

Community leaders honored

Livestock growers in annual meeting here

Stafford Hansell, Republican state representative from Hermiston for 18 years and newly designated head of Democratic Gov.-elect Robert Straub's Executive Department, was principal speaker at the 25th annual Farm-City Luncheon here Saturday at the Elks Club.

Area farmers, ranchers and businessmen heard Hansell tell of his new appointment by Gov.-elect Straub to head the 100-man executive department charged with the responsibility for the governor's budget for the state. Stafford was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the House when he declined to

seek reelection. Wallace McCrae of Pendleton now holds Hansell's seat in the House of Representatives.

Hansell, who is also president of the Oregon Agribusiness Council (ABC) outlined the organization's public relations role with the metropolitan consumer. With 3,000 single business or family farm memberships, the ABC staff of five work closely with the agribusiness firms in the Portland area.

He said ABC sponsored four political farm forums around the state, sponsors the state horticulture and nursery shows each year (which are self-supporting), serves as secretary for many small

commodity commissions and worked this year to revise new regulations proposed by the Occupational Safety and Health Act as they apply to agribusiness.

As president of ABC he has worked to move the Navy from the Boardman Bombing Range so it can be developed for agricultural purposes.

He said he would resign as president of the organization on Jan. 1.

Stafford said that ABC, Oregon State Extension Service and other farm groups are working to form a speakers' bureau which could speak to consumer groups and others about agriculture, and

what is involved in getting food from the farm to the consumer.

The meeting began at 10 a.m. with coffee and a get-acquainted hour, followed by President Ed Brosnan call to order at 10:45 o'clock.

Brosnan introduced Mike Howell, county extension agent, who spoke to the group on bovine embryo transplant techniques (see related story).

Luncheon was served to 130 persons, at which Don Cole introduced Dr. Stan Bezek of Denver, who was visiting the Heppner area at the invitation of the Doctors' Search Committee. Dr. Bezek is considering a practice here. He and

Cole left for Condon following the luncheon.

Brosnan presented a check for \$700 to John Dupont for his aid in apprehending John Stipe, recently sentenced for the killing of a cow on the Thompson ranch. The reward money came from the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, a practice designed to reduce the number of cattle thefts and killings that plague Oregon cattlemen.

Morrow County Judge Paul Jones introduced Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, who presented a certificate of appreciation to Robert Lowe for 25 years of service to the community and to Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A certificate was also presented to former Morrow County Schools Superintendent Ron Daniels, now president of Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, for outstanding service to the community.

Dorris Graves received the Soroptimist International's annual Woman of the Year award for community leadership. Mrs. Graves is chairman of the Morrow County Planning Commission, district director of the Oregon Extension Homemakers Council and was recently appointed by Gov. Tom McCall to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

She has been active in Grange work, holding offices in both Rhea Creek and Pamona Granges. She has been a 4-H Club leader for many years, served on the Morrow County Fair Board, the fair committee and as fair superintendent. She assumed management of their cattle ranching operation following the death of her husband, and was a working rancher until recently. As a memorial to her husband she maintains scholarships for Morrow County 4-H youth entering any post-high school training, academic or vocational.

Marlene Peterson, chairman of the county's bicentennial committee, was present-

ed a bicentennial flag by Frank Quinlan, state director of the state bicentennial committee, signifying that Morrow County has qualified as a bicentennial county.

New directors named for a three-year term to the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association are Merlin Hughes, Charlie Daly, Raymond French and Ned Clark. French is also the newly-elected vice-president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

The annual event is jointly sponsored by the Morrow County Livestock Association and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Historical society organized

The first meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society was held Monday night at the Lexington Grange Hall.

The arrangements were made by Delpha Jones, who was appointed acting chairman by County Bicentennial Committee Chairman Marlene Peterson. The formation of the society was a prime goal of her committee.

Heppner attorney Dennis Dolberry explained the reasons for incorporating the society and pointed out some organizational details. A by-laws committee was announced.

Marion Weatherford, Arlington, Gilliam County Bicentennial Chairman and the president of that county's new 35-member historical society, recounted that organization's birth. Weatherford is a long-time director of the Oregon State Historical Society headquartered in Portland.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buehler, Portland, the state society's public services administrator, explained some of the dual membership advantages of belonging to both the local and state organizations. She also introduced the main event of the evening's program, the restored 1928 movie filmed in Condon. This early "spectacular" tells of a covered-wagon pioneer Thomas Mercer and his daughter Billie, of their arrival in the John Day area, their settling near Condon, and various adventures of their early ranch life there. The old silent film was brought back to life by the piano accompaniment of Ola Mae Groshens. Assistant County Agent Tom Howell rolled the film.

