

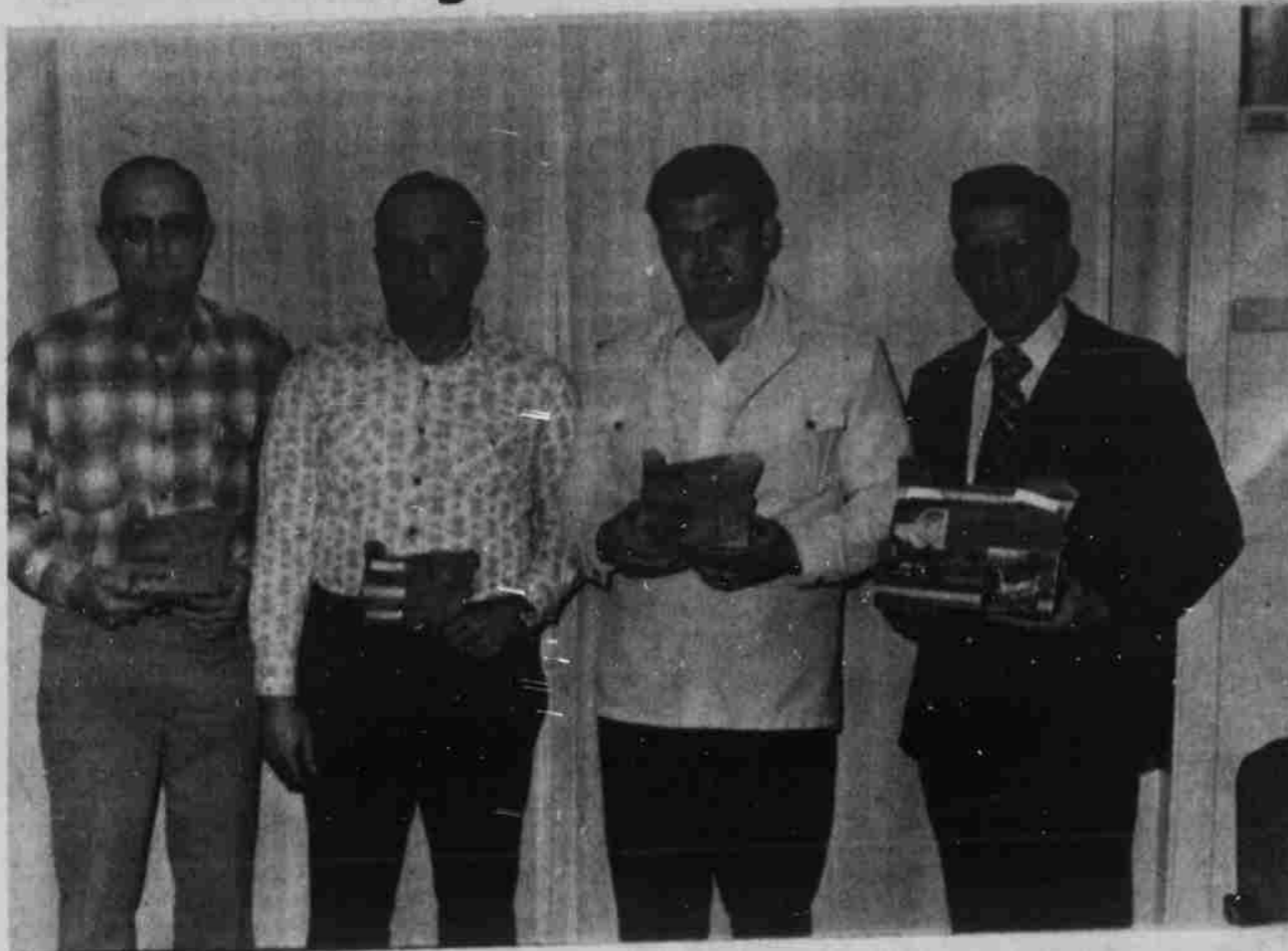
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Loggers honored by Forestry Division



Lumber industry personnel with their awards presented at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday. From the left, John Meadows, Deniz White, Guy Van Arsdale and Don Hardwick.

