

1. State why you believe the nominee should be recognized.

Forty-one years experience in designing and selling irrigation equipment and systems, which includes center pivot sales, linear/lateral move, and drip irrigation lines. Considered an expert in the field of center pivot design. To compliment these systems, market and promote soil amendment and line cleaner products. Richard is a hands-on, innovative professional that possesses strong leadership and interpersonal skills. His broad-based experience in many agricultural areas makes him an invaluable asset to the agricultural community.

Dry-land wheat farmer in Waitsburg, Washington, for ~12 years. Family farm operation of 2,400 acres of wheat and peas. One of the first to grow and harvest dry peas. Although Richard will admit that he was a terrible farmer, he has a passion for people and agriculture. He is always full of ideas and visions of the future, and for what it holds in store for the industry.

2. Describe the innovations and areas of leadership or improved management practices that qualifies this nominee.

- Assistant Director of Agriculture Development Division to Governor Dixie Lee Ray, Washington State Department of Agriculture in Olympia, WA - Marketing of state agriculture; development of Land and Water Resources, administration of state fairs and Commodity Commissions, environmental policies involving agriculture, liaison to Port districts .
- Developed and installed 160 linear systems for total volume of \$16 million
- Developed marketing platform for the use of soil amendment and line cleaner products to promote good environmental practices for large corporate tree farm
- Developed and implemented a market/design of small pump stations and mechanical irrigation systems for various local farms
- Developed sales program for cleaning drip irrigation lines
- Owned and operated restaurant - Silver Spur Cafe, Eureka, Washington
- Operated and managed mining operation for Silica Sand in Oceanside, CA

3. Outline with bullets the nominee's major contributions to the agricultural industry.

- Featured in "Washington Grape Growers" (May 1994). Article was on the development (engineering and design) of buried drip irrigation system for 400 acre grape vineyard in central Washington
- Developed and operated one of the first irrigated corporate farms in the Pacific Northwest (picture can be provided) (Utah Idaho Sugar, now DBA Agri-Northwest). Instrumental in development what was called K2H Corporation, an abbreviation of the three principal landowners in the 7,000 acre development (Richard Harper, Kenneth Kinman, and W. Leland Hector) (1968-1976)
- Designed buried drip irrigation systems (460 acres) for low volume system for Green Patch Farms in Mattawa, Washington.
- Instrumental in international exchange of agricultural information with Russia
- Salesman for United Agri Products, Pasco, WA

4. List the nominee's leadership activities related to associations and organizations representing the agricultural industry.

- Participated in planning reorganization of agricultural curriculum for Walla Walla Community College's academic program
- International Award for top sales of Linear Irrigation systems from Valmont Industries
- Served on Advisory Board - Columbia Basin College 2002
- Teacher - Irrigation Class, Columbia Basin College 2002
- Appointed to Agricultural Planning Board for local high schools 2002
- Agricultural consultant for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Battelle) 1978 to 1984
- Served on Columbia County Wheat Association President for 3 years 1966-1969

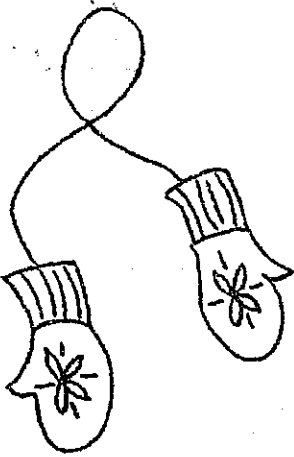
5. Nominees will be expected to have had a personal reference in the geographic area served by the Agriculture Hall of Fame. Briefly describe the nominee's community service and charitable activities.

- Richard has always willing to help organize and lead people through a variety of events. He has donated countless hours to the many organizations listed below. Through his presence he has made everyone of these organization stronger and a more active group.

6. List the nominee's honors, awards, recognitions and other community service/volunteer activities.

- Masonic Mason
- Rainbow Dad for International Order of the Rainbow Girls
- Lions Club
- VFW
- Kiwanis
- Shriners

December, 1967



Once again Christmas and New Years are here and once again it is the season to take time to visit our friends and family—some in person and others regrettably only by mail. There is a certain sadness in the little "Christmas postscripts" we all find ourselves writing on our cards each year. We want to say so much and end up saying so very little.....

The Harpers have had a happy year. We've been well and while farming is not too prosperous these days, we know a good life.

The parents in this grand old farmhouse are feeling older this year as Father hit forty in June (he cries alot these days) and Mom, while being solicitous toward her loved one, gives a little shudder at 37.

The farm looks rather forlorn now. The trees stand bare and the grass is brown beneath the snow. Our beloved quarter horses are so thick with hair that even we need a program when touring the barn and pasture. Our once beautiful Mandy Tivio still reigns as queen, now in foal for her seventh contribution to "Dee Bee Quarter Horses".

Her son, Explosive Man, serves as the fair haired boy on the ranch. Now a five year old stallion, he has this year received the last of his halter points and then some by being named Reserve Champion at Yakima. Last spring he was at the race track briefly where he earned a AA+ rating and his Register of Merit. Now he is going to work on the last phase of an A.Q.H.A. Championship, his working points. Quite a few ladies come to visit him in the spring and this has caused him to turn just a little conceited. Of course, Mom hangs over the fence and reminds him that "pride goeth before a fall", even in the horse world. She's quite critical of his friends so only the prettiest ladies are allowed on the place. There are some other on-lookers too..... his permanent harem that, God willing, will all have lovely baby colts come spring.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch house, the Harper kids get bigger and bigger. Tracey turns "sweet sixteen" on Christmas Eve and is quite grown up. She loves horses and boys and as long as one balances the other gets along quite well. She and her grulla gelding, "Snipper Buck", have won numerous trophies in Equitation and "Bossanova Reed" has carried her to glory in Barrell Racing and Pole Bending. For entertainment (?) she studies with Biology absolutely leaving her limp with joy. Her biggest thrill this year was a month away from home last June as she attended high school summer camp at Washington State University, taking courses in Journalism and working on the Evergreen, W.S.U.'s newspaper.

Judy has had a bit of a problem this year. As a matter of fact, she's had a couple of problems. First of all, she has grown to a stately 5'7", towers over everyone but her Dad, and still only maintains the classification of 14 years. To add to her troubles we gave her a young unbroke filly last year and this year has consisted of "ride 'em, Cowboy" to the point of being ridiculous. Now, however, Judy is winning out and seems to be victorious. She has even won some ribbons which has spurred her on to greater ambitions. The rest of her time is spent studying the piano, clarinet and boys, in that order.

Jeff, number three child, will soon be thirteen. Three words describe his existence; tenacity, drums and braces. Tenacity is Jeff's favorite trademark. Whether right or wrong, tenacity is the word of the day. We think perhaps he should be a lawyer. On any typical day, Dad can be heard to say, "Don't bug me, Jeff!". This year he spent the summer in the harvest crew driving our big wheat trucks off the hills so his sister could unload them into the elevator. It was much better than last year. This year he could see over the steering wheel. This tenacity is also applied to his drums. Any day will find him beating up a storm in the school bandroom. Recently vanity has decreed a set of braces and we're hoping tenacity holds forth here too. In his spare time, Jeff plays football, basketball, baseball and rides with... you guessed it, tenacity!

Rick is ten now and no longer a little boy. (Mom cries alot too.) He drives the pick-up in harvest, peeking between the spokes, and is just discovering sports. He is a born comedian. He hates girls with a passion, tolerating only his sister Judy and hating all others. Seems Judy gave him her old horse, Chuckaluck. He blows a mean coronet in the school band now that we convinced him that all the hot air that comedians seem to have can be put to practical use. Rick is our putterer- he's just as happy puttering about the house or shop as traveling about the countryside. At the moment he is "king of the slopes" in our recent snow.

