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4-H exchange planned Willows Grange 50th anniversary

Plans are currently underway to welcome 10 Japanese young people and 1 adult to Morrow County in July reports Mrs. Roger Palmer, Heppner, county coordinator of the 4-H Labo Japanese exchange program.

Morrow county is one of 10 counties participating in the 1976 exchange program. Other counties are Lake, Lane, Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Malheur, Polk, Josephine and Washington.

In all, about 100 Japanese youths, mostly between the ages of 13 and 15, and adults are expected to arrive in Oregon in late July to live with Oregon families for about a month. The program is conducted jointly by the Oregon State University extension service and the Labo International Exchange Foundation in Japan.

Right now, Mrs. Roger Palmer is accepting applications from families interested in hosting one of the Japanese youths.

"Living with families is the key element of the program designed to promote international understanding on a people-to-people basis. We are looking for families willing to share their lives for a short time with a person who can learn from them and can enrich their lives by introducing them to Japanese culture."

In addition to the exchange, Labo organizes clubs for young people in Japan. They meet weekly in homes to study the English language, then come to the United States to learn American culture and to improve their English.

This will be the fourth year Oregon families have hosted Labo delegates, adds Lois Redman, OSU extension 4-H and youth specialist. Last year, for the first time, 32 young Oregonians and four adults went to Japan under the two-way program and plans are now being made for others to visit Japan this summer.

Palmer joined with other county coordinators for a

two-day training session in Corvallis recently at which they were introduced to Japanese foods and customs and to details about the 4-H Labo exchange program.

Leading the sessions were Miss Redman and others who

have served as county coordinators and delegates to Japan as well as Japanese-Americans who live in Oregon.

This will be the second time that Morrow county has hosted Labo delegates.

Persons interested in serv-

ing as host families this summer may obtain application blanks at the Morrow County Extension Office. Additional information may be obtained at either the extension office or from Mrs. Roger Palmer, 675-9730.



Morrow County families will be hosts to Japanese teenagers and adults for about a month this summer. Mrs. Roger Palmer, Heppner, left, county coordinator for the 4-H Labo Japanese exchange program, gets in the mood by sampling sushi, a popular Japanese dish prepared by Mrs. Jean Paul, Eugene at a county coordinators training meeting in Corvallis. Accompanying her at the session was Mrs. Edna Peck, also of Heppner. Mrs. Palmer is accepting applications from families interested in hosting one of the exchanges.

The Willows Grange celebrated its 50th anniversary Sunday, Feb. 15. Vida Heliker a 69-year member of the Grange was chosen Anniversary Queen.

Mildred Norman, Oregon State Grange Executive Committee member was introduced and later presented to the Masters station.

The Ione High School choir under the direction of Miss Burton opened the program with two songs, "Let's Get Together" and "If there's a Song."

As the Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant brought Mrs. Heliker to her seat of honor, Mike Matthews sang "Aint She Sweet" accompanied by Linda Prock at the piano. After several honors were bestowed upon her, she was crowned Anniversary Queen by the Grange Master.

Later she was presented a gift from the Grange members.

Grace Tyler, Woodburn was introduced as the only Grange charter member present. She has been a member of the Willows Grange for 50 years. Beulah Lundell, Portland will celebrate her 50th year with the Grange later this year.

The Master introduced the following guests:

Minnie McFarlane, whose husband was Morrow County Pomona Master and Effie Bullock, both of Woodburn, Umatilla Pomona Master Jo DuPius and Mrs. DuPius and Annabelle Jaeger, Pomona Master for Wheeler and Gilliam Counties.

Beri Akers presented a short history of the Grange. Feb. 4, 1926 the establishment of the Willows Grange became a reality with Oscar Lundell serving as first Master. The

Grange was presented its charter Feb. 19, 1926 with 33 charter members. The meetings were held at the Rhea Siding Schoolhouse until the winter of 1928 when the meetings were held at the IOOF Hall, Morgan. They later moved to the hall at Cecil in 1929 and continued to hold their meetings there for the next 10 years. Later, the Grange purchased property from the Farmers Elevator Co. for \$12.29 with the amount used to assure a clear title and abstract. The Building was started Sept. 26, 1939 and the first meeting in the new hall held during December. Dedication ceremonies were held Feb. 19, 1940.

