

Grangers attend Spray initiation Weed control handbook available at Extension

By Delpha Jones
A full day of activity was enjoyed at the Spray Grange, when several members motored there to assist in the initiation in the four degrees of the Grange.

Those present from Lexington were Joe and Hilda Yocom taking the parts of AS and LAS; Dot Halvorsen as master; and Lewis as steward, of Willows; Cecil Jones, gatekeeper; Delpha Jones, lecturer; Morton Wolverton of Hermiston; overseer; and Margerat Thorpe of Hermiston, musician.

A bountiful dinner was greatly enjoyed. Twenty-six candidates took the degree. During the afternoon a recess was enjoyed when everyone

was introduced and welcomed into the Grange, after which the Grange closed in regular session with the master, Gus Strecker, presiding. Morton Wolverton, past state master and a member of the executive board, and Delpha Jones, Wheatland District deputy were introduced and escorted to the master's chair.

Arts and crafts group to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will meet March 26 at 1 p.m. at Kate's Pizza. On the agenda is an evaluation of the St. Patrick's art sale.

The new 1991 Weed Control Handbook is available from Oregon State University, according to Fred Lundin, Morrow County Agricultural agent.

"The PNW Handbook is updated annually, and can be ordered at the Extension office for \$15 each plus \$2.25 for shipping and handling," according to Lundin.

It is a 300-page document developed in the Pacific Northwest by Idaho, Washington and Oregon Extension services. It is designed to provide information on controlling weeds in various crop and non-crop situations. Consultants, field representatives, and producers find this a useful resource for weed

control. Because chemical regulation of plant growth is complex and requires considerable knowledge, the authors have devoted a large portion of the book to registered uses of herbicides. They attempt to list only registered herbicides and to explain the information according to product labels and company recommendations.

The book includes sections for controlling problem weeds, conversion tables, and an alphabetical glossary and index.

"If you'd like a copy of the handbook, bring a check or money order to the Extension office in Heppner," says Lundin. "We'll order it for you."

Jones wins first in essay contest

Tiffani May Jones, Ione Elementary, has won first place in the Conservation Essay, Poster and Poem contest, sponsored by the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.,

and the Ione Garden Club. The topic was "Protect Our Butterflies." Jessica Montenegro was second place and Megan Proudfoot was third. Maci Childers received honorable mention.

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Wheatland Pomona meets

By Delpha Jones

Wheatland Pomona Grange District #29 met at the Greenfield Grange Hall in Boardman on Saturday, Jan. 26 for the regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by master William Alford at 10:30 a.m. Recognized at this time were subordinate masters Eulenna Vaughn and Willard French. The Grange reports were most interesting with each grange keeping up the halls, giving dinners and remembering those less fortunate with donations of money, food and clothing. Greenfield had remembered their 25-year members with certificates and pins. Donald and Martha Baker received theirs.

Resolution committee appointed at this time were Lyle Peck, Barton Clark, and Berl Akers.

Dorris Reid, the state G.W.A. chairman was introduced and told of some of the work on the state level, and asked that we urge the junior age groups to take part in the contests. There are prizes at both the Pomona, state and national level for those winning. She also announced that Umatilla County Pomona will meet on March 2 at Tillicum Grange Hall and invited all Morrow County Grangers to attend.

The agriculture chairman, Lewis Halvorsen, reported that there has been some crop damage because of the cold weather, to both grains and fruits. This will no doubt cause a price increase in fruit purchases. There was a report that many poplar trees are being planted, especially in western Washington for harvest, as they are a fast growing tree and that there will be more emphasis on fiber than timber.

Lyle Peck spoke to the group, stating that grangers should encourage the newly installed governor to keep in mind that a farm-oriented person is needed to replace Mike Thorne, who has another position. It is hoped that Grangers and farm-conscious people will make their wishes known. He also told of some of the work the environmentalists do and how they will affect the farmer, and suggested that Grangers should really keep on top of the issue. A motion was made and seconded recommending that a weekly news letter concerning agriculture bills be sent to Grangers to acquaint them with this information before it is sent to the legislature. This was prepared by the resolution committee and okayed by the group.

A lovely dinner was enjoyed at noon, after which a cake walk was held, and a program presented by Tammy Malgesini of Betah Enterprises of Hermiston, which deals with opportunities for the handicapped. She told of placing handicapped in jobs, working with them until they get acquainted with the job and said that there is a janitorial service available as well as employment at the Sizzler, Golden Corral, Safeway and many other stores in the area. This group works mostly with placement of Morrow-Umatilla county people.

The meeting continued in the afternoon at which time the resolutions were acted on. A resolution concerning Grange property from Triangle Grange, was tabled until further information is received. A thank you for Greenfield Grange for the dinner and hospitality was given and legislation relating to agriculture was adopted.

A community service report was read recommending Edna Melby of Boardman. This was adopted by the group with further additions.

The attendance committee report was heard, and a motion made and passed that the fee of \$50 be paid the Grange with the most attendance for the year 1991, and that the count be taken after lunch.

The next meeting will be April 27 at Clarno Hall.

Count of granges was as follows: Willows, 14; Greenfield 14; Lexington 12; Columbia six and State Line, two.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Most of those attending from the south end of the county rode the senior citizen bus.

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