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WHEAT CONFERENCE GRINDS OUT VIEWS

Eastern Oregon Farmers Outline Tax and Other Programs at Moro.

OPPOSE MORE BONDS

Relief for Property Tax Burden, Obtaining Financial Relief Are Among Main Considerations.

Eastern Oregon wheatgrowers through the Eastern Oregon Wheat league have again expressed themselves on many matters affecting all phases of their industry. Their recommendations, emanating from the annual conference which closed its sessions at Moro Saturday afternoon, have been heralded by the daily press in more or less praiseworthy terms, thus indicating the significance of their proposals.

Presided over by Frank Emerson of The Dalles, the sessions were marked by conscientious determination and hard work on the part of the majority of the more than 400 registered attendants. A continued faith in the organization was indicated by the large attendance and unabated interest as the league named its officers for a new year at the closing session. They are J. B. Adams, Moro, president; Mac Hoke, Pendleton, vice-president, and C. W. Smith, Heppner, secretary.

Speakers Give Facts.

Seeking first hand information so far as possible, which has been held to be a greater part of the secret of its success, the league was favored with addresses by authoritative speakers in the different fields again this year. Hence, it was an information supplied first hand by such men as E. M. Ehrhardt, president of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, in the field of finance, that the league found the basis for recommendations. Speakers in other fields were men in a position to know the facts. Expert assistance was lent by the faculty of the state college, giving the farmers an accurate foundation on which to base their deductions.

Moro, where the league had its inception in 1925, was a gracious and considerate host, appreciation of which was expressed in the league's resolutions. And while a seriousness of purpose pervaded the discussions at all times, the human element was oft expressed, being climaxed in the annual banquet Friday evening. O. M. Plummer, Portland, president of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, was toastmaster for the banquet pronounced by many to be the best occasion of its kind in the league's history.

Morrow People Attend.

It was estimated that 40 Morrow county folks attended sessions of the conference, among them were noted: C. W. Smith, Glen Jones, C. B. Cox, C. J. Baumgartner, R. C. Wightman, R. A. Thompson, Stephen Thomson, Luke Bibby and Jasper Crawford of Heppner; Emil Carlson, Henry Smouse, Carl Peterson, Henry Baker, J. O. Kincaid and A. A. McCabe of Ione; Burton H. Peck, Harvey Miller and Orville Cutsforth of Lexington.

The league's recommendations were ground out by four major committees, headed respectively by J. B. Adams, Moro, taxation and legislation; L. J. Kelly, The Dalles, transportation; H. D. Proudfoot, Wasco, wheat production, handling, warehousing, etc.; Chas. Harth, The Dalles, marketing and finance. Their findings were given endorsement by the league.

Based on a realization of the break-down of the system of property taxation, the taxation committee saw but two ways of lowering the tax burden on real estate: thru retrenchment in government expenditures and through broadening the tax base.

Tax Recommendations Made.

This committee recognized that local government expenditures have been curtailed around 50 percent in Columbia basin counties, and that further retrenchment does not seem practicable. The county unit school plan was endorsed as a retrenchment measure, because "it saves tax money; more value is secured for what money is spent; it equalizes taxes over the county; it gives better training." Other retrenchment measures were suggested by cutting operating costs in state departments that have not already been cut, which the committee believed would be facilitated by ceasing to make the state a preferred creditor for the monies; by further consolidation of school districts and voting precincts where possible; by taxing all publicly-owned utilities the same as privately-owned utilities.

