

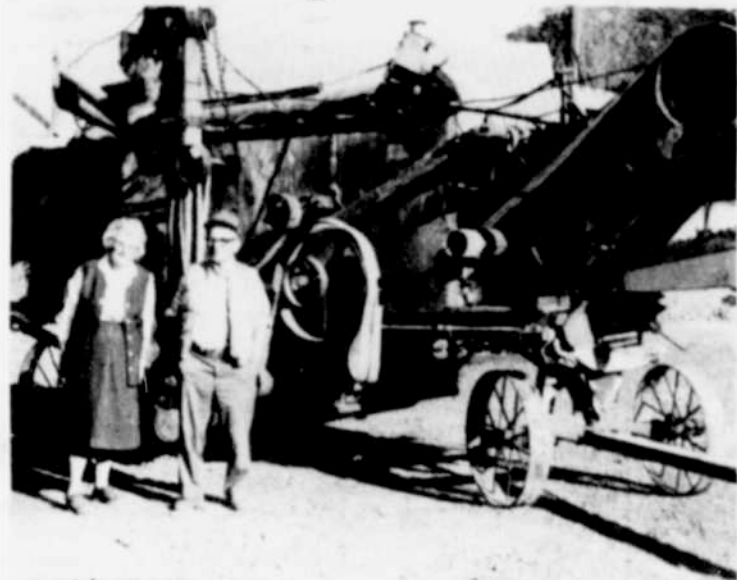
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Museum gets thresher



Eleanor (Mrs. Ed) Gonty and Harold "Shorty" Peck

This stationary threshing machine arrived Thursday to become part of Shorty's Museum at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. During the 1920s it belonged to Charles Hemrich who farmed what is now the Don Evans Sandhollow Ranch. A binder cut the grain and put it in sheaves. A team and wagon hauled sheaves to the thresher where they were fed by hand into the machine. A grain spout at the side of the machine deposited kernels of grain into a waiting wagon, Shorty Peck explained. An average crew was 15 men, he said.

Hemrich (Eleanor Gonty's father) sold the machine to Charles Bernard in 1939, who used the machine in the Willamette Valley. Bernard's son Jack has had the machine stored in a barn at Aloha but had indicated that he would like to donate the machine to Morrow County. With the help of Morrow County Judge Don McElligott, a county truck which had to be in the area hauled the thresher back to Morrow County last week.

The machine is in working order, Peck said. "If I had a wagon load of sheaves, I could run a threshing bee."

Elk tag deadlines near

Hunters planning to hunt in the general Rocky Mountain and coast (Roosevelt) elk seasons this fall will need to buy their tags soon. Tag sale cutoff deadlines are approaching. The dates are: Rocky Mountain - first season - October 28; Rocky Mountain - second season - November 7; Coast - first season - November 7; and Coast - second season - November 14.

Hunters may also exchange tags until the cutoff date for the tag they wish to exchange. Tag exchanges may be made only at department headquarters in Portland, regional offices around the state, and district offices in Charleston and Springfield.

Hunt units included in the Cascade elk season October 18-16 will not be open during the other general seasons.

Extension service hires livestock agent

Bill Broderick, lone, has been hired to serve Morrow County as the 4-H and livestock agent for the extension service. There has been no agent in the county since Steve Campbell's resignation a year ago. Broderick has lived in Morrow County for 10 years, five of them in lone. He and his wife Laura, a teacher at Lone Elementary School, have two sons, Kyle and Bryan. His recent employment has been directly with livestock, at Snow-McElligott, a commercial livestock and wheat ranch. Before that, he worked for Grieb Ranches with registered Angus. He attended College of Sequoia and California State at Fresno where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science. This is his first experience

for the extension service. "I'm excited about the position, and anxious to get settled in and get started," he said. "It will be different for awhile."

For eight years, he has been the North Lexington Livestock 4-H club leader. A new leader has been selected for the club. He has served with various 4-H leadership committees. A member of the Morrow County Fair Committee for three years, he served one year as chairman. "I enjoyed the fair," he said. "I'll still be there, only in a different capacity."

Broderick will start recruiting 4-H members in the schools soon. Identifying needs for new clubs and finding leaders will also occupy his time. In addition to the basic clubs that have been strong in Morrow County, he says he would like to see biking and cross-country skiing clubs because, "kids need physical activity to help stimulate their minds." A club that studies marketing cereal grains might also be interesting, he said.

Another part of his duties at the extension service will be to work with livestock growers helping them identify their needs and then to bring educational workshops and tours to them. Integrated Resource Management is a new concept, he said, but it encourages ranchers to work together with "their program."

Between now and the farm-city banquet, he will be helping organizations organize their annual meetings and working with others involved in making the day a success.



Bill Broderick

Soil and water district asks tax base approval

By Marcia Kemp

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District is asking voters to approve \$93,000.00 tax base on November 4.

The district is presently managed by Jim Van Winkle with the help of a seven-member board of directors. Van Winkle is also weed manager, but due to the volume of both the district programs and weed program, Van Winkle can no longer devote adequate time to the district.