Four members of the logging industry were honored at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, Monday.

Honored were Don Hardwick, named Operator of the Year, employed by Kinzua Corporation; John Meadows, Matching Equipment to the Job, owner and operator of John Meadows Logging Co.; Deniz White, Layout and Planning of Logging, employed by Eastern Oregon Logging Co.; Guy Van Arsdale, Road Construction, employed by Eastern Oregon Logging Co.

Ernie Labart, Unit Forester with the State Forestry Division, Fossil, turned the meeting over to Earl Brown, District Forester. Brown gave a brief resume of the importance of the State Forest Practice Act, of which Oregon has been a member since 1970.

One of the primary reasons for the formation of the Act in 1971 by the Oregon Legislature, was to develop and enforce regional rules and to further the protection of soils, streams and related resources within the logging industry.

Regional committees were formed for the three regions, the Northwest, Southwest and Eastern Oregon. Members of the Eastern Oregon committee remarked "Let's look at the people working in forestry within this area and give them the recognition they deserve."

Milo Prindle, logging manager for Kinzua Corporation and Eastern Oregon Logging Co. presented the merit awards. The first award was presented to Guy Van Arsdale for his protection of streams and other forest resources during road construction

within the forest area.

The second merit award was presented to John Meadows for using the proper equipment in the forest area. Although Meadows has some large equipment for working in the larger areas he also owns some smaller equipment which he uses in restricted areas, thereby doing his share to preserve the forests.

The third merit award was presented to Deniz White for his layout and planning during logging operations. In his operations he managed to keep the debris from the Class 1 and 2 streams and prevented erosion of the stream banks.

The final award was presented to Don Hardwick as he was named Operator of the Year. The operator of the year award recognizes forest operators who best implement

Oregon's Forest Practices rules in Eastern Oregon during the year. Hardwick was judged tops for his efforts in reforestation, road construction, harvesting operations and disposal of slash.

Prindle concluded saying, "These men have earned these awards for doing their respective jobs over and above what is required by law."

Allen Nistad, General manager of Kinzua Corporation said, "Kinzua has been practicing the forest service act since 1969 and today the forest needs tender loving care." He also remarked, "It is very satisfying to have one of our loggers, Don Hardwick, win the Operator of the Year award for the second year in a row."

Rodeo Board to feature local singer



SANDY MATHENY

Sandy Matheny will be the featured singer for the kickoff dance sponsored by the Morrow County Rodeo Board, Saturday night at the Fair Pavilion.

Sandy, or Sam as she is known to her friends will sing with a country western and rock group from Pendleton, "Mirage," and will perform at various times during the evening.

She has never had a singing lesson in her life and sings for the enjoyment of entertaining her friends.

Sandy had some idea of turning professional, however, she dispelled the idea when she discovered the various obligations of a professional singer. Another reason might be her love for the outdoors. During the summer months she has worked for the Forest Service the past four years and plans to work for Forest Service again this year from April to November.

She graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology last year. She worked for the Forest Service until November, then

went to work on her dad's and brother's ranch, giving her one of her longest vacations in the past five years.

Sandy was born in Heppner, the daughter of Orval and Pauline Matheny. She graduated from Heppner High School in 1970 and attended Central Oregon Community College, Bend.

Sandy plays the piano, organ and taught herself to play the guitar. While in college she has never passed up the opportunity of entertaining her friends with a few songs.

One of the most memorable occasions for Sandy was when she wrote the words and music for her brother's wedding.

Although Sandy would like to visit Australia, South America and Europe someday, she will readily admit she has grown accustomed to the life of a farmer during the past months.

Whatever the future holds for Sandy she will probably carry her guitar and will never pass up the opportunity to make someone happy with one of her songs.