Possibilities of reducing property taxes by drawing from other sources were recommended, namely: by lowering exemptions on the income tax so that all persons with an income of \$500 or over would be subject to tax; by adopting a one percent sales tax to be remitted to the counties; by the state for support of schools; by taxing liquor to the extent consistent with driving out the bootlegger; by levying a 4 percent tax on amusements as proposed by

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By MARGARET BLAKE

Who is Topsy? Your reporter has done considerable sleuthing this week but so far all clues have proved to be false. However, we were assured that the mystery would be solved at the school gym Friday evening when the grade school will stage a play entitled "Down in Mammy's Shack." It will be on the order of a negro minstrel with dialogue, singing and dancing and the enthusiasm which the youngsters are putting into preparation for it bespeaks a show well worth seeing. A carnival will follow the program with a fish pond and all the usual concessions. The proceeds will be used to help meet the expense of serving hot lunches to all grade school children during the winter months. No charge will be made for children but all adults will be asked to cross the palm of the door keeper with twenty-five cents to be accorded the privilege of seeing the show.

Mrs. W. P. Prophet and Mrs. Wm. Whitson and sons left on Sunday by motor for Yachats, Ore., where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Prophet's sister, Mrs. John Grimes. They were accompanied by Mrs. Carl Leathers and daughter Jean of Hardman. Mrs. Leathers is the daughter of Mrs. Grimes. It is hoped that the change in climate will be beneficial to Mrs. Prophet who has not been well since she was stricken with a heart attack last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rowell are the proud papa of a son, Edward, born on Thanksgiving day at their home on Main street.

Mrs. Victor Peterson of Heppner was a visitor in our town on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grabbil accompanied by Louis Bergevin drove to Pendleton Sunday for repairs for the lighting system of Mr. Bergevin's tractor.

S. K. Martin of Spokane is auditing the books of the Morrow County Grain Growers at J. E. Swanson's office.

H. D. McCurdy spent several days of last week in Gilliam county on business connected with his work as appraiser for the Federal Land Bank of Spokane.

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 7, in the church parlors the Ladies Aid and Missionary society of the Congregational church held their annual election of officers. For the Ladies Aid the following were elected: Mrs. Mary Swanson, president; Mrs. Olena Keller, vice-president; Mrs. Harvey Ring, secretary, and Mrs. Jennie McMurray, treasurer. The officers for the Missionary society are: Mrs. Olena Keller, president; Mrs. Jennie McMurray, vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Troedson, secretary-treasurer. At this meeting Mrs. Jennie McMurray told briefly of some of the exhibits in the department of religions at the Chicago exposition.

Rev. Wiley of Condon will preach in the Congregational church here on Sunday evening, December 17 at seven-thirty.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson have moved from the Harris apartments to the Standard Oil house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pomerantz.

Keithley Blake has returned to Kinzua where he is building a house.

Miss Lucille Bristow has returned from an extended visit at the home of her brother, Edmond Bristow at Nampa, Idaho.

Miss Del Crabtree was taken to Hood River for medical attention last Thursday following an attack of illness which proved to be appendicitis. She was operated on that evening by Dr. Chick who found that the appendix had been ruptured for some time. Though in a very serious condition Miss Crabtree is reported to be doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Robison departed Monday morning for a short business trip to The Dalles and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith of Morgan are having considerable repair work done on the interior of their home in that place. The work is being done by P. J. and Carl Linn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell and daughters Dorothy and Sybil, accompanied by Mrs. M. Jordan, spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Mrs. Hoeh and Miss Mildred Smith of The Dalles spent Saturday evening and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cole Smith.

Considerable interest has been shown in roller skating at the Legion hall. All of the skates bought by the Legion boys are in use whenever the hall is opened for skating. On Sunday afternoon the women were given a free skate and quite a number turned out to see if they could handle the skates as of yore.

Miss Zoe Elise, weight six and one-half pounds, arrived on December 9th at the home of M. and Mrs. Martin Bauerfeind of Morgan.

Mrs. Earl Blake has been engaged to keep the books of the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Mrs. M. D. Farness is staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martin Bauerfeind in Morgan.

