



Ever had a fear of meeting a bobcat at close range? This one, a native of Morrow County, may be seen at the Morrow County Museum any Saturday or Sunday. (See story on page 4.)

Pest control

Federal guidelines are not the answer

John Jepsen of Ione was among 10 persons attending the 25th annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Pest Control Association in Ellensburg, Wn., recently.

Stu Bledsoe, director, Washington State Department of Agriculture, told delegates that the largest grain crop in history is just ahead and that pest control operators are going to have to come up with a solution for the protection of tens of thousands of bushels of wheat in the fields.

He pointed out that another hazard facing the pest control operator is keeping "the

bandits and the few bimbos left in the business from ruining your reputations."

Bledsoe called attention to the Environmental Protection Agency's policy reversal in allowing DDT to be used against the tussock moth which has destroyed more than 600,000 acres of forest. It should be an example, he said, of what can happen when the federal government sets down guidelines.

"That wasn't Boise Cascade or Weyerhaeuser forests, it was your forest. And I think someone owes the public an apology for the forest that was

destroyed," he said.

The director summarized his speech by saying the pest control operator not only has a huge job to do, but must be able to have proper legislation to allow him to do it. This would include better com-

munications between Oregon, Idaho and Washington in such matters. The association, working with state agencies, can solve the problems better than if pest control programs are taken over by the federal government, he said.



John Jepsen, right, confers with Washington State Department of Agriculture Stu Bledsoe following a luncheon speech to pest control operators at Ellensburg.

Wheelchair athlete is Heppner visitor

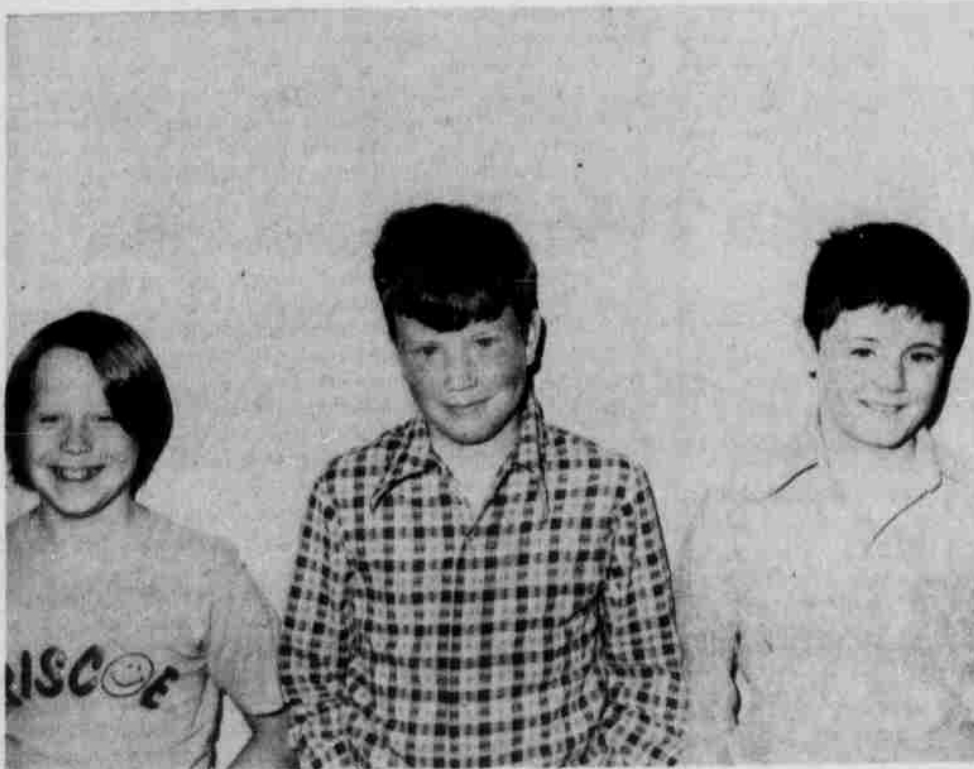
The Rev. Jack Chase, member of the national champion wheelchair basketball team, will speak at the Christian Church in Heppner starting March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

At the age of 20, The Rev. Mr. Chase was stricken with polio, leaving his legs paralyzed. Since then, he has attended the University of Illinois and after graduating, enrolled at L.I.F.E. Bible College in Los Angeles. Upon completion of his studies there he entered the ministry.

While in California, he played basketball with the "Flying Wheels," a team composed of disabled veterans, and got to meet President and Mrs. Eisenhower while playing basketball in Washington, D.C. He also has appeared on several national

radio and T.V. programs including "Strike It Rich," "Welcome Travelers" and "You Asked For It."

In the summer of 1962 he was one of 18 wheelchair personnel to go on an extensive tour of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Europe. The purpose of the tour, initiated by South Africans and Southern Rhodesians, was to demonstrate to those countries the possibilities of activities and employment for the physically handicapped. During the course of this tour he won first place in the "Salalom" obstacle course race and played on the United States Wheelchair Basketball Team which won the world championship in the Paralympic games in London, England.



Todd Rogers, John Bier and Greg Groshens gave the alarm that saved the Holland home from possible destruction by fire.

Alert boys save home from fire

Three boys with nothing better to do on a spring day than play a little basketball, are responsible for saving the Dale Holland residence from possible destruction by fire Saturday.

Greg Groshen, 12, John Bier, 11, and Todd Rogers, 11, were playing basketball in the rear of the Holland residence when they noticed the rear of the home full of smoke and saw smoke emerging from the roof.

