

Officers installed at CowBelle meeting



Polly Owen

Bernice McGee

The Morrow County CowBelles met for a luncheon and meeting last Friday at the Elks Lodge in Heppner. Officers for 1983 were installed, and Polly Owen, a representative of the National Livestock and Meat Board was guest speaker for the afternoon. Her topic was "Answers to Predictable Questions Consumers Ask About Meat," which included an outline of cattle from the producer to the consumer.

Special guest at the meeting was State CowBelle President Bernice McGee of Riley, who led a discussion on beef promotion.

The following officers were installed by outgoing Presi-

dent Carleen West: President Sue Evans, First Vice President Judy Wright, Second Vice President Marlene Currin, Treasurer Judy Barber, Secretary Susie Ward and Donna Moeller, membership chairman.

A stained glass window hanging made by Sue Evans was presented to Ruth Nutting as a gift of appreciation for the time and effort she has donated to the organization. Carleen West also received a window hanging as an appreciation gift.

Gifts were also given to outgoing officers by Mrs. West.

Several door prizes, donated by local merchants, were awarded.

Consider giving the gift of sight

As the holiday season unfolds, the Oregon Lions Eye Bank asks Heppner area residents to consider "giving the gift of sight" so that people blinded by corneal disease can regain their vision through a corneal transplant operation. "Corneal damage is a major cause of blindness, but today more than 90 percent of transplant operations are successful," said Kristi Voth, executive director of the Oregon Lions Eye Bank, based at Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center in Portland. More than 1,100 Oregonians have had their sight restored with corneas furnished by the eye bank, Voth said.

The eye bank receives and preserves human donor eyes and makes them available to physicians whose patients need corneal transplant surgeries. The only source of tissue is the donation of eyes of recently-deceased persons.

The cornea is the transparent covering that overlays the iris and pupil, and works with the lens to focus light rays

entering the eye. When the cornea is diseased or injured, sight may be restored by transplanting a clear cornea from a donor eye.

Everyone, regardless of the quality of his or her vision, can participate in the eye bank program by becoming a potential eye donor because "the need for tissue far exceeds the number of corneas obtained," Voth said.

Those 18 years old or older may sign a donor card in the presence of two witnesses, and carry the card in their wallet at all times. Eyes of a deceased relative may also be donated by a next-of-kin who is over 18 years old.

A donor card can be obtained from the eye bank (telephone: (503) 229-7523), any local Lions Club or one of 120 funeral homes in Oregon which act as substations for the eye bank.

The Oregon Lions Eye Bank is supported by more than 200 Lions Clubs throughout Oregon, and is a member of the Oregon Donor Program.

Wheat & barley producers to receive deficiency payments

Eligible wheat farmers soon will receive an estimated \$475 million in deficiency payments on their 1982 crop, while barley farmers will get about \$60 million, according to Everett Rank, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The Heppner A.S.C.S. office reports that Morrow Co. Wheat Farmers are to receive gross farm payments of over \$1,114,602, and barley farmers in the county will receive over \$23,368 in gross payments.

Rank said deficiency payments are required under the

1982 wheat and barley programs because average market prices received by farmers during the first five months (June through October) of the marketing year were below established target price levels of \$4.05 per bushel for wheat and \$2.60 for barley.

No deficiency payments are required for oats as the five-month weighted average market price of \$1.50 per bushel is the same as the \$1.50 target price, Rank said.

The deficiency payment rate is based on the difference between the established target price and the higher of the

national weighted average market price for June through October or the loan rate.

National weighted average market prices were \$3.34 per bushel for wheat and \$2.20 per bushel for barley. Thus, eligible producers will be paid 50 cents per bushel for their 1982-crop wheat based on the \$3.55 loan rate and 40 cents per bushel for this year's barley based on the national weighted average market price, he said.

Deficiency payments will be made to wheat and barley farmers who participated in the 1982 acreage reduction

programs. Rank said the payment checks will be issued through local A.S.C.S. offices soon.

The total base acreage for the 1982 wheat program was 90.7 million acres of which 43.8

million acres participated in the program. The total acres planted for harvest on these complying farms was 33.0 million.

For the 1982 barley program, the total base acreage

was 10.5 million acres with 4.8 million acres participating in the program. The acres planted for harvest on the complying farms was 3.5 million, he concluded.



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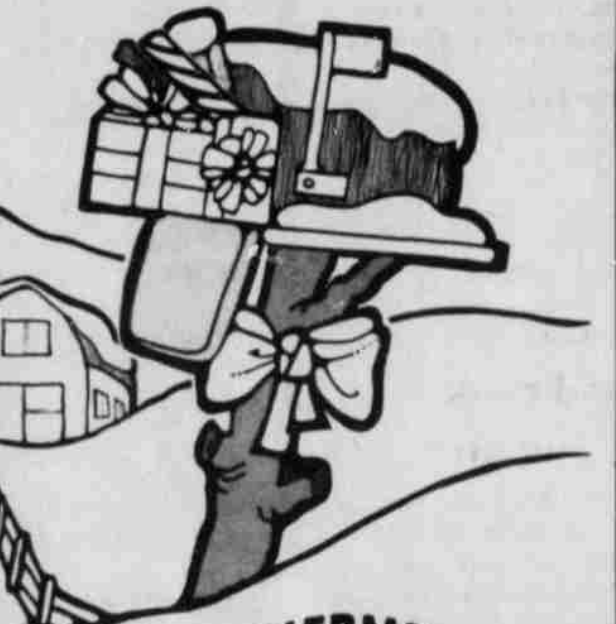
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