

Wheatland Pomona Grange meets

Wheatland Pomona Grange met at the Lexington Grange Hall on Saturday for the regular meeting with the Master Mike Medlock in the chair. Those filling offices pro-tem were chaplain, Frances Smouse; overseer, Carl Smouse; and assistant steward, Ken Smouse.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A legislative report was given on the measurers to be voted on. They pointed out that citizens should look into the business in the state level such as appointed committees and how they benefit the citizens. It was hoped that everyone eligible to vote would make an effort to do so, they said, adding that people should be informed of the business of the legislator and keep in touch with those elected to various positions.

Kenneth Smouse gave an agriculture report on the growing of genetic crops, starting with cotton and soy bean. There was some discussion on the timber industry and the replanting of forest lands.

A GWA report was given by chairman Bobbi Medlock who told the group to save pull tabs from cans which are used for the abused children project and to save greeting cards for the children's home and other projects sponsored by the state and national granges. Yarn pieces may be sent to state grange headquarters, where they are used to crochet or knit lap robes, caps and other items. Medlock has received three

reports from the subordinate granges.

It was announced that the National Grange session will be held in Spokane in November.

Following dinner, a cake walk was held and a program given by Willard Horton on Opal Butte in Morrow County and the mining done there. Samples of stones ground for rings and other items were shown. Horton told the group that the opals were first discovered in 1890 by a sheepherder. There are tunnels underground that cannot be mined until they are drained. The site is open from June to October and is controlled by Dale Huett of West Coast Mining.

The state agriculture chairman for District 4 is Mike Medlock. When sending in resolutions, it is best to have them start at the subordinate level and then go on to Pomona and then to state. However, they can originate at the Pomona level.

Dot Halvorsen reported on the lone Grange and its many activities. Clarence Buchanan reported on Lexington Grange, stating that the roof is almost completed and that Lexington won second on a fair booth. The magazine rack, made like a cow, which was used as roofing fund project, was won by Barbara Bloodsworth.

Roll call of granges was as follows: Greenfield-0, Willows-3, Spray-4, Lexington-8. The next meeting will be at Willows Grange in January.

Wheat League holds fall meeting



Geri Grieb, past president, Morrow County Wheat League, presents Craig Miles, newly-elected president, with an Oregon Wheat shirt

Fifty-five Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) members and guests were in attendance at the fall meeting and prime rib dinner held recently at Beecher's Cafe in Ione.

The afternoon session brought growers up-to-date on CRP, county test plot results and Karnal Bunt. Speakers were Skip Matthews, Morrow County FSA; Mike Stoltz, Umatilla County crops agent, and Dick Smiley, Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center.

Morrow County Grain Growers hosted a social hour between sessions.

The evening meeting included

ed comments on Ballot Measure 38 from Mark Rietmann, and Daren Coppock, OWGL executive vice president, reported on the upcoming OWGL state convention in Pendleton.

Craig Miles of Heppner was selected president and Suzi Frederickson, of Irrigon, vice president.

A plaque, sponsored by the John Deere Corp., was given to Eric and Marnie Anderson, 1996 Morrow County's Conservation Farmer of the Year. Don Peterson was recipient of the door prize, a weekend for two on the Oregon Coast, courtesy of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Cattlemen's fall meeting Nov. 15-16

Larry Larson of Eastern Oregon State College and John Nalivka of Sterling Marketing, Inc. will headline the Oregon Cattlemen's Association (OCA) fall quarterly meeting in Prineville, at the Carey Foster Hall, Crook County Fairgrounds, Nov. 15-16. The educational meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 15 and conclude at noon on Saturday.

Nalivka will open the session by exploring the topic, "What role does the cow/calf producer play in the cattle industry?" He will also look at areas of opportunity for Oregon producers.

After lunch, Larson will lead a discussion entitled, "Natural Heating and Cooling of Water." Larson's presentation will apply basic science concepts of stream temperature data to describe heating and cooling of water. Provisions in and the implications of SB1010 will also be discussed. Pro-

ducers will be able to ask representatives from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Department of Environmental Quality about the implementation of the bill.

Saturday's session will include a Private Lands Committee meeting where private property positions will be formulated prior to the 1997 legislative session. The Beef Improvement Committee has invited Randy Mills, Umatilla County Extension Service, to explain the benefits of genetic and performance testing of cattle. John Kratochvil, ODA, will be on hand to discuss beef export opportunities for Oregon producers.