Miss Sybil Howell entertained a group of her friends at her home last Thursday evening, the occasion being the thirteenth anniversary of her birth. The evening was spent playing games, pulling taffy and popping corn. A large birthday cake, fruit jello and punch were served at the end of the evening's fun. The following girls were guests: Maxine McCurdy, Bertha Akers, Bethal Blake, Annabelle McCabe, Winona Ritchie, Helen Lind-

Land Bank Appraisals Said to be up to Date

The objective of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane to appraise all applications for loans filed by December 1 has been substantially accomplished, according to word from the Spokane headquarters today. The building of the staff in the field from twenty appraisers to over 500, together with good breaks in weather conditions throughout the four northwestern states has resulted in this victory for the appraisal department, according to E. M. Ehrhardt, president.

The above applies to both first mortgage loans made by the land bank and first and second mortgage loans by the Land Bank Commission which are handled through the bank.

The practical effect of speeding up appraisals is shown by the fact that the farmers of the Northwest received over double the amount of money in farm loans for the week ending November 29 compared with the previous week, the amounts being \$714,650 and \$343,900 respectively. Approved applications to date this year total \$18,500,240.

In spite of the unprecedented volume of applications filed with the Spokane Federal Land bank, appraisals can now be made currently where the weather conditions permit. With an adequate appraisal force, the greatest impediment now to the prompt closing of loans and getting the money to the farmers is the lack of prompt action on the part of applicants, their creditors and local abstractors and recorders in returning abstracts and papers. A total of 4,418 approved applications now await such outside action, over which the bank has no control.

Circuit Court Term Passes Without Injury

The December term of circuit court completed its labors Monday without the necessity of drawing a jury. There were no criminal cases and such law and equity cases as were on the docket were either settled out of court or handled by the judge alone. Judge C. L. Sweek presided, being accompanied from Pendleton by J. S. Beckwith, court reporter. G. E. Hamaker, Portland; James A. Fee, Sr., and John Kilkenney, Pendleton, were outside attorneys having business before the court.

Action was taken on the following cases: Sam McCulloch et ux vs. Bruce Kelley, settled and dismissed; W. H. French vs. James H. Walsh, 20 days given defendant in which to enter supplementary complaint; Frank Leicht vs. H. Walpole, default and judgment; Chas. Allinger vs. Adrian Engelman, demurrer overruled and defendant given 20 days in which to further plead.

FAMILY REUNION HELD.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Nancy B. Hayes on Rhea creek on Thanksgiving day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Robinette and children from Durkee, John Turley of Eugene, Mrs. Rosa Kirk and daughters, Mrs. Mary and Juanita and Ira McConnell from Lonerock, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hayes and son Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hayes, Miss Inez Hayes, William Buschke and Mrs. Nancy B. Hayes. In the evening the neighbors were invited in for a dance and supper. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Rippee, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Pettijohn and their four sons. Mr. Turley had the honor of leading the quadrilles.

RUTH CHAPTER ELECTS.

At their regular meeting Friday evening, Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S., held their annual election of officers as follows: Elmer Huston, Worthy Matron; E. B. Huston, Worthy Patron; Hazel Vaughn, Associate Matron; Frank S. Parker, Associate Patron; Lena Cox, Conductress; Gladys Goodman, Associate Conductress; Harriet Gemmill, Secretary; May Gilliam, Treasurer. The appointive officers have not been named, but will be announced before installation. The chapter will join with Heppner Lodge No. 69, in installation of new officers on Wednesday evening, December 20. The Blue lodge will hold their Christmas coming Saturday night.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SLATED.

The American Legion auxiliary will stage its annual Christmas party at the regular meeting next Tuesday evening to be held at the home of Mrs. Harold Cohn with Mrs. Walter Moore and Mrs. E. F. Bloom as assistant hostesses. The guests are expected to attend the party dressed as little children and each to bring a small gift, of not more than 25 cents in value, for the Christmas tree.

MEASLES EPIDEMIC ON.

