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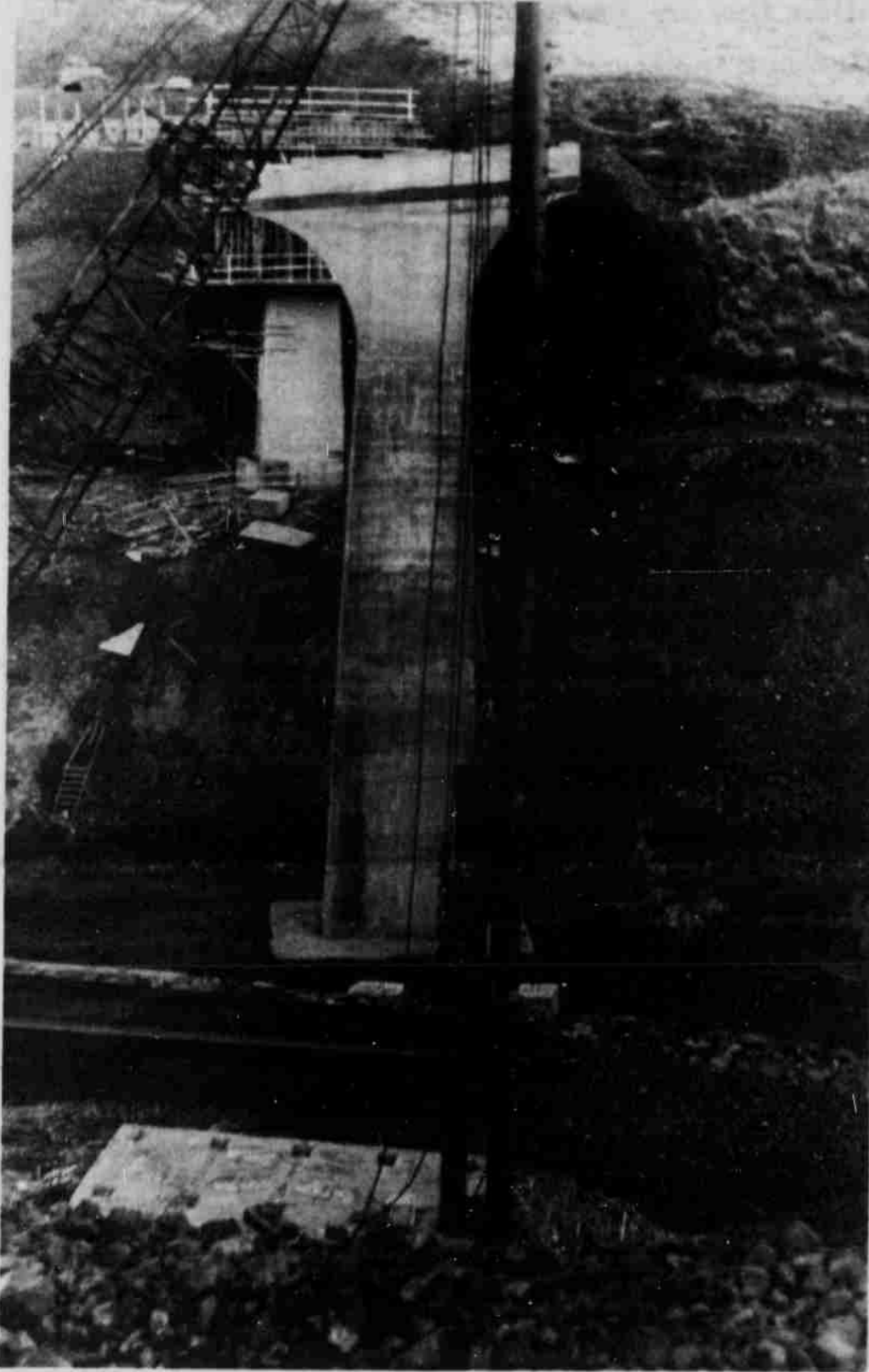
HEPPNER, OREGON

Weather

By City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Dec. 8	45	34	
Wed., Dec. 9	55	32	.03
Thurs., Dec. 10	47	27	
Fri., Dec. 11	45	28	
Sat., Dec. 12	40	24	.16 (2.2 snow)
Sun., Dec. 13	41	23	.19
Mon., Dec. 14	46	30	.53

Willow Creek Dam work progresses



Bridge supports for relocated Willow Creek Road are going up rapidly on Balm Fork near dam site



Eucon Corp. has begun blasting at dam site. Rock will be crushed and used with cement for dam construction.