Dick is his usual busy self. Our farming operation has grown as we included the other family ranch at Eureka Flat this past year. Always thinking of the weary traveler on that lonesome stretch of road, he built a restaurant last spring which we leased to some very nice folks and which I'm happy to report opened as "The Silver Spur" and is doing quite well. It even made the papers in late summer when after a series of dust storms was just about buried in sand by the wind. Like all men, Dick has his dream. He wants water on Eureka Flat. It lies near one of our precious Northwest rivers, the Snake. Who knows? He just might do it..... His many interests include his beloved Wheat Association as he starts his second year as head of the county group determined to do something about the price of wheat. But that is another story!

Me? Well, last year I decided I didn't have enough to do so I went to work as a Teacher Aide in our local school. The smell of textbooks got to me so I also decided to return to college. Now I am "almost a senior" at Walla Walla College aiming for my teaching certificate. Now, I'm also busy and if it weren't for a wonderful family it wouldn't be possible. My job is very challenging. I do a little of everything for grades 4, 5 and 6, even substituting at times.

Well, guess that's about it. Sort of a long letter but then there's a lot of us. My dearest wish would have been to write a personal letter to each one of our old friends but since time limits me perhaps this letter will at least let you know we're still alive here at the North Pole and when you take that trip to Alaska next summer direct your dogsled east to Waitsburg. It's right here on the map. See that teeny-tiny little dot?

Have a very Merry Christmas and may 1968

be the best year yet for you and yours.

*Dick, Bev., Traci, Judy,
Jeff and Rick*

Subj: **Ag Hall of Fame**
Date: 11/13/2008 11:59:50 A.M. Pacific Standard Time
From: [SpecialPro45](#)
To: boboxnam@reinke.com

Hi Bob:

Thank you for taking the time to honor Richard Harper by nominating him for consideration for the Agriculture Hall of Fame.

The decision was extremely difficult but, your candidate was not selected this year. I would also like to send Richard a letter, but I see no contact information for him in the submission. could you kindly email me an address and phone number for him, please?

We hope you and your family will consider joining us at the Gala to honor other pioneers in the area's agricultural heritage.

Regards,

Debbie Toner
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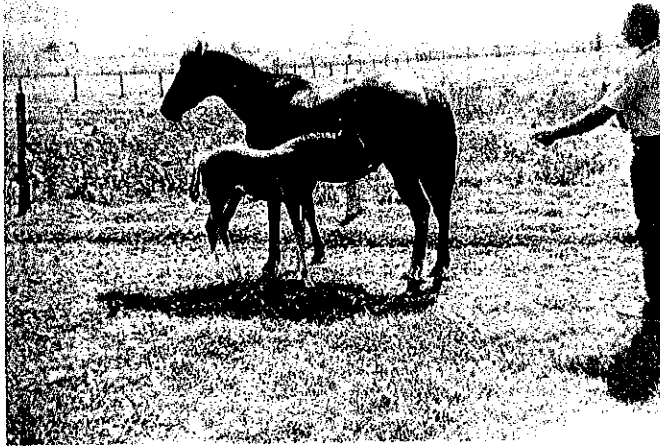
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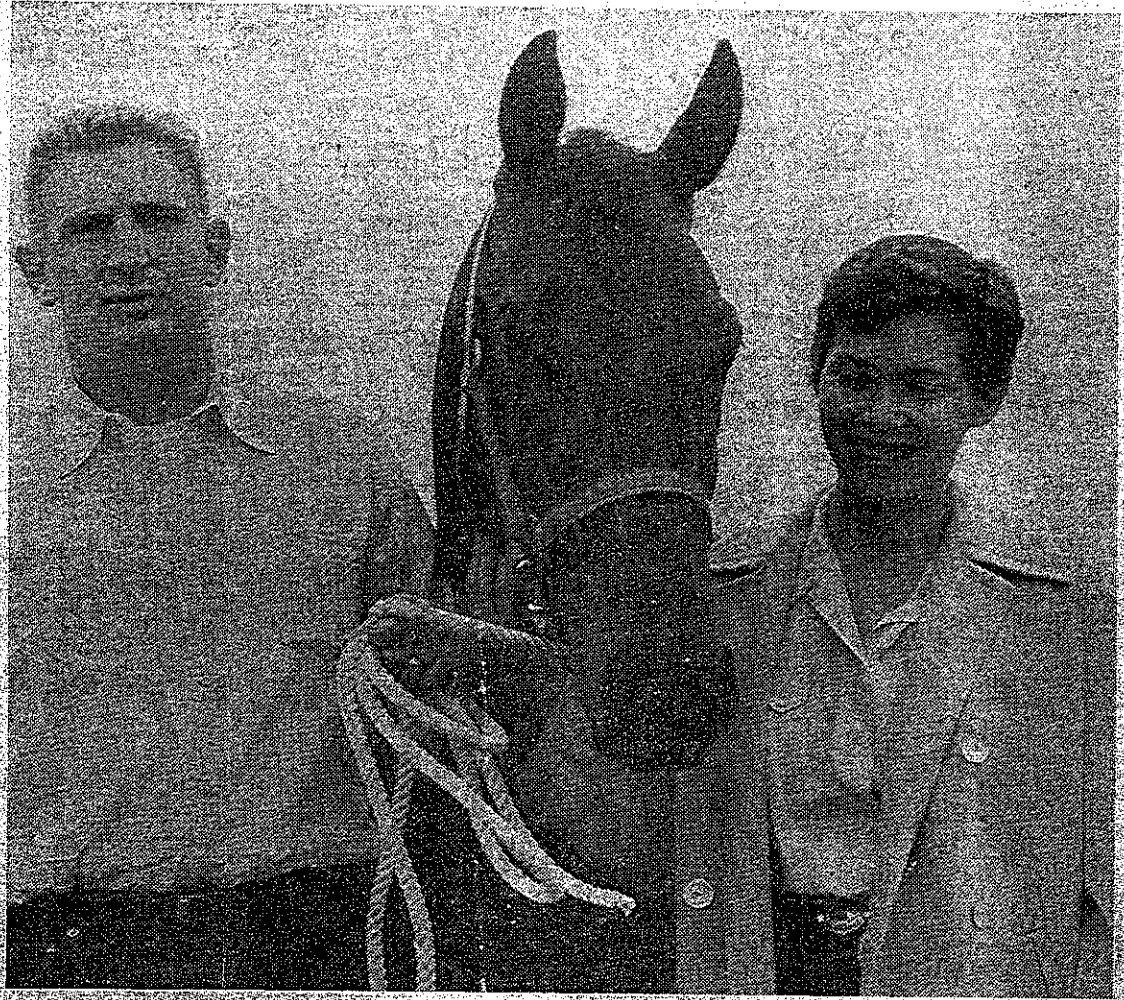
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The horse, Curly, took up the better part of that half-acre, which by 1953 was consumed by the growing city. Then the same friend came to visit. He had just met a man who had a permanently registered quarter horse mare and he'd sell her for only \$350.

That was the beginning of a whole new life. The first five years were miserable in many ways. Inexperience caused Dick to break his back before he learned to check his equipment before riding, the horses received injuries before they learned the rights and wrongs of fencing and stabling. But they stuck with it because of the pleasure received from owning and riding a good horse.



Dick and Bev. Harper, Waitsburg, are newcomers to Washington coming from Southern California. They have a diversified operation of quarter horses, Polled Herefords and wheat. Pictured with them is one of their "select six" brood mares—Mandy Tivio.

Dick Harper to head Columbia County Wheat Growers 1967

Richard L. Harper was elected president of the Columbia County Association of Wheat Growers for 1967 during the annual business meeting Thursday afternoon, November 17, held at the junior exhibit building on the Columbia county fair grounds.

Other officers named to serve with Harper during the coming year are: Bob Patton, first vice president; Clark James, second vice president; Lester Eaton, Jr., secretary; treasurer, Darin Heady, John Ingram and Jack Bramhall, trustees; Bob Patton, state board member, and Lee Mantz, Jr., alternate board member.

