

Co. Fair & Rodeo Court honored at luncheon



The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court took time away from publicizing the events to attend a luncheon in their honor. Held June 22, the luncheon was given by Queen Anita Palmer's grandmother, Geneva Palmer, reported a court spokesperson.

Mrs. Palmer entertained Queen Anita Palmer and her mother, Mary Ann; Princess Annette Wilgers and her mother Vi, and Princess Nancy Paine and her mother, Judy. Pennant bearers Stacy Kennedy and Bobbette Angell also attended with their mothers, she said.

The luncheon concluded with Mrs. Palmer presenting each girl a gift.

In other activities, the court attended the LaGrande Rodeo, where they rode in the parade and rodeo, she concluded.

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Historical Soc. Board of Directors meets

By DELPHA JONES

Mr. and Mrs. Don Eppenbaugh of Irrigon were hosts of the Morrow County Historical Society Board of Directors meeting Monday night at the Baptist Church in that city. There were about 18 members and visitors present.

There was a review of the book "Ione and Us," written by D. Ordell Calkins from Sacramento, Calif. Mr. Calkins is associate dean and professor of finance at the School of Business Administration, California State University, Sacramento and has spent several years researching this book, spending several summers in this area. The book contains historical sketches of Ione, from 1899 to 1923. The local historical society has purchased some of these books and they will be available to the public for \$9 each. The books will also be available at the Bank of East-

ern Oregon in Ione. Plans were further discussed concerning a booklet to be printed later this year by the society. These booklets will be made available to the public and will be contain short stories of interest about the county and its people.

Several cemeteries were discussed, concerning the preservation, and perhaps name signs. Several of these cemeteries are in the eastern part of the county.

Jean Nelson reported on a forthcoming book about Morrow Co., for which research is being done. I enough interest is shown, this book will be printed in 1983. Families are invited to write short histories of their families for print. The proposed book will be similar to a recently printed book about Gilliam County. Those interested are asked to call Jean Nelson.

A committee was appointed and members will be contact-

ing Morrow County citizens as to their interest in the printing of the book. The books will sell for about \$40.

Work is being done to honor century farm owners in our county with a program and dinner planned later in the year. In 1985, the Oregon State Historical Society will honor these people. If your farm has been in your family 100 years please contact Barton Clark or Jean Nelson, so that no one will be left out of the planned program.

A fair booth committee of Margaret Hayes and Barbara Bloodsworth, was appointed.

An annual meeting will be held October 3 at the Lexington Grange Hall. Music will be in charge of the Eppenbaugh family of Irrigon. There is to be a display of small utensils and farm machinery, under the direction of Harold and Edna Peck. A potluck dinner is planned and a program and speaker for the day.

During the July 13-14 New York City "blackout," when the city lost all electric power, a record eighty million phone calls were made.

USDA seeks public comments

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has called for public comment of proposals for conservation, emergency conservation and water bank programs administered by USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

According to ASCS Administrator Everett Rank, the deadline for receiving comments is Sept. 9. Rank said USDA will hold a public meeting in Washington D.C. Sept. 9 to discuss recommendations by state and county conservation review groups on these three programs.

Conservation review

If, like many Americans, you're concerned about our current energy situation, you might like to take a good look at wood.

The Forest Service predicts that home use of wood fuels could increase by 20 million cords in the next 50 years, unless alternative fuel sources are developed.

groups, formerly known as program development groups, were formed to help USDA carry out rural conservation and environmental programs. Rank said. These groups have the responsibility for developing recommendations on program changes, changes in administrative procedures, policy guidelines and evaluations or program effectiveness and operating arrangements, he said.

Rank said conservation cost-share assistance is offered to encourage eligible farmers to voluntarily perform soil and water conservation, pollution

abatement, emergency conservation and wildlife measures. Under this program, USDA shares the cost of such work with farmers who ordinarily would not or could not perform needed conservation practices without the federal assistance, he said.

Because of space limitations, persons interested in attending the meeting should make reservations, Rank said. To reserve space and for additional information, contact the director of the conservation and environmental protection division, ASCS, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C., 20013.

Facts From the Forest Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Forestry experts are studying new ways to increase wood supplies. One possible answer might be through intensively cultivated tree plantations of fast-growing timber that could produce as much as ten tons per acre annually of wood, bark and foliage.

The Forest Service people stress the need for better management of our forests, not only to increase our resources but to improve our domestic fuel supplies as well. This is a move that could help drive foreign oil exporters up a tree.



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Crop Report

Oregon growers intend to harvest 1,200,000 acres of all wheat in 1982, eight percent less than in 1981, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is the lowest acreage of all wheat for harvest since 1973. Winter wheat harvested acreage is expected to be down eight percent at 1,100,000 acres. Spring wheat, at 100,000 acres, is down nine percent from last year. Planted acreage of winter wheat is estimated at 1,180,000 acres, down four percent from 1981. Acres planted to spring wheat, at 110,000 acres, is down eight percent from last year, the reporting service stated.

Acres of barley for harvest is estimated at 205,000 acres, five percent above 1981. Planted acres of barley, at 220,000 acres is also five percent more than last year. Oats to be harvested for grain is estimated at 80,000 acres, 23 percent above 1981. Planted acres total 140,000 acres or eight percent above last year. Corn for grain is estimated at 24,000 acres, nine percent above last year. Acres of corn planted for all purposes, at 55,000 acres, is four percent above 1981. Rye to be harvested for grain is estimated at 4,000 acres, compared with 6,000 acres harvested in 1981. Planted acres at 35,000 acres is 12 percent below last year. Alfalfa hay for harvest is estimated at 430,000 acres, one percent above 1981. All other hay, at 670,000 acres, is six percent above last year's harvested acreage. Sugar beet acreage for harvest is down four percent to 10,300 acres, the reporting service concluded.

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