

Two from Heppner attend White House conference

John Canaday of Heppner, has been selected as a delegate to a White House Mini Conference on Poverty and the Elderly, January 13-15, in Kansas City, Missouri, by the State Community Action Agency Association. Also attending the three-day conference as a staff worker is Pat Brindle of the Heppner Neighborhood center.

The conference will bring together about 200 delegates from 23 western states to refine issues, establish priorities and develop recommendations. The delegates will work in 11 small groups to prepare resolutions on 11 issues for the general assembly scheduled during the conference. Each of the resolutions adopted by the conference's general assembly will be forwarded to the White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA), scheduled for November 30-December 3, 1981, in Washington, D. C.

The conference is sponsored by the National Community Action Agency Executive Directors Association and the Region VII (Kansas City) office of Community Services Administration. The standard

federal regions participating in the conference are located in Kansas City, Denver, Dallas, San Francisco and Seattle.

Wayne C. Thomas, CSA Regional Director in Kansas City, said the issues that will be considered at the conference are: retirement income, employment, health services, long-term care, transportation, housing, energy, nutrition, elderly and the work ethic, rural services-delivery and urban services-delivery.

Selection of conference delegate is based on a formula that entitles each state to three delegates and allocates the remaining delegates to states according to the percentage of elderly poor residing in each state.

Delegates must be at least 55 years of age, within CSA's poverty guidelines and not a current employee of a Community Action Agency. The state delegation should reflect the state composition of race, sex and urban-rural residence. Canady is one of only three persons in the state of Oregon selected to participate.



John Canaday

Methodist women install officers

On Wednesday evening, January 7, the Heppner circle of United Methodist Women met in the home of Annetta Spicer. New officers were installed by long-time member, Sylvia McDaniel: president, Ann Spicer; vice president, Louise Woods; secretary, Faye Pierce; and treasurer, Pat Hyatt.

The group talked over 1980 accomplishments and 1981 plans. Out-going president

Beth Bryant presided. Some of the activities of the past year were the May yard sale, the honoring of graduating high school seniors in the church, improvements made in the parsonage, continuation of the baby-sitting program on Sunday mornings and the group's first successful participation in the AAUW Artifactory.

It was determined that similar activities would be planned for 1981.

HHS counselor visits Air Force Academy

Michele Portmann, a counselor at Heppner High School, recently visited the Air Force Academy as a part of the school's Educator Visit Program. The program is a vital part of the academy's admissions effort.

According to Captain Joe Strosnider, assistant director of the Admissions Liaison office here, "During the past

10 years, there's been a steady increase in the number of candidates and the number of those candidates qualified for the Academy. We believe this can be attributed to the growing number of educators who have visited the academy."

Visiting educators are primarily high school counselors who have frequent and direct contact with students in the

Gooseberry Livestock club meets

by Paula Palmer

The Gooseberry Livestock Club held a 4-H meeting at the home of Bob Van Schoiack on January 11 at 3 p.m.

Club members watched two sets of slides, one about fitting and showing dairy, and the other about ewe and lamb management.

After the slides upcoming events were discussed such as the skating party Jan. 17, the clown workshop Jan. 24, and the steer weigh-in March 28. Possible money raising projects were also discussed.

It was decided that the next meeting would be sometime in March and that record books would be discussed.

age groups the academy must reach for its candidates. Educators spend two days at the academy.

Counselors become resident academy experts in their schools. They brief other counselors and frequently become very active in identifying, motivating, and encouraging potentially qualified students.

Students earn place on BMCC honor roll

Jeannie Piening, Ione, and Jannette Evans, Irrigon, were among thirty-two Blue Mountain Community College students who received perfect 4.0 grade-point averages during fall term. A 4.0 is a straight-A report.

Other students earning a place on the BMCC honor roll by achieving grade-point averages of 3.5 or better (B-plus)

are Melvin McCarl and Marie Yocum of Lexington; Kenneth Bailey, Kathleen Kenny, David McLachlan and Lorrie Smith of Heppner; Francine Evans of Irrigon; and Carol Donovan, Greg Tarpenning and Sandra Tingley of Boardman.

Among 177 students receiving a grade-point average of 3.0 to 3.5 and earning a place on the dean's list are Ron

A student at Heppner High School, Combs will go on active duty in November. After completing the six-week basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a fuel specialist. He will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

Two area youths enlist in Air Force program

James G. Launer, son of James J. and Beverly V. Launer, Heppner has enlisted in the delayed enlistment program.

A student at Heppner High School, Launer will go on active duty in November. After completing the six-week basic training course at Lackland AFB, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a fuel specialist. He will be earning college credits through the Commu-

nity College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training.

He was recruited by Sgt John R. Hornbeek of the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Office, Walla Walla.

Kenneth A. Combs, son of Sally L. Kukkert, Echo, enlisted in the Air Force in the delayed enlistment program, according to SSgt John R. Hornbeek, Air Force recruiter.

Highlights of NFO convention related at meeting

At a meeting at Ione on Dec. 23, Don Peterson, past state NFO president, reported on highlights of the NFO convention he and Ben Holdman of Pendleton recently attended in Cincinnati, Ohio. William Landeen, staff member of the NFO grain department from Walla Walla, Wash., attended and plans to spend some time in Morrow County the week of Jan. 19 through 23.

The NFO national convention in Cincinnati was a meeting of all major farm commodities coming together to coordinate contracting and bargaining procedures.

Speakers included Dan Morgan, author of "Merchants of Grain" who pointed out that the major grain trade is an extensive global marketing system that makes no

attempt to set price levels but has found that low prices keep the pipeline full.

Senator John Melcher of Montana expressed a concern about the increased debt load of farmers. He talked of the need for conservation, tax revisions and said that we shouldn't export below the cost of production.

Representative Paul Findley of Illinois talked about the need of income from the market place and that trade brings peace. He sighted the trade with Japan as an example.

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland pointed out that the structure study of agricultural trends he conducted last year will be released soon and that it will show that middle-sized farms are de-

creasing and that large scale farms are producing more and more of the agricultural crops. He said that farm programs and tax regulations tend to be to the advantage of large scale operations. He said that it makes no sense to export crops that are produced at the expense of a loss of soil, water and capital.

DeVon Woodland, national press of NFO, said that farmers' production is their strength and that NFO has a marketing system designed to use that strength to negotiate profit price levels for farmers. He indicated that 2 percent more from the consumer dollar would bring balance between the city and country economies. He said there are few buyers of farm products and many sellers which indi-

cates the need for farmers to block production into the contracting process with these major buyers. He asked young people how they were going to become owner-operators and said there is a title transfer of land coming. He also asked to whom will the existing owner operators sell?

Grazing fee drops

Grazing livestock on Bureau of Land Management administered lands, will be slightly cheaper for ranchers this year.

The 1981 grazing fee will be \$2.31 per animal unit month (AUM), a drop of five cents from last year's level. The new rate is effective March 1. An AUM is the amount of

forage one cow will eat during a month.

Grazing fees are based on a formula contained in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act and accounts for beef cattle prices, production costs, and prices paid.

REWARD

The Umatilla National Forest is offering a reward of up to \$200.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke into and vandalized the Tupper Guard Station on the Heppner Ranger District sometime between December 24, 1980 and December 27, 1980. Anyone having information is asked to call the Forest Service Law Enforcement Office at 276-3811, ext. 254 or the Pendleton office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 276-1433.

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