A total of eight resolutions were adopted by the Association during the afternoon business session attended by 23 members. Charles Thronson was chairman of the resolution committee with Dick Juris presenting the afternoon report.

The resolutions adopted by the group were:

(1) In the best interests of the organization, it should not put itself in the position of backing any candidate for paid political office, either directly or indirectly. (2) In the best interests of this organization, we should encourage associate members to attend our meetings to get their ideas and backing on our legislative problems.

(3) The Columbia County Association of Wheat Growers urge the sponsorship of legislation changing the sales tax application to the cost difference when a farm machinery or automobile sale is made involving a trade-in.

(4) Be it resolved that the 25 per cent surcharge proposed on wheat research projects at WSU and other experimental stations is unreasonable and should not be applied to wheat research.

(5) Be it resolved that the Washington Association of Wheat Growers work for a fair and equitable position for growers, the grain trade and in a position for the best national interests to establish reserve stocks of wheat.

(6) Be it resolved that this Association supports local election of the office of county assessor. (7) Be it resolved, this Association stands firmly behind the law enforcement officers, the various Sportsmen Councils and Damage Control Associations in their efforts to apprehend and prosecute anyone who undertakes to compromise the rights of the landholder.

(8) Be it resolved that this Association supports an amendment to the constitution to effect 2 per cent of true and fair value in preference to the 50 per cent stipulation.

Other reports presented during the business meeting related to activities of the Association in the past year.

Joe McCown, public relations committee, reported the business farmer luncheon was a success. Gene Robinson, national legislation chairman, related work on the Anfusio amendment and the change of proven yield subsidy program.

Bob Patton, membership chairman, reported paid membership of 89 at the present time and urged all to submit their 1967 dues.

Serving as the nominating committee for the annual business meeting were Darin Heady, Merwin Neace and Donald "Gus" Harris who presented the report.

Committee assignments announced for the coming year are as follows: Beverly Harper, domestic utilization; Dave McConnell, education; information; David Archer, feed utilization; Roy Eslick, marketing; Dick Jones, membership; Merl Ingram, production research; Ragg, transportation; John Charles Thronson, national legislation; Vernon Maril, soil and water research; Bill Lyman, Washington crop improvement and Pacific N.W. Crop Improvement.

Guests attending both the business meeting and evening banquet included State representative Gene Francis, Cliff Tolson, chairman of the Washington Wheat Commission, Mrs. Evelyn Vaughn, farm economist for the Wheat Commission, and Wayne Gentry, executive secretary.

The evening banquet with Dave McConnell as master of ceremonies, was held at Bernard's 410 Restaurant. A pre-banquet social hour was sponsored by Frontier Machinery.

Guest speaker for the evening was James Cresswell from Vancouver with the marketing division of the National Bank of Commerce.

He left the audience with the thought that they, as producers should be more aware of marketing rather than concerning themselves only with production.

Cresswell talked about the cost of marketing through the board of trade in Portland, the cost of union increases and the interest rate effect. He said union wages will increase \$1 per hour the next three years and that interest rates have climbed from 4.5 to 6 per cent.

Ninety-two members and guests were present for the evening banquet.



New officers of the Columbia County Wheat Growers are: Board Member, Roy Eslick; First Vice President, Charles Thronsen; President, Richard K. Harper; Second

Vice President, Jim Turner, and Secretary-Treasurer, Lester Eaton, Jr. (Dayton Chronicle Photo)

- Thursday, July 6, 1967

win July 4 game 15-5: group may turn pro



This team of Waitsburg Lions now holds a winning streak of 1 game over the Prescott Lions by virtue of a July 4 win by a 15-5 edge. Team members are, (back row), left to right, Jack McCaw, Wallace Win-

nett, Kenneth Jantz, Richard Harper, Kermit Jones. Front row, (left to right), Robert Danforth, Ervin Ely, Howard Smith, Cecil Webber and John Wood.

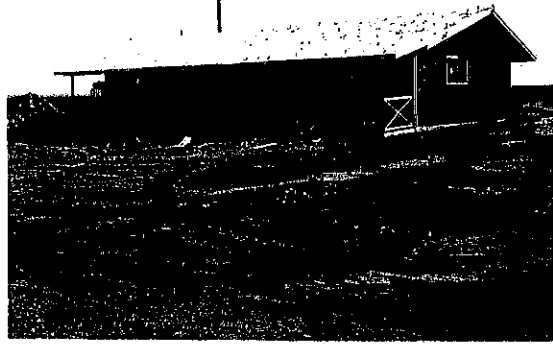
—Times Photo



Work Continues Despite Weather

Despite severe winter weather, crews plan to finish the pipeline to carry irrigation water from the Snake River to K2H farm-land on Eureka Flats for the coming growing season. The pipeline will carry water six miles.

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The Silver Spur cafe will provide a stopping-off place between Pasco and Waitsburg on the long stretch of highway between Burbank and Prescott. To be in

operation by June, the cafe is being built by Dick Harper of Waitsburg and will be managed by Ruth Sprankel. —Times Photo

Eureka Flats Irrigation Dist. given O.K. by 62-4 majority

The Eureka Flats Irrigation District came into being last week by an overwhelming 62-4 vote by eligible landowners. Absentee ballots were counted last Thursday morning, and eight contested votes were disqualified. One ballot is still in question, but it cannot affect the outcome of the election.

District directors and the number of votes received are: Richard M. Blacklaw, Eureka, 42; W. L. Hector, Eureka, 39; Ernest G. Gluck, Touchet, 33;

Allen DeShazer, 22; Orlan 20; and Ernest W. McCall, Eureka, 7.

Proof of land ownership is required to be qualified to vote.

The other seven individuals who filed for the directorship and their final totals are as

follows: J. W. Cass, 20; J. H. 23; Raymond Pleasant, 23; J. Omer, 11; J. E. A. 11; J. B. 11; J. B. 11; Richard, Greenville, 10; 19; Richard, 15; and Terry, 15; Walter, 15; and 15.

Water Goes on Land in April

EUREKA — Many of the windmills that spear the skyline in this dry wheat land will cease turning early this spring when miles of buried steel pipe will bring water six miles from the Snake River to irrigate the land of the K-2-H Corp.

Along with the windmills will go the one-crop farming that has characterized this area to be replaced by diversified production that will include sugar beets, potatoes, peas, wheat, sweet corn and alfalfa.

The gigantic irrigation project that will bring this about is well under construction, and managers of the project are confident they will "be ready to pump water when the growing season begins early in April."

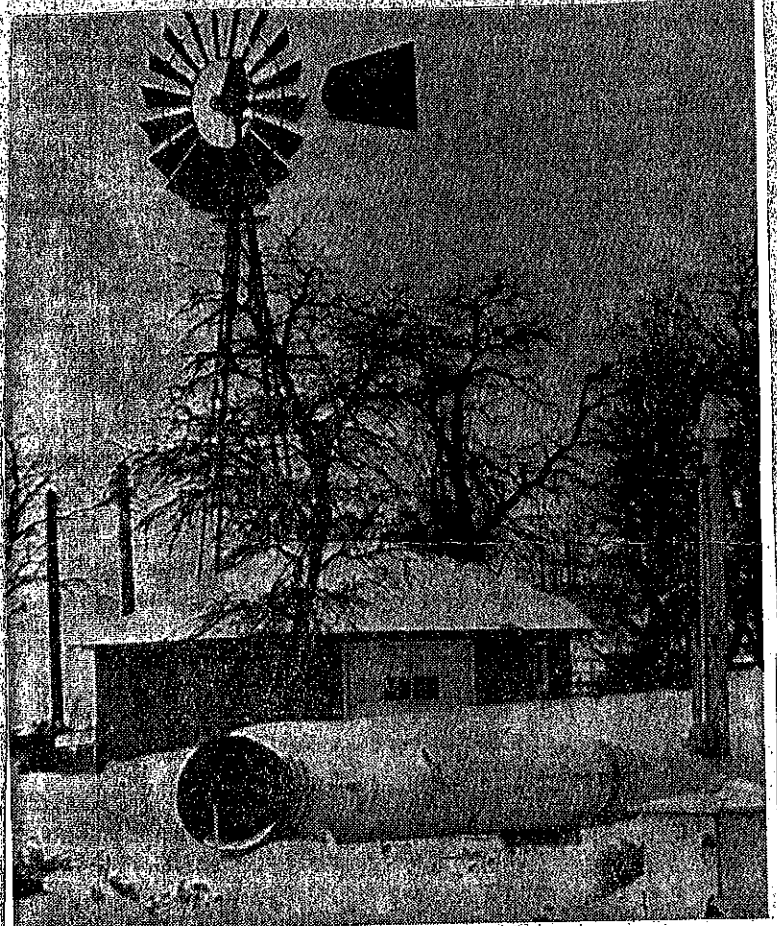
The developers are a corporation consisting of seven farmers who own the land and the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company.

