

Clarno hosts Pomona

By Delpha Jones
Wheatland Pomona Grange District No. 29 met on Saturday morning at the Clarno Grange Hall for a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Master Annabele Jaeger with the following officers noted as absent: Chaplain filled by Frances Smouse, Executive committee members, filled by Jean Nelson, Stella Palmer, and Freda Pattee, Gatekeeper filled by Ronald Rolfe.

The Masters of the following granges were introduced, August Strecker, of Spray Grange, Ronald Rolfe of Clarno Grange and Delpha Jones of Lexington Grange.

Officers gave interesting reports of the workings of their granges, as to improvement to their buildings, recreation, and money making projects. Spray reported on the annual auction at their grange, with a good crowd in attendance. Lexington reported on the Booster day and the presentation of 25 and 50 year certificates. It was brought to the group's attention that there was a fine article and picture in the Oregon Stockman of Master and husband's farm near Condon.

A resolution committee of Jean Nelson, Ronald Rolfe, and Berl Akers was appointed. Resolution No. 1 The Coalition of Farm Organizations to further the benefit of the farming industry. No. 2 a Thank You to Clarno Grange for the fine lunch and program.

Rolfe reported for the Ag chairman telling the group that it looks as if that area will have a good hay crop, but that the price is not too good, the grass at present looks good for grazing. There is a 13-acre peach and other fruit tree farm being started in that area. The first two years there was crop damage by frost, but this year looks good so far. The Legislative report was the national stand on various issues, and Akers reported that the Legislative and Agriculture report books were received this week from National Grange.

G. W. A. reported there were four subordinate grange reports this quarter. There are two entries from Wheatland Pomona in sewing contest.

Lunch was served at noon by Kathy and Lloyd Ferge who told a bit about the Country Natural Beef, and how the group started as a family project and now have a 30 couple membership. They have openings at 10 different areas in Portland and Vancouver area where the products are sold. The beef is butchered in Portland and is USDA inspected.

The program for nutrient composition, tenderness and flavor is carried out with the cooperation of Oregon State University. There are no added hormones or antibiotics in this natural food. The group cooked small cubes of meat, with no seasonings for the lunch and served it hot. This lunch was cut from round steak. Cattle growers can join this group by sending in an application for membership and passing the rules. Clarno members served salad and desserts with the beef.

A delightful and fun program was given by Jon Bowerman who recited several of his cowboy poems most humorous, from his experiences as a working cowboy on ranches and the rodeo circuit. Some of these recitations ended with him jumping off the stage, or rolling on the floor. A really great entertainment. He and his family live on a ranch between Antelope and Fossil.

Following a cake walk, the meeting was again called to order and the business continued. The resolution committee reported favorable on the resolutions, and they body accepted reports, voted and passed.

Certificates for Lecturers reports being in on time were presented to Wilma Martin the Pomona Lecturer, with four gold stars, and Mikkalo Grange for four gold stars. There was some discussion on the changing of the G. W. A. district back to No. 6 from No. 2. Each subordinate will be contacted on this and given a chance to state their feelings on this matter.

Cecil Jones was chosen as delegate to State Grange Mutual Insurance Company and Annabele Jaeger as alternate. Annabele Jaeger and husband will be voting on delegates from Wheatland Pomona to the session in Hermiston. Dot Halvorsen was elected an alternate to the State session in Hermiston.

The next meeting will be at the Anson Wright Park on Sunday, July 26, with a potluck dinner. The yearly Memorial will be at this time.

Wheatland Pomona is scheduled to help serve dinner at State session in Hermiston Wednesday.

Some of the members toured the Hancock field Station near Fossil on the way home. This is a very interesting place, with barracks for school groups (a bus load was there Saturday from Glide). Many fossils, skeleton and rock collections. They have rock cutters and polishers for the enjoyment of guests who find something interesting. It is a real education for anyone who hasn't visited.

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

This is National Volunteer Week. Statistics show that volunteerism has been a constant historical American pursuit. Americans have proved in many ways that they truly believe that it is better to give than to receive. Many larger cities have well-organized volunteer bureaus. In our area it is so easy to find volunteering possibilities. Volunteerism needs to be fostered early in one's life, and we are proud that school children are being taught to practice it. Youth groups contribute much to happy communities. Morrow has a fine number of outstanding volunteers, many of whom are past the age of regular employment.