Helen McCabe explained how the Grange used to sponsor the rodeo queen and her court and the manner in which the girls were chosen.

She read the names of the girls chosen by the Grange in past years.

Mildred Norman spoke of the importance of Grange life to a rural community and told why many people join the Grange, some continue to life membership. She also had some interesting highlights at the founding of Willows Grange, taken from the State Grange.

Guests present from the following Granges for the special occasion included: Friendly, Columbia, Greenfield, Stanfield, Mikkalo, Rhea Creek and Lexington. A total of 124 guests, friends and Grangers filled the hall.

The celebration closed with all present singing "God Bless America." Frances Smouse and Linda Prock provided the music.

Therapist at hospital

Craig Cooley, respiratory therapist at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, was guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday.

The son of a teacher, Cooley was born in Minneapolis, MN, and lived there for seven years. The family moved to Dayton, WA, later to Mexico and then to Pendleton.

Cooley graduated from Pendleton High School and attended Blue Mountain Community College.

Although interested in becoming an x-ray technician, he followed the advice of a friend and decided to study respiratory therapy at the University of Washington. Upon completion of his college studies he resided in Coos Bay, OR, where he received training in electro-cardiography.

He later moved to Pendleton and worked at Community Hospital, Pendleton and advanced to chief therapist. Cooley plans to take an examination in June to become a certified therapist.

When Doctors Gifford and Carpenter came to Heppner, Cooley was contacted and asked by the doctors if he would also come to Heppner to work in the hospital. He has been working at the hospital about 45 days and says with a grin, "Heppner is smaller than Pendleton, but I like the community."

Although the respiratory therapist field is not highly publicized, he expected the field to become more specialized within the next few years.

A respiratory therapist is needed to cleanse the lungs during cases of pneumonia and emphysema. Under pressure, air can be delivered to the lungs, forcing the patient to cough up the secretion, thereby cleansing the lungs and making breathing easier.

For children another type of therapy is used. A fine mist is administered under pressure which enters the childrens

lungs forcing the secretion to come up.

Cooley stated the heart and lungs are closely related. When a person runs or exercises his breathing increases in balance with his heart beat. Helping the lungs to breathe easier, removes some strain from the heart.

Cooley also uses a pulmonary function analyzer for some tests on older people. This machine determines the amount of air inhaled and exhaled into the lungs and has proved helpful in people with respiratory problems. Cooley works in close harmony with Doctors Gifford and Carpenter and although he will make recommendations to the doctors, they must approve the treatment.

Cooley claims there are many cases of respiratory disorders in Morrow County, especially with some of the farmers. Once emphysema has set in there is no going back, as the lungs cannot be replaced. All we can do is help the patient use his lungs to a fuller capacity.

Cooley has worked in surgery taking charge of the respirator during open heart surgery and commented that 90 per cent of open heart surgery patients have needed respirators.

He recently purchased his own equipment and is on contract with the hospital. Although his equipment is modern he does not have all of the equipment used in some of the larger hospitals. Whenever a case requiring more extensive treatment is required the patients are transported to either Pendleton or Portland. While the patient is being transported Cooley administers the necessary oxygen using a portable oxygen tank.

Cooley is married and he and his wife Valerie have two children, Carrie 3, and Curtis 2 years of age and are presently residing in Heppner.

Next week the Chamber of Commerce will hold a business meeting and President Larry Mills urged all committee chairmen to have their necessary reports for the meeting.

School Board

Decision postponed

After conducting a portion of its regular meeting the Morrow County School Board announced to the audience that no action would be taken at tonight's meeting, regarding the renewal of contracts of certificated personnel. Notification of action will be presented at a special board meeting following a budget meeting March 8, Lexington.

Ullman seeks re election

Congressman Al Ullman said he will seek re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976.