They formed what is called the K-2-H Corporation, an abbreviation of the three principal landowners in the 7,000-acre development. They are Kenneth B. Kinman, Richard K. Harper and William Leland Hector.

Water from River

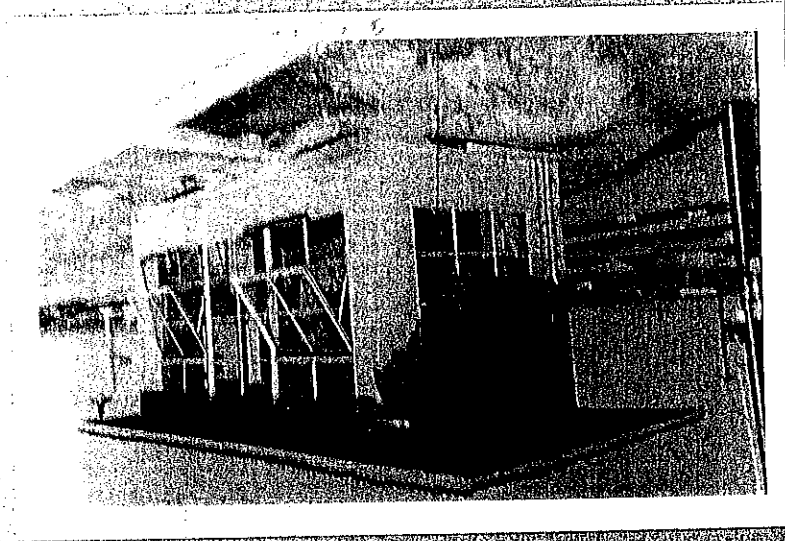
Water will be taken from the Snake River at Fishhook Park near the Ice Harbor Dam through a 54-inch pipe to the first pumping station, which is powered by five motors of 1,000 horsepower each and two mo-

tors of 500 horsepower each. There the line will split into two 40-inch lines that will carry the water two miles where the line goes through another pumping station and then into a four-mile single 40-inch line. From this, 22-inch sub-mains will take off $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to feed 18", 14" and 12" distribution lines to the sprinklers.



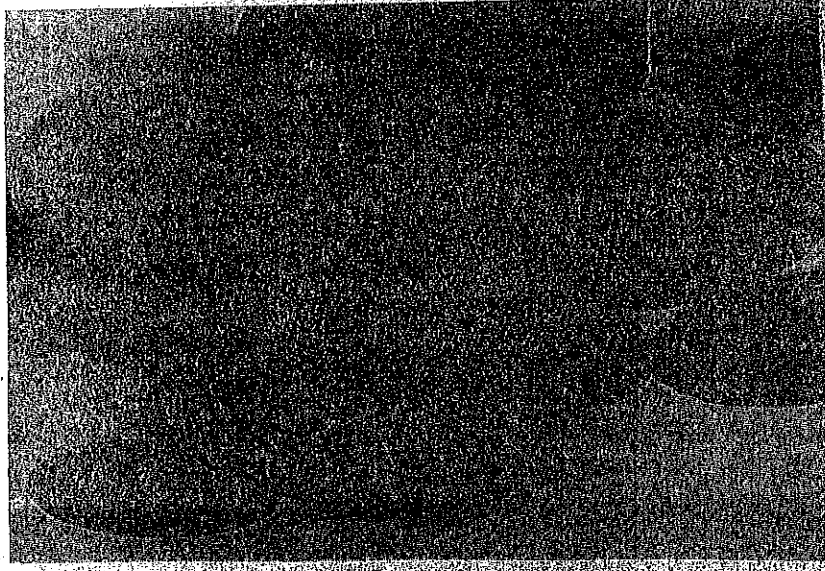
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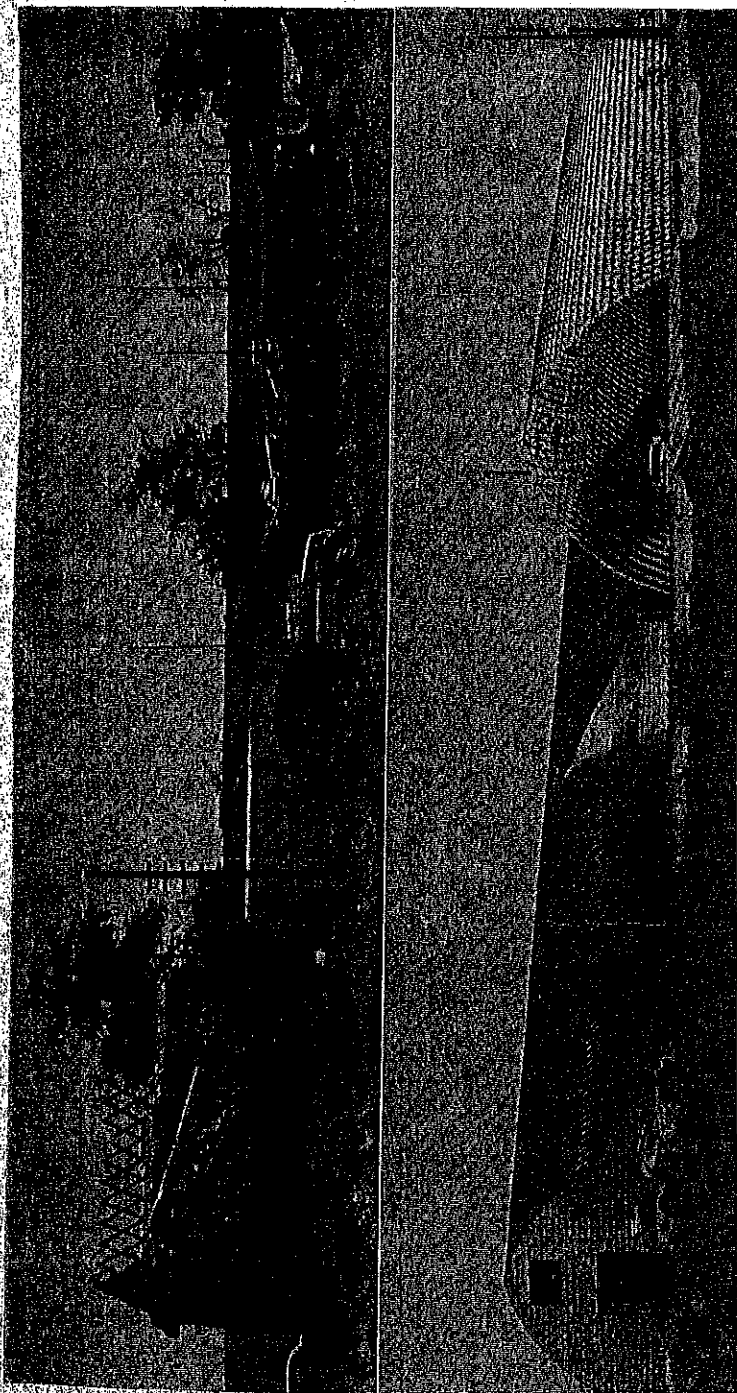
Windmills that dot the skyline around Eureka, will be a thing of the past when a new irrigation pipeline system of K2H Corporation is put into operation.



the area are sugar beets for the U & I Sugar Company. The portions of unwatered area show up a light color on the picture. Each circle covers approximately 100 acres of land.

