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TAX COLLECTIONS NEARLY UP TO LEVY

Improved Condition of County Finances Indicated in Report.

IMPETUS EXPECTED

Opportunity to Save on Penalty and Interest Should Overcome Shortage by End of Year.

Tax collections in Morrow county have been good so far this year. Up to November 30, total collections fell short of reaching the total levy for 1935 by only \$1,620.75, according to the report of Charles W. Barlow, clerk, taken from the record of controlling accounts in his office.

No turnovers are expected in December, but collections for this month should put the county over the top on its current levy. This does not mean that everyone has paid his 1935 taxes. Of the total collections of \$328,439.47 turned over to the treasurer by the sheriff from Jan. 1, 1935 to Nov. 30, 1935, \$131,446.56 was collected on taxes for 1934 and prior years, while \$196,992.61 was collected on the current tax of \$330,060.22.

Unpaid taxes for 1934 and prior years at the date of report totaled \$364,736.05, and amount unpaid on current roll was \$133,067.61. Impetus to taxpaying is expected as the public understands the opportunity to save penalty and interest on their delinquent taxes by virtue of recent order of the county court giving immediate advantage of the law passed by the recent special legislative session, which becomes effective in February. The law provides for waiving penalty and interest on payment of taxes for farthest year of delinquency—1934 and prior years only—when similar payment is made on the current year's tax. Payment of any amount of the farthest year of delinquent tax is accepted by the sheriff now, with penalty and interest waived, and a receipt issued containing the condition that a like amount of current tax will be paid as it becomes due, otherwise the remitted penalty and interest will be charged back.

The clerk's report shows total appropriations for the year of \$584,151.64, and vouchers paid of \$252,909.07, leaving unexpended balances in various accounts totaling \$331,242.57. Against the unexpended balances is a cash surplus of \$109,406.14. Much of the unexpended appropriations will be marked off at the end of the year, and the cash balance in most accounts will probably be sufficient to meet obligations which must be paid, such as balance on state tax, general school, bonds and interest, which total \$78,160.36.

The condition of school districts on the whole shows considerable improvement with total payments on bonds and interest for the year of \$22,794.55. Many districts have resumed operation on a cash basis this year, after having been forced on a warrant basis in the darker days of depression. Envious positions are held by the Irrigon and Boardman school districts, where public utilities pay a large proportion of the tax. Of the special district tax levied for Irrigon of \$10,830.25 this year, collections up to November 1, not counting amount collected on delinquent tax, showed \$10,079.76. For Boardman, \$8,390.01 had been collected of the total levy of \$9,813.41.

REX HOME AGAIN.

Leo Gorgor was upset last week when his pet purred police dog, Rex, was missed from the farm home in the north Ione section. He inserted a little want ad in the Gazette Times and a few days later Rex was united with the family. His neighbor, Fred Mankin, had the dog and so notified Mr. Gorgor when he saw the ad, not knowing before that Mr. Gorgor had such a dog. Rex apparently had followed the Gorgers from home and on becoming tired turned in at Mankin's. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mankin became attached to him and were sorry to give him up. The dog, too, was made to feel very much at home as Mrs. Mankin inadvertently guessed his name, Rex. Mr. Gorgor was pleased to report the good result of the advertising when in town Tuesday.

MISSION SOCIETY MEETS.

The Womens Christian Missionary Society of the Church of Christ met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. E. R. Huston. Twenty members and friends enjoyed the program consisting of songs and papers pertaining to Christmas, and a dramatization entitled, "The Coming of the Prince of Peace." Miss Leta Humphreys assisted the hostess and delicious refreshments were served.

MARRIED IN SEATTLE.

Of interest to friends here is the news of the marriage of Miss Elnora Adkins, daughter of E. E. Adkins of this city, to Mr. Benton Walker of Seattle, in the Washington city October 30. Mr. and Mrs. Walker make their home in Seattle where Mr. Walker is a prominent young business man.

Sister Killed When Truck Turns Over in Arizona

Mrs. Minnie Barnes of Ava, Mo., sister of Mrs. Sam McCullough and daughter of Mrs. Walter Crosby of this city, was instantly killed the evening of December 3, and her daughter, May Barnes, was seriously injured when the truck in which they were riding turned over on the Benson highway about ten miles from Tucson, Ariz. With Mr. Barnes they were on their way to Ava from Earlham, Cal. Ben Barnes, the husband and father, was uninjured according to report received by Mrs. McCullough through the Tucson press.