Ullman is completing his 10th term as the Representative from Oregon's Second Congressional District. He is serving as chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee in the House.

The Oregon Democrat said he remains "deeply involved in Oregon's resource, economic and people problems," and that he will continue to dedicate himself to the effective representation of his district.

"In my present capacity in Congress, I believe I can render greater service than ever before to the people of the Second District and the people of Oregon as a whole.

"And, as a dedicated Oregonian, I hope I can bring to the nation something of the political heritage that has earned our state a reputation for innovative and far-sighted leadership—for willingness to face difficult problems squarely."

Following this decision the school board adjourned into executive session to hear the delegates who had signed petitions at the regular meeting of the Morrow County School Board, Monday night at Heppner Elementary School.

Superintendent of Schools Matt Doherty gave a brief report on the projected influx of students at both A.C. Houghton and Riverside Schools saying, "It appears that by 1978 PGE will have brought in enough personnel to increase by 242 the number of students in the schools. The current enrollment at A.C. Houghton is 290 students and PGE will add another 109 students bringing the enrollment to 399 students in kindergarten through the eighth grades. These figures do not

include the growth in agriculture of Alumax Corporation.

Doherty also spoke about the last meeting when he asked the board to consider raising the valuation on school buildings, as this has not been done since 1973. The present fire policy expired Jan. 1, and presently the schools are operating on a grace period.

Doherty estimated the appraisal would cost about \$6,000. He mentioned he had contacted Tait Appraisal Co. to obtain a quotation for an appraisal from the company; however, the estimate would take some time and he suggested the board renew the insurance before the estimate was received. He suggested raising the value of the school buildings 10 per cent to \$6 million as the buildings are currently valued at \$5.5 million. The buildings are currently insured on a fire insurance basis and not on a

replacement cost value. Some of the members agreed with Doherty, however, it was suggested the appraisal be scheduled and submitted to the school board for its approval. This matter will be presented at the next board meeting.

Bob Smith told members the plans for the new additions are nearing completion by his office and are now in the hands of the structural and electrical engineers. The plans should be returned to his office by March 1, with bids on all phases let for bid by March 15.

Although Smith predicts the actual construction will be completed as quickly as possible, he also stated there may be some delay in the electrical panel and heating equipment. Doherty told the board members bids for the replacing of windows at Heppner Elementary are ready and asked the boards approval in the matter. The board approved the issue.

Duane Neiffer asked the boards permission for two extended four day geology field trips. One of the trips is scheduled for the latter part of April with the second field trip planned for mid-May. The students will only miss two days of school per field trip as the students and teachers plan to be away from regular classes Thursday and Friday. The board approved Neiffer's request.

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Columbia Basin tax

The five counties in which Columbia Basin Electric Coop operates will be receiving tax payments from Columbia Basin Electric. A gross revenue tax payment has been made to the state of Oregon by the local corporation which will then be distributed by the state.

Amounts to be paid the counties on gross revenue tax are: Morrow—\$21,783.72; Gil-

liam—\$14,889.89; Wheeler—\$2,053.46; Umatilla—\$846.87; Sherman—\$245.18.

In addition other property taxes to be paid for 1975-76 mainly on non operating property are: Morrow County \$7,379.01; Gilliam County \$1,500.31; and Wheeler County \$3,614.55.

Total tax payments to the counties for the year are \$52,212.99.

Vets receive dividends

Checks totaling \$233 million in GI insurance dividends will be mailed to approximately 3 million veterans by the latter part of February, Mrs. Donna M. Arndt, director of the Portland Veterans Administration regional office, announced recently.

Mrs. Arndt said the VA accelerated dividend project is part of a record \$376.8 million dividend payout to veterans who have kept in force their policies from World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict.

She said about \$143 million of the dividend is being credited under other options selected by the policyholders.

Veterans who have elected to have their GI insurance dividends used to buy additional insurance will have the additional amount credited on the anniversary date of the policy.