... Guess again. ... development at ... circles as ... of Charles ... that ... about a fixed point. Growing in





The old is contrasted with the new at Eureka where Bill Rose, Waitsburg contractor, is constructing potato storage sheds for K2H farms. Above, a new mobile home nestles in the shadow of a partially deconstructed building, while below, the framework of a new building provides a different texture to the camera than does the long building on the left which has been finished and covered. Foundation for three of the sheds has been poured on the site.



A. P. Liashko, center, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, presented Mrs. Bev Harper, with a Russian doll during a visit to the K2H Farm Sunday. Harper, right, manages the farm.

Farm stories not true, says Russian

By BOYD VANDER HOUWEN
Herald Farm Writer

Stories of production problems on state-owned collective farms in the Soviet Union were termed "disinformation" Sunday by a Russian government official.

A. P. Liashko, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, said production methods and yields are similar to those on American farms.

Asked about persistent stories from Russia that collective farm workers spend more time on their own small plots than the state farm, Liashko was emphatic.

"Those are inventions which are simply not true," he said. "I don't know where you read that, but it will not help the mutual understanding of nations."

Liashko led a delegation of eight governors from various republics and regions of

Russia on a visit to the Tri-Cities Sunday. They stopped at Ice Harbor Dam and the K2H Farm on Highway 124 and ate dinner at Fishhook State Park, 20 miles east of Pasco.

Liashko agreed to an interview through a State Department interpreter after several minutes of discussion in Russian with other members of the party.

He said the wheat crop in Russia looks good this year although fertilizer supplies are a little short.

"We have more than you do, but we could still use more," he said.

During the visit to K2H farm, the visitors were especially interested in the fertilizer program for the sugar beets, and they carefully inspected the farm equipment, climbing around and under some of the tractors.

Liashko said he hoped the Americans would continue to

"change the desert to irrigated land and feed more people."

Similar reclamation projects are underway in the southern part of the Soviet Union. The state puts in the irrigation system and the collective farm takes over operation at no cost, he said.

State Director of Agriculture Stewart Bledsoe and Rep. Max Baucus, R-Prosser, who made local arrangements, were also on the tour.

Security was tight with more than 15 law enforcement officers from Pasco, Franklin County and the State Patrol accompanying the tour bus.

At Fishhook State Park the group sat in a wooded section while a large crowd used the swimming beach nearby.

Floyd Riggs, the ranking State Department official, said they requested the tight security.

"We have to guard against demonstrations by Jewish groups protesting Russian immigration policies," he said.

He said the Russian group, which included reporters from Soviet news service Tass and newspaper Izvestia, were leaving for San Francisco today. The visit was a followup to a Russian one by eight U.S. governors in 1971. There were no problems during the Washington stops which included a visit to Expo '74, Riggs said.





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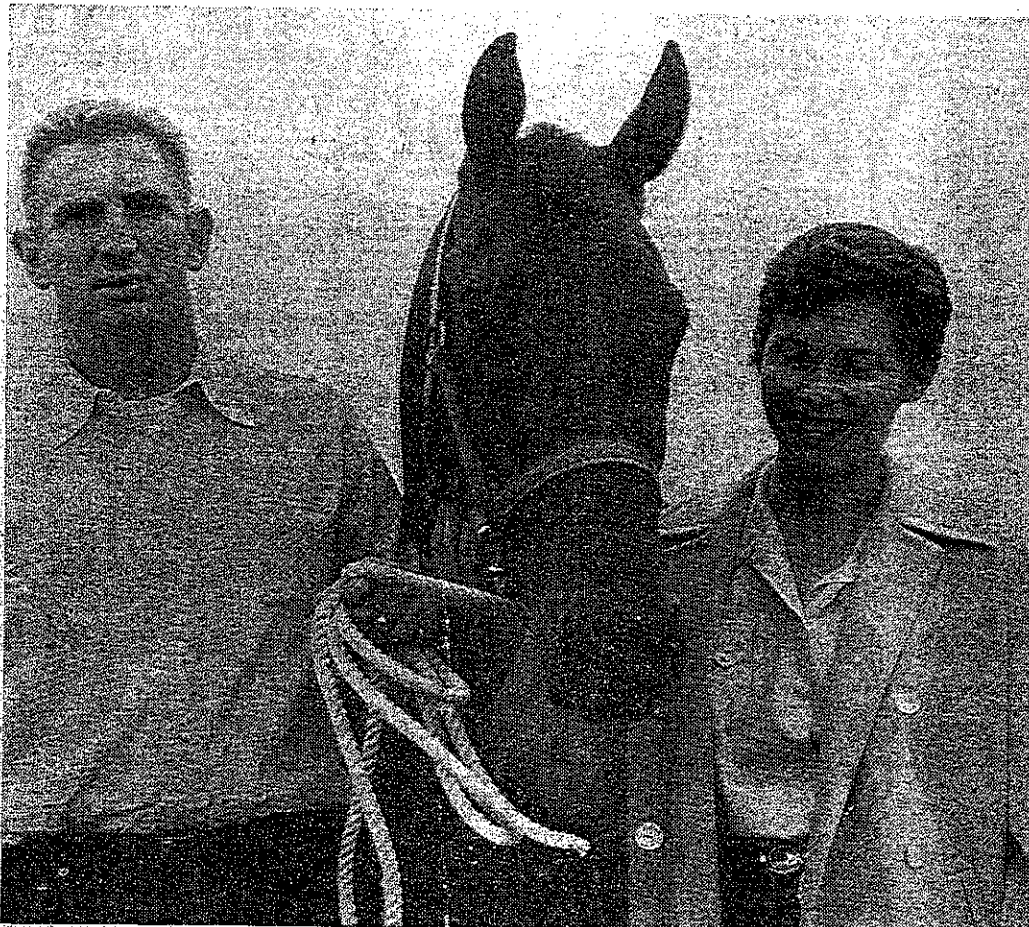
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The horse, Oruly, took up the better part of that half-acre, which by now was consumed by the growing city. Then the same friend came to visit. He had just met a man who had a permanently registered quarter horse mare and he'd sell her for only \$350.

That was the beginning of a whole new life. In just five years, they were miserable in many ways. Inexperience caused Dick to break his back before he learned to check his equipment before riding. The horses received injuries before they learned the rights and wrongs of fencing and stabling. But they stuck with it because of the pleasure received from own-



Dick and Bev. Harper, Waitsburg, are newcomers to Wash- operation of quarter horses, Polled Herefords and wheat. Pictured

Dick Harper to head Columbia County Wheat Growers 1967

Richard K. Harper was elected president of the Columbia County Association of Wheat Growers for 1967 during the annual business meeting Thursday afternoon, November 17, held at the junior exhibit building on the Columbia county fair grounds.

Other officers named to serve with Harper during the coming year are: Bob Patton, first vice president; Clark James, second vice president; Lester Eaton, Jr., secretary-treasurer; Darin Heady, John Ingram and Jack Bramhall, trustees; Bob Patton, state board member, and Lee Mantz, Jr., alternate board member.

A total of eight resolutions were adopted by the Association during the afternoon business session attended by 23 members. Charles Thronson was chairman of the resolution committee with Dick Juris presenting the afternoon report.

The resolutions adopted by the group were:

(1) In the best interests of the organization, it should not put itself in the position of backing any candidate for paid political office, either directly or indirectly. (2) In the best interests of this organization, we should encourage associate members to attend our meetings to get their ideas and backing on our legislative problems.

