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# Chamber of Commerce honors Morrow County's First Citizens



Outgoing Chamber President Doug Smith (left) presents business award to Tom and Helen Riehl.



Howard and Jo Pettyjohn accept certificate of award for new office building in Heppner.



Incoming Chamber President Birdine Tullis presents Doug Smith with business certificate.

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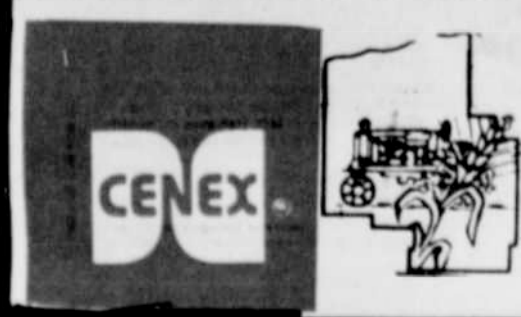


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W.C. "Bill" Collins

In 1947 Bill Collins and his wife Daisy came to Heppner from Cottage Grove where he had operated a clothes cleaning establishment. He was noted for his athletic skill, being a boxer and a state champion archer and the winner of many awards. After moving here Bill worked with 4-H archery groups in this county during part of the 25 years he and Daisy ran their Heppner Cleaners. Bill served 16 years on the Heppner City Council and was the city's mayor for two separate four year terms. He served as a director of the Rural Electrification Association for six years and was a member of several county-wide committees.

A member of the Elks Lodge for more than 45 years, Bill was a trustee here for many years. His athletic activities in Heppner have been golf, bowling and bow and arrow hunting. The Collinses have built an outstanding garden around their home on South Main Street and were among the first gardeners honored as "Yard of the Month" winners. Bill and Daisy, has been very active as a square dancer and has participated in square dance festivals in Oregon and other north-western states. Bill is also an expert bridge player.

Bill and Daisy Collins have four daughters—Jeanne of Kirkland, Washington; Judy of Harrisburg; Patty of Soup Lake, Washington; and Lisa of Kodiak, Alaska. All four of their girls visited in Heppner during the recent holidays. There are three Collins grandsons and one granddaughter.

Bill's civic activities have been known throughout Oregon and recognized by such persons as Governor Tom McCall and former mayor, Frank Ivancic.

Bill is currently very actively serving the community and his fellow senior citizens as Chairman of the Senior Citizen's Mealsite Committee. He is spending hours every week in promotion of this group and its activities. He is a leader in the efforts toward achieving the building of a Senior Citizens Center in Heppner.



Jean Nelson

Morrow County's First Lady of 1985 has contributed a great deal of skill, energy and time to volunteer activities here for her very close to 40 years of residence. Jean Nelson, along with her late husband, Norman, served various agricultural groups—the Lexington Grange, the Farm Bureau, Oregon Wheat Growers League, Blow Control, Weed Control, county-wide extension and 4-H.

Jean has been very active in the Ione Garden Club, the Ione Topic Club, the Ione United Church of Christ, county-wide committees and the Morrow County Historical Society.

During Oregon's centennial year, 1959, Jean was chairman of the county extension groups that worked together to publish "Yesteryears of Morrow" a history of Morrow County which they dedicated to the State of Oregon.

Jean has long been involved with the annual Morrow County Fair. Before and during 1983 she was a leader in preparing for and implementing the celebration of the county centennial. She did a great deal of the work involved in the publication of the recent History of Morrow County which was copyrighted in 1983. Jean has assumed the leadership in seeing that the Century Farms of the county are properly recognized.

Jean McElhinny Nelson is a native Oregonian, born in Roseburg and living in Salem from 1929 through 1935. She was graduated from Oregon State College in 1939 and came to Heppner to teach that year. She taught Home Economics, typing, U.S. History and Music. In the fall of 1941 she began teaching Home Economics at Pendleton Junior High where she stayed two years.

In the fall of 1943 Jean became Home Demonstration Agent for the Extension Service in Yamhill County, where she worked until her marriage to Morrow County rancher Norman Nelson in 1946. Their home place, which was begun by Norman's parents, is located on Baseline Road.

The Nelsons' two children are "Chuck" born in 1950 and Kristen born in 1952. Chuck and his wife Lisa and their son Justin live on and farm the Nelson Ranch. Kristen lives and works in Salem. She is employed by the Family Planning Division of the Marion County Health Department.



The Morris Chair was designed not by William Morris but by Philip Webb, and made by Morris and Company.

By Justine Weatherford  
At the annual Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce banquet on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, in the Elks Lodge diningroom, Dr. Wallace Wolff, a past-president and chairman of the honors and awards committee of the chamber, served as the master of ceremonies. He presented the county's two first citizens of 1985, Jean Nelson and Bill Collins, who introduced some of their family members.

Out-going chamber president Doug Smith reviewed some of the activities and projects of the past year. He presented certificates of recognition to three Heppner couples who were selected by the chamber directors for having made outstanding contributions to the business community during the year.

Howard and Jo Pettyjohn were honored for the building of the new office complex just north of town. Jack and Ruth Maben were praised for the enlarging and remodeling of their Court Street Grocery. Tom and Helen Riehl received an award for the building of the coin-op car washing facility on Center Street.

Past-president, Ray Boyce, conducted the installation of the Chamber officers for 1986. The first-ever woman president, Birdine Tullis; first vice-president, Judy Buschke; second vice-president and treasurer, George Koffler and secretary, Justine Weatherford, along with John Hempel, Cal Healy, Mary Goheen, Doyle McCaslin, Cindy Schmidt and the outgoing president Doug Smith were installed as members of the board of directors.

President Birdine Tullis presented a fourth business award to Doug and Sonia Smith of the Heppner Bowl for enlarging and remodeling their restaurant, and she told of some hopes and goals for the chamber during 1986.

Jackie Gentry was chairman of the banquet committee, making all the plans and arrangements and asking members of the Heppner Garden club to manage the table decorations.

## Area near Boardman is livestock district says county sheriff

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department advises all livestock owners that due to a recent Oregon Circuit Court opinion, involving an accident that occurred on Wilson Road outside of Boardman, the area is now once again defined as a livestock district.

This means that all livestock must be contained by their owners or those in custody of these animals and must not run at large. This is in accordance with ORS 607.045.

This district encompasses 1/2 mile west of Tower Road, east to Patterson Ferry Road, from the Columbia River south to the Bombing Range property line.

Violation of this ordinance is an unclassified misdemeanor and punished by a maximum 1 year in county jail and/or a \$2,500 fine. There are also civil penalties provided for.