An epidemic of German measles has affected the school attendance this week. The measles are light in form with no serious consequences reported, but the school superintendent is requiring victims to remain from school for seven days.

COUNTY SAVED \$3000.

The action of the special legislative session in relieving counties of the expense of caring for the violently insane will cut the Morrow county tax bill \$3000. This amount was levied for the care of the insane, but will not now need to be extended on the tax rolls by the assessor.

A. S. Akers is up from his home at Portland looking after business matters.

GRIST

From Happenings Here and You

New Liquor Era Legislative Acts Relief

and other things of more or less moment as seen by
The G. T. REPORTER

Oregon enters a new era in liquor control with the passage of the Knox plan by the legislature in its closing hours Saturday. The Knox plan, incorporated in a bill sponsored by Representative John Beckman, establishes a system of state liquor control for the handling of so-called hard liquors of more than 14 percent alcoholic content. Wines and beer up to 14 percent alcoholic content may be sold and dispensed by anyone in any manner under local regulations.

Many phases of the hard liquor regulation are to be worked out by the three commissioners, one from each congressional district, to be appointed by the governor. Theirs will be the job of determining the number and location of state liquor stores, and, most important, the price—expected to be kept low enough to eliminate bootlegger competition.

Hard liquors are to be sold only in original packages—the dealers to work on salary, no commission—to adults who can present their 50-cent consumer's licenses. Licenses of habitual drunkards, of persons against whom dependents prefer objections, may be revoked. Dealers may not sell to intoxicated persons.

So much is now known of the state's liquor experiment. How soon it will go into effect may be determined somewhat by how soon city dealers can unload present stocks.

Anyway it seems there has been some pacification of those threatening to file injunctions in order to test constitutionality of the act.

Passed with emergency clause attached the act should go into effect immediately. It is signed by the governor, barring complications.

And so we may await developments under the "noble experiment." And those who seek succor from the state will be most interested in the developments. For liquor must produce state revenue to pay for direct relief—up to \$3,000,000 of such revenues being the only provision for such relief. This is to be augmented by federal funds.

With \$1,600,000 allotted for work relief to be expended on public works projects, the legislature thus met two of the major problems imposed upon it—liquor control and unemployment relief.

A 1 1/2 percent tax on gross sales of tangible personal property and utility services was passed for relief of schools to be effective until July 1, 1936, expected to raise \$3,000,000 a year. The third major problem was thus met.

The fourth big problem was to give relief to small truck operators through amendment to the truck and bus bill. This was also accomplished by removing extra taxes from small trucks of 2000 pounds or less light weight—4000 pounds loaded—when used to transport products from the farm to the nearest market, permitting them to operate on payment of the car license fee of \$5.

Whatever the results, it cannot be denied that the legislature completed its task. And that, in the face of a deluge of trivial legislation which served to clog up the hopper.

Inflationists say that at least with a baloney dollar no one will go hungry, reported a financial speaker over the radio the other evening.

What, with all those CWA projects and farmers' allotment checks, the prospects are very bright for a Very Merry Christmas—now only eight shopping days away.

RAIN EACH MONTH, 1933.

The year 1933 has been unique in Morrow county in that it has rained each month of the year, according to word emanating from the office of L. L. Gilliam, local government weather observer. The county has been favored by good showers so far in December, with moderate temperatures, enhancing growth of vegetation. Already the anniversary of the first big freezeout last year, December 8, has been passed, and predictions are now rife of an open winter.

LEGION MEETING FRIDAY.

The annual district conference of the 6th district, American Legion, department of Oregon, will be held tomorrow at Pendleton, starting with a luncheon at noon. The conference in the afternoon will be attended by the state officers as well as other dignitaries of the organization. In the evening will be held a banquet and entertainment for the Legion and Auxiliary; the latter organization having its conference in Pendleton the same day.