(3) The Columbia County Association of Wheat Growers urge the sponsorship of legislation changing the sales tax application to the cost difference when farm machinery or automobile sale is made involving a trade-in.

(4) Be it resolved that the 25 per cent surcharge proposed on wheat research projects at WSU and other experimental stations, is unreasonable and should not be applied to wheat research.

(5) Be it resolved that the Washington Association of Wheat Growers work for a fair and equitable position for growers, the grain trade and in a position for the best national interests to establish reserve stocks of wheat.

(6) Be it resolved that this Association supports local election of the office of county assessor. (7) Be it resolved this Association stands firmly behind the law enforcement officers, the various Sportsmen Councils and Damage Control Associations in their efforts to apprehend and prosecute anyone who undertakes to compromise the rights of the landholder.

(8) Be it resolved that this Association supports an amendment to the constitution to affect 2 per cent of true and fair value in preference to the 50 per cent stipulation.

Other reports presented during the business meeting related to activities of the Association in the past year.

Joe McCown, public relations committee, reported the business-farmer luncheon was a success. Gene Robinson, national legislation chairman, related work on the Antise amendment and the change of proven yield subsidy program.

Bob Patton, membership chairman, reported paid membership of 89 at the present time and urged all to submit their 1967 dues.

Serving as the nominating committee for the annual business meeting were Darin Heady, Merwin Neace and Donald "Gus" Harris who presented the report.

Committee assignments announced for the coming year are as follows: Beverly Harper, domestic utilization; Dave McConnell, education-information; David Archer, feed utilization; Roy Eslick, marketing; Dick Jones, membership; Mer Ingram, production research; Rogg, transportation; John Charles Thronson, national legislation; Vernon Marll, soil and water research; Bill Lyman, Washington crop improvement and Pacific Northwest improvement.

Guest speaker during the business meeting and evening banquet at the Columbia County Hotel was James Cresswell, executive director of the National Bank of Commerce.

The evening banquet, with Dave McConnell as master of ceremonies, was held at Bernard's 410 Restaurant. A pre-banquet social hour was sponsored by Frontier Machinery.

Guest speaker for the evening was James Cresswell from Vancouver with the marketing division of the National Bank of Commerce.

He left the audience with the thought that they, as producers should be more aware of marketing rather than concerning themselves only with production.

Cresswell talked about the cost of marketing through the board of trade in Portland, the cost of union increases and the interest rate effect. He said union wages will increase \$1 per hour the next three years and that interest rates have climbed from 4.5 to 6 per cent.

Ninety-two members and guests were present for the evening banquet.



New officers of the Columbia County Wheat Growers are: Board Member, Roy Eslick; First Vice President, Charles Thronsen; President, Richard K. Harper; Second Vice President, Jim Turner, and Secretary-Treasurer, Lester Eaton, Jr. (Dayton Chronicle Photo)

- Thursday, July 6, 1967

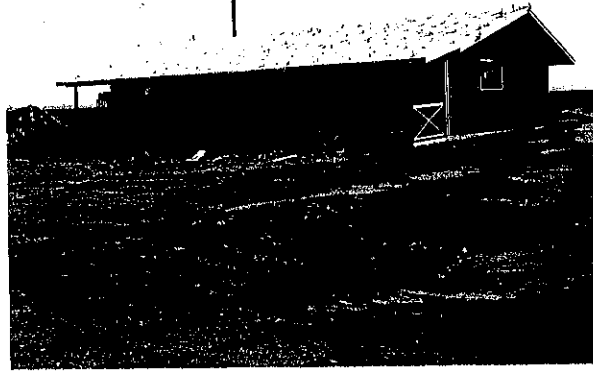
win July 4 game 15-5: group may turn pro



This team of Waitzburg Lions now holds a winning streak of 1 game over the Prescott Lions by virtue of a July 4 win by a 15-5 edge. Team members are: (back row), left to right, Jack McCaw, Wallace Win-

nett, Kenneth Jantz, Richard Harper, Kermit Jones. Front row, (left to right), Robert Danforth, Ervin Ely, Howard Smith, Cecil Webber and John Wood.

—Times Photo



The Silver Spur cafe will provide a stopping-off place between Pasco and Wausburg on the long stretch of highway between Burbank and Prescott. To be in

operation by June 1, the cafe is being built by Dick Harper of Wausburg and will be managed by Ruth Sprankel.

—Times Photo

Eureka Flats Irrigation Dist. given O.K. by 62-4 majority

The Eureka Flats Irrigation came into being this week by an overwhelming 62-4 vote by eligible landowners. Absentee ballots were counted last Thursday morning, and eight contested votes were disqualified. One ballot is still in question, but it cannot affect the outcome of the election.

District directors and the number of votes received are: Richard M. Blacklaw, Eureka, 42; W. L. Hector, Eureka, 39; Ernest G. Gluck, Touchet, 33;

Allen D. Stutts, Prescott, 28; and Ernest A. Corwell, Eureka, 28.

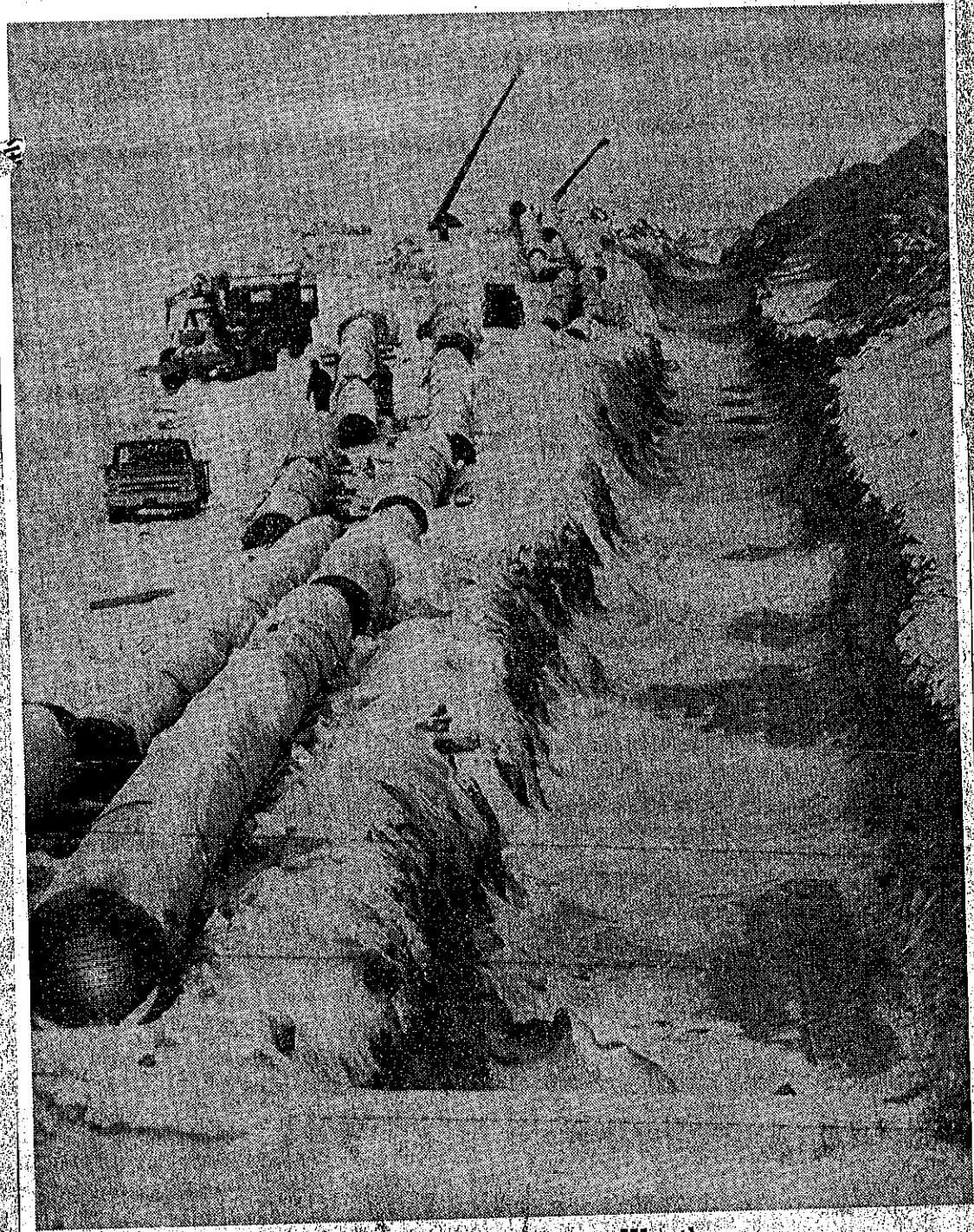
Proof of land ownership is required to be qualified to vote.