The youngsters started shouting and then ran for help. John Bier ran and notified his father, while Greg found his father, State Trooper Vic Groshen, and told him of the situation, and Todd ran along Main St., looking for the Hollands who had left the premises a short time before.

Everett Keithley, Jim Bier, and Clayton Ayers, residents of the area, heard the boys' shouts and went to the Holland residence to investigate. They found the kitchen area full of

Navy leaving

Bombing range land urged for veterans

Monday Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce heard three of its members discuss ways to acquire the land at Boardman presently used by the United States Navy as a bombing range.

The area in question consists of approximately 50,000 acres of choice farm land.

Orville Cutsforth, Dick McElligott and Morrow County Judge Paul Jones express their opinions on how the land should be used, with all three in favor of dividing the land into small family parcels to be used for farming and sold to Vietnam War veterans.

Of the 50,000 acres in question, Portland General Electric will probably require 20,000 acres for the construction of their proposed nuclear plant, leaving a balance of 30,000 acres to be disposed of.

Judge Jones told the group, "The No. 1 priority in Morrow County is the construction of the nuclear plant; second, that the bombing range be kept in

small family ranches. If there is any possible way to keep this land in Eastern Oregon a property of the Morrow County Court, we should do all we can and act at once, for everyone is interested in this farm land, including residents from California to New York."

Cutsforth said, "The Boeing Company presently leases 100,000 acres west of the bombing range from the State of Oregon for 60 cents per acre per year, with the State of Oregon paying the taxes on the property. Boeing, according to its present lease, has the opportunity to lease the remaining land for the same terms as the present lease."

Cutsforth also favors the small family farms to be distributed to veterans, placing either the Morrow County Court or the Veterans Administration in charge of the project.

Cutsforth then cited the example of the Veterans Administration after the construction of the Grand Coulee

Dam, in which millions of acres were given to veterans.

"The Vietnam Veterans have received nothing for their efforts from any state or federal agency as yet," said Dick McElligott, so why not give them priority on the land? I have no objections to large corporate farming; however, we have to do something to preserve some of this valuable land."

The need for the group of concerned citizens to act is now, when the planning is going on, not when it is completed, was the consensus of the three members.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting the group unanimously pledged its full support to any proposal to retain the bombing range land for family size farms.

Judge Jones left for Salem later in the day for an appointment Tuesday with State

Director of Agriculture Irvin Mann. He carried with him the

resolution of the chamber and the sentiment of most of the residents of Morrow County to divide the available land into small parcels for veterans.

Two men held in theft

A Morrow County grand jury Monday returned indictments of two men on charges of cattle theft.

Douglas W. Walker, 19, Boardman, and Shan David Ramstead, 21, Irrigon, are being held in custody by the Morrow County sheriff.

Both are charged with theft in the first degree with bail set at \$2,505 each.

Attorney Robert Abrams was appointed by the court to defend the men.

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Students win scholarships

Monday night the Morrow County Medical Careers Scholarship Committee of the Oregon Lung Association (Eastern Oregon Region) awarded three \$200 scholarships to three students now actively working toward degrees in medical fields.

Ann Louise McElligott and Earl James Pettyjohn, both Ione, and Karla Kristen Weatherford, Heppner, are the winning applicants.

Each of them furnished a personal application letter plus letters of recommendation from college teachers or deans, from former high school teachers and from employers.

Several other applications were also considered by the committee which consisted of Jean Jepsen, Ione, Pat Wright and Gladys Van Winkle,

Lexington, and Justine Weatherford, Heppner.

Ann Louise McElligott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. (Dick) McElligott. She is now a sophomore at the Montana State University School of Nursing at Bozeman.

Earl James Pettyjohn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pettyjohn. He is working his way through the school of pharmacy at OSU, Corvallis, and is now in his third year of the five-year curriculum. Last summer he was a student intern pharmacist at Murray's Drug in Heppner.

Karla Kristen Weatherford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Weatherford, is completing her junior year in occupational therapy at the University of Puget Sound at Tacoma.

Last rites today for Hugh Smith

Hugh (Ted) Smith, 73, died at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Tuesday, March 12.

Born July 10, 1900 in Sisters, Ore., Smith was a resident of the county since 1916. He was married to Ella Conway in Redmond on Sept. 2, 1928.

For a number of years he farmed in the Ione area. He served as Heppner City Recorder for more than 10 years and was manager of Morrow County Grain Growers for several years.

Smith was active locally with the Salvation Army. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, BPOE No. 358.

Funeral services will be held today (March 14) at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. Rev. Edwin Cutting will officiate. Interment will follow at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Besides his widow, Ella, Heppner, survivors include a son, Phillip C. Smith, Merritt, B.C.; brothers, Harvey Smith, Ione, and Dixon T. Smith, Ventura, Cal.; a sister, Mabel I. O'Hara, Condon; and three granddaughters.

The family asks donations be made to the Salvation Army or Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

LIONS CLUB TO ORGANIZE HERE

There will be a meeting of persons interested in forming a Lions Club on Saturday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

Twenty members are required to secure a Lions International charter. The proposed Lions Club for Heppner is being sponsored by the Ione Lions Club.

MICHAEL BOYLEN FUND GETS \$117 FROM DANCE

Jim Carr, one of the "infamous musicians" for the Old Time Dances at the Hardman Opry House, reports \$117 in donations at Saturday night's dance toward the Michael Boylen Fund.

"We would have collected more," Carr lamented, "if some of the fellers had paid to get in instead of using the back door."



Lynell Braat, secretary for Techbuilt Corporation, interrupts Marvin Snyder, foreman, as the first concrete was poured Friday for the new Gourmet Foods complex near Boardman. Earth moving started three weeks ago. The building is to be completed by Aug. 1.