



BARRY MUNKERS

Barry Ward Munkers of Lexington, Oregon has been awarded a Central Exchange Foundation Agri-Business Vo-Tech Scholarship. Barry is one of 37 young men and women receiving \$22,200 in scholarships this year in conjunction with the agri-business educational program.

The \$600 educational scholarship is presented to eligible young persons interested in receiving training for careers in agri-business. Recipients are selected on the basis of merit and financial need.

The scholarship is awarded in the interest of expanding employment skills in rural America and to encourage and assist rural people in acquiring those skills. The scholarship is designed to encourage cooperative agri-business to look to vocational-technical training programs as resources for the development of skilled technicians trained to serve farmers.

The scholarship won by Barry is awarded for the length of the agri-business course and is payable over a maximum period of two years. Barry will be attending Blue Mt. Community College.

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REMINDER OF A 100th BIRTHDAY

All friends and admirers of Phebe Thomson Bartholomew are invited to attend her 100th Birthday Party at the Civic Recreational Center in Hermiston from 2:00 this Sunday afternoon—no gifts please.

Veteran loans increase

Oregon veterans' farm and home loans went to 13,013 veterans in 1973-74 in the amount of \$272,970,203 for the highest fiscal year on record, H.C. Saalfeld, Department of Veterans' Affairs Director, reported today.

This was a 47 per cent increase in loans and a 66 percent increase in dollar volume over the previous record year, 1972-73, when 8,838 veterans borrowed \$164,727,632. Loans for the year just closed averaged 1,084 a month for \$22.7 million, against 736 loans a month in 1972-73 for \$13.7 million.

In Morrow County last year, loans were granted to 15 veterans in the amount of \$349,965, compared with 15 loans in 1972-73 for \$222,220.

Since the loan program started in 1945, loans have gone to 177 veterans in this county in the amount of \$2,272,965. Statewide, 113,097 loans have been granted for \$1,499,166,426.

The loan program is self supporting and during its 28 years of operation, Saalfeld said, it has earned a net operating profit of \$29,665,360. The net profit of \$4,105,169 last year was the highest on record.

LISA CUTSFORTH ENTERING ARMY

This week Lisa Cutsforth goes to Portland to be sworn into the U.S. Army. She does not know yet where she will be stationed.

Her parents Orville and Barbara Cutsforth arranged several special events for her last week at their home. Mid-week the three went to Spokane to enjoy Expo '74 and to visit family members. Saturday evening a large number of the Cutsforth family and friends gathered at the mountain cabin on Herren Creek for a farewell party in Lisa's honor.

Lisa has contributed many hours of volunteer work at the city library this spring and summer. She has supplied the library with a collection of informative pamphlets about women in the army.

Other Heppner High female graduates in the services are Teresa Wright Weatherford, U.S.N. and Jamie Smith U.S. Army. It is understood that Debbie Yocom, Lexington, will soon be army bound also.



Heppner Mustang varsity cheerleaders who won top honors at Seattle are from the left, Judy Healy, Kelly Harrison, Mary Healy, Kimee Haguewood and Cheryle Turner.

HHS Cheerleaders win honors

Heppner High School's varsity cheerleaders won top honors at Seattle Pacific, July 22-26 while attending cheerleader school.

In competition with 65 other girls from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the Heppner girls placed first in pom-pom, first in team spirit and third in

overall competition. "The team spirit award was voted to Heppner by all of the girls in the competition," said Kelly Harrison, one of the five enthusiastic cheerleaders. Other members of the team include Judy and Mary Healy, Cheryle Turner and Kimee Haguewood.

Law enforcement keeps crew busy

Sheriff John Mollahan and his assistants handle law and order from the courthouse the eight daytime hours. However, the Sheriff's Office never closes, and thus several faithful and efficient employees keep it operating the remaining 16 hours of each weekday and the 24 hours of Saturdays and Sundays.

The dean of this after-hours crew is William Clarence Driscoll who has held the midnight to 8 a.m. shift for a mighty long time. Others who rotate hours on various days are Bonnie Buschke (Mrs. Bob), Heppner housewife and mother of two sons, and Dorcas Stewart, ex-librarian at Heppner Elementary School. Dorcas began working just after school ended this

June as a substitute for Jan Morris (Mrs. Kip) and will give the job back to Jan in September. Dorcas will then leave for more schooling in San Jose.

Former Resident Dies

Peggy A. Pearce formerly of Heppner, died in Oregon City July 18. Private graveside services were held in Bend, Ore. She is survived by four sisters, Patricia Scritsmier, Alyce Bender, Portland; Gladys Prock and Vivian Elder of Heppner.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jeff Pearce, son, John Paul Aiken; daughter, Jane; and granddaughter, Rebecca Aiken.

County receives funds

Distribution of \$7,366,643.32 in highway-user tax funds to the 36 counties of the state was announced today by the State Highway Division.

The allocation is based on the statutory 20 per cent for the period April 1 through June 30, 1974. The funds come from the following sources: motor vehicle registration and operators' license fees, gasoline tax, use fuel tax, motor carrier fees, and fines and penalties collected for violations of the size and weight statutes where complaints are made by the Highway Division weighmasters.

Morrow County received \$13,959.67 for 5,187 registered vehicles in 1973.

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Harvest operations in full swing

It's good news for Morrow County wheat farmers, according to Larry Mills of the Morrow County Grain Growers. All stations are in full operation to handle a crop double the size of last year, which was short, due to a dry season.

Harvesting is well underway in the northern part of the county while crops in the southern area are later.

Harold Kerr, of the Oregon State Extension service reports that the rain experienced the latter part of June helped most crops, but the heat was responsible for pinching some of the grain. "The pinched wheat is not a serious quality factor and the heat was beneficial for red wheat in that it improves the protein content," said Kerr.

A new variety of wheat, Foundation McDermid, is being produced by eight Morrow

County farmers. According to one farmer with 25 acres of the new wheat, it has yielded 36 bushels per acre.

Although prices will fluctuate, farmers in Morrow County expect a good return on their harvest.

Harvesting operations will continue in full swing until September 1st.

GWEN DRAKE WILL BE AT THE ORGAN

During August Pauline Miller who is the regular organist at the Heppner United Methodist Church will be vacationing. Gwen Drake, a senior at E.O.C., La Grande will take charge of the church music. Gwen is spending summer weekends with her mother Grace Drake who has rented a Heppner home until September.

GARDEN REACHING TOWARD THE SKY

They have raised sunflowers over 18 feet tall in years past, but this year's plants are still growing. Their corn (bantam variety) now measures almost 9 feet high. If you are a garden watcher, you know that "they" are Ruby and Harold Becket and that their super garden is on South Court St.

Several reasons could contribute to their gardening success—like plenty of water from Willow Creek because of their water right. The Beckets keep their own seed, too—and they spent many hours laboring in and loving their garden.

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