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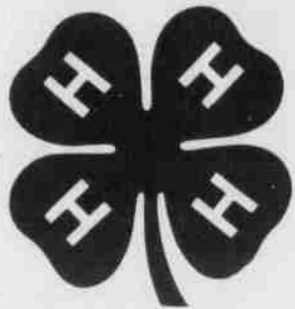
Morrow 4-H program saluted during 4-H week

This week—October 1-7—is being celebrated by 4-H members, leaders and families as their week, and here in Morrow County that includes a whole bunch of people. To be exact, 322 4-H'ers and 54 leaders doing things the 4-H way.

The 4-H program is supervised by the Extension Service, a branch of Oregon State University. On a local basis, that translates to three persons—Harold Kerr, chairman agent with cereal grain and administrative responsibilities; John Nordheim, 4-H agent, livestock and range agent; and Birdine Tullis, who assists with the 4-H program and handles adult home ec programs.

We asked John and Birdine to pass a few comments to our readers about the 4-H way...

"The 4-H way is working with kids, helping them reason things through, and find the best solution for the project or problem at hand. The 4-H way is offering kids an opportunity to do things and feel good about them, and about themselves.



"Some people think there is a way to sew a 4-H garment, or train a dog, or raise a pig. We think the 4-H way is learning by doing, profiting by mistakes, and coming back to try again. We think the 4-H way is winning, and losing; and appreciating the fact that everyone can't win all the time, but knowing everyone can learn from group experience. We think the 4-H way is trying hard and having fun together, in a club with friends.

"The 4-H way is providing projects that meet the needs and interests of youth today. To accomplish this, 4-H offers each leader the opportunity to plan their club year to custom fit their group. It can be a short term project with just the number of meetings needed to meet the chosen goal, or it can be the traditional club that meets for an entire year.

"Why don't you try the 4-H way? We'd like to have you on our team. What's more, we think you'll have a good experience, too!"

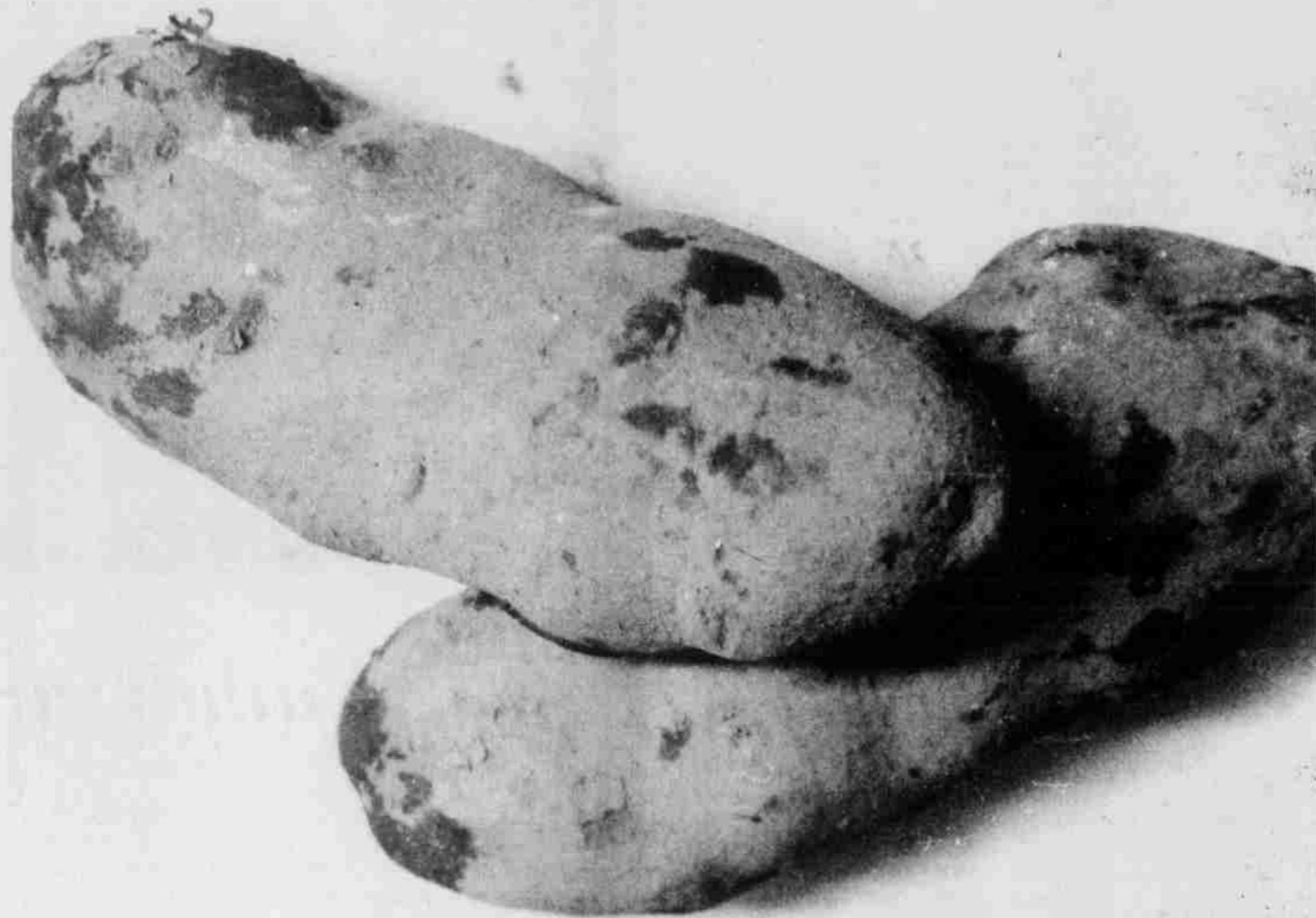
With those words, we salute Morrow County's 4-H members, leaders and families. It's a good way, the 4-H way.