County seeks bids on new shop

By MARYANN CERULLO
Morrow County Court is asking for bids to build a 6,600 square-foot shop to hold county equipment, it was announced last Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Public Works Department until January 13, 1982 reported Judge Don McElligott.

In other business County Court did the following:
—accepted the resignation of Wes Kvarstens, director of L.C.D.C.

Construction is expected to begin next spring on a five acre site adjacent to the Road Department's yard in Lexington. The land, valued at \$17,500 was recently donated to the county by Virginia Rosewall of Heppner, in memory of her husband, Clarence.

Approximately \$100,000 from the revenue sharing fund is to be used for the construction costs.

Construction bids will be accepted at the office of the

—passed the airport supplemental budget of \$8209.

—accepted bids from the state for two Sheriff's patrol cars at a price of \$7,020 each.

—agreed to hold the December 23 County Court meeting in Heppner instead of in Irrigon.

—read the monthly report from the Neighborhood Center.

—heard the weekly Road Report from Don Briggs, director of Public Works.

Guest speaker at Farm City Banquet keeps audiences amused



John Skow, (R) accepts award from Dr. Wallace Wolff

for his and his wife's work in building an RV park in Heppner. "He was noted for contributing to business in town," said Dr. Wallace Wolff, who represented the chamber in presenting the awards.

Lois Winchester was also honored by the Chamber for her "devotion to the patients and residents at the hospital and nursing home," Wolff said. Lois regularly brings flowers and visits those at the hospital.

Also honored was Bill Collins, a long time resident who served 22 years in city government. Collins served four terms as Heppner's mayor, as well as being a member of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Board of Directors. He is currently president of the senior citizens advisory group.

After awards were handed out, Master of Ceremonies Ron McDonald introduced

Baxter Black, DVM, who proceeded to entertain the crowd with jokes, monologues and poems about his travels and observations in the ranching and farming business.

Guest speaker Baxter Black kept a packed house thoroughly entertained, and a roast beef dinner kept them well fed, when the Morrow County Livestock Growers and the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce put on their annual Farm City Banquet at the fairgrounds last Friday night in Heppner. A good turnout for the banquet first enjoyed a social hour sponsored by the PCA

and the Federal Land Bank, before settling in to enjoy a roast beef dinner put on by the Lexington Grange.

Several awards were handed out, including: Mrs. Virginia Rosewall, who received a community service award for her contributions and gifts to the county road department and Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

John Skow, who received a business improvement award

IHS holds Comm. Service Day

Ione High School students and faculty were volunteering services to individuals of the community and to the city on Wednesday, December 16,

reports City Recorder Diana Starr.

The Community Service Day is in "appreciation for community support the com-

munity has given the schools," said Starr.

Services donated include wood chopping, yard work and lot cleaning, she added.

Area citizens discuss prisoner problem

By MARYANN CERULLO

"We have no place to lodge our prisoners. We're in trouble and we need some answers," stated Morrow County Judge Don McElligott at a public meeting held to discuss possible solutions to the county's prisoner problem. About thirty people attended the Wednesday night, Dec. 9 meeting held at the courthouse in Heppner.

Morrow County officials recently learned that Umatilla Co. is currently planning to enlarge their jail and will not be allowing Morrow Co. to lodge its prisoners once the building is completed.

A state \$55 million jail bond issue to be brought to the

smaller populations, such as Morrow, to develop regional facilities. "but there is still no cheap way in the confinement business," he warned.