Mrs. Grace Turner, Ione, Has Poems Recognized

"In That Cozy Little Cottage (Close Beside the Western Sea)," a new popular song with words by (Mrs. R. H.) Grace M. Turner of Ione, will be broadcast over KEX Friday, December 15, at 12:15 noon. Music by Sylvester L. Cross of Portland. The number will be published by the Master Music Makers of Portland in their number three Album of Radio Favorites.

One of Mrs. Turner's poems, "The Artist," was chosen for publication in the holiday issue of The Melting Pot, an anthology of verse edited by Olive Stainebay of Anaheim, Calif. "The Artist" follows: Of course I am not an artist Who can work with colors so bright And make your very soul rejoice With a canvas of the sunset's light. But I have taken the orange's gold, And the pineapple's silvery sheen, Lemons as bright as the summer sun.

Sweek, Hamaker Guests Of Lions Club Meeting

Judge Calvin L. Sweek was honorary chairman of the Lions club luncheon Monday when in the city to conduct the December term of court. He entertained the club with his wit, and introduced G. E. Hamaker, Portland attorney, another guest, who made an entertaining speech.

Chas. W. Smith, Eastern Oregon Wheat league secretary, reported accomplishments of the annual league conference at Moro, terming it one of the best conferences in the league's history. W. W. Smead and Frank W. Turner were appointed from the club to assist in conducting the sale of Christmas seals, the local sale being under the supervision of Josephine Mahoney for the state and national tuberculosis associations. It was announced that Eugene Courtney, cashier of the First National bank at The Dalles, will give a banking talk at the meeting next Monday. J. O. Turner, representative, will also review some of the important legislation passed at the special legislative session.

MORO VISIT ENJOYED.

At least two of Morrow county's representatives at the wheat league meeting at Moro last week end received more than ordinary thrill from the visit, for to them it was in the nature of a homecoming. R. A. Thompson and H. V. Smouse both spent many days of their youth in Sherman county and on this trip enjoyed noting the many changes and greeting many old-time friends. Mr. Thompson's old home was at Wasco, which place he left 25 years ago and had been back but once since. He and Mr. Smouse were once youthful business partners when both resided in Sherman county. To Mr. Thompson each turn in the road brought vivid memories of days of his youth. He played football at Wasco as a young man, and likes to recall the good old days when the Sherman county towns put out some of the toughest baseball and football teams in the country.

CHRISTMAS MAILING.

Again we ask the cooperation of the patrons of the Heppner post office during the Christmas rush. Please mail your packages as early in the day as possible. As we have no appropriation for extra time this year we are compelled to work short handed. The office will be open for packages until 6 p. m. No packages will be mailed out after 6 p. m. All letter mail up to 9 p. m. as usual. Thank you in advance for the cooperation we feel sure you will give, we are sincerely yours,

W. W. Smead and Assistants.

HOTEL RENOVATED.

Al Rankin, genial manager of Hotel Heppner, announces that kalsomining throughout and laying of carpets on floors in Heppner's leading hostelry has been completed, entirely eliminating on the inside all traces of the marks left by the fire at Rodeo time. The hotel is now neat and attractive on the inside. Mr. Rankin said that replacement of windows in the business quarters on the north side of the building would probably be left till such time as these quarters are occupied.

LIQUOR COMMISSION NAMED.

The new state liquor commission set up under the Knox plan, named yesterday by Governor Meier, was announced in the morning press as follows: George H. McMorran, Eugene, first district; Jas. D. Burns, Condon, second district; Alex G. Barry, Portland, third district. The bill putting the plan into effect, not yet signed by the governor, was expected to be signed within the next few days, the report stated.

MISS COX IN O. S. C. PLAY.

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Dec. 13.—Nancy Jane Cox of Heppner, freshman in home economics at Oregon State college, had a part in the "Knave of Hearts," a one-act play presented last Saturday night, December 9, at the Workshop theater by the Salamagundi dramatic club. Miss Elizabeth Barnes, associate instructor in speech, and D. Palmer Young, instructor in speech, supervised the play.

