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37,000 ACRES TO GO ON AUCTION BLOCK

Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale Saturday at Court House.

JUDGMENTS \$36,500.00

Procedure of Sale Explained by District Attorney; Bids on Parcels Given Preference.

Thirty-seven thousand acres of Morrow county lands will be placed on the auction block at the court house Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., to satisfy tax judgments to the amount of \$36,500. The judgments were obtained by Morrow county for taxes delinquent prior to 1930.

Sherriff C. J. D. Bauman or Deputy Elbert L. Cox will officiate as auctioneer.

The auction will not be held in the accepted meaning of the term, as no attempt is made to run the price on any of the land beyond the amount of judgment against it, or will any bid be accepted for a greater amount, explains S. E. Notson, district attorney.

The procedure of sale will be to offer each tract in parcels, and bids on smaller parcels will be honored ahead of bids on larger parcels. Should there be no offers on a tract by parcels, then bids will be accepted on the entire tract, and should no such bids be offered the entire tract will be taken by the county.

While any land will be sold for the amount of judgment against it, purchasers will assume such other tax indebtedness as has accrued since the period covered by the judgment, says Mr. Notson.

New Truck Service Is Announced for Branch

Starting January 28, the Heppner branch will have new truck freight service through Eastern Oregon Freight Line, Inc., with headquarters at The Dalles. R. A. Twiss, manager, and son Robert were in the city Tuesday completing details. The younger Mr. Twiss will operate the local truck.

Three times a week service, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays will be given until March 1, when the run will be put on a daily basis. The line will offer connections for freight to and from any place, Mr. Twiss said. He reported considerable local demand for the service. Heppner office will be at Kane's garage.

GRAIN HAS NEW LIFE.

Guy Shaw, manager Morrow County Grain Growers warehouse at Lexington, reports much improvement in crop prospects in this section. Much grain at first thought to have been frozen out, has started new growth, and he thinks little reseeded of the north-Lexington country will be necessary. Moisture has descended to a depth of 20 inches. Old crop wheat of the county generally is cleaned up with grain companies after every kernel they can get their hands on. About 10,000 bushels remain in storage at Lexington. Mr. Shaw was in the city Friday.

SUPPORT FEE BILL.

Mrs. A. H. Lea, president Oregon State Mothers, and Mrs. Geo. F. Brice, president U. of O. Mothers, are strongly supporting adoption of the student fee bill to be voted on January 31. A letter bearing the personal signature of both ladies was received this week, saying "Friends of higher education are greatly concerned over misrepresentations being made on the student activity fee bill. We urge you to strongly support this measure in your paper."

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Mrs. Beulah Nichols, Lexington Gazette Times correspondent and Pacific Telephone operator, was reported this morning as recovering well from a major operation which she underwent at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland yesterday. Her father, W. B. Tucker, is in the city with her.

EXAMINER COMING 28TH.

C. M. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, will be at the courthouse in Heppner Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley at that time.

BOND PAYMENT MADE.

Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, announces a 50 percent payment on its bond coupons payable before closing of local banks. Dividend payments of the First National bank have made this possible.

LEXINGTON

By EDITH EDWARDS

The Lexington grade school basketball team met defeat at the hands of Heppner on the Heppner floor last Friday afternoon by a score of 32 to 2.

Miss Frances Harpole of Spokane, Wash., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Edwards.

E. C. Miller is in Lexington from his home in Salem, attending to some business matters.

The car which Woodrow Tucker was driving to school overturned on the Blackhorse road Thursday morning. The car was quite badly damaged but no one was injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hunt and family and Arthur Hunt were business visitors in Pendleton Saturday.

Clyde Edwards has been ill at his home the past week.

Bernice Bauman entertained the Home Economics club with a quilting party at her home last Thursday. A potluck dinner was served at noon. Those present were Alta Cutsforth, Bertha Nelson, Ellen Nelson, Freda Slocum, Laura Rice, Anne Johnson, Anne Miller, Della Edmondson, Irene Padberg, Pearl Devine, Emma White, Martha Wright, Sarna Campbell, Trina Parker, Bernice Bauman, Mabel Cool, LaVergne Henderson, Laura Scott, Margaret Leach and Alda Troedson.

E. Harvey Miller, George Peck, R. E. Rice, Orville Cutsforth, A. H. Nelson and H. V. Smouse went to Arlington Thursday to attend the regional meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league.