By November, Morrow Co. had used its entire yearly budget for lodging prisoners in the Umatilla County Jail, informed Sheriff Larry Fetsch, reinforcing Belleque's previous statement.

As of last month, Morrow County Sheriff's deputies have driven 30,000 miles and spent 613 man hours at a total cost of \$9,600 just to transport prisoners back and forth to Umatilla County Jail in Pendleton, stated Fetsch. These figures do not include the time spent during court, he added.

"I don't have the answers, but we're talking about your tax dollars and we have to do something," said Sheriff Fetsch.

To conclude the public meeting, a study group was appointed to review all options. According to Judge McElligott, these options will include boarding with other jails, cooperating with Umatilla County in the remodeling

of its jail, and the consideration of having a new jail that would accept prisoners from other counties.

Members of the study group include Steve Conover, Peggy Fishburn, and Mayor Cliff Green, all of Heppner. Diane and Daryl Brownke agreed to speak for Irrigon. Linda LaRue, mayor of Ione, will represent that area. Representatives from Boardman and Lexington have yet to be appointed.

The study group will hold its first meeting Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the North Morrow County Annex in Irrigon.

Morrow Co. receives \$281,928.15 from Forest Ser.

Thirty-one counties in Oregon, including Morrow, and 27 counties in Washington received \$124.5 million as their share of revenues from the sale and use of national forest products and services in fiscal year 1981, reports a news release from the U.S. Forest Service.

The Oregon amount totals \$95,112,708.07, \$281,928.15 of which Morrow County received. The Washington amount

totals \$29,396,778.66, according to Regional Forester R.E. Worthington, USDA Forest Service. Last year's totals were \$98,898,365.36 and \$32,708,540.02. The counties received approximately three-fourths of the 1981 amounts at the end of the fiscal year, and the remainder was disbursed Friday, Dec. 4.

The money returned to the states, and in turn to the counties, represents 25 percent of the money collected by

the Forest Service from the sale of timber, and from grazing, recreation, minerals, and other land-use charges where national forests are located. The money is to be used for public schools and roads, the news release continued.

Since passage of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, the base on which state shares are now figured includes credits made to timber

Louis Carlson elected O.W.G.L. President

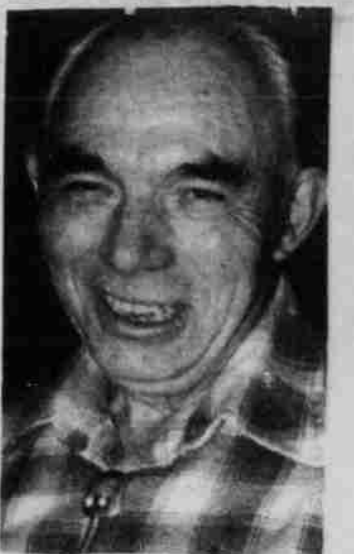
Louis Carlson, 51 who farms 2,258 acres near Ione, has been elected 1982 president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

He succeeded Pendleton farmer Stan Timmermann in the election during the 54th annual convention of the wheat organization Nov. 29 - Dec. 2 in Pendleton. Carlson will be formally installed at the Jan. 6 meeting of the OWGL Board of Directors.

Carlson farms the 4-C Ranch with his wife, Betty Jeane, and a son, Phil, 25, a graduate of the Oregon Institute of Technology. In addition to dryland wheat farming, they pasture cattle on the wheat stubble in the winter months.

They have another son, Clint, 21, a senior at Oregon State University, and two daughters, Sandra, who lives near Medford and Cheri, of Tule Lake, California.

Other officers elected were: Bob Nixon, Junction City, first vice-president; Ralph Ward, Baker, second vice-president.



Bob Harris

Also elected at the meeting were Ron McDonald as first vice president, David Sykes second vice president, and Kristi Lovgren will serve as secretary-treasurer.



Louis Carlson

Wesley Griley, executive vice president of the League, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The Oregon Wheat Growers League is a non-profit organization representing the interests of Oregon's 9,000 wheat farmers.