The district provides programs for control and eradication of noxious weeds, range inventory and management assistance control and erosion prevention, water resource development, flood control, water quality improvement, fish and wildlife habitat improvement, and timber management assistance. In addition they provide conservation education, improve water drainage, and assist in developing recreation.

Also the CRP program has increased the responsibility and work

load of the district. The district will be making sure CRP recipients meet requirements and will be monitoring other conservation programs.

Today the district is funded by the county in the amount of \$29,841.50 to operate the district's programs along with the weed program. The funds include Van Winkle's salary, a part time secretary, supplies, and operating expenses.

"If the tax base passes the \$29,841.50 will be taken out of the county budget. Approximately \$63,158.50 added with that amount will pay for hiring a manager and for some additional operating expenses," said Scott Madison, a Madison pointed out that one thing that the manager will be doing is applying for federal funding for projects that would benefit towns as well as farms. These, in return, would bring additional monies into the area.

The tax base would cost tax payers about 12¢ per \$1,000.

Former Heppnerite Joins Penn. State faculty

David Hall, Heppner High 1968 graduate, and the son of Gene and Harriet Hall of Heppner, has recently moved, with his family to State College, Pennsylvania. He is employed as full-time instructor in the Agriculture and Extension Education Department at the Pennsylvania State University. His duties, in addition to undergraduate instruction, include: undergraduate advising, competency verification,

supervising of beginning Vo-Ag teachers, supervising Vo-Ag student teachers, and advising the Penn. State Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers of America. While at Penn. State, Hall plans to finish his Ph.D. program in Agriculture Education.

His wife, Nancy, is also employed by the Pennsylvania State University in the Department of Individual and Family Studies and will be working on the completion of her Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Heppner needs a motto

Pendleton is "Roundup City," lone is "Growing with Pride" and Condon has "It's the People". Heppner needs it's own motto, and the Chamber of Commerce is asking for your help.

Submit your idea for the motto that best identifies Heppner, and you could be the winner of a \$50 gift certificate good at local businesses.

The motto should be short and identify something positive and unique about Heppner and surrounding area. The winning motto will be used in advertising and promotions for Heppner.

So get your pencils working and

either mail your entries to the Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 232, or drop them off at Ray Boyce Insurance in Heppner.

Entry blanks can be picked up at the following local businesses: Peterson's Jewelers, Coast to Coast, Court St. Market, Central Market, Shoe Box, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Gardner's, Ray Boyce Insurance, or the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Winner of the motto contest will be announced at the Town and Country Banquet Friday, November 21.

Deadline for entries is Nov. 14. The contest is open to anyone and you may enter as often as you wish.

HHS junior is semifinalist in essay contest

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner High School junior Shannon McLaughlin was one of 50 semifinalists in Oregon's "At Issue" essay contest.

To increase interest in the political progress among Oregon's youth, gubernatorial candidates Neil Goldschmidt and Norma Paulus agreed to participate in a live televised forum on Portland's KOIN television station that aired Sunday afternoon.

A second contest was sponsored by the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers that involved student journalists.

Those students who reported on the forum were then to write a story either as a straight news story or feature story for the school newspaper.

McLaughlin and the other 49 semifinalists were interviewed between October 3-8 to chose 10 finalists for the "At Issue" forum.

Ten people were selected from

each of the five congressional districts with two of those semifinalists from each district to be finalists.

Those 10 that were selected to participate in the forum were to ask the candidates questions concerning issues facing Oregon today.

The 10 students received a \$300 cash award as well as an all-expense paid trip to Portland for the event.

The theme of the state-wide essay contest was "Portrait of a Leader."

Students in grades 7-12 then wrote an essay to describe someone that they considered to be a good leader or about the characteristics of good leadership.

Both a senior and junior winner were selected from Heppner High School with Matt Wilson being the senior winner.

Honorable mention certificates were awarded to seniors Ashley Conklin, Missy Eubanks, Jason Palmer, and Cindy Strober as well as juniors Kathleen Brazell, Beth Heatherly and J. J. Osmin.

'We want our Cardinals,' Padberg tells school board

A delegation from lone headed by Marvin Padberg and John Bristow told the Morrow County School Board Monday night that closing schools at the south end of the county is not a good signal when the county is trying so hard for growth. We would like to see the Board adopt a policy that says the district will not close schools, but will build for growth, Bristow said.

Padberg told the board that a committee recommendation to close lone High School and bus those students to Heppner, to close Heppner Jr. High and bus those students to lone, to tear down the elementary school at lone and the junior high in Heppner and build additional classrooms in both towns, was a good effort, but was not valid and should not be adopted as district policy. It did not include cost estimates or anticipated growth at lone, he said. The com-

mittee lost sight of its goal to project needed facilities for the added students expected in the district. The committee was not directed to recommend closing schools and shifting students to other schools, he said.

It's discriminatory to people in outlying areas to tuition their children out to adjacent districts, Padberg said. It's turning our backs on rural folks at this end of the county who have supported the schools. When the kids leave, parents take their business away, too. "Why tuition kids out when we're trying to hang on, when we need all the growth we can get?" he asked.