There will be an old time dance and pie social at the grange hall on January 25. Everyone is cordially invited. Free dance.

A. M. Edwards is drilling on the E. C. Miller ranch north of town.

Mrs. Sarah White won the 25-pound sack of sugar from the recent contest conducted by Barnett's store. Judges were Opal Leach, Shirlee Smith and Harry Schriever.

Lawrence Beach was a business visitor in Heppner Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Rauch is quite ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gale and son of Portland spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Gale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvannus Wright.

The Lexington high school basketball team defeated the Irrigon quintet on the home floor last Friday evening by a score of 26-15.

Those playing for Lexington were: Keith Gentry, Lavern Wright, Kenneth Palmer, Asa Shaw and Lyle Allyn. Subs, Woodrow Tucker and Ellwynne Peck.

Mrs. Caroline Kuns has received the position of cooking for the school hot lunches, to replace Mrs. Eva Lane.

Lou Bradley left on the train Friday night for Cherryville where she will visit for a time at the George McMillan home.

Mrs. James Cowins of Heppner visited her mother, Mrs. George Allyn, last Friday.

W. B. Tucker went to Portland to be with his daughter, Beulah Nichols, who underwent a major operation at the Good Samaritan hospital Wednesday.

Neil White of Ukiah visited in Lexington last week.

I. M. Gatter, special agent in the Edward Brown Insurance Co., called on the local agent, Mrs. Breshears, last week.

Miss Delpha Merritt is visiting her father in Portland.

Milton R. Morgan Grew First Wheat in Eight Mile

Recalling that he voted at the election in which Morrow county was divided from Umatilla county, Milton R. Morgan, pioneer settler of the lower Eight Mile section south of Ione, when in town Monday told of raising the first wheat in that district. He arrived in the county in 1882, having come west from Kansas in 1880 and spending two years in the Weston district. A native of Missouri, he resided eight years in Kansas.

He and his brother-in-law, Mr. Downing, plowed under bunchgrass knee-high to plant the first wheat on what is known as the Morgan home place. Red chaff and little club wheat were the first varieties they grew.

Mr. Morgan came west by ox team as the northern route of the Union Pacific railroad had not been completed at that time. The railroad up the branch had not yet been built, and wheat was delivered by six- and eight-horse teams at Arlington. Two or three days were required for making a single trip.

Conditions then may not have been the best, but Mr. Morgan said he thought people generally were better situated. For one thing, they did not have to bear nearly so heavy a tax load as people do today. Life, in general, is moving at a much faster pace today, he believed. He recalled being a constant subscriber to this paper since it was first started, 53 years ago.

SWAGGARTS LAMBING.

Frank Swaggart, in the city on Tuesday from Butter creek, reported that lambing had been under way at his place for two weeks with the arrival of many twins to keep all hands busy. He now has more than 800 sheep from a start of two pet lambs a few years ago.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET.

Ruth chapter 32, O. E. S., will meet in regular session tomorrow evening at Masole hall. A large attendance is requested by Lena Cox, worthy matron, who announces important business to be transacted.

Oddfellows and Rebekahs Hold Joint Installation

Joint installation of officers for San Souci lodge 33, Rebekahs, and Willow lodge 66, I. O. O. F., was held in Odd Fellows hall Friday evening following an enjoyable chicken dinner at 6:30. Installing officers for the Rebekahs were Margaret Phelps, district deputy president, and Charlotte Gordon, grand marshal, and for the Odd Fellows, John J. Wightman, district deputy noble grand, and Ralph Beamer, grand marshal.

Mable Chaffee, Rebekah past noble grand; was presented a past noble grand pin, and Sadie Sigsbee was also presented a past noble grand pin by the degree team for which she acted as captain for several years. Officers installed follow:

Rebekahs: Mable Chaffee, P. N. G.; Clara Beamer, N. G.; Bonnie Grace Pope, V. G.; Millar G. Turner, secretary; Sadie Sigsbee, treasurer; Ella Benge, warden; Alice Rasmus, conductress; Hattie Wightman, R. S. N. G.; Emma Jones, L. S. N. G.; Elizabeth Campbell, chaplain; Verna Hayes, musician; Millie Doolittle, R. S. V. G.; Alice Gentry, L. S. V. G.; Beulah Eskelson, inside guardian; Margaret Phelps, outside guardian.