Picture credit

These spuds—taken from the Paul Taylor farm—are representative of the crop produced in Morrow County each year. The County ranks second in the nation in potato production. The spuds in the picture could feed a fair-sized family—weighing in at about two pounds each and some 8-9 inches long.

...have something to say?

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LETTERS

PUD initiative is backed

Editor:

One thing we don't need in America or Oregon is more of a power monopoly of any kind (dictative power). A power monopoly caused the majority of our senators to give our Panama Canal away. Five big grain companies have monopoly power in the world grain trade, (Cargill, Continental, Cook, Dreyfus and Bunge). There is no competition among cereal and flour processors; flour is controlled by General Mills, Peavy Company, International Multifood and Pillsbury and cereal is controlled by General Mills, Kellogg, Quaker Oats and General Foods. No wonder the farmer has problems getting a better price for wheat and other grains.

We have a similar monopoly power in Oregon through private electric utilities. Oregon has only 4 public utilities while Washington has 22 public utilities.

Why do householders in Portland pay over twice what householders in Vancouver, Washington pay for the same amount of energy on their monthly light bill? Because the people of Portland are served by a private monopoly and the people of Vancouver own their own electrical system—they have a PUD.

88,000 Oregonians signed an Initiative this spring to simplify the procedure for organizing PUDs (Peoples Utility Districts) in this state. This PUD Initiative will be on the general election ballot in November designed as Ballot Measure No. 4.

The voters of Oregon would be wise to pass Ballot Measure No. 4 so the householders of Oregon will have a reasonable option to be served by either a privately owned utility (a monopoly) or a publicly owned utility system. Let's give the people an opportunity to choose for themselves. Vote for Ballot Measure No. 4.

Sincerely,
Carl M. Marquardt
Lexington Grange Master

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'Fowl play' is called

Editor:

In reference to your front page photograph in the September 28, 1978 Gazette-Times, we would like to inform you that the photograph was of sandhill cranes and not of Canadian geese as was printed.

Both species are common fall visitors to Morrow County but the size and body shape of the birds in the photograph were definitely that of sandhill cranes.

The Field Biology Class
Heppner High School

Todd Harrison
Barb Devine
Tammy Lucas
Dennis Peck
Shawna Seitz

Marie VanSchoiack
Dale Holland II
Dan Nix
Ron Young
Ron Ward

Editor's Note:

We goofed—in a big way. Suppose there's time for late registration in your class? By the way, they're called Canada geese—no "ian"—gotcha!

Vandals apologize

Editors note:

The following letters to the residents of Heppner were written by Sheri Rogers, Randall Jydstrup, and Mike Bushke, who have pleaded guilty to the Sept. 1 spray paint vandalism incident in Heppner. During sentencing proceedings last week, the three were ordered to pay fines, make restitution, serve time in jail, and write letters of apology. The letters of apology appeared in last week's Gazette-Times. The letters that follow were not required by the court.

Citizens of Heppner:

I feel that my apology published in the Heppner Gazette last Thursday was inadequate. I'm not being pressured into writing this, I'm doing it of my own volition.

The things I wrote in paint around town were uncalled for and for that I am deeply sorry. I was drunk and looking to have a good time, which I did at the expense of others.

I've learned a big lesson from this experience and hope that if I ever decide to return to this town I will be welcome. If not, I understand completely. I offer my most sincere apologies and guarantee that I will never do anything like this again.

Randall C. Jydstrup

Citizens of Morrow County:

The night I wrote obscene and annoying things all over the property of others, I didn't realize how serious a crime it really is, but now I know different.

After spending some time in the Umatilla County Jail, I did a lot of thinking about the whole situation, and I would live these last weeks just the opposite of how I did. I know now if you want to be respected anywhere you are, you have to show a little respect yourself to the people and property around you. This has to be the stupidest thing I have ever done in my life, and if there were any way to change what happened, I would.

