

Biologist speaks on wildlife management

Dan Eastman, staff biologist for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, spoke at the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting March 4 at the Lexington Grange Hall.

His topic was the Coordination of Management Objectives for Rocky Mountain Elk and Mule Deer in Heppner, Fossil and Columbia Basin Units.

Eastman said the Heppner Project area is 5,700 square miles with 79 percent of that elk or deer range.

To manage the elk and deer, hunting has been regulated to maintain 2,950 elk in the winter with a ratio of eight bulls for every 100 cows. They also regulate to have 29,500 deer with a ratio of 10 bucks for every 100 does.

The Heppner Unit has had more than the desired 2,850 elk for the last five years until last year when it fell to 2,280. The mule deer goal of 14,500 has been below that in the same area for the last five years except for 1978 when there were 14,790.

The demand for elk hunting has increased tag sales 19 percent from 1976 to 1978, Eastman said. Total elk hunters in the last 15 years have increased 2½ times.

The 1979 strategy to reduce hunters by splitting the bull elk season into two periods was generally successful, he said.

Total deer hunters have doubled in the last 15 years, he continued. Tag sales increased 52 percent from 1976 to 1978 for mule deer.

The number of hunters for Rocky Mountain Elk recommended at any one time is 3,000 in the Heppner Unit. On opening day in 1978, there were 4,480. The total that year was 6,280 compared to 2,800 total in 1970. The most deer hunters at any one time is recommended to be 7,500 while there were 10,870 on opening day in 1978.

Only about 12 percent of the bull hunters were successful from 1976 to 1978 with an average take of 600 elk each year for all of the hunters.

Exchange student speaks at Chamber meet

Jari Alasuvanto of Finland, an American Field Service exchange student who is living with the Robert Abrams family in Heppner this school year, spoke at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting about his homeland.

His talk at the West of Willow Restaurant was illustrated with slides.

Alasuvanto, from Imatra which is in southeast Finland and 5 to 10 miles from the Russian border, said his home country in the Middle Ages was a part of Sweden but it gained its independence in 1917.

Forest and steel employers hire the most workers, he said. Finland does most of its trading with the Soviet Union, West Germany, Sweden and Britain. Finland imports raw materials like oil and manufactured products, like machinery and automobiles. Ninety percent of the people are members of the Lutheran Church.

Northern Finland is at about the same latitude as Alaska, he said. In summer it is "quite warm". Finland is known for its 60,000 lakes which are used for pleasure boating, and most people have summer cottages on a lake, he said. There is snow from December to March.

Alasuvanto said northern Finland has a midnight summer when the sun does not set for 2½ months. In the north, snow skiing is popular in March and April and a reindeer round up is also famous, making that spot a good place for tourism.

Helsinki is the capital of Finland with about half a million people living there. The Finnish language is spoken by 90 percent of the people in Finland with 10 percent Swedish. The government is a Republic with a parliament consisting of 200 members serving four-year terms. The president serves for six years.

Finland has two levels of taxes, national and local, and they are very high, Alasuvanto said. But the country has socialized medicine with free medical care given to the taxpayers which is one reason the taxes are so high.

Everyone goes to school for nine years at a compulsory institution, he said. About 50 percent of the students then go to high school and 45 percent attend a trade school while the rest quit school and go to work.

Saunas are famous in Finland and Alasuvanto said he likes to take one about twice a week. Other recreational activities include Finnish baseball, soccer, track and field, basketball, volleyball, boat racing, and motor bike racing but winter sports are preferred like cross country skiing and ice hockey. He said downhill snow skiing is not that popular because there are not big mountains in Finland. The highest point is 4,500 feet, he said.

"School is much easier here," Alasuvanto said. "In Finland we take more classes, have more homework and must learn faster. Discipline is more strict here (in the U.S.). In Finland, students have to take care of themselves. If they don't come to class, there is no way they can keep up with the studies."

Alasuvanto said every male, when he is 19, must enter the military for nine to 11 months and then serve in the military reserves. Everyone must serve, he said. The only excuse is for health or religious reasons.

Eastman said the deer take average was 5,800 a year from 1976 to 1978 but adverse weather conditions, rather than the hunting harvest, seemed to effect the deer crop the most, Eastman said.

About 50 persons attended the annual meeting, New

director Jerald Rea was introduced along with the other directors Rudy Bergstrom, Brock Linnell, Pete Richards and chairman Dick McElligott.

