

## 'An Evening with Thomas Condon' brings evening of knowledge, pleasure



Members of the Heppner-Lexington-Ione community chat with members of the chataqua theater group in an informal

reception for the artists Sunday evening on the Morrow County Courthouse lawn.

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Three gentlemen from Eugene presented an excellent, professional program based on the life and works of Oregon's first geologist, Thomas Condon, on Monday, Aug. 17, in St. Patrick's parish hall.

University of Oregon theater student Wes Hardin gave a very convincing performance as Condon during the last years of his life. Young Hardin made his viewers believe he was 84 years old and that he really was sincerely convinced of the facts he presented. The simple staging and the careful costuming and make-up increased the credulity.

U of O President Emeritus Dr. Robert D. Clark enhanced and enlarged the program with his scholarly narration given as an introduction and as insertions during the several brief intermissions for actor Hardin. Stage manager Martin Reinhold carried out his responsibilities effectively and also contributed a few measures of guitar music at appropriate moments.

### Mealsite closed Aug. 26; trip to Echo planned

The Heppner senior mealsite will not be open Wed. Aug. 26 because the Morrow County fair will be in progress.

Senior citizens will be going to Echo that same day, Wed.,

Those attending this Chautauqua-like program learned that Thomas Condon was born in Ireland, came to New York as a lad and traveled around the horn to Oregon in 1853 with his bride, Cornelia, when he was a young preacher already very interested in geology and paleontology.

While Condon built up his charge in The Dalles he traced and recorded the geology of large areas of central and eastern Oregon and was the first to map the state's fossil history. In 1866 he discovered the fossil remains of a three-toed ancestor of the horse. In 1871 he outlined his theory of the two islands and the great prehistoric sea which he called the Willamette Sound.

In 1876, Condon was one of the founding professors of the University of Oregon, an unconventional teacher whose work with students continued for nearly 30 years. Condon was severely criticized by fellow theologians for his acceptance of the theory of evolution and for dismissing the widely accepted date of creation. He chose to accept

Aug. 26, to visit that site. The bus will depart from the public library at 10:30 a.m. and will be back in Heppner about 2 p.m. For reservations call 676-9621 or 676-5571.

## Crumbs, coins, cobwebs

Crumbs, coins and cobwebs may not be the only surprises a homemaker finds if she delays too long in cleaning her kitchen cupboards. More than 100 species of pantry pests love to dine on flour, cereal, dog biscuits and other stored foods.

John Jepsen, of Doby's Pest Control points out that Aug. is an excellent time to check for infestations and to launch a counter-attack if one has occurred.

He says good housekeeping is the first line of defense and all food storage areas should be cleaned thoroughly - and frequently - to prevent an invasion by uninvited guests.

Jepsen says many of the pests, from ants and roaches to mealy bugs and beetles, hitch a ride with foodstuffs brought home from the grocery store while others, particularly ants, sneak in through the tiniest of cracks.

All of them thrive, he says, in the warm and humid kitchen environment where plenty of food is available.

Here's Jepsen's recommended procedure for combating an infestation that will help prevent a recurrence:

+ Remove all stored foods from cabinets and examine them carefully for the presence of pests.

+ Vacuum the empty storage spaces thoroughly, removing all crumbs and insects

from cracks and corners - and empty the bag outdoors.

A recommended spray (Jepsen recommends PT55 insect fogger) may be used, following label instructions to the letter. Vacuum again and wait several hours before replacing the foodstuffs.

Jepsen recommends storing all dry foods in insect-proof glass containers with snug-fitting tops. Plastic bags and cardboard boxes are easily penetrated by determined intruders.

He also recommends that any infested foodstuffs for human consumption be discarded. Pet foods with only a minor infestation can be salvaged by either superheating or supercooling.

Pantry pests are killed by abrupt changes in temperature. Placing infested foods in an oven at 130 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 minutes or in a deep freeze at zero degrees for four days are proven methods of saving food from total contamination.

Should your best efforts fail to prevent or cure an infestation, a qualified pest control operator should be consulted, Jepsen says. Membership in the National Pest Control Association and Oregon Pest Control Operators Association is assurance that an operator adheres to high standards of business ethics and technical competence.

## BMCC announces return to five-day work week

Monday, Aug. 24, Blue Mountain Community College will resume its regular five-day work week.

College offices will open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

During the summer months, the college assumed a four-day work week designed to conserve electricity. The college was closed on Fridays and all air conditioning was turned off during the three-day weekends. College personnel worked longer hours during the remaining four days of the work week to compensate for the time off on the longer weekends.

Placement testing will be done in the college's Counsel-

ing Center on the same schedule it has been during the summer months with the addition of Fridays. The test is offered at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. as well as 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The placement test at the college is free and is designed to help place students in the appropriate English and mathematics classes. Students are not denied admission to the college on the basis of the results of that test.

No appointment is necessary to take the test. After the test is scored, prospective college students have the opportunity to talk with a college counselor about their career goals.

## HHS players to get equipment

Heppner High School boys turning out for football this year will receive their equip-

ment on Sunday, August 23, head Coach John Sporseen has announced.

Senior boys will be issued equipment from 12 to 1:30; juniors from 1:30 to 3; sophomores from 3 to 4:30 and freshmen from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Sporseen said.

There will also be a team meeting Aug. 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 3 at the high school, said the coach.

Anyone with questions should contact Coach Sporseen.

## Crop report

The following crop report was released by the Oregon Crop & Livestock Reporting Service, a division of the United States Department of Agriculture:

Winter wheat yields are still at a record 62 bushels per acre, unchanged from July 1. Crop prospects have diminished west of the Cascades as lower test weights began to surface in some areas. However, this was offset by better than expected yields in the north central area of the state. If the August 1 estimate is realized, a record 72.5 million bushels of winter wheat will be produced, one percent above the previous year. Spring wheat production, estimated as of July 1, was placed at 4.37 million bushels, 19 percent less than 1980. This places all wheat production at 76.9 million bushels, just slightly below the record in 1980.

Nationally, all wheat production is forecast at a record 2.75 billion bushels, 16 percent more than last year's crop, but two percent less than the July 1 forecast.

Barley in Oregon is also estimated at a record yield of 66 bushels, one bushel above last year's crop. An estimated production of 12.9 million bushels is 28 percent above last year, but far below the record set in 1957 of 21.9 million bushels. U.S. barley production is also up considerably this year, with an expected 483 million bushels.

Other Oregon crops forecast as of August 1 are as follows: oat production at 4.6 million bushels, 10 percent more than last year; corn for grain production at 1.7 million

bushels, 48 percent more than 1980 and the highest since 1960; alfalfa hay production at 1.7 million tons, one percent below last year but at a record 4.1 tons per acre; all other hay production at 1.1 million tons, five percent below 1980; the largest hop production since 1982 at 13.0 million pounds; sugar beet production at 286,000 tons, 45 percent more than last year; peppermint production at 2.3 million pounds, 13 percent less than last year; and spearmint production at 150,000 pounds.

Prune production prospects as of August 1 in Oregon are estimated to be 15 percent below the 1980 record crop, but slightly above the five-year average.

Bartlett pear production in Oregon is still estimated at a record 90,000 tons, unchanged from July 1 and 13 percent above the 1980 crop. All other pears are estimated at 115,000 tons, also unchanged from July 1 but four percent below the past two years. Pear production for the Pacific Coast (California, Oregon and Washington) is estimated at 811,000 tons, five percent less than the 1980 crop. This includes a four percent decline in Bartlett's and seven percent less other pears.

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