

## Ione man honored for efforts in pioneering electrical power

Ione resident Kenneth Smouse has received a "Power Pioneer Award" from Bonneville Power Administration for his achievements in the development of electrical power in the Northwest.

Smouse was a member of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative board of directors from 1948-1981. He is past president of the board, a member of the Northwest Public Power Association and the Oregon

Rural Electric Association. BPA Administrator James J. Jura presented pioneers of the power movement in the Northwest with appreciation awards commemorating their extraordinary contributions and the "many years of commitment to furthering the electrification of the region." The individuals were nominated by their utilities and direct service customers of BPA.



BPA Administrator James J. Jura presents Kenneth Smouse with the "Public Pioneer Award." The award was presented on the occasion of BPA's 50th anniversary and commemorates Smouse's extraordinary contributions to the development of power in the Northwest.

## Heppner news notes

Irene Anhorn went with daughter, Cathy and her husband Rex Christensen of Pendleton, for the weekend of August 29-30 in the Rogue Valley to a gathering of Anhorns at the home of a nephew, Ron and Deena Anhorn with Kelsey in Central Point. Staying at the home of son, Mike and Annette with Tricia and Mary E. Irene met with sons Bill and Pat of Salem, and Jeff with Tim and Kristen of San Jose.

Joining them were John and Alma Anhorn of Central Point and their sons, Mel and Loree of Phoenix, and

John and Lyn with Tami, Dani, and Peter of Grants Pass. Also present were nieces and nephews Mildred and Dake Bartley, Robert and Libby Pfaff with sons, Don and Sharon and Doug and Mary and their families, all of Central Point, and friends, Willie and Carol Fischer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kostechar from Portland visited daughter Kay and Mike Procter and granddaughters Josie and Julie Procter.



## Attends Business Week

Katie Doherty, 17, Lexington, is congratulated by her sponsor during Oregon Business Week, August 9-15 on the Western-Oregon Community College campus in Monmouth. Also the keynote speaker, Marvin "Swede" Johnson (pictured above), vice president of the Corporate Affairs for Adolph Coors Company, told students in his address, "Profit is the report card of productivity." He encouraged them to take advantage of their business education before beginning their corporate careers.

Selected students attended workshops and lectures for an intense, first-hand experience in the world of business.

## Around About

By Justine Weatherford

We all know Labor Day is arriving as our days shorten and our nights lengthen. This year the end-of-summer, three-day holiday comes on its latest possible date. This month's only legal public holiday has been celebrated since 1894; Oregon was the first state to set the legal holiday honoring working people in 1887, just five years after the campaign for the early September holiday was begun by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

This year September 17, called Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, will achieve special prominence because on it the United States will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

During recent summer months a series of school and family reunions have brought many folks home to Morrow County. The top event of August was the county fair and rodeo. As folks relax and think about this important annual happening many are pointing out some good and some not-so-good aspects. This year's fair differed from fairs past. Some persons like changes but others find change difficult to accept.

Remember the 122nd Oregon State Fair runs through Labor Day, Sept. 7.

It was interesting to see the third of the four Currin brothers, grandsons of Butter Creek's George Currin family win the Morrow County saddle. Steve Currin's older brothers Mike and Tony also won saddles in recent county rodeos as had their father Ron Sr. some years ago. Only the oldest brother, Ron Jr. didn't gain a county saddle because he became ineligible when he turned professional.

We feel thankful that this summer has not seen as many fires, especially forest fires near here as in some other years and we hope they don't happen during hunting season. We now look forward to a lovely fall and a busy, interesting school year continuing through what we hope proves to be another fairly mild winter.

## Former Heppner man lauded in August 'Readers Digest'

Former Heppner resident Mike Bengé and his re-forestation efforts are the subject of an article in the August, 1987, "Readers Digest" magazine. The article by John G. Hubbell outlines some of Bengé's efforts to introduce the Lucaena tree in Vietnam, the Philippines and Haiti. Dubbed the "Johnny Appleseed" of the Lucaena tree, Bengé acclaims its benefits in preventing soil erosion, providing a nitrogen source, and feeding livestock.

He and two co-workers received

the first International Award for Forestry from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden June 13, 1986.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Today I want to say "thanks" to Chamber of Commerce members and to those in our rural community who support Chamber projects. Their attitude isn't what's in it for them but what they can do for their community. The rewards come in the form of:

-The visitor from Los Angeles, Bend, Eugene, who drops by the Chamber office for information and tells us what a nice town we have.

-The teacher or parent who says "thanks" for getting behind the school budget by chairing a community support group.

-The merchant who enjoyed the Chamber program and borrowed it to share with others (networking).

-The 4-H'er who expresses his/her appreciation for the Summer Week Scholarship.

-The knowledge gained from a variety of programs which keep us informed on what is going on at local and state levels.

-The Heppner brochures, a result of hard work by the tourism committee.

-The support of the hotel and park district projects.

-The many community volunteers who chair committees, build state fair booths, water the flowers in the planters, organize parades, take rodeo tickets, call citizens to remind them to vote, attend a meeting across the state with no compensation except the knowledge gained, and a hundred other time-consuming tasks.

-The letters written and answers received regarding the railroad, keeping Ione post office open, completion of western Route Road, health care situation.

-The funding of delegates to state conferences so new ideas can be introduced.

-The joint efforts and cooperation on beautification projects.

-The hiring of a Chamber Manager who tries in 1 1/2 days per week to make a difference.

-The citizens who work together to plan a Town and Country event that pleases all.

I like to think of Heppner Chamber of Commerce as the umbrella over the community under which all areas can meet to share knowledge, ideas, concerns, dreams and goals and give monetary support to important projects. Chamber welcomes your membership.

## Community Calendar

### Seed law meeting planned

David Turner, an investigator with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, will be in town on Thursday, September 10, to answer questions concerning seed label violations. Anyone with questions concerning seed regulations is invited to attend the meeting which will be at the Heppner Fairgrounds Annex building at 1:30 p.m.

There are 105,000 acres of CRP land about two-thirds seeded in Morrow County, and a few problems have shown themselves already.

Cereal rye was planted in quite a few acres of CRP land. This is especially galling to farmers who have struggled with rye as a weed for many years, and had finally cleaned

up a field, only to reseed it to rye. At least one lot of grass seed was nonviable. It has a zero germination rate.

Yellow starthistle, an "A" list noxious weed, has been discovered in a few fields, but has not turned up in samples sent for testing. Other weeds may have been accidentally introduced with this program which have not yet been discovered.

The magnitude of the CRP program has placed a lot of stress on seed producers to provide the necessary seed. As a result, some seed violations may have occurred. Farmers who are interested in, and have questions about, seed law should come to the meeting.

### Methodists begin fall worship schedule

This Sunday, September 6, will mark the beginning of the fall schedule for the Heppner United Methodist Church. The monthly Communion Service will be held this Sunday at the new fall schedule worship hour time of 11 a.m. The worship time was earlier for the summer months. Beginning this Sunday, the

worship hour resumes the regular time of 11 a.m.

On Sunday, September 13, the Sunday School classes will begin again. A breakfast prepared by the men of the church beginning at 9 a.m. All persons are invited to share together in this time of fellowship and "kick-off" for the Sunday School program.

### Adult education classes start Sept. 14

It's back to school time for adults, too. Adult Basic Education, Graduation Equivalency Diploma, Adult High School Diploma, and English as a Second Language classes will begin again Monday, Sept. 14 at the

Heppner Neighborhood Center. Classes will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday of each week until Christmas. For more information, call Gary or Sue Warren, 422-7420.

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