

Permanent Group Organized To Handle Land Utilization Lands in Midstate Counties

Redmond, Feb. 5 — A permanent committee to advise on soil was set up Saturday by permittees of the Central Oregon Land Utilization project at their annual meeting here.

The advisory committee, elected by vote of the ranchers who run stock on the government range lands, is composed of: Jefferson county—J. S. Campbell, southwest of Madras, and John Cronin, east of Madras; Crook—K. E. Duling, east of Terrebonne; Deschutes—Priday B. Holmes, west of Terrebonne. County Agent K. W. Sawyer was selected to represent future livestock operators within the North Unit project.

Within limits of the law under which the LU lands are administered, District Conservationist A. M. Christenson of the Soil Conservation service pointed out, the group's action means that local ranchers will have a maximum voice in use and development of these grazing lands, whose government purchase dates back to the middle thirties and which have been made available to the three-county cattle and sheep men for spring and fall grazing on an expanding scale since 1937. The newly-formed advisory committee also may select others to help on special soil and water conservation and other problems.

Meeting Well Attended

Despite travel conditions resulting from last week's snow-fall, approximately 70 persons attended the meeting, including all but a few of the LU permittees. Also presented to them were some new procedures on use of the LU range. One establishes definite boundaries outside of which applications from new permittees will not be accepted. Definite priority preferences for use of LU lands, which must be applied for by January 31, 1946, also were defined, to be based on each individual's proved range use during a 1931-35 base period.

North Unit farmers and those returning from military service are given, respectively, 24 months after water delivery or release from service to apply for LU grazing permits.

Program Sketched

Opportunities for broader, beyond-project, development of soil and moisture conservation programs and practices in this area were sketched at the all-day meeting by State Conservationist Leo L. Anderson of the U. S. department of agriculture service, Corvallis. He emphasized that the lion's share of the soil conservation job must be taken over by landowners and operators themselves, and cited soil conservation districts voted in Oregon and 44 other states under state enabling acts as proved means to

Bend Sergeant Given Award At Ceremony in California

Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., Feb. 5 — S/Sgt. Thomas Dewhurst of Bend, Ore., 24-year-old rifleman who was wounded on Blak Island June 11 of last year, and is now a patient at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., was one of three men receiving the order of the purple heart in a ceremony held at the hospital Friday afternoon, Feb. 2.

Colonel W. H. Allen, MC, commanding officer of Dibble, made the presentation, newest decoration for Dewhurst, who already wears the silver star, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two battle stars, combat infantry badge, good conduct medal, and American defense ribbon.

Dewhurst, son of Mrs. Christine Dewhurst, 1905 West Fifth street, Bend, Ore., won the silver star last December for gallantry in action near Mokmer Drome, Blak, on June 11, the same day he was wounded.

According to the citation, Dewhurst led his squad as the point of an assault platoon under heavy fire against a well-trenched enemy position, a Jap emplacement so well concealed that it protected a number of men. It was also well constructed that a direct hit by mortar or artillery fire would have been necessary for its destruction.

It was impracticable, however, to use mortars, and artillery was not immediately available, the citation continued. When the enemy position was first observed, it appeared to be deserted, but Dewhurst deployed his squad to cover his advance while he reconnoitered the area, crawling through area which was provided with cover until within 12 yards of the pillbox.

When the Japs opened fire on the covering squad, according to the citation, Dewhurst moved from his protected position by short sprints to within five yards

Death on Gallows To Be Demanded Trading in Steel Reported Light

Fairmount, W. Va., Feb. 5 (AP)—Benjamin Franklin Male, 74, goes on trial for a 50-year-old murder today, gambling his life against freedom and an untroubled conscience.

District Attorney Harrison Conaway said the state would ask for a verdict of first degree murder and death on the gallows for Male, although Marion county never has hanged a man.

Male's trial was a criminal action dredged from the past, set in motion by the thin, white-thatched defendant himself. He was charged with murdering a crippled school teacher who whipped Male's son 40 years ago.

The old man crossed the country from St. Helens, Ore., to surrender to West Virginia authorities who seemed reluctant to go after him. Male was confident of acquittal. Last night, in the courthouse prison which he had helped build, he said he was "looking forward" to his day in court.

To Plead Innocent He said he would plead innocent. He expected his son, Cecil, 49, to arrive from Oregon to testify in his defense. Cecil was nine years old when schoolmaster Walter O. Smith whipped him. Smith became enraged when Male criticized him for whipping Cecil.

Conaway said he would introduce two eye-witnesses and six other witnesses, including Mrs. Almada Sargent and Mrs. Aila Anderson, sisters of the slain school teacher.

Male will testify in his own defense, counseled by court-appointed attorneys L. E. Johnson and J. Worley Powell.

The state will attempt to prove that Male, angered by chastisement of his son, went to Houli, W. Va., near here, argued hotly with Smith, then struck him with a grubbing hoe.