The small truck was heavily loaded with household furniture. Investigation disclosed that the truck, traveling at a good rate of speed, got too far over on the highway shoulder and rolled over. Mrs. Barnes was pinned under the load of furniture, her head crushed. Miss Barnes, caught in the cab with her father, was so severely injured that she was taken to a Tucson hospital, while the mother's body was removed to a mortuary.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH E. NICHOLS.

Harry Duvall of Blackhorse was pleasantly surprised last Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, it being the occasion of his birthday. It was also the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Duvall. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Karl Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gentry, Mrs. Nancy McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Mrs. Laura Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller, Mrs. W. D. Campbell and Mrs. Elmer Hunt. The evening was spent playing cards. High scores were won by Mrs. Karl Miller and John Miller, second high by Mrs. Harry Dinges and Harvey Miller, consolation by Mrs. John Miller and J. G. Johnson. Chicken salad, hot biscuits and coffee were served at midnight. After the guests had departed Mr. and Mrs. Duvall found several packages left about the room. Some contained birthday gifts and others pieces of silver in honor of their silver wedding anniversary.

An excellent cast in a clever play made "Phantom Bells" a big success at the high school auditorium Friday night. Members of the senior class were exceptionally good in their character portrayals and the production was well staged. The play was directed by Wm. D. Campbell.

All grange members are urged to attend the grange meeting Saturday night when the newly elected officers will be installed. A pot luck supper will follow the initiation.

Orville Cutsforth, Henry Smouse, Charles Marquardt, Oral Scott, R. B. Rice, George Peck, A. H. Nelson, Harvey Miller and Louis Marquardt were among the Lexington delegates who attended the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Pendleton last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schriever and family have returned from a visit with relatives in Portland. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMillan who has been very ill with pneumonia, is reported to be improving.

Christmas vacation in the Lexington school will start December 20 and continue until December 30.

Charles Brechners is confined to his home with a dislocated knee, the result of an injury sustained while he was trying to put chains on his car.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smethurst and daughter have returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Portland.

S. G. McMillan is spending a few days in Portland.

Winford Duvall spent a few days last week in Portland visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wickersham.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shaw and family were Pendleton visitors Saturday.

Horace Addis of Pendleton was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

Vernon Warner and Edward Rice were in Portland the first of the week.

Mrs. Alle Peck and young son returned home Saturday from the home of Mrs. Ada Cason in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ingles of Boardman spent the week end with friends in Lexington. They were accompanied home by Miss Edith Tucker who is spending the week in Boardman.

Ed Miller of Portland is visiting relatives in this community. Miss Grace Rowell of Hermiston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Glover Peck.

PROMINENT AT BANQUET.

Senator J. G. Baratt, who is also president of Oregon Woolgrowers association, was one of the featured speakers at the banquet of Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Pendleton last Friday evening. E. Harvey Miller, newly elected league president, was another featured speaker. Former Heppnerites C. L. Sweek and Chas. W. Smith, the first as toastmaster and the latter as assistant toastmaster, are reported to have lived up to the occasion with their well known wit.

Mrs. Isabella Corrigan and daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Gourley, were trading in the city yesterday from the Gourleys farm on Balm fork. The Gourleys raised a large number of turkeys this year and expect to have some fine birds for the Christmas market.

BOYS' DEVELOPMENT BIG PART CCC WORK

Local Camp Program is Told Lions by Army, Project Heads.

AIDS DAM PROPOSAL

Gault, Wightman Help Investigate WPA Project for City Water; Sweek, McMahon Visit.

One of the first considerations of CCC work, both from the standpoint of the army and of the soil conservation service, is training and educating the enrollees. That is what Lions were told at their Monday luncheon by Capt. W. R. Reynolds, commandant of the local camp, and R. W. Leep, soil conservation superintendent, each of whom gave a brief outline of the work being carried on here.

Being new to the work of the soil conservation service, Captain Reynolds did not know just what local benefits might result from the work, but he said that the benefit to the boys alone went a long way toward compensating for the money expended. His job was cited as that of caring for the enrollees when not at work, and he commended the fine spirit of interest and cooperation received from them.

Mr. Leep gave a short insight into the soil conservation set-up, giving it as his job to superintend the work after projects had been lined up and turned over to him by Millard Rodman, the project manager. He cited the main objective of the work to be the building up of land cover to prevent rapid runoff of water and consequent soil erosion. The work of the service is by demonstrational projects to show what may be done and thus to guide land owners in courses to follow in preserving their soil and fertility of the country.