In Oregon, 1,910 veterans of World War I will participate in the 1976 dividend program, Mrs. Arndt said. Total dividends to them will amount to \$286,000, an average payment of \$150.

The 41,488 World War II policyholders in Oregon will receive a total of \$3,958,000 in dividend payments, an average of \$95; and 3,522 Korean conflict veterans will receive \$102,000, an average of \$18.

The accelerated dividend payments are in keeping, Mrs. Arndt said, with VA's traditional policy of making benefits and other payments to veterans "as speedily as is humanly possible."

Across the nation, dividend payments will go to 3.7 million

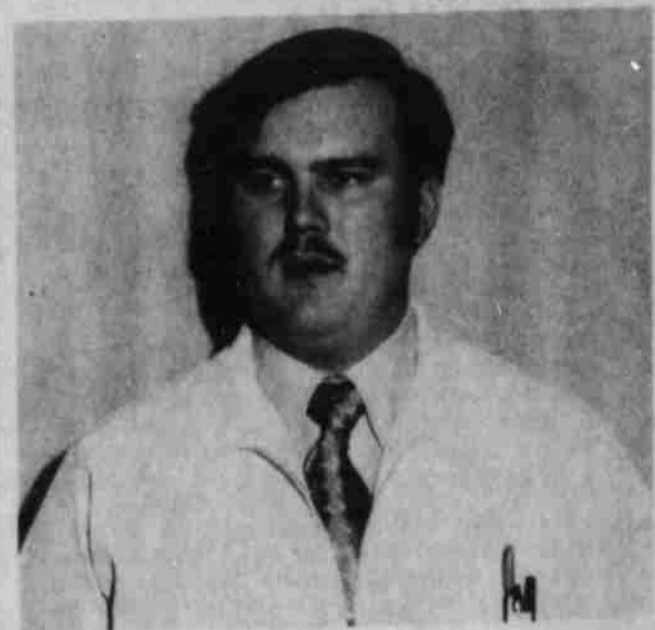
World War I veterans and will amount to \$344.2 million, an average of \$93. This is a \$10 increase over the average payment made a year ago.

This year, \$22.3 million will go to approximately 121,500 World War I veteran policyholders. The average payment to them will amount to \$184, compared to \$169 last year.

Approximately 561,000 veterans of the Korean Conflict who kept their GI insurance in force will receive \$10.3 million in dividends. The average payment to them will come to \$18. Last year's dividend bonus was \$11.

Mrs. Arndt said an individual veteran might receive more or less than the average dividend payment depending on the insurance plan under which the veteran is protected, the amount of the policy, the veteran's age at issue or renewal and the length of time the policy has been in force.

VA insurance officials explained that a dividend represents a return of funds not needed to pay the cost of the insurance. This includes both excess interest earned and any savings realized because actual death rates were lower than projected rates. It was explained that dividends on most VA programs have increased in recent years because the funds have been earning a higher interest rate. The higher rate has operated to the benefit of those veterans with permanent type insurance plans, but it has had little or no effect on those with term insurance where the interest element is small.



CRAIG COOLEY

Gopher field control

All farmers and ranchers interested in using 1080 and oats as a means of gopher control will be required to attend one of three field demonstrations being planned for the county, according to Mike Howell, Morrow County Extension Agent.

1080 is a restricted control product and can be applied by the farmer only under the supervision of a licensed applicator with special EPA approval. At this time Dobyns-Hart Pest Control of Pendleton is the only applicator cleared to distribute such a product.

Meetings are scheduled at the David Cheny Ranch, Feb.

26, 10 a.m., the Ken Peck Ranch, Feb. 20, 2 p.m. and the Charles Daly Ranch, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.

By attending these field demonstrations, farmers will be given instructions in the safe use and handling of this bait, calibration of the gopher burrowing machine plus view a demonstration of the machine in operation. Bob Hart will be present to give the safety instruction and answer questions.

A gopher burrowing machine has been purchased by the Morrow County Grain Growers and is available to rent for \$10 per day. Further information may be obtained by contacting the County Extension Office.