I have learned that to have a good time doesn't mean to go out and destroy the property of others. I would not like someone doing it to something I own and cherish. I hope the

Cont. next column

Sifting through the TIMES



Hunting was good during this week in Morrow County 50 years ago.

A party of seven Heppner hunters—Ed Bennett, Austin, Devin, Lawrence Harley, Delvin, Lyle and Lorin Matteson, and Eldon Cave—bagged a total of 11 bucks in the Potamus back-country.

"Their bag of game was the object of considerable interest on the part of the Heppner sportsman and others when they arrived in town," the Gazette-Times reported.

M.L. Case and W.G. McCarty were running for mayor of Heppner this week 50 years ago, to replace Mayor Noble, whose term at the helm of city government was expiring.

Sixty years ago this week, Burton H. Peck returned to Morrow County from Salem, where he won a blue ribbon for best farm exhibit from Eastern Oregon at the Oregon State Fair.

Included in Peck's state fair exhibit was a display of 20 varieties of potatoes grown without irrigation on his Sagenhurst Farm.

Hogs and snow invaded Heppner 30 years ago this week.

Up to 10 inches of snow blanketed the upper elevations of the nearby Blue Mountains during the first week in October of 1948. Enough of the white stuff fell in Heppner to give a thin coating to the city's hillsides.

During that same week in 1948, a small herd of escaped hogs hoofed it into town, where they had a grand time rooting up gardens and yards before city officials intervened.

According to the Gazette-Times account of the incident, city superintendent Pat Molahan, along with policemen Gordon Grady and Lee Morgan "went out to round up the miscreants. After a half hour or so of scrambling, running and imitation football tackling, succeeded in capturing three. Morgan proved to be the most adept at making tackles, but was somewhat chagrined at his low scoring record."

During the opening week of deer season in 1948 Heppner, Roger Connor made the earliest kill of the season, bagging a buck by 6:30 a.m. of opening day near the city well on upper Willow Creek.

Five years ago this week, workmen at Kinzua Corporation, mindful of the invasion of Willamette Valley hunters, posted a sign with this inscription on a pole near the Heppner City limits:

"Notice—Valley hunters—Who's taking care of your dear tonight?"

An estimated 5,000 hunters swarmed into Morrow County during the opening weekend of hunting season five years ago this week. State Game Biologist Glen Ward said most of the visiting nimrods observed rules and were cooperative, but at least two elk—a spike and a five-point were illegally bagged during deer season's opening weekend in 1973.

During the opening weekend of deer season 10 years ago, the success rate for hunters was estimated at 25 per cent—the best rate in several years. But things didn't go well for all hunters, with many of them visiting Pioneer Memorial Hospital to receive treatment for hunting-related injuries.

A Milwaukie, Ore., man was treated for a 30.06 bullet hole he inflicted on his foot; three Tacoma hunters were treated for minor injuries suffered in a Jeep wreck; two Portland youths had shell fragments removed from their faces; and a third Portlander broke his leg while attempting to pull a deer out of a canyon near Bull Prairie.

citizens of Heppner accept my apology, and to Trooper Dixon whom I named with the paint. I truly hope everyone will accept my apology.

One more thing I would like to add. No one is forcing me to write this. I am doing so because I thought my last one was very inadequate. It is very hard for me to find the right words to express how I feel, but I do hope everyone will understand what I am trying to say. Thank you.

Mike Bushke

To the citizens of Morrow County and to whomever else I may have offended by the graffiti I painted in Heppner, I Sheri Gale Rogers could never in my life express the bad feelings I feel toward myself for what I have done.

And to all the citizens plus their children, I know it's hard enough to raise children in this world, and what they may have read that day doesn't help at all.

I know and I feel deep in my heart that I could never repay or apologize enough. I hope this apology sounds more sincere than my first one. I've had a few days to think about it and I feel more confident about this apology. Thank you.

Sheri Rogers

Where to write

Federal

Following is a list of Oregon and Eastern Oregon public officials for the information of readers who want to communicate with them:

U.S. Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Member of Appropriations Committee, Interior Committee, Rules Committee and Indian Policy Review Commission. Portland office, Pioneer Courthouse, Rm. 107, 520 SW Morrison, Portland, Ore. 97204, phone 221-3386.

U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510. Member of Finance Committee and Commerce Committee. Portland office, 1002 NE Halladay, Rm. 700, (P.O. Box 3621), Portland, Ore. 97208, phone 233-4471.

U.S. Rep. Al Ullman, of the Second District, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Member of Ways and Means Committee. Salem office, 530 Center St. N.E., Rm. 330, (P.O. Box 247) Salem, Ore., 97308, phone 399-5724.

State

Gov. Robert Straub, State Capitol, Salem, Ore. 97310, phone 378-3100.

State Sen. Ken Jernstedt (Morrow, Gilliam and other counties), 311 Pine St., Hood River, 386-1393.

State Rep. Jack Sumner (Morrow, Gilliam and other counties), Route 1, Heppner, 676-5384.



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