The ultimate result of uncontrolled erosion is a barren waste, Mr. Leep said, as evidenced by the great Sahara desert, once known to have been highly productive.

So far the work here has consisted in gully control, with the enlarged program still in the making. The local camp's jurisdiction includes all of the Willow creek watershed, and projects so far have been undertaken on Willow and Hinton creeks. He commended the good spirit of cooperation received from local people.

Lions expressed interest in the visit Monday of Wm. Bollins, WPA engineer, and the possibility of constructing WPA assistance for retaining a dam on upper Willow creek to aid in the city's water supply. J. L. Gault and J. J. Wightman were named as a committee from the club to assist in investigating such possibility.

Mr. Gault and S. E. Notson each gave a brief report of the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in Pendleton which they attended Saturday, and announced the selection of Heppner for the league's conference next year, and the election of E. Harvey Miller of Lexington as president. They were privileged to hear the address of Rep. Walter Pierce, Judge C. L. Sweek of Pendleton, former president of the local club, and F. A. McMahon, state policeman, were club guests.

Elks' Memorial Service Conducted This Evening

The public is invited to join in honoring departed brothers of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, at 8:15 this evening at the lodge hall, when the ritualistic memorial service will be conducted for J. E. Williams, W. T. Matlock and William Shipley, departed members of the last year.

J. O. Turner will deliver the address, and special music will be sung by Mrs. John Turner, Mrs. Hubert Galy and Mrs. Crockett Sprouls in trio in addition to the lodge ceremonies.

ON DEBATE SQUAD.

Pacific University, Forest Grove. —Miss Frances Rugg of Heppner, a freshman at Pacific university, will be a member of a two-women debate team representing Phi Lambda Omicron sorority in the annual intra-mural debate tournament. First round of the tournament which is sponsored by the local chapter of Phi Alpha Tau, national debate honorary, is Tuesday night, December 10. Each team will debate five times in the preliminaries which will not be finished until Christmas holiday. The subject for the debate is: "Resolved, that Congress should make immediate payment of the adjusted compensation certificates."

McMAHON PROMOTED.

F. A. McMahon, state policeman, was in Heppner Monday from the Arlington headquarters. He had just received his commission as corporal in charge of the Arlington district, recently separated from the Pendleton office. McMahon now reports directly to Salem headquarters instead of to the district office at Pendleton. Verne Hill and W. E. Francis are members of his staff.

Joint Installation Set for Masonic Orders Dec. 18

Joint installation ceremonies for Heppner lodge No. 68, A. F. and A. M., and Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S., will be held Wednesday evening, December 18. Preceding the installation will be served the annual turkey banquet, to which all members of the orders with their wives and escorts are invited. The installation ceremonies will be open to the public. Officers of the Masonic lodge to be inducted into office are: Lawrence L. Beach, W. M.; J. O. Turner, S. W.; W. Vawter Parker, J. W.; Frank S. Parker, treasurer; Spencer Crawford, secretary; and appointive officers not yet announced. Election of officers for Ruth chapter will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening, at which time initiation degrees will also be conferred.

RECEIVES BURNS WHEN SHOP FIRED

Mrs. Agnes Curran Injured in Attempt to Subdue Flames; Sustains \$1500 Stock Damage.

Mrs. Agnes Curran, proprietress, received painful burns when she attempted to subdue flames which broke out in a clothes closet at the Curran Hot shop shortly before noon Sunday. She was burned quite deeply on the face, neck, arms and back, though she paid little heed to the injury in the excitement. She was later treated at the Patterson & Son drug store and has carried on since, cleaning up the store and living apartments in the rear, damage to which, including that to the building belonging to Mrs. Leta Babb, is estimated at \$1500. The insured loss to both building and contents was adjusted Monday night and Mrs. Curran has offered her stock at fire sale.

When the alarm was turned in, Mark Merrill, fire chief, was having the fire truck serviced at a nearby service station. With engine still running, the truck was on the scene before the fire had stopped. Merrill and Frank Shivey, councilman, had water from the 100-gallon booster tank on the flames in short order, though when they arrived the front store room was so hot and smoky they couldn't enter. The fire was largely subdued by water from the booster tank, which Merrill believes is responsible for keeping down damage which would have been done had it been necessary to bring the heavier stream from the mains into play.

Origin of the fire was not determined, but was thought to be spontaneous combustion. Mrs. Curran had returned from church but a few minutes before, accompanied by Ann Lawrence, small daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence. She was getting dinner when she heard the crackling of flames and smelled smoke, which resulted in her attempt to quell the flames.