School Board meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrow County School Board was held at the Lexington District Office, Monday, March 15.

Jim Bier, principal of Heppner High School had previously requested the board allow him to purchase the property around his mobile home in Heppner. The board had agreed to pursue the sale of the property, however, the property will have to be placed for bid.

Regarding the school's property at Boardman adjacent to Nelson Square, the board had received proposals for a trade of property from Mr. Hansen, Portland, and a request from First Federal Savings & Loan Association for permission to set a mobile home on the property to transact business two days a week. The board rejected both proposals and has referred the proposal to the long range planning committee.

In other business to come before the board:

—The board hired Alma Vinson to replace Leonard Munkers for his regular North Lexington bus route.

—The board also hired Marsha Parker as a new teacher at Riverside High School.

—The Title I advisory committee is presently studying the plan for next years Title I project. This project is currently in effect at Riverside High School, A.C. Houghton Elementary School and Ione. Since this is a federal grant, they must ask permission from the board to make the application. The board granted permission for the request as the application is due in the State Department Office, May 3.

—John Weedle, Riverside music teacher requested permission from the board for a special field trip to the Civic Auditorium, April 14 for a special music concert. The board approved Weedle's request.

—The budget committee had requested that a plan be undertaken to reduce the costs of musical instruments to the district by charging a fee for the use of the musical instruments. Slight fees will be charged to students using district instruments.

—For the coming school year, 1976-77 school for teachers will begin Aug. 27 with students attending their first day of school Sept. 7. School will close for the students May 31 and June 3 for the teachers.

Munkers honored on his retirement

The Heppner High School cafeteria was filled Friday evening, Mar. 12 with friends and family of Leonard Munkers. He was honored by the Morrow County School system for 22 years of service as bus driver, custodian, grounds-keeper, diesel mechanic, carpenter and informal counselor. Some of his family and old friends came many miles to wish him well in his new capacity as a ranch operator in the Lexington area.

School superintendent Matt Doherty was master of ceremonies during the "Do You Remember When?" program which followed the potluck dinner. Memories were revived by several former superintendents, coaches, teachers, a school cook, a bus driver and a "kid" (Dennis Doherty who was an early admirer of Len's while attending old Lexington School.) Ex-superintendent

Ron Daniels sent his felicitations via a tape recording.

The Heppner High music teachers and some students provided several musical numbers. The student body presented Leonard with a lifetime pass to all the school's athletic events. His fellow employees and patrons on the North Lexington bus run, where he has driven several generations of some families to school, sent special gifts.

Leonard was presented with a certificate from the State Department of Education for his long and excellent service as an accident-free driver.

When given an opportunity to "speak out" near the conclusion of the evening, Munkers smilingly had little to reveal except that he appreciated the friends he'd made and that he and his family were pleased with evening's tribute.

A. C. Houghton to observe Bicentennial

A.C. Houghton Elementary School is observing the Bicentennial in a variety of ways during the 1975-76 school year.

Since last September each class has been responsible for a program at the monthly Student Body meeting. These programs depict some era, events, or people important in our nation's history.

In January, A.C. Houghton School became the first school in the state to be designated a Child Nutrition Bicentennial School. The school lunch program earned this distinction by its observance of National School Lunch Week, serving Bicentennial menus, and by having over 90 per cent student participation in the school lunch program for two

consecutive months.

The highlight of the year-long observance will be the A.C. Houghton Bicentennial Fair April 15-17.

Each class will have a special historical exhibit the evening of April 15. In addition, students will display individual projects that will enter competition leading to exhibits at the Morrow County and State Fairs.

Saturday, April 17, the public is invited to participate in the Fair by displaying items of historical interest and demonstrating hobbies, handicrafts, or skills of the past. People interested in appearing on Saturday's program should contact A.C. Houghton School.

Board of Forestry urges Congress

A resolution urging the U.S. Congress to quickly pass legislation allowing scientific management of national forests was passed by the Oregon State Board of Forestry at its March 3 meeting.

