school budget election is Friday, Feb. 22.

Anyone wishing to vote in the March election, who is not registered, must do so 30 days in advance of the election.

Registration takes place in the county clerk's office at the courthouse. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those wishing to make other arrangements to register are asked to contact County Clerk Sadie Parrish.

### Port of Morrow sells 8 acres

The Port of Morrow has completed sale of nearly eight acres of its food processing park land to John Prag & Associates.

Prag, a Wallowa County seed potato grower, is constructing a potato storage facility on the newly acquired land.

## Keeping farm prices high theme of NFO speaker

"The cost of farm produce will be twice as high as they are at present and if it were not for the efforts of the National Farm Organization farm prices wouldn't be where they are today; we must

understand what we have to do to keep prices where they are." Erhard Pfingsten, former vice-president of NFO, told 250 members and guests here Thursday night.

The farm organization

leader spoke at the annual dinner of the NFO at St. Patrick's Hall.

Pfingsten recited the workings of NFO, how it started, and the methods of collective bargaining and "holding actions" used by farmers against meat packers.

In 1964, he said, farmers were selling hogs in Sioux City for \$12 a hundred pounds. Through collective bargaining the farm price rose to \$22.75 in a few years.

"Farmers," he said, "are creatures of habit." Many of them had sold to the same packer for years, so the packer realized he had no competition, with the same farmers selling to the same packer and the packer selling to the same chain stores year after year. He said some packers operated at a profit as high as 65 per cent—after labor costs and all overhead.

By collective bargaining and NFO education of the farmer, the price paid the

farmer increased, as did the volume to the packers. Prior to this time, he said, the prices paid to the farmers had not varied more than 1.5 per cent over a 25-year period.

As for assistance given wheat farmers, Pfingsten said that prior to NFO's emergence there were four large companies setting the price of grain, with the Department of Agriculture paying less than support price.

From the end of World War II until 1962, he said, farming decreased in the U.S. to a point where 3.5 million farmers had quit. When farming became more profitable, new people came into the farm operation, bringing new ideas. They were not content to trade with the same people year after year as their predecessors had done. Through their efforts, and with the help of NFO, better farm prices were obtained.

Today, he pointed out, there is a more competitive spirit



National Farmers Organization Chairman Don McElligott, left, and Erhard Pfingsten shown at the NFO's annual meeting.