Her attempt frustrated, she returned through the back living quarters to escape with Ann through a rear door. The door was locked, and her purse containing the key could not be located, but a few moments later firefighters, who had gathered in numbers, broke down the door and assisted them. Ann received a bump against the door when it was forced.

Besides damage to her stock of ladies' ready-to-wear apparel, other damage to Mrs. Curran's personal effects was sustained, including loss of a mink fur coat.

FOREST NOTES

By F. F. WEHMEYER

This year we had 1700 cattle and 800 calves in the Heppner district for a five months' grazing period and 23,000 sheep and 19,000 lambs for a three and a half months' season.

The 300,000,000 acres of national forest land were, in a sense, just a big factory, where an estimated 42,000 tons of forage was converted into tons of cutlets, roasts, steaks, blankets, shoes, buttons, glue, gelatin and innumerable other items. This was all produced from material that would otherwise have gone to waste. Forty-two thousand tons of forage would make a whooper of a hay stack.

The national forest is only a minor consideration in the stock industry of this part of the country, as I believe it is estimated that the resources of Morrow county are about 60 percent stock industry, 30 percent grain growing, and 10 percent miscellaneous, while the resources of adjoining counties run at even higher percentage to the stock industry.

Lambs taken from the national forest as represented by the local ranger district, averaged better than 70 pounds per head as shipped to market, f. o. b. Heppner. R. A. Thompson shipped 880 five months old lambs from his Ditch creek allotment that averaged 91 pounds. Probably a record not beaten in any other part of the state. Some of the finest beef and mutton produced in the northwest is raised right here in our own locality, only local producers are just a little too modest to do their own crowing.

FIRE SALE at Curran Ready-to-Wear shop, now open for business. Stock damaged only by smoke. Many exceptional bargains.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Hughes, Monday evening, December 9, a son, William Bassett, weighing 9 pounds.

LITTLE HOPE SEEN FOR STORAGE DAM

WPA Engineer Believes Site on Upper Willow Creek Unsuited.

PROPOSAL VIEWED

City, County Officials, Lions Club Committee Assist; Other Solutions Cited.

Prospects for a storage dam on upper Willow creek either to augment the city water supply or aid in raising the water table of the valley were not heightened by the opinion of Wm. Bollins, WPA engineer, who looked over a proposed project Tuesday in company with Mayor T. J. D. Jones, Commissioner Frank S. Parker, and J. L. Gault and J. J. Wightman, Lions club committee. It was Bollins' opinion that the narrow and steep storage basin would require too costly a dam at the site investigated, that at the old "Caves" bluff just below the forks of the creek.

Bollins is in charge of dam construction with the WPA, and his visit here was made in line with his present work of determining feasible dam projects in the state.

He was "sold" on the need of the lower valley for a more adequate supply of water through the dry season, and believed a retention dam on the upper creek to conserve the spring flood run-off from the Willow creek watershed would be a feasible project if an adequate storage basin could be had.

City and county officials, and the Lions club, were interested in the matter both as a means of securing more water for the city and in raising the valley's water table for irrigation of crops. The city has been fighting a water shortage the last several summers, while the county court has had trouble of its own pacifying stockmen on the lower creek who have priority claim to water for watering stock over those who use it for irrigation.

The court is hopeful that the project, now being assisted in by the soil conservation service, that of diverting Ditch creek into Willow creek, will help solve their problem the coming dry season.

As for the city's problem, Bollins believed that Mayor Jones' idea of ditching into one of the wells at a sufficient depth to permit the water to flow into the ditch might be feasible as a means of maintaining a gravity supply. He thought a WPA project might be obtained for the purpose.

At present the city is supplied with water from but one of its two wells at the forks of the creek, and that by the use of a syphon. Water in the other well has dropped below a point where it can be syphoned. This well was used for a time just before the end of the irrigation season by pumping the water. The cost of pumping is dear, however, and the mayor and council are determined to keep the city supplied by gravity flow as long as possible.

Big Free Turkey Feed Scheduled by Legion

All ex-service men in the Heppner territory are being invited to participate in a big turkey feed at the 4-H club room in the county pavilion next Monday evening, under auspices of Heppner post, American Legion. The feed, which will be served at 8:00 o'clock in order to make it possible for out-of-town men to be present, is the result of the generosity of Elbert L. Cox, immediate past commander, who is contributing the birds. While cards are being mailed out by Adjutant P. M. Gemmill, he wishes it made plain that all ex-service men are urged and expected to be present whether a card is received or not.