Conaway said Male was imprisoned without special privileges and denied bail. His arrest came after his ailing wife told Oregon authorities he was wanted for murder.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—Livestock. Cattle 1800, calves 150. Steady. Good fed steers \$15.75-16; load good to choice 1075 lbs., \$16.50; common to medium steers \$11-14.00; good fed heifers, \$14.50-15; common to medium grades \$9.50-13.50; good beef cows \$12.25-12.50; canners-cutters, \$6.50-8.50; medium to good bulls, \$10-12.00; good to choice vealers \$13.50-15; hogs salable 900, total \$16.50; market active, steady, with light lights 25 cents higher, good to choice 170-270 lbs., \$15.75; heavier and lighter weights, \$14.50-15; good sows \$13.75-14.00; good to choice feeder pigs, \$15.25-15.50. Sheep, salable 500, fully steady, good to choice trucked in lambs \$14.50-15; No. 1 pelt lambs \$14.00; yearling \$10-12; medium to good ewes \$5-7.00.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—Butter and egg prices were unchanged today.

Butter—cube 93 score 42½c; 92 score 42½c; 90 score 42c; 89 score 41½c pound.

Eggs—price to retailers: AA large 48c; A large 46c; medium A 43c; small, 39c dozen.

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SMOCKS ARE MOVED

About 75 smocks and house dresses, belonging to women who made surgical dressings for the Red Cross, have been removed from the Deschutes county courthouse to the Red Cross offices in the Bank of Bend building. Owners may call for them there through Saturday, Feb. 10. Unclaimed garments will be given to the Russian relief clothing drive on Monday, Feb. 12. Mrs. A. E. Stevens, production chairman, stated today.

Tribute to Hosch Paid By Clubmen

Tribute to Dr. J. F. Hosch as "a conscientious physician, a champion of the downtrodden and an outstanding humanitarian" was paid this noon by Rev. R. H. Prentice, Kiwanis club luncheon speaker at the Pine Tavern. Dr. and Mrs. Hosch, who are leaving to make their home on their Seio ranch, were guests of the club. W. J. Baer was program chairman.

Dr. Hosch's long career in Central Oregon was outlined by the speaker and gifts were presented to each of the guests by Dr. Grant Skinner, president of the club. In a brief response, Dr. Hosch spoke feelingly of Bend as a community unusually fortunate in its setting and in the quality of its institutions, its industries and its people.

Since spending recent weeks on the west side of the Cascade mountains, he added, he was ready to say that the local power company, with which he had had "some differences" in the past, "is o.k."

A quick discussion of radar, with special reference to the need for navy recruits who are to be trained as experts, was given by Ed Fitzgerald, specialist 1/e, in charge of navy recruiting in Bend.

Recruiter Speaker As to radar's importance, Fitzgerald said: "We would almost as soon that a ship should go to sea without guns as without radar." Other nations, he mentioned, have it also, "but ours is the best."

When the war is over, he added, civilian industry will have an immediate place for 100,000 men who have had this navy training.

Perfect attendance awards, it was announced, were earned by Bend Kiwanians as follows: ten years, Clyde M. McKay; two years, J. Alton Thompson, Ralph W. Crawford, Craig Coyner; one year, C. L. Allen, J. F. Burpee, H. A. Christensen, Don O. Conner, LeRoy Fox, Howard W. George, A. J. Glassow, Otis S. Lammers, C. G. Reiter, W. H. Myers, Dr. Grant Skinner and Henry N. Fowler.

War Briefs - - -

Eastern Front — Red army storms Oder river along 100-mile front; Germans report Russian columns 32 miles northeast of Berlin.

Western Front — Powerful Allied forces reported moving up for offensive in coordination with Russian drive on Berlin.

Pacific — American forces seize north half of Manila freeing 3,700 imprisoned American and Allied civilians.

Italy — Fifth army reoccupies Galliciano in west coast sector.

ADM. ADMIRAL—HE HOPES

Fort Lewis, Wash. (AP)—Secretary Forrestal doesn't know it yet, but the navy has a new Admiral. Officials at the Fort Lewis induction center recently signed Arthur Admiral, Mount Vernon, Wash., into the navy, after he explained, "I want to be sure to live up to my name."

ten of Traffic Patrol R. L. Bouwman, who sped after Hobson as the cab driver sped after the fleeing motorist.

The double chase ended four blocks away, where Hobson pointed out the driver to the officer. Victor A. Lincoln was arrested. Hupp was dead upon arrival at a hospital.

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ONE JOB FOR BONDS
Fort Wayne, Ind. (AP)—Carrying the mail and arriving at the Wayne Pump Co. in time for the 3-11 shift, are just considered all in a day's work by Mrs. Audrey L. Motz. Mrs. Motz began her postal duties during the Christmas rush and like it so well she decided to stick. She is putting her mail carrier's salary into war bonds for a postwar home.

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