

Homer Mankin receives 60-year pin



Homer Mankin (seated) receives a handshake and a pin from Jerry McElligott, commander of Post 95 of the Lone American Legion.

Homer, 87, was honored for 60 years of membership in the Legion. He was presented the pin Sunday at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner where he is now a resident.

Also pictured are Legion Adjutant Charlie Dougherty (left) and John Jensen (behind) past post commander.

Bookworms choose new officers

Last week Tuesday the members of the Bookworms Club gathered for their traditional September potluck dinner at the Hinton Creek home of Lorena and Floyd Jones. Ten of the usual dozen active members of this long-established book review club enjoyed their first meeting together since last May.

After dinner, soon-to-retire President Helen Currin called the group to order for the purposes of electing new officers and of planning a meeting schedule for the year. All ten paid their annual dues to soon-to-retire Secretary-treasurer Justine Weatherford before nominations were opened.

Inez Erwin graciously accepted the nomination and unanimous election as president. Sadie Parrish was nominated and unanimously elected vice-president, as was Lorena Jones as secretary-treasurer. Frances Mitchell was chosen bookchecker over her protest that she was too senior. Her fellow members laughingly insisted that since she was recently known to have been sliding down the big slide up at Cutsforth Park with her grandchildren, she could not claim seniority. They acclaimed her "most young at heart."

Everyone signed a greeting card to be sent off to absent member Ella Smith who is convalescing in Yakima. Members agreed on the books which the club will present to the Heppner Public Library in memory of deceased members, Virgie Turner and Gene Starks.

On Tuesday afternoon, September 30, at 2 p.m., the club will meet at the Butter Creek ranch home of Helen and George Currin. This will be the club's initial afternoon meeting after many years of evening meetings. Lorena Jones will present the first book review of the new season.

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Things are really beginning to happen with the new 4-H year. Several new leaders are ready to start their clubs and welcome new members. We'll share the names, and a bit about the new leaders weekly, so youth 4th through 12th grades may contact the leader for information on joining their club.

Bill Broderick and Billy Doherty are now taking members for a livestock club in their area. Broderick is herdsman for the Grieb-Angus enterprise, and lives at the Grieb farm on the Bombing Range Road. He has great experience to share on raising cattle, fitting and showing. His co-leader, Doherty, lives just over the hill, and also has experience in the cattle industry. In addition, Doherty was an outstanding 4-H member when he was in the Morrow County program as a youth. If you are looking for a good experience in a livestock club, contact them soon.

Another outstanding former Morrow County 4-H'er, Jean (Martin) Brazell, has come back to the county, and will start a club in the area near Wagon Trail Farms. Jean will lead a clothing or foods club, depending on the interest of the boys and girls in the Pine City area. You may reach her by calling the Brok Tucker office on the ranch.

Photography will be offered by Steve Peck, Lexington. Steve's hobby has led him to volunteer to work with youth interested in learning all about this fascinating subject. You may talk to Steve at the Coast to Coast store in Heppner, or by calling his home after six in the evening.

Gardening, another topic of interest to many youth, will be offered by Sally Wilson, Dinah Jackson and Pat McMin, in the Heppner area. They will include flowers, container gardening, or vegetable gardening, depending on the interest of the kids.

Debbie Nordheim, Heppner, is interested in working with a small club of boys in the foods project.

Irene Plocharsky, Heppner, is ready to start with a club of beginning foods and clothing members.

Contact the Extension office, or one of the above new leaders.

Four-H has many good experiences for the youth of our county. Leadership development and life skills are learned in the program...while kids have fun and develop social skills within their groups.

Many other project areas, and leaders are available - there is a project to fit every interest.

MARKET BASKET

September is a time of abundance for many fresh fruits and vegetables. Canning PEACHES should be available for at least another week. It's peak time for BARTLETT PEARS. Remember, pears are picked green and usually need a few days for ripening.

Late ITALIAN PRUNES should be in the markets and roadside stands for another week to 10 days.

New crop APPLES are starting to come into market. There is a bumper crop this year - one of the best in history. If you are hungry for crisp apples, try JONATHANS which are great for fresh eating and cooking. Their season is relatively short, and early fall is the time to enjoy them.

Some new crop DELICIOUS APPLES are just starting. They are crisp but still on the starchy side. This will change as the season progresses. Also prices will be more reasonable in another month.

It is a big year for GRAPES. Tokay and Thompson seedless are plentiful - and there will probably be a number of grape ads.

CANTALOUPE quality is still good, although prices have risen a little. HONEYDEWS are plentiful - these melons have a long season lasting until at least the end of October.

Excellent quality local BROCCOLI is in the markets. Supplies of CAULIFLOWER are increasing and the quality is improving. Local CARROTS are plentiful. For a change, try the small coreless carrots which are flavorful and sweet.

CABBAGE is a bargain buy. Heads are firm and solid - ideal for making sauerkraut. SUMMER SQUASH is still available, and ACORN and BUTTERNUT SQUASH are also in the markets. Butternut is a very fine grained, sweet squash.

CUCUMBERS are plentiful. Local TOMATOES are just getting started and there should soon be enough for canning. Look for increased prices on LETTUCE as supplies are not as plentiful as they were.

There are plenty of local GREEN PEPPERS, and this is the time to freeze them for next winter's use. They are easy to freeze and are good in any cooked dish. The price of peppers next winter will be astronomical compared to the bargain prices now.

CORN is in peak supply and the quality is outstanding. Jubilee seems to be the variety that is very popular and most often grown.

It looks as if the cost of POTATOES and ONIONS will be higher this year than last year. Some onions are going to the export trade. The depressed potato market the last few years has been very hard on potato growers, and potato acreage has been cut considerably. Higher costs should also affect the price of processed potatoes.

Improvements completed on Boardman 'Estates'

Improvements now have been completed for Columbia Riverview Estates, consisting of 62 single family lots and 9 duplex lots. It was announced recently by C. Joseph Locke, president and chairman of Boardman Development Company.

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Rodeo Board to select court

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