DEADLINE SET DEC. 21.

The deadline date for receiving applications for new wheat allotment contracts has been set for Saturday, Dec. 21. This action was taken by the state grain board, reports E. Harvey Miller, member, who returned home yesterday from Corvallis. It behooves everyone who wishes to sign a new contract to get in before that date, Mr. Miller said.

JUDGE JEFFRIES COMING.

Judge Jeffries of Portland is announced as the featured speaker for the local Townsend club Friday evening, Dec. 20, at the Methodist church basement. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock. Judge Jeffries' address will be followed by a box social, with each lady requested to bring box containing food for at least two people.

83RD NATAL DAY OBSERVED.

The 83rd birthday of Mrs. Ruth Stevens is being observed today with a noon dinner party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers. Ten elderly friends of Mrs. Stevens were the invited guests.

C. V. Stephens of Dayton, Ore., is visiting at the home of his cousin, Ralph Bengt. He accompanied Mr. Bengt and son Terrel to town from the farm yesterday.

Local Hoop Teams Lose to Umatilla; Lex Next

Heppner high school lost 21-15, and the town team was defeated 58-30, in a double header game with corresponding teams from Umatilla in the local gym Tuesday evening. It was the first appearance of the local towners under the management of Gordon Bucknum, and they showed lack of organization against the more-practiced Umatilla team.

Leading the scoring for the towners were Rod Thomson and Roland King, the latter a recent arrival from Pendleton. Others making up the squad included Bucknum, Herman Green, Ray Massey, Marvin Morgan, Dr. R. C. Lawrence and Reese Burkenbine.

In an overtime game at Irrigon Friday, Coach Blankenship's high school squad edged out Irrigon high, 27-25. The absence of two regulars from last year, James Driscoll and Len Gilman, has been felt so far this season, but they are expected to be in the lineup soon. The next games will be played Tuesday evening with Lexington here.

IONE

By MRS. MARGARET BLAKE

Among Ione farmers who attended the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Pendleton last Friday and Saturday were Henry Smouse, Bert Johnson, Lee Beckner, Edw. Rietmann, Henry Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denney, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bergevin and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McElligott.

The Union Missionary society of Ione met at the home of Mrs. Wallace Mathews last Thursday afternoon. One person from each of the churches represented at the meeting gave a report on the work done in some of the mission fields supported by her denomination.

Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson of Los Angeles have received announcements from them of the birth of a son, Thomas Jr., on Dec. 1.

Mrs. C. P. Nelson of Firth, Idaho, arrived on Friday for a visit at the homes of her brothers, J. E. and C. W. Swanson.

Barney Devlin, sheepman of Heppner, has spent several days here.

The Women's Topic club will have its December study meeting at the home of Mrs. Werner Rietmann next Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14. A. A. Disque of Portland, a representative of Swift & Co., was in town on Wednesday receiving turkeys for the holiday trade. About 2000 pounds were bought from local farmers.

People from Arlington, Lexington and Ione as well as the immediate neighborhood attended the program and dance given in the Cecil grange hall last Saturday night by the Home Economics and 4-H clubs. The program given follows: "America" sung by audience; reading, Estelle Ledbetter; folk dance by pupils of the Cecil school accompanied at the piano by their teacher, Miss Johnstone; reading, "How the Feud Started," Kenneth Lundell; "Farm Revolt," a play by the 4-H club children and their leader, Mrs. H. E. Cool; tap dance by Cora Ellen Fletcher accompanied at the piano by Cora Mae Van Winkle; vocal solo, O. B. Spaulding; piano solo, Cora Mae Van Winkle; reading, "Resemblance," Marion Krebs; "On Dem Golden Slippers," sung by audience. A social time and dance followed with refreshments served at midnight by the H. E. club.

Mrs. Inez Freeland returned on Wednesday from an extended visit in various parts of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feldman entertained at their home Sunday with a dinner party. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denny, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McNamer, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Baker.

Miss Rosa Fletcher has returned from Hood River where she has been employed for several months.

A Christmas cantata will be presented at the school gym on Christmas eve. The school and Union Sunday school and the community as a whole are joining their efforts to make a success of the evening. Everyone is urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Feldman have gone to California where they will enjoy the holidays with relatives.

Frank Lundell and Garland Swanson went to The Dalles Tuesday to get a new car for delivery to J. E. Swanson.