Christmas trees for sale at Case Furniture Co. 40.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.

More than one hundred people attended the meeting of Lexington grange on Saturday evening. The newly elected officers of Lexington, Willows and Rhea Creek granges were installed. Charles Wicklander, state deputy, was the installing officer and he was assisted by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mrs. Chris Brown and Clarence Bauman. The new officers of Lexington grange are: Master, Harvey Miller; overseer, Orville Cutsforth; lecturer, Laura Rice; steward, E. A. Kelly; assistant steward, Lawrence Beach; chaplain, Elsie Beach; treasurer, R. B. Rice; secretary, Lena Kelly; gatekeeper, Norman Nelson; Ceres, Lorraine Beach; Pomona, Pearl Devine; Flora, Tena Scott; L. A. S., Beulah Nichols. Several committees were appointed to serve during the ensuing year. Six proposals for membership were received and will be voted on at the next meeting. The matter of buying or building a hall was brought up and discussed and a committee was appointed to investigate the matter.

A special Christmas program, consisting of a pageant, several pantomimes, solos and choruses will be given at the Church of Christ next Sunday evening, Dec. 17. It will be a pleasing program and the public is invited. This will be given by the Bible school, the several classes being represented, and assisted by the church choir.

A meeting of the P. T. A. executive committee was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gillis on Tuesday evening. The hot lunch was discussed and score cards were made for the card party which is to be given on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brown of Condon were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keene. Mrs. Henry Rauch entertained a number of friends at her home last Tuesday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Margaret Williams, Mays, Getta Cox, Emma Peck, Nellie Palmer, Casha Shaw, Rose Eskelson, Freda Majeski, Florence McMillan, Doris Graves, Edna Munck, Emma Breshers and Marie Steagall.

The Lexington town basketball team played the Heppner town team Friday evening, winning with a score of 40-10, but found a much harder and faster team in their game Saturday evening at Condon. The score was close all through the game with Condon finally coming out on the long end of a 61-47 score.

Among Lexington people who attended the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league at Moro Friday and Saturday were Orville Cutsforth, Harvey Miller and H. V. Smouse. Mrs. Smouse accompanied Mr. Smouse and visited with her daughter, Mrs. Orlo Martin.

At the Christian parsonage there have been a number of pleasing gifts of meats and sausages since the butchering season is on. These gifts are appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Sias. Their work in the ministry here is entirely voluntary and depending only upon the free-will offerings of the people, which in these times have not of course been any too abundant. Mr. Sias has again this year cut his own wood from the poplars donated by the Clark brothers down Willow creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keene entertained a group of their friends at a pleasing party Saturday evening. Dancing was enjoyed during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell and Mrs. Arthur Keene left the first of the week for Banks, Ore., where Mrs. Campbell will remain for an indefinite visit with her sister, Miss Sylvia Severance. Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Keene will return the last of the week.

Mrs. J. G. Cowins of Heppner spent Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Allyn. Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMillan entertained a number of friends at their home Saturday evening. Refreshments were served at the close of a pleasant evening.

Eva Wilcox has returned from a trip to Pomeroy, Dayton and Walla Walla, Wash.

Lexington School Notes

G. A. Bleakman of Heppner spoke before the assembly Thursday afternoon on "County Government." He discussed also precautions which every school child should observe. The four upper grades as well as the high school enjoyed his talk.

Thursday evening, Dec. 14, the P. T. A. card party will be held at the gymnasium at 7:30. The admission price will be 15c or two for 25c and as the funds taken in will be used to help finance the school hot lunches everyone is urged to be present. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Both bridge and five hundred will be played and prizes will be given.

The high school basketball team played their first game of the season on the Heppner floor Friday evening. The game was very close at all times and finally was won by Heppner, 25-23. On Saturday night they played at Condon, winning by a score of 37-27. Much better team work was displayed due to the experience of the Heppner game. Vester Thornburg led the scoring with 23 points. The next game will be at Echo Thursday, Dec. 15th.