The committee used a Portland State University study which predicts a decline of population in the schools at the south end of the county, Padberg said. The study did not take into account the possibility of the proposed lone-Boardman Road, the effect of a proposed housing development—the Emert Addition—adjacent to lone, the people working a new north-county jobs who, given those two developments, might choose to live in lone rather than in Hermiston or the Tri-Cities. lone will not hurt Boardman's economy, he said. lone recognizes the need for immediate growth in the north end of the county.

Towns lose their identity when they lose a high school, Padberg continued. "We want our Cardinals just like Heppner wants its Mustangs. . . . We want that school there. It is a viable part of our community and the only recreation in our town." There is pride in our community, Bristow said, "it's not a bitterness against other towns; it's pride in our town and we're willing to pay a little more for that. Some things we can't give up" without a better reason than that it may cost less, he said.

There are no facts about cost-savings in the committee's report, Padberg said. The saving is vague. It's impossible to project building costs 10 years from now. "No valid decision can be made without cost data," he said. "I'm not talking about Boardman and Irrigon. We know we must have more space there right away."

lone school, however, is structurally sound, he said; it needs remodeling and has no handicapped access, but it has a good fireproofing system now. The elementary school needs a new gym floor and air conditioning in some of the classrooms where kids suffer from the heat in the spring and fall. The building's corners are separating and need to be strapped, but that will be done right away. "I suspect that remodeling will be cheaper than building a new structure," he said. Another problem, he said, is that since the current school site is in the floodway (not flood plain), another building cannot be put next to it.

Just because the building is old doesn't mean our kids don't get a good education, Padberg continued. "We know of no study that says there is a correlation between the age of the building and the quality of the education. We doubt that the kids would get a better education somewhere else," he said. A 15-year study indicates that 80% of lone graduates go to college. Their SAT scores are good, and many go on to be leaders. Our district offers the same classes in all its high schools, he continued. Our kids use the same books that the rest of the district uses.

"The only thing you don't have," board member Bob Mahoney pointed out, "is competition." Bristow replied that kids at lone must compete against a scale rather than other students. Size isn't necessarily better, Padberg said. "lone and Heppner have a lot in common, both are small schools."

"One thing we can't change is the geographic location" of the schools, Padberg said. Busing lone high school students to Heppner, Heppner junior high school students to lone, and elementary students to both towns would create a busing nightmare. "Buses still travel at the same speed. Although roads are better than 25 years ago, some kids would have to catch the bus at 6:30 a.m.," he said.

Finally, the group pointed out the political ramifications of the proposal. "Accepting the study will implement school closure," Padberg said. "We see that as a threat. Some areas of the county vote 'no' on budgets. lone has a 90% turnout at elections because we're all trying to help out. The district can count on at least 300 'yes' votes from lone. Closing the school would mean a block of '300' no votes at budget time."

There's an element of mistrust, Joe McElligott of lonesaid. "lone School district merged with the county and now the county is talking about closing the school." Dr. Steve Zielinski of Boardman commented that although he is a newcomer to the area, he still sees resentment between Irrigon and Boardman because the high school at Irrigon was moved to Boardman. "I'm not sure I would recommend causing more animosity," the doctor said. We haven't heard Heppner people say they want their junior high closed, Bristow said. "I know many of them won't want to send their kids to lone."

We've heard no opposition to meeting the growth needs of Boardman and Irrigon Joe McElligott continued. "We need a united front," he said, not more problems.

Schools plan for expected growth

Morrow County School Board Monday night told Superintendent Doyle McCaslin to start planning to add classroom space at the district's north end. They authorized him to have an architect look at the problems, estimate building costs, and recommend solutions.

At the board's September meeting, a population and building study committee recommended adding four classrooms to Columbia Jr. High School at Irrigon and either converting the present gymnasium at Riverside High School in Boardman to upstairs and downstairs classrooms and building a new gymnasium, or adding four classrooms to the school.

Adding classrooms at Columbia would mean moving sixth graders from both Boardman and Irrigon elementary schools to the junior high school. Assistant Superintendent Chuck Starr told the board they need to be aware that the recommendation was not unanimous. The board will need to be concerned with the effects of moving sixth graders into a junior high building, he said.

The virtue of the report is that the committee says we must start moving and doing something, McCaslin said. The north end schools are full, just about to capacity, he said.

The board took no action on the committee's third recommendation. Board member Jerry McElligott, in the form of a motion, advised the district to re-evaluate the recommendation by 1991 to see if the district needs to demolish the elementary school at lone, the junior high building in Heppner, add five new classrooms to the high school

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Weather Report

By City of Heppner

October 14 - 20			
	High	Low	Precip
Tues.	68	34	0
Wed.	67	36	0
Thurs.	67	38	0
Fri.	62	39	0
Sat.	61	35	0
Sun.	63	37	0
Mon.	64	37	0

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, October 21	
Soft White	
Oct.	\$2.84
Nov.	\$2.86/\$2.88
Dec.	\$2.90/\$2.92
Jan.	\$2.94/\$2.96
Barley	\$84
Hard Red Winter	\$2.88
PIK Generic certificates	128% cash