



Future Farmers of America award winners Tuesday were, from left—Krynn Robinson, Doug Anstotegui, Julie Grieb, Ken Grieb, Geri Grieb. (G-T Photo)

Five take hardware at FFA annual banquet

Five Heppner High School Future Farmers of America walked away with all the hardware Tuesday evening at the Annual FFA Parent and Member Banquet.

More than 200 persons attended the well-organized dinner banquet, honoring the Heppner Chapter of FFA, Ralph Duke, a Stanfield

took the ag production award for his work with Angus cattle, market lambs and overall farm work.

Sisters Julie and Geri were also winners. Julie, a sophomore, was the winner of the public speaking award and the beef proficiency award. The chapter secretary also won the Star Greenhand award.

tory in showmanship with horses. Her awards were well deserved, according to Hal Whitaker, chapter advisor, who presented the plaques along with Duke.

During the evening, the Heppner Junior High stage band performed while guests ate a roast beef dinner prepared by HHS students and

said that if "a person works for it and sets a goal, he can make it."

Duke praised the chapter turnout and especially congratulated parents for their support as well as the community's backing.

"Parents," he said, "have to get involved. Without the drive and push and enthusiasm from parents, nobody would get very far."

Duke said he was surprised to see such a large turnout in a small town. He said that when he attended a similar banquet in Sherwood, a Portland suburb, the attendance was scratching the century mark.

"FFA is a stepping stone," Duke said. "It helps set the goal in our lives. Without it, leadership would not be gained."

Duke said that he hoped everyone, parents and students alike, would benefit from the FFA experience. "Keep on going," he said. "Without involvement, community support, none of us would be where we are today."

The awards presentation capped the evening after addresses in an opening ceremony by chapter officers: Ken Grieb, president; Wade West, vice-president; Cindy Dougherty, secretary; Julie Grieb, treasurer; Krynn Robinson, reporter; Jerry Cutforth, sentinel; Hal Whitaker, advisor.

Also during the evening, Jo Lynn Daly recited the FFA Creed; a chapter report came from Krynn Robinson; and a special report on the national convention trip at Kansas City was made by Krynn Robinson and Cindy Dougherty.



Ralph Duke, state FFA sentinel, spoke to a large audience Tuesday. Ken Grieb, chapter president, sits at head of table. (G-T Photo)

FFA'er and State Sentinel in the Oregon FFA, was guest speaker.

Krynn Robinson took top honors at the affair, picking up plaques for swine proficiency, horse proficiency and the all-around, Star Chapter Farmer award.

The plaques were sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The Grieb family picked up their share of honors, too. Ken Grieb, president of the Heppner chapter and master of ceremonies at the banquet,

Geri Grieb was named the outstanding freshman by the chapter and won a pocket knife for her work with livestock and judging.

A sheep proficiency award went to Doug Anstotegui. Anstotegui, a transfer senior from Pendleton, also serves as the chapter's proficiency chairman.

Miss Robinson, stacking one plaque on top of the other as they arrived, was the big winner. The senior horsewoman, who is also the chapter reporter, has a his-

torious record in showmanship with horses. Her awards were well deserved, according to Hal Whitaker, chapter advisor, who presented the plaques along with Duke.

"Goals," Duke said, "are a necessity for life. I set a goal four years ago to be a state officer. Now I'm going to try to be an American Farmer." Duke said that achieving the American Farmer status would be no easy chore, but

on world food security and the proposed international system of grain reserves.

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Grand Jury indicts woman for manslaughter

The Morrow County Grand Jury Tuesday returned a two-count indictment of manslaughter and criminal mistreatment against Leslie Dawn Baird, 23, of Umatilla, in connection with the death of her 2-year-old son last Dec. 2 in Irrigon.

The indictment includes one count of manslaughter in the first degree and a second count of criminal mistreatment in the first degree in the death of Lloyd Kahn Baird, born Dec. 20, 1973. The child was brought from Irrigon to Umatilla General Hospital and pronounced dead on Dec. 2, 1976.

The information charges, in part, that the mother unlawfully and recklessly, under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to the value of human life, caused death by refusing and neglecting to seek and obtain medical attention and assistance for the child.

It is further alleged by the

information that the defendant knew the boy had been ill or injured for a period of days and that illness or injury progressed to unconsciousness.

The defendant has entered no plea and has applied for a court appointed attorney. She was arraigned in Heppner before Judge Jack Olsen, of Pendleton, and released on her own recognizance.

According to sources interviewed by Gazette-Times' reporter Wil C. Phinney in December of last year, the condition of two children, including the deceased, had prompted a report in early November to Hermiston police and in turn Umatilla County child abuse officials in Pendleton.

The reports resulted in an order for protective custody of the child being issued to State Police. The child was not located until it was pronounced dead at Umatilla

General Hospital Dec. 2. Sources told the Gazette-Times that two infants had "bruises on their bodies." The second child was taken into protective custody in December.