Don't forget to attend the benefit smoker to be held at the gymnasium Saturday, Dec. 16. Mr. Gillis and Mr. Williams have arranged an especially entertaining evening in which entrants from Lexington, Heppner, Ione and Multnomah club will appear. Only the better contestants of the last smoker will be on the card and in addition several

COUNTY CWA QUOTA EXTENDED TO 119

All Approved Projects to
be Under Way Tomorrow,
Using 90 Men.

TURNER LOCAL HEAD

New Quarters Established in Humphreys Building for Reemployment Office; Women Eligible.

The Civil Works Administration program is expected to get under full way in Morrow county tomorrow, with advice from the Portland office this morning that the county's quota had been increased from 105 to 119 men, all of whom are expected to be at work tomorrow or as soon thereafter as possible.

The local relief committee had already approved projects enough to put the former quota of 105 men to work. Of these, 10 have so far been approved by the Portland office. The local committee expected to approve enough more projects today to employ the full quota of 119.

Approval was received the first of the week of six more projects, all of which have already started or will be started tomorrow. These, with the number of men on each, are: Heppner city hall, 10 Heppner school roof, 10; Heppner Masonic cemetery, 6; grading Ione school grounds, 5; painting Lexington school gym, 3; painting schoolhouse, Davis district, 2.

Three projects approved locally that have been sent to Portland for approval have not been acted upon. They are: Repairing books for Heppner public library; improvement Johnson hill road, Ione, and kalsomining interior Lexington school.

With all the approved projects under way tomorrow, 90 men of the county's quota will be at work, and the remainder will be put to work just as fast as approval of projects is received, announces J. O. Turner, county administrator for appointment on return from Salem the first of the week.

New quarters upstairs in the Humphreys building were opened this week for the county reemployment office, with Vawter Parker, assistant disbursing officer, having charge. He has two assistants, Miss Lucille Beymer and Nolan Turner. The reemployment office received word from Portland this morning that women may register as well as men, but it is thought not probable that married women will be employed if their husbands already have jobs.

That the CWA program may be carried on till the first of May next year was announced in this morning's press, with the appropriation to be extended from three billion to six billion dollars.

TO STAGE BENEFIT SMOKER.

A second benefit smoker will be presented by the Lexington school at 8 o'clock Saturday night in the gym for the purpose of raising money to provide a wrestling mat for the school. George Gillis and James H. Williams, sponsors, say this promises to be a better one than the initial smoker two weeks ago. All the good numbers have been retained for return matches and several new contestants entered as well, featuring representatives from Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Multnomah club, Portland. An invitation is extended to attend the dance following the smoker, with ladies cordially invited to the smoker as well as the men. Some interesting stunts between bouts will keep things livened up, it is promised.

OLD AGE PENSION STAYS.

The special legislative session failed to do anything about the old age pension passed by the regular session this spring, and the act goes into effect the first of the year. Morrow county has budgeted \$6000 to apply for this purpose, which, in the opinion of members of the county court will not be sufficient to meet the situation. It is estimated that 72 people in Morrow county are eligible for pensions under the act.

PLAY POSTPONED.

"The Yellow Shadow," high school junior class play which was scheduled for the school, was postponed due to a prevailing epidemic of German measles. A basketball game which the high school team was to have played at Pendleton this week end also has been postponed, according to word from the school.

AERIAL TO COME DOWN.

No less than five radio owners of the city are to be affected by the city hall improvement. They are tied up to the large aerial erected on the roof of the building, which will need to be removed in putting on the new roof contemplated.

ELECTION SATURDAY.

Annual election of officers of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., will be held at the regular communication at Masonic hall on Saturday evening, December 16. All members are urged to attend, says L. L. Gilliam, W. M.

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