The other seven individuals who filed for the directorship and their final totals are as

follows: Alvin Cass, Prescott, 18; Raymond Black, Burbank, 23; Omer L. Ram, Walla Walla, 22; R. S. Barkman, Eureka, 19; Richard Greenville, Prescott, 10; Richard K. Harper, Wausburg, 15; and Perry Loneker, Walla Walla, 14.

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Work Continues Despite Weather

Despite severe winter weather, crews plan to finish the pipeline to carry irrigation water from the Snake River to K2H farm land on Eureka Flats for the coming growing season. The pipeline will carry water six miles.

Water Goes on Land in April

EUREKA — Many of the windmills that spear the skyline in this dry wheat land will cease turning early this spring when miles of buried steel pipe will bring water six miles from the Snake River to irrigate the land of the K-2-H Corp.

Along with the windmills will go the one-crop farming that has characterized this area to be replaced by diversified production that will include sugar beets, potatoes, peas, wheat, sweet corn and alfalfa.

The gigantic irrigation project that will bring this about is well under construction, and managers of the project are confident they will "be ready to pump water when the growing season begins early in April."

The developers are a corporation consisting of seven farmers who own the land and the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company.

They formed what is called the K-2-H Corporation, an abbreviation of the three principal landowners in the 7,000-acre development. They are Kenneth B. Kinman, Richard K. Harper and William Leland Hector.

Water from River

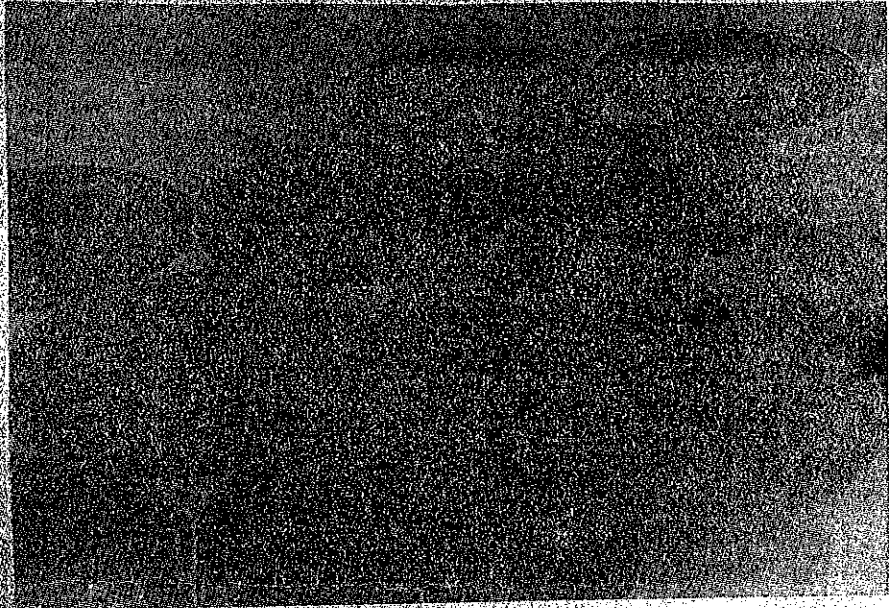
Water will be taken from the Snake River at Fishhook Park near the Ice Harbor Dam through a 64-inch pipe to the first pumping station, which is powered by five motors of 1,000 horsepower each and two mo-

tors of 500 horsepower each. There the line will split into two 40-inch lines that will carry the water two miles where the line goes through another pumping station and then into a four-mile single 40-inch line. From this, 22-inch sub-mains will take off ½ mile to feed 18", 14" and 12" distribution lines to the sprinklers.



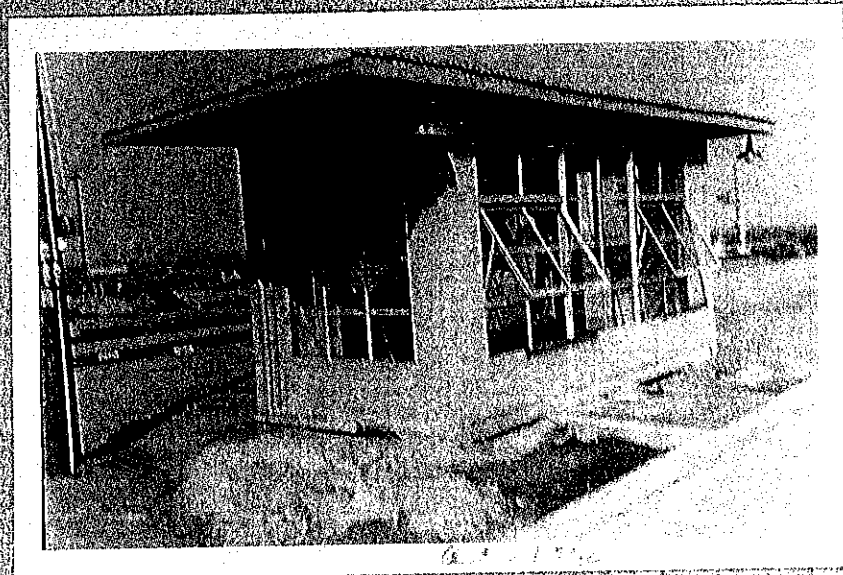
End of An Era

Windmills that dot the skyline around Eureka, will be a thing of the past when a new irrigation pipeline system of K2H Corporation is put into operation.



Lily Pads? Flying Saucers? Guess again. This is the new irrigation development at Eureka Flats. Each one of these circles (as seen from the air by the lens of Charles Baker) is irrigated by a large sprinkler that rotates about a fixed point. Growing in

the area are sugar beets for the U & I Sugar Company. The portions of unwatered area show up a light color on the picture. Each circle covers approximately 100 acres of land.





The old is contrasted with the new at Eureka where Bill Rose, Waitsburg contractor, is constructing potato storage sheds for K2H farms. Above, a new mobile home nestles in the shadow of a partially deconstructed building, while below, the framework of a new building provides a different texture to the camera than does the long building on the left which has been finished and covered. Foundation for three of the sheds has been poured on the site.



A. P. Liashko, center, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, presented Mrs. Bev Harper, with a Russian doll during a visit to the K2H Farm Sunday. Harper, right, manages the farm.

Farm stories not true, says Russian

By BOYD VANDER HOUWEN
Herald Farm Writer

Stories of production problems on state-owned collective farms in the Soviet Union were termed "disinformation" Sunday by a Russian government official.

A. P. Liashko, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, said production methods and yields are similar to those on American farms.

Asked about persistent stories from Russia that collective farm workers spend more time on their own small plots than the state farm, Liashko was emphatic.

"Those are inventions which are simply not true," he said. "I don't know where you read that, but it will not help the mutual understanding of nations."

Liashko led a delegation of eight governors from various republics and regions of

Russia on a visit to the Tri-Cities Sunday. They stopped at Ice Harbor Dam and the K2H Farm on Highway 124 and ate dinner at Fishhook State Park, 20 miles east of Pasco.