Heppner Hotline

By Joyce Breeding, 676-5407

---Former Heppner residents stopped in to visit Sara Adkins. They were Vida Sager from Stanfield and her youngest daughter Shirley Stotts from Hermiston. They were in Heppner visiting friends and relatives.

---On Sunday morning at the 11 mass at the St. Patricks' Catholic Church six young people took their first communion. They were Jill Briggs daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Briggs, Richard Worden son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Worden, Cameron Sweeney son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sweeney, Mandy Gutierrez daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Gutierrez, Justin Adelman son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adelman, and Troy Wilson son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Wilson. There was a reception held in their honor after Mass.

---Three car loads of Heppner residents motored to Milton-Freewater to the District 10 flower show. Going were Jane Rawlins, Verna Brinda, Vern Batty, Bebe Munkers, Justine Weatherford, Eleanor Gonty, Adelle LaTrace, and Vivian McConnell.

During the day there were demonstrations, floral arrangements, and a program along with election of officers for next year. After the show they went to the Frazier Museum. One car load also went to Peach Island to visit former Heppner resident Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heard

who owned and operated the Heppner Gazette-Times for several years.

---Jim McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. McConnell's son, will graduate May 7 from Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California.

---Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill have returned to their home in Heppner after spending the winter in Coos Bay.

---Betty Tanner and Babe Harris went to Hermiston for a fun day out they went shopping had lunch and went to a Rock show which they said was real nice with lots of beautiful rocks, also some jewelry made up.

---The Degree of Honor held a card party Saturday night. Winning high was Dorothy Wilson and Sara Adkins. Low went to Tom Wilson and Alice McCabe. Traveling pinochle went to Alice McCabe and Adelle LaTrace. The lodge will be having another card party next month so watch for the date.

Officers elected

Student body officers for 1987-88 have been selected at Oregon State University. Included are student senators, Memorial Union officers, senior class president and student fees committee members.

Eric S. Thompson a junior in business from Heppner was elected Memorial Union president.



Parents Club buys VCRs

Lisa Nelson (left) receives a VCR from LaRae Kindel, chairman of this year's parents club carnival. The Parents Club was able to purchase two VCRs for the elementary school library. Many educational tapes are available for the school to purchase, Nelson said.

Board members answer school budget questions

Editor's note: School board members will answer questions in the newspaper between now and the May school levy election. Questions they address will be those which they repeatedly are asked by voters.

Over the past year many have heard it stated that "Our school taxes are too high." Is this really the case?

First you should look at what these taxes provide. In Umatilla County the average tax levy to run a school system up to and including high school, is \$18.74 per thousand evaluation. Gilliam County School Districts with high schools need \$13.29; whereas the statewide average rate runs \$15.70. Now compare those figures to the rate Morrow County residents are being asked to pay this year. By paying just over eight dollars per thousand this district maintains educational facilities at seven different sites and provides a quality education as well.

It is well to look at who pays the tax bill. A total of 73% of the tax load is paid by ten corporations operating within the county. This leaves 27% to be paid by the rest of the tax payers in the county. The ten corporations have a combined evaluation of 617 million dollars out of a total county evaluation of 850 million dollars. The largest tax payer, the power plant, accounts for 62% of the tax money and isn't even allowed one vote. To look at it another way, the ten corporations would buy 73% of each bus or of a school roof. Without them our tax rate would be double and the quality of education would probably be less.

This year the budget committee looked at the operating budget and decided to hold expenses down to the bare minimum. By not buying such things as two new buses and not re-roofing a school your tax bill was kept down. It was felt passage of the levy required these extreme measures. Now look ahead. These purchases were merely deferred and must be accomplished at a later date. If more items have to be cut, due to further reductions, then the problem compounds. The bills must be paid now or later if we are to have an educational system. They do not disappear and will become more costly if we keep putting them off.

You can help keep Morrow County Schools a viable educational system by voting May 19 and continuing your support of the schools. Your affirmative vote will also assure that those with the most assets in the county pay their share to help educate the county's most important asset, its children.

(s) Jerry McElligott
School Board Vice Chairman
Zone 3

(A school board or advisory committee member will answer your questions in writing in this column; write: "School Questions", P.O. Box 368, Lexington, OR 97839 or call 989-8202.)

OPEN HOUSE

State Representative Ray French will hold an open house Sat., May 9, at the Heppner Elementary Multi-purpose room from 10 a.m. until noon. All are invited to come and visit with Ray and ask questions about bills and proposed bills that they are concerned with or do not understand.