On the grade school honor roll the past six weeks were Van Rietman and Marianne Corley in the fifth grade and Alice Nicholson and Catherine Turner in the fourth grade. New cases of mumps each week continue to upset the routine of both teachers and pupils.

The high school has several activities scheduled for the coming two weeks before Christmas vacation. On Friday night the boys' first and second basketball teams will play at Irrigon. On Saturday night girls' and boys' teams will play a double header basketball game in the gym here with Stanfield. It will be followed by a dance at Legion hall given for the benefit of the student body. All ladies and girls are asked to bring pies which will be auctioned off at supper time.

On Dec. 14 the student body will present its first semester play, "Laugh Clown," in the gym.

Nearly seventy persons attended the benefit card party given by the Past Noble Grand club in the aux-

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WHEAT LEAGUE TO MEET HERE IN '36

E. Harvey Miller Elected President at Pendle- ton Conference.

GROWERS FAVOR AAA

Sales Tax for Old Age Pensions Indorsed; Columbia River Development Backed.

Selection of Heppner for its conference in 1936 and election of E. Harvey Miller of Lexington as its new president marked the closing of the two-day session of the ninth Eastern Oregon Wheat League conference at Pendleton Saturday evening. Invitation to come to Heppner, presented by the Lions club and farmers of the district, was accepted on acclamation with remembrance of the outstanding conference held here in 1930.

Raising of Miller to the presidency was given in recognition of his past valuable service. He was vice-president of the organization last year.

Henry V. Smouse of Ione, is another Morrow county man given recognition. He was elected to the executive committee. Other officers named were Charles A. Nish of Mikkelo, vice-president; Charles W. Smith of Corvallis and former county agent here, secretary; L. J. Kelly of Wasco county, Harry Proudfoot of Sherman county, Lloyd Smith of Gilliam county, Jim Putnam of Wheeler county, James Hill of Umatilla county, C. H. DeLong of Union county, Hugh Wilson of Wallawa county, and N. E. Dodd of Baker county, executive committee.

Strong declaration in favor of the principles of AAA and indorsement of proposed sales tax for old age pensions was given by the only organized voice of eastern Oregon wheatraisers after many problems confronting the industry had been carefully mulled over in committees organized for specialized consideration. Recommendations came from similar committees which had been at work in each of the counties represented, and decision on two of the major issues followed addresses by recognized authorities. A. R. Shumway of Milton, long prominent in farm organization circles and member of the national wheat adjustment board, upheld the triple-A program, while Charles V. Galloway, state tax commissioner, gave a lucid discourse on the tax situation. Galloway indicated the sales tax as the only way open for providing funds with which to match federal money for payment of old age pensions.

Unanimous approval of the sales tax action was not evident among the 300-odd conference attendants, as shown in an open forum discussion on Friday, the day preceding adoption of the committee's resolution. At that time many conflicting views were expressed, and much definite opposition revealed. There were rumblings of the resolution having been railroaded, as it came up for passage early Saturday morning without general notice having been given, and was adopted in accepting the taxation committee's report in full.

General smoothness and agreement ended the league's recommendation-grinding machinery in most instances as the balance-of-opinion views of the group were recorded.

Recommendations of the transportation committee, headed by Bert Johnson of Ione, were adopted in full, including opposition to repeal of the interstate commerce commission act; indorsement of immediate channel construction on upper Columbia river including construction of Umatilla Rapids dam; opposition to placing Columbia river control under interstate commerce commission, and condemnation of the tendency allowing railroads to dominate truck transportation and to boost freight rates all along the line. Every 2-cent change in freight rates represents \$1,500,000 to northwest wheat growers, it was pointed out.

Favoring adjustment of agricultural production to demand, and indorsement of the legislative interim committee's revamping of Oregon's "hodge-podge" of property tax and assessment laws, was included in the adopted report of the committee on legislation, taxation, finance and agricultural adjustment.

Rural electrification, labor troubles in Portland, export butter, putting wheat grades on quality rather than weight basis, and numerous other problems were considered and recommendations made which will appear in the conference proceedings, publication of which was authorized.

President Mac Hoke of Pendleton presided at the league sessions, and Judge Calvin L. Sweek was toastmaster at Friday evening's banquet. Other speakers included C. C. Conser, assistant chief of the wheat section of the national AAA, Rep. Walter M. Pierce, and Hugh Martin of the Portland independent grain trade.

Choice dried Italian prunes, 50 lb. Mail orders to Ralph Bengt, Heppner, or phone 5F41, Lexington.