Liashko agreed to an interview through a State Department interpreter after several minutes of discussion in Russian with other members of the party.

He said the wheat crop in Russia looks good this year although fertilizer supplies are a little short.

"We have more than you do, but we could still use more," he said.

During the visit to K2H farm, the visitors were especially interested in the fertilizer program for the sugar beets, and they carefully inspected the farm equipment, climbing around and under some of the tractors.

Liashko said he hoped the Americans would continue to

"change the desert to irrigated land and feed more people."

Similar reclamation projects are underway in the southern part of the Soviet Union. The state puts in the irrigation system and the collective farm takes over operation at no cost, he said.

State Director of Agriculture Stewart Bledsoe and Rep. Max Benitz, R-Prosser, who made local arrangements, were also on the tour.

Security was tight with more than 15 law enforcement officers from Pasco, Franklin County and the State Patrol accompanying the tour bus.

At Fishhook State Park the group sat in a roped-off section while a large crowd used the swimming beach nearby.

Floyd Riggs, the ranking State Department official, said they requested the tight security.

"We have to guard against demonstrations by Jewish groups protesting Russian immigration policies," he said.

He said the Russian group, which included reporters from Soviet news service Tass and newspaper Izvestia, were leaving for San Francisco today. The visit was a followup to a Russian one by eight U.S. governors in 1971. There were no problems during the Washington stops which included a visit to Expo '74, Riggs said.





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Mid Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame

The Mid Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame was formed in Year 2000 to recognize and honor distinguished individuals that have made significant contributions to the agricultural community in the Greater Franklin County region and its immediate surrounding areas; although nominees from neighboring counties of Franklin County within a 150-mile radius are often also considered for this prestigious award.

The Pasco Chamber Board has proudly created a Selection Committee comprised of quality individuals representative of our agriculture industry and has chartered them with the honorable task of reviewing all nomination submittals. To date, over 30 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Induction candidates are selected based on their outstanding performance in the agriculture industry and their bountiful support of the local and rural communities. Candidates are recognized by their peers for not only their dedication, generosity, and selflessness, but also their demonstrated achievements, noteworthy expertise, and creative innovations that often provide a legacy of impactful results and lasting benefit to the overall enhancement of the local agricultural industry and community at large. Farmers, growers, ranchers, and owners/employees of agribusiness firms are all eligible for nomination as either individuals and/or families.

The Ag Hall of Fame inductions will be presented at a special gala January 27, 2011 at the Pasco Red Lion. **Deadline for Application is November 19th 2010.**

Mid Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame Intent to Nominate

Nominee's Name Richard Harper

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Nominee's Phone 531-2875 Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____

Date of Death (if deceased) _____

Nominator's Name (Jerry Marvel) Northwest Agri Products

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NOMINATION TO THE AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME

RICHARD HARPER

By

NORTHWEST AGRI PRODUCTS

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Jerry Marvel, Michelle Stewart, Chris Huether

SUBMITTED DECEMBER, 2010

December 10, 2010

Agriculture Hall of Fame
Pasco Chamber of Commerce

Dear Nomination Committee,

We are proud to submit Richard Harper as a nomination to the Agriculture Hall of Fame. Over a lifetime he has dedicated countless hours to the Agriculture industry. With many experiences in places far and wide he has focused his contribution in Washington agriculture for over 40 years.

While his specialty emerged in the area of irrigation he has long experience in farming as well. He was a dry land wheat farmer in Waitsburg, Washington for 12 years. His family farm was one of the first to grow and harvest dry peas. Richard developed and operated one of the first irrigated corporate farms in the Pacific Northwest.

His expertise with irrigation introduced a variety of innovations to the agriculture industry. In 2000 he developed and implemented a design of small pump stations and mechanical irrigation systems for local farmers in the Columbia Basin. Richard became an expert in the field of center pivot irrigation as well as drip irrigation lines.

His professional experience included direct sales with United Agri Products of Pasco, WA. He served as President of the Columbia County Wheat Association in the 60s. He was an Agricultural Consultant for Pacific Northwest Laboratories (Battelle) in the 70s and 80s. In the late 70s he was the Assistant Director of Agriculture under Governor Dixie Lee Ray. More recently he has aligned with Columbia Basin College with classroom instruction and by serving on the Advisory Board, as well as the Agricultural Planning Board for local high schools.

Richard has always been eager to get involved and provide visionary leadership for organizations, inspiring people to work together for a brighter future. His broad experience across the spectrum of agriculture makes him an invaluable asset to the agricultural community. As an innovative professional many organizations have grown stronger and more active by Richard's presence.

The information attached is our attempt to show you why we are so convinced that Richard needs to be named to the Agriculture Hall of Fame. Please give every consideration to our heartfelt recommendation.

Sincerely,

Northwest Agri Products

David W. Bergevin
Jerry Marvel

Terry Fleischman
Michelle Stewart

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1. State why you believe the nominee should be recognized.

With over forty-two years experience in the agriculture industry Richard Harper is an icon. His unique forte is excelling in the design and distribution of irrigation equipment and systems, which includes center pivot sales, linear/lateral move, and drip irrigation lines. He is widely regarded as an expert in the field of center pivot design. To compliment these systems, he has innovatively marketed and promoted soil amendment and line cleaner products. Richard is a hands-on, innovative professional who possesses strong leadership and interpersonal skills. His broad-based experience across a variety of agricultural specialties makes him an invaluable asset to the agricultural community.

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2. Describe the innovations and areas of leadership or improved management practices that qualifies this nominee.

- Richard served as the assistant Director of Agriculture for the state of Washington under Governor Dixie Lee Ray
- Developed marketing platform for the use of soil amendment and line cleaner products to promote good environmental practices for large corporate tree farm.
- In early 2000, developed and implemented a market/design of small pump stations and mechanical irrigation systems for various local farms
- Developed sales program for cleaning drip irrigation lines
- Richard has served in classroom instruction and on the Advisory Board of Columbia Basin College
- Led the sales, operation, production, and management in the mining operation for Silica Sand in Oceanside, CA.
- Owned and operated a retail swimming pool and spa business. Received National Award for volume sales in 1986.
- Owned and operated restaurant - Silver Spur Cafe, Eureka, Washington

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- Served on Columbia County Wheat Association President for 3 years 1966-1969
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5. Nominees will be expected to have had a personal reference in the geographic area served by the Agriculture Hall of Fame. Briefly describe the nominee's community service and charitable activities.

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Agriculture Hall of Fame

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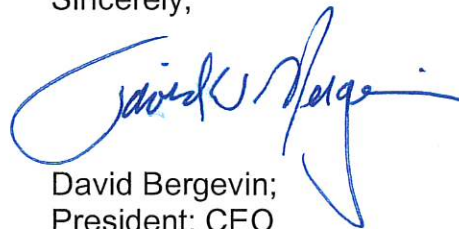
RE: Nomination of **Richard Harper** for the **Agricultural Hall of Fame**

Representing the collective support of Northwest Agricultural Products, Inc., we the undersigned nominate Richard Harper as candidate for the 2010 Agriculture Hall of Fame.

As indicated by the attachments detailing his accomplishments and qualifications we believe Richard Harper embodies the personal and professional qualities recognized by the Agriculture Hall of Fame award. The longevity of his continuous contribution to farming makes him an icon in the industry of Northwest Agriculture. His depth of understanding and broad association with so many colleagues in the Ag profession over the years has resulted in a caliber of leadership that is worthy of inclusion in the Agriculture Hall of Fame. His community involvement and service has spanned a variety of organizations dedicated to educating and promoting the development of Agriculture with innovation and diligence.

Richard Harper's commitment to Agriculture is indicated by his continued work in the industry. Even in retirement age and condition when many would call it good, Richard is still promoting products and practices for the advancement of the industry. He provides commendable service as a consultant to our company and we highly recommend you consider his hard earned accomplishments as deserving of recognition by naming him for inclusion in the 2010 Agriculture Hall of Fame.

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