Community Calendar

HHS juniors/incoming frosh plan

Monday, May 4 Heppner High School juniors and their parents will meet with a representative from Blue Mt. Community College. They will discuss choosing a college or other post-high school training.

Thursday, May 7, incoming freshmen and their parents will meet

at 7:30 p.m. at Heppner High School. They will elect class officers for next year and attend a high school orientation session. Honor Society students, new student body officers, and staff members will conduct the session.

Students discourage drunk driving

Heppner's Students Against Drunk Driving chapter conducted a program and handed out contracts for life encouraging students and parents to sign them. The program was Thursday preceding Heppner's

prom. SADD plans another program before graduation. The chapter is concentrating its efforts to make both prom and graduation nights safe on the roads.

Rhea Creek Ext. slates May 6 meeting

Rhea Creek Extension will meet Wednesday, May 6 at the home of Dorris Graves. She will present a surprise lesson.

Last month's meeting was at the home of Mary Wright. Bebe Munkers and Verna Brinda presented a lesson on quality meals.

They emphasized one-dish meals prepared in a hurry that follow dietary guidelines.

A potluck luncheon and a discussion of vitamin and food supplements with Mary Wright and Judy Stevens concluded the meeting.

July 4 celebration planned

Planning for a third Fourth of July celebration in lone is well underway. The theme for this year's parade is "In the Good Old Summertime." Mike Mathews will be Grand Marshal for the event.

A full day is planned, beginning with the parade and the grand finale of fireworks and a street dance. The day's schedule remains much the same as last year, with the addition of a tennis tournament and a hootenanny.

Those interested in playing in the tennis tournament should start practicing and contact Clint Krebs at 422-7548 with any questions. Entry information will be available later.

Individuals or groups who would like to show off their talent or skills are invited to perform in the hootenanny which will be in the evening on the school football field.

Get involved or just watch and enjoy; lone is the place to be on the Fourth of July.

Eating Slim classes offered

An Eating Slim class will be offered for 16 weeks beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 in the meeting room at Heppner's fire hall. Edith Thompson of St. Anthony Hospital

will conduct the sessions. Enrollment is limited to 15 people who must be at least 18 years old and 15 pounds overweight.

For further information, contact Thompson at 276-5121, ext. 285.

Five BMCC classes begin next week

Five second session spring term Blue Mountain Community College classes will begin next week: Beginning Aerobics will start Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. and run for five weeks; Intermediate and Advanced Aerobics begin Monday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. and run for five weeks; Dance to Fitness Beginning and Intermediate runs for five weeks

beginning Monday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m. and Advanced Dance to Fitness will start on Tuesday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m.; Introduction to Computer Spreadsheets, requiring some prior computer experience, will be a five week course starting Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Call BMCC Coordinator Marsha Sweek at 676-5039 for registration requirements.

Garden Club plans Portland tour

By Justine Weatherford
Members of the Heppner Garden Club along with some gardeners from lone and Lexington and any interested flower lovers will leave early on Thursday, May 7 for Portland. They will tour the Leach Gardens, Willamette National Cemetery, the Japanese Gardens, and possibly the

Rhododendron Gardens and the Portland Zoo before they return to Heppner Friday evening, May 8.

This tour has been planned as a memorial to the late Jerry Doherty who was instrumental in its early planning. Persons other than garden club members who are interested in going should call Jane Rawlins at 676-9435 as soon as possible.

Community Choir plans mini concert

Heppner's Community Choir will present a mini concert at the First Christian Church at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 3.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. A variety of sacred music will be sung.

Homebuddies to meet May 5

Homebuddies will meet Tuesday, May 5 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Methodist Church in Heppner. A nursery is available. A guest speaker from the Morrow Co. Mental Health

Dept. is scheduled to speak about "Coping with Stress".

Homebuddies is an informal social and support group for young mothers. For more information call Kay Proctor, 676-9827.

Seniors plan May 9 food sale

By Justine Weatherford
Anticipating a hord of hungry motorcyclists coming from the Willamette Valley on Saturday, May 9, South Morrow County citizens promise to have food ready.

for equipment and furnishings for the senior mealsite center in the soon-to-be-remodeled Heppner Hotel.

Open house set

They will set up their tables of goodies beside the Post Office where they are selling raffle tickets for a fishing boat. Many senior cooks will prepare a variety of foods. Monies realized from the sale will be used

Country Fibre Artists' Guild will hold an open house May 9 from 1-4 p.m. at 125 S. Chase St. in Heppner. Refreshments will be served and door prizes given.

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