

Heppner man awarded by state extension service

Outstanding service awards for cooperation in programs of the Oregon State University Extension Service have been presented to individuals and couples from seven Oregon counties by the OSU Extension Association.

The awards were announced during the association's annual dinner in Corvallis.

Honored were Larry Mills, Lexington; Hollis and Ann Mast, Coquille; Dan Hull, Jacksonville; Louis Hamilton, Monmouth; Banti Winslow, Roseburg; Bob McNitt, Stayton, and Caroline Tohet, Warm Springs.

Throughout his 17 years with the Morrow County Grain Growers, Mills has supported Extension programs and activities with materials for agricultural education programs, machinery for 4-H and Future Farmers of America contests and scholarships and other awards for 4-H members.

He has helped publicize Extension programs through both radio and newspaper advertising. Currently he is a member of the steering committee planning Town and Country Week in the county.



Honored for his long-time support of Oregon State University Extension Service programs in Morrow County was Larry Mills, Lexington, who received an outstanding service award from the OSU Extension Association. The award was presented in Corvallis during the association's annual banquet by Dora Rumsey, Extension agent in Curry County. Mills was cited particularly for his support of Extension programs through the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Santa visits Lexington Grange



Santa (left) with Carl Martin

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange met Monday evening, Dec. 22 for a Christmas potluck, program and visit from Santa. Following a 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner the program was enjoyed with Eldon Gilbert as Master of Ceremonies. Christmas songs were enjoyed with Angie Pedro as pianist. Ned Clark gave an interesting talk on the founding of the Rhea Creek Grange. The Christmas story by Rev. Glenn Anderson, special music solo and singalong with Angie Pedro and a reading The Night Before Christmas by Barbara Cutsforth to all the little children present, prayer Peace and Goodwill by Rev. Anderson followed by a visit from Jolly Ole St. Nick with treats for all.

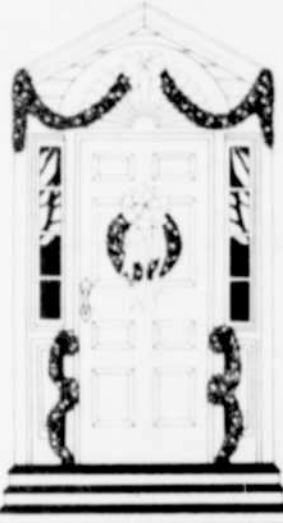
The Grange meeting was called to order by the Master. The usual business was taken care of and a petition from Rhea Creek Grange to

merge with Lexington Grange was read and unanimously accepted. Plans were discussed for an installation of officers with a pinochle party to follow.

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County receives second health care petition

A second petition with over 700 signatures concerning formation of a health care district or districts was presented to the Morrow County Court last Wednesday. A delegation of the loosely organized Heppner intercity group was at the Courthouse before the court meeting began.

"The intent of the petition is to show there is a concern for health care in the South end of the county as well as in the North end," Cliff Green, Heppner member of the ad hoc factfinding committee named by the Court, said.

The petition suggests formation of one county-wide district rather than two districts. An earlier petition to the Court with over 700 signatures from North county residents asked the Court to form two districts. Both petitions lacked some of the legal requirements for a petition to the court.

The petitions counterbalance each other, Green said.

"Presentation of this petition reinforces the North end petition indicating people at both ends of the county want some change in the health care delivery system," Larry Mills, chairman of the ad hoc committee emphasized.

In a phone call to the Court, Boardman Mayor Gale Grill said he was concerned about the committee's credibility since both Mills and Green are members of the court-appointed committee and both are sponsors of the south end petition.

"I'm happy with the people on the committee," Commissioner Jerry Peck said. "I'm looking for ways for the committee to maintain credibility in the North end."

It's likely that all members of the committee are biased, yet "I assume we were selected because we are open-minded enough to look at the situation and come up with a solution to the health care problem in a way which both ends of the county approve," Green said. "I just ask that the committee be able to work."

I'm ready to let the committee go the way it is, Commissioner Irv Rauch agreed.

Judge-elect objects to changing form of county government

A suggestion to change the form of county government, by removing juvenile court responsibilities from the judge, met with objections from incoming judge Louis Carlson last Wednesday.

Speaking to the weekly meeting of the county court, Carlson said no mention of a possible change was made prior to the recent election, and therefore the job should remain as it is.

Carlson recently won election in a close contest with incumbent Judge Don McElligott, however Carlson will not be installed as judge until January 5, and he questioned why the court was discussing the possible changes before he was to take office.

"The job description of county judge was discussed fully by all of the candidates," Carlson wrote in a letter to the court. "The public made their choice on that basis. To change the role of county judge at this time, by order of the county court, would violate the intent of the public as well as the intent of the judge-elect."

Under a proposal made by Commissioner Jerry Peck, the court previously disced moving the juvenile court responsibilities from the county judge to the circuit court.

Commissioner Peck proposed that the committee be given more time to work, however, the Court took no action on the proposal.

"We accept this petition in the same spirit as the one from the North end," Judge Don McElligott said,

not as a legal petition, but as if a delegation of those signing it had come in requesting action.

"I was somewhat astonished at the suggestion as there has been absolutely no mention to me of this possibility during this past election year," Carlson wrote.

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Study group learns about sergers

Rhea Creek Extension met at the home of Delpha Jones, December 1 with 13 members and four guests present.

A very interesting and informative demonstration on the use of White Sergers and Viking Sewing machines was given by Annie Julian and Hildigard Piersal, said a study group member.

They demonstrated how to finish sweaters, T-shirts and many other garments.

The ladies have a store in Hermiston.

Many ideas on Christmas crafts were on display, made by various members of the group. Next meeting will be at the home of Leila Palmer, January 7, 1987.



Nance Wright, (left) Nancy Bailey, Michelle Wallis, Jeff Rauch, Ted Schwarz, and Bryan Padberg with pickup load of food to donate to Neighborhood Center.

Students help with food drive

By Ashley Conklin
Sponsored by the Heppner High School Student Council, the students of HHS had a food drive from December 9-18 to collect food for the needy of Morrow County.

The Heppner students brought in

2,160 pounds of food with the sophomore class topping the scales with 1,400 pounds of food.

"I'm really proud of all of the students," said HHS counselor Liz Curtis. "They did such a good job to help out the needy."

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