Fred Otley, OCA president, invites all interested persons to attend the quarterly meeting. "This will be a good chance for members and those curious about membership to join in the process," he said.

Report outlines cattle industry's impact

A recent report, "The Oregon Beef Cattle Industry," released by John Tanaka of Oregon State University for the Oregon State Agricultural Research Foundation, outlined the impact the cattle industry has on Oregon's economy.

Almost 75 percent of all live-stock operations in Oregon are

beef cattle operations. The cattle industry is one of the largest contributors to Oregon's agricultural industry. In 1994, the revenues from cattle and calves contributed over \$368,000,000 to Oregon's rural and urban economies. The multiplied economic impact to communities throughout the state exceeded \$800,000,000.

Port, ODFW agree on regulated hunt

The Port of Morrow and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) have reached an agreement to continue the Regulated Hunt Program on port property.

Earlier, the port listed conditions that would be necessary for the hunt program to be implemented for the 1996-97 season. Primarily because of timing, those issues were not resolved.

According to Gary Neal, Port of Morrow manager, several individuals and organizations were disappointed that the hunting was not open to the public. These organizations encouraged the port and ODFW to continue to try to resolve any differences. The Oregon Hunter's Association participated in continuing the dialogue and, according to Neal, felt that the

conditions the port listed were very similar to what the ODFW was willing to promote.

ODFW will be providing detailed information on the benefits of hunting and wildlife habitat on port lands. They are also developing a brochure that will provide information about the benefits of agriculture programs to wildlife habitat. "The John Day Reservoir is a tremendous benefit to the wildlife and habitat in the Mid-Columbia region," said Neal.

The Regulated Hunt Area will be open on Saturday, Nov. 9. For further information, contact ODFW or the Port of Morrow.

Halvorsen named to Emerald staff

Ryan Halvorsen, Ione, has been selected as a staff member on the Oregon Daily Emerald, the independent student newspaper at the University of Oregon.

Halvorsen, the son of Frank and Cathy Halvorsen of Ione, will be a sports reporter on the Emerald. He is a junior pre-journalism student.

Local grad plays college football

Heppner High School 1995 graduate Chris Dickenson has had a successful season on the Graceland College Yellowjacket football team, Lamoni, Iowa.

The Yellowjackets upped their Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) record to a perfect 6-0 as they dominated the Culver Stockton Wildcats, Canton, MO. The Jackets scored 37 second half points en route to a 54-22 win on Saturday, October 26. The win brought the Yellowjackets' overall record to 6-1 and increased their national ranking to 19th overall in the NAIA Division II polls.

Dickenson, a free safety, recorded an interception for the Yellowjackets and had three unassisted tackles and one assisted tackle on the game.

The 19th-ranked Yellowjackets lost a double overtime thriller against the sixth-ranked Evangel College Crusaders, Lamoni, IA, in a

battle of the top two teams in the HAAC, November 2. Both teams entered the game at 6-0 in conference play.

Defensively, the Yellowjackets put forth an outstanding team performance, lead by Dickenson, who had six tackles and picked off two Evangel passes. His interceptions were returned for six and three yards.

The Yellowjackets' post season hopes dimmed Saturday, Nov. 9, as they fell to Benedictine College, Atchison, KS, 28-49. Graceland, 6-3, is in a three-way tie for second place in the HAAC with a 6-2 conference record. With the loss, Graceland dropped to 28th in the NAIA Division.

Dickenson had two unassisted tackles and one assisted tackle on the game. Graceland plays the MidAmerica Nazarene College, Lamoni, this Saturday, Nov. 16.

Dickenson is the son of Steve and Kathy Dickenson, Heppner.

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10/2	71	40	.00
10/3	70	40	.00
10/4	79	49	.00
10/5	78	49	.07
10/6	78	45	T
10/7	75	46	.00
10/8	83	47	.00
10/9	81	47	.00
10/10	80	48	.00
10/11	73	43	.00
10/12	73	45	.00
10/13	71	48	.04
10/14	69	41	.04
10/15	69	40	.16
10/16	58	31	T
10/17	53	27	.00
10/18	65	34	.34
10/19	56	36	.07
10/20	54	32	.00
10/21	51	26	.00
10/22	61	41	.02
10/23	58	33	.01
10/24	55	37	.15
10/25	57	36	.02
10/26	52	32	.03
10/27	52	46	T
10/28	64	32	.00
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