A slide presentation was given on the Resource Conservation Act. Harold Kerr gave another slide presentation or

"Agriculture in the South" which gave a visual tour of Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The Conservation District also recognized the Don Bennett family for winning the Conservation Man of the Year award.

Water below average, conservationist predicts

Water users in Morrow County should experience slightly below average supplies during the next four months, according to Robert Adelman, district conservationist in Heppner for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

His forecast was based on recent snowpack measurements.

The March 1 snowpack at

the Arbuckle Mountain snow course measured 15 inches with an equivalent water content of 6.3 inches compared to an average water content of 9.0 inches. Last year, the water content was 16.5 inches at this same time.

Winter precipitation has been near normal, but temperatures have been very warm at times and as a result some

of the snowpack has melted and runoff, Adelman said.

Streams should recede a week to 10 days earlier than usual this spring.

Forecasts of projected streamflow are as follows:

These forecasts assume normal weather conditions will occur for the rest of the water year.

STREAM	Percent	Period	1000's a.f.	1000's a.f.
Butter Creek nr. Pine City	85	March-July	10.7	9.1
Rhea Creek nr. Heppner	80	March-July	6.2	5.0
Willow Creek at Heppner	81	March-July	6.8	5.5
Rock Creek abv. Cayuse Canyon nr. Condon	85	March-July	16.8	14.3
			Average	

Lexington news

• Delpha Jones • 989-8189

Wednesday the PNG Club of Holly Rebekah lodge was entertained by Mrs. Frank Robinson and Mrs. Wayne Papineau at the Frasu's Restaurant in Hermiston, at a no-hostess dinner. The tables were decorated with St. Patrick's decorations. A short business meeting took place with chairman Dorothy Burcham presiding. The next meeting scheduled for June will be at the G.E. Irvin home in Irrigon. Plans were made concerning the entertaining of neighboring clubs April 19. Those present were Freda Majeske, Florence McMillan, Irene Padberg, Leila Palmer, Dorothy Burcham, Jo Irvin, Joyce Buchanan, Virginia Peck, Delpha Jones, and guest Valda Smith of Hermiston. Following the lunch, the women spent the afternoon shopping.

Mrs. G.E. Irvin and Mrs. C.C. Jones motored to Vancouver, Wash. Tuesday where they visited Charlene Whitney.

Virginia Peck, Hilda Yocom, Gladys VanWinkle and Delpha Jones visited Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge in Heppner Friday night. This was state president Anna LaKamp's official visit to the Heppner lodge. A dinner was served prior to the meeting.

The Singerspiration at the Lexington Christian Church Sunday night was well at-

tended. The group was entertained by a quartet and several special solos during the evening as well as group singing. Cookies and coffee were served later in the evening.

Mrs. Bob Smith, who is attending nurse's training at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, visited her husband, Bob, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, and other relatives over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace are moving this week to the Willamette Valley where he will be employed.

Lexington Grange will meet March 17 for its regular meeting. The evening will start with a polluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program will start at 8 p.m. with a talk on the further plans for Pioneer Memorial Hospital by A.K. Felt administrator, and there will be violin selections by Frances Smouse. The public is invited.

Holly Rebekah Lodge at Lexington is busy with plans to entertain the state president Anna LaKamp at the district meeting at Lexington March 15. Registration will be at 9 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10. A lunch will be served at noon. Holly will open the meeting with the NG Virginia Peck in the chair. All Rebekahs are invited.

Cancer clinic in Pendleton

Cancer of the breast will be the topic presented at St. Anthony Hospital Health Education Program on March 13 at 7 p.m. in the hospital auditorium in Pendleton.

Reyburn Collis, M.D., general surgeon, will be the principal speaker with assistance from Sheryl Britt, R.N. oncology nurse at St. Anthony Hospital.

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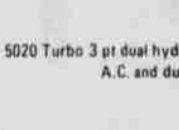
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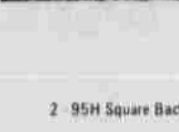
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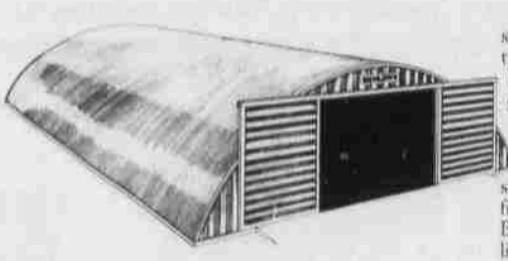
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