Other information supplied by eyewitness was not published on the advice of private attorneys. Progress of the case was handled as a secret indictment by the district attorney.

In other action, the grand jury returned an indictment of theft in the first degree against Lawrence Richard Barnes, age about 30, of Boardman. Barnes was bound over to the grand jury in connection with an alleged shotgun theft from a parked vehicle in Boardman belonging to Mark Docken of Boardman.

The seven member grand jury also indicted Norman Dale Jones, Jr., 22, of Lone, for first degree forgery. Jones was arraigned in circuit court

before Judge Olsen and was returned to jail at Pendleton in lieu of \$2,505 bond.

Rape charged

A charge of rape in the first degree was filed Monday against Sam Consiglio, 25, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., in connection with an alleged rape along the freeway in Morrow County near Patterson Ferry Road.

District Attorney Dennis Doherty said the charge was filed in connection with the reported rape of a 20-year-old Arlington woman, who was hitchhiking from Pendleton to Arlington on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 24.

Consiglio was arraigned in justice court and is being held in the Wasco County Jail. No plea has been entered.

Graces prepare for two year stint in Saudi Arabia

Heppner and Kinzua Corporation will lose two key people this year as Ray and Nona Grace trade the vistas of Morrow County for the pleasures of a walled compound inside the Moslem influence of Saudi Arabia.

If the change isn't a suitable one, there will be hardly anyone else to blame. Ray Grace will have a key job in building and maintaining the walled "city" which will house an estimated 500 Americans and supply them with all the comforts of home.

Ray is due to leave Heppner this week. Nona will follow in about three months.

"It is a two year venture," Ray said. "I will work for Khodari-Intergreen Company building a compound to house 500 American workers. I will go over and help with construction and then be compound plant engineer. He said the job might compare with that of a city engineer in the United States.

He will be responsible for recreational facilities, maintenance, mechanics, sewage, water and even the air conditioning.

The job in Saudi Arabia came about after his father, Homer Grace, of Methow, Wash., heard that a firm was looking for an engineer. Homer was working as a

carpenter on a bridge job. Both Homer and his wife live in Saudi Arabia.

Ray has the hard fought for title of "bootstrap engineer." He worked for a time with the Forest Service and Biles-Coleman in Omak, Wash. There he was assistant plant engineer for five years. He came to Heppner as project engineer to build the Kinzua plywood plant and ended up staying on as plant engineer. The plywood plant was substantially complete in 1974.

Ray and Nona were married in Reno a year ago, last August 24. For Nona, the move will end 21 years of service at Kinzua. A farewell party for the couple was held recently at the West of Willow restaurant.

After the two year job in Saudi Arabia is complete, the plans for the future are open. "The future, just play it by ear," Ray said.

For Ray, it will be a first trip overseas. Nona has an edge with a trip to Europe.

Nona started out working at the Heppner Pine Mill. "I was the only girl in the office. Now there are nine," she noted. Nona was honored recently for seven years of service as secretary of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce. She has also served on the hospital board, Little League, and worked with kindergarten several years.

The walled complex which Ray will help build and maintain will be located near Dhahran. Dhahran is on the Persian Gulf, southeast of Kuwait, and has a population of about 150,000.

The Khodari-Intergreen Company is an international branch of Green Construction of Des Moines, Iowa. The project will have about 150 two and three bedroom villas, 30 townhouses and singles units for between 50 and 100 per-



Ray and Nona Grace

sons. Ray and Nona plan to travel light. Ray noted that it will cost \$3.75 to \$5.00 a pound for everything over allowable weight.

Ray and Nona have been involved in a countless number of new problems. The Arab blacklist of certain American firms, due to relations with Israel, has resulted in some new personal items.

Ray, for example, will leave his present wristwatch behind because of the list of American products which will not be passed through customs into Arabia.

The walled compound is set up, among other reasons, to

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WEATHER

	High	Low	Precip.
Wed., Feb. 23	46	23	
Thurs., Feb. 24	45	31	.05
Fri., Feb. 25	45	32	T
Sat., Feb. 26	47	32	.02
Sun., Feb. 27	56	38	.04
Mon., Feb. 28	53	36	.28
Tues., Mar. 1	45	35	.19

Precipitation for February .52 hundredths. Normal 1.16. Precipitation in February, 1976, totaled 1.27 hundredths.

Peterson attends grain reserve meeting

Donald E. Peterson of Ione departed Wednesday for Kansas City to take part in a meeting of the American Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church of America on world grain reserves.

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on world food security and the proposed international system of grain reserves.

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place for farm interests to present basic farming viewpoints, problems and concerns to other segments of the American society.

Peterson is participating in the conferences and workshops in his capacity as a wheat producer in Morrow County.