The 35 history buffs present elected a slate of officers which was recommended by the nominating committee, chaired by Pat Majeske Wright. The ten directors are: Ione's Ruth McCabe and Bryce Keene; Boardman's Zearl Gillespie; Butler Creek's Paul Hiler; Lexington's Delpha Jones and Barbara Bloodworth; Heppner's Rachel Harnett, Harold Beckel, Don Gilliam and Bill Weatherford. It was agreed that Mrs. Jones would continue as chairman; Harold Beckel, vice-chairman; and Ruth McCabe, secretary-treasurer.

Visiting doctor is 'impressed'

Dr. Stan Bezek, a third year residency student from Denver visited the Heppner community last weekend.

The doctor, interested in going into the National Health Service Corps program in July, expressed interest in setting up a practice in the Heppner area through the corp's program. His decision would depend, he said, on whether another doctor would go into practice with him. He expressed high interest in the area, especially the three-county medical plan which would locate doctors in Heppner and nurse practitioners in Condon and Fossil.

Dr. Bezek had the opportunity to visit with several people in the area and commented, near the close of the weekend, that he felt somewhat like a hand-shaking politician after meeting so many people. He toured the hospital and met with hospital administrator Ilene Wyman, Doctors Wolff and Tibbles and with Judge Paul Jones. He attended the Farm-City Banquet Saturday and was taken on a tour of Heppner. Following the banquet he and Don Cole visited the county clinic facilities in Condon and Fossil and with Judge Buck Leckie, ex-judge Asher and nurse practitioner Ann Corner in Fossil. He closed out Saturday evening by attending the Heppner High School basketball game.

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Cantin injured

Merlin Cantin, Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company employee, is resting well in Pioneer Memorial Hospital following a fall from a 30-foot telephone pole Friday.

The accident occurred when one of his spikes gave way when he began descending a pole near the Ruggs Store. At the hospital, he was found to have suffered no broken bones. He was protected by his safety belt when his spike gave way, but in an attempt to break his fall he landed on his back. He is also suffering from splinters in both hands.

Athletic awards made at annual dinner

One hundred and seventy-five persons attended the annual fall sports awards dinner at Heppner High School Cafeteria Monday night.

Presentations were made in junior varsity football, girls volleyball and varsity football. Top honors went to Wade Padberg, Mike Mills, Dave Daly and Jerry Gentry for outstanding back, outstanding lineman, most improved player, and most valuable player, respectively, for their performance during the 1974 varsity football season.

Following the potluck dinner, Dean Naffziger, athletic director, welcomed guests and gave special thanks to those people who worked hard, as well as to the many supporters who attended the games.

Naffziger introduced Junior Varsity Coach George Koffler, who presented awards to Ray Cate, Bruce Young, Don McEwen, Jerry Cutsforth, Ken Grieb, Dan VanSchoeck, David Jones, Marty Smith, Jack Yocom, Jim Kenney, John Schiffer, Jeff Cutsforth, Allen Burkenbine and Phil Johnson. The remainder of the junior varsity team was commended for their fine play and were awarded certificates and letters with the varsity players.

Cathy Wilson, girls physical education teacher, was introduced to present awards to girls for active part in volleyball. "At the end of the season the girls were finally playing as a team, and they did a fine job at the district tournament defeating two teams that had defeated us previously," she said.

She presented awards to Molly Pierce, Mary Healy, Deb Holland, Theresa Peck, Diane Holland, Tami Toll and Kimie Haguewood of the varsity squad. Awards were presented to Cathy Palmer, Nola Steers, Cathy Wolff, Lori Dunlap, Bonnie Schiller, Lori Rhea, Janet Healy, Joan Warren, Linda Bier and Millie Yocom.

Head Football Coach Chuck Starr was introduced and said, "I want to thank all the wonderful people who supported the team, and also the parents for their support and sportsmanship during the past season. During the past season I have never heard a word against the team for its lack of sportsmanship from any of our opponents, coaches or players. When you have a team like this, it makes coaching easy."

Starr continued: "We had 49 boys turn out for football this

year and finished with 43 completing the season. Some of the boys were out due to injuries and others found they did not want to put in the required time and energy."

The Heppner Mustangs finished the season with a 8-2 record, losing only to Grant Union by a 20-19 score and then losing to Pine Eagle in the state quarterfinals, 19-7.

"They played like a team all season, and when Quarterback Jerry Gentry was injured they played without him, giving newcomers Mike Orwick and David Allstott all the protection they possibly could. They never quit and they played with pride, so all of the parents and friends of the players have a right to be proud of them for the way they played the game."