This action was taken by the Board following interpretation by the courts restricting harvesting national forest timber literally as described in the Organic Administration Act of 1897.

In presenting the Board's resolution to Congress, State Forester J.E. Schroeder noted

that the immediate reduction of available timber from national forests in Oregon would be 60-70 per cent if the ruling became effective in Oregon. The current annual harvest supports more than 200,000 people in jobs in the state and generates \$2.25 billion annually in statewide business income.

Schroeder reported that 47 per cent of Oregon's total commercial forest land and 60 per cent of the state's merchantable timber volume are located on national forests in this state.

Candidates file for new posts

Area residents will have an opportunity to select the voters of their choice in the Morrow County School election, April 20.

Filing for the various positions on the Morrow County School Board are the following: Zone 1, Boardman Area, Ken Broadbent who is filing unopposed for a two year term to complete the remainder of a four year term.

Zone 2, Irrigon area, John Matthews, who is seeking another four year term, unopposed.

Zone 3, Heppner rural area, voters will have an opportunity to vote for one of the three candidates seeking a four year term. Candidates are Molly Beckett, Jean Bennett and Rita Sumner.

Zone 4, Heppner City Limits including a three mile radius of the city. Seeking one post on the school board for the next four years are Gail Hughes, Pauline Winter, Hubert Wilson, Dave Eckman Sr., and Monte Stookey.

Petitioners who have filed for a position on the School Advisory Board are the following: Boardman-Irrigon

area, running unopposed; Earl Trudeau, two year term, Barbara Hugg and Burrell Cooley, each seeking a three year term.

Ione area, there are two vacancies for a three year term with three candidates seeking office. The candidates are Sandra Murray, L.J. McElligott and Harold Holtz.

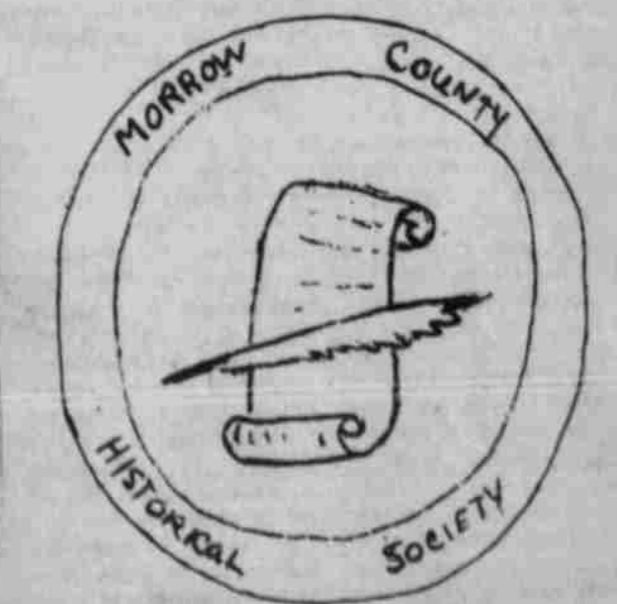
The same situation exists in the Heppner area as three candidates have filed their petitions for two vacancies for a three year term. The candidates are Dave McLeod, Jerry Dougherty and Dean Wright.

Running unopposed for positions within Morrow County are the following: John Mollahan, Sheriff and Sylvia McDaniel, Treasurer.

Seeking the judgeship for Morrow County are Paul Jones and William Weatherford, both Democrats and Daniel Creamer, Republican.

Delores Gribble and Merlin Cantin have both filed their petitions for Justice of the Peace for the sixth District.

Sadie Parrish and Pauline Winter will compete for the office of Morrow County Clerk.



Ruth McCabe presents a check to Craig Hams, 11, of Ione, first place winner for his original decal design for the Morrow County Historical Society. Honorable mention went to Lori Prock, Ione and Tara Mahoney, Heppner.