Starr presented awards to Curtis Sweek and Rusty Estes, managers, then to players David Allstott, Chris Rauch, Cal Chrisman, Steve McLaughlin, Tim Skow, Bill Van Schoeck, Kyle Buschke, Doug Harris, Dale Munkers, Greg Clow, Clay West, Rob Eckman, Dan Marshall, Dewayne McClain, Mike Orwick, Clayton Wilson, Wade Padberg and Robert Henry. Most of them will be returning next season. Senior awards were pre-

sented to Steve Johnson, Randy Devine, Travis Thomas, Dave Daly, John Luciani, Mark Wright, Dave McLeod, Ken Eckman, John Kilkenny, Mike Mills and Jerry Gentry.

Starr presented an award to Dave (Soupy) Campbell, commenting on the fine job he did as a student trainer during the season.

It was the seniors' turn to

have their moment at the rostrum and say a few words about the past season. Some of the seniors' comments were: "Best coaches and the best looking cheerleaders in the area;" "Winning isn't everything, but it sure beats the heck out of losing;" "We'll be back here next year to give the coaches some advice from the sidelines; they will sure need it."

Yule workshop set for Monday

The fourth annual Christmas Greens Workshop is being held in the basement of the United Methodist Church Monday evening, Dec. 9.

Anyone interested in gaining skill in the making of wreaths, door swags or table centerpieces should be there by 7:30 p.m. A 25 cent registration fee will be charged, and each enrollee is urged to bring garden clippers, Ribbons, wire, and various accessory decorations can be purchased that evening.

The principal instructor is

Rev. Edwin Cutting, who had years of experience as a professional floriculturist before he entered the ministry. He operated a landscaping and nursery business near Rochester, Minn. Mr. Cutting will be assisted by Heppner Garden Club President Rita Wolff and other garden club members.

A group of Heppner Mothers' Club members will attend. They plan to make door decorations for the rooms at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital and its nursing home.

Parallel parking gets no support

The parallel parking issue on Main Street died for the lack of a motion to either accept or reject the idea at Monday night's meeting of the Heppner Common Council.

Speaking in favor of parallel parking Police Chief Dean Gilman said, "From a safety standpoint, parallel parking would be good for this community. I have seen too many close calls with people backing out of parking stalls, and I hope that no one gets injured or killed."

The greatest objection to parallel parking came from Main Street merchants who claim the proposed parking would hinder their businesses because one-half of the parking spaces now available would be eliminated, and patrons forced to park elsewhere.

There are no city parking facilities in the City of Heppner, and this would force people to park on some of the side streets if parallel parking had been adopted.

Mayor Sweeney later said, "Many of the people of Heppner are not used to

walking a block to the store. I have seen many people move their car four to five times to shop within a 450-foot area. If parallel parking were adopted, these people would have to walk to the various shops from their single parking space rather than move their cars as they are now doing."

Roger Lang, regional engineer for the Department of Transportation, was present at the meeting, and after making his recommendations to the council left the matter in their hands. The council did accept his recommendations

to widen the radius on the north corner of May and Main Streets, and to have the street department check on the present status of parking near the various intersections.

There is the possibility that one or two diagonal parking spaces could be eliminated from the intersections if the city follows the Oregon statutes.

In other business, the council voted to revoke parking stickers previously issued in the City of Heppner, granting free parking to some mer-

chants after payment of a nominal fee. One of the reasons for the revocation of the stickers was that only 10 stickers were sold last year, and that hardly pays for the cost of printing them.

Renewal of a temporary 90-day permit issued to Ray Grace allows him to continue parking a trailer on his property.

City Attorney Robert Abrams commented on his attendance at the League of Oregon Cities convention recently.

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Lt. Col. John Bristow, Deputy for Technical Services, Air Force Logistics Command at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, has received the Air Force's Certificate of Merit. Bristow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bristow of Ione. He is a graduate of Ione High School and Oregon State University. In the Air Force for 19 years, Bristow is married to the former Marie Linder of Hermiston, and has two children. They live at Layton, Utah. The award is presented to Bristow by Col. Charles B. Woford, director of material management, USAF. The commendation is for Bristow's contributions to flight safety and reduced logistics support costs.

House approves Willow Creek

The U. S. House of Representatives Tuesday passed and sent on to the president legislation authorizing construction of a flood control project and reservoir on Willow Creek, upstream from Heppner, Cong. Al Ullman told the Gazette-Times Tuesday.

Although the project originally was approved in 1965, subsequent modifications to the plans required new authorization, and Ullman introduced legislation last year to accomplish that.

"It is now up to the president," Ullman said. "A similar bill sponsored by Sen. Mark Hatfield cleared the senate early this year. According to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the modified project is expected to cost about \$13 million, which is \$1 million less than the original plan."

Ullman said that getting the bill passed now should also save \$90,000 in federal funds which would otherwise be used to help modify and relocate part of the city's water system. The City of Heppner recently passed a bond issue for modification of its water supply.