Odd Fellows: Harold Ayers, P. N. G.; C. A. Macomber, N. G.; Cornett Green, V. G.; E. L. Ayers, secretary; J. L. Yeager, treasurer; Tom Wells, warden; Ralph Beamer, conductor; Jeff Jones, R. S. N. G.; Alex Green, L. S. N. G.; Joseph Pope, chaplain; Frank E. Parker, R. S. S.; Frank Anderson, L. S. S.; Ernest Hunt, inside guardian; R. C. Phelps, outside guardian; A. J. Chaffee, R. S. V. G.; Joseph Belanger, L. S. V. G.

Oregon's Record of Farm Owner Changes Praised

Oregon has a noteworthy record in respect to changes in farm ownership, according to L. R. Breithaupt, agricultural extension economist at Oregon State college. Government statistics show that for more than two years Oregon has led all other states in the union in percentage of voluntary transfers and has had the lowest percentage of forced transfers of any north-west state, Breithaupt says.

Figures show that during the year ending March 1, 1935, 5.28 per cent of the farms in Oregon changed hands—2.84 per cent being voluntary sales and trades and 2.44 per cent owing to tax, mortgage and related defaults. The number of voluntary transfers has increased steadily during the past three years while forced transfers have decreased rapidly.

Commenting on the reasons for these trends, Mr. Breithaupt said that the increase in farm prices from the 1932 level of 46 per cent to the 1929-1930 average of 55 in 1935, 60 in 1934 and 68 per cent in 1935, had a good deal to do with improving the farm situation. He also attributed much of the enviable record in regard to farm ownership changes, however, to the very effective work of the voluntary farm debt adjustment committee appointed by the governor for the purpose of assisting farm debtors and their creditors in making debt adjustment and refinancing arrangements.

"Led by O. M. Plummer as chairman of the state committee, and with the assistance of the county agricultural agents, these county committees have been quietly at work for more than three years giving advice and help to all who asked for their aid," Breithaupt said. "Without compensation, they have rendered a service of greater importance than is generally realized."

Cake Auction to Feature President's Ball Thursday

Dr. A. D. McMurdo, local chairman for the President's Birthday ball to be held at the Elks hall next Thursday evening, issues a call for ladies to bake cakes to be auctioned at the affair. "Don't be afraid to bake them, no matter how large or how small," the doctor says, "all will be welcome. Proceeds go to a grave cause, the combating of infantile paralysis." Kaufman's orchestra of Pendleton will play.

This year 70 percent of the net proceeds from the ball will stay at home, with 30 percent going to the national organization.

Report From Irrigon Puts County Over Top

Tom Caldwell, roll call chairman at Irrigon, reports the collection of \$9 there to put Morrow county over the top in raising its annual Red Cross quota for 1935. Total collections for the county now exceed the \$250 quota by \$5.50, reports Josephine Mahoney, county chapter chairman.

Distribution of articles to highway first aid stations is being made this week by C. J. D. Bauman, chairman of the first aid committee. Stations are being established at Ione and Hardman.

GIDEONS COMING AGAIN.

The Gideons of Portland will be at the Methodist church in Heppner again a week from Sunday to hold services. Their visit here a few weeks ago was well received.

LIBRARY MEETING SET.

A meeting of the library association will be held in the library room at 4:30 Saturday afternoon. Everyone interested in library is requested to attend.

LOW BID RECEIVED FOR RELAYING PIPE

Pierce & Connor Given Contract Subject to Bond Approval.

VOTE IN FEBRUARY

Saving Under Estimate on PWA Project Believed Sufficient to do Work at Wells.

Pierce and Connor, contractors of Portland, were successful bidders for relaying 1 1/2 miles of city pipe line down Willow creek, when bids were opened by the council last Friday afternoon. Their bid of \$10,712 was accepted subject to approval by the voters of \$7000 in bonds under a PWA project totaling \$12,575. The remainder of the money, \$5,575 will come from the federal government as an outright grant if the bonds are approved.

Resolution authorizing the bond election has been forwarded to the PWA office in Portland, and the date of the election will be set as soon as authorization is given, announced Mayor T. J. D. Jones. He said it will not be possible to complete details soon enough to hold the bond election coincident with the special election January 31, but expects the time will be set some time early in February.

The mayor and council considered the bid received as exceptionally good. As the cost of relaying the stretch of old wooden pipe with steel pipe will run considerably under the amount allotted by PWA, it is expected to use the remainder in augmenting the supply from the wells. Mayor Jones believes the amount will be sufficient to ditch into one of the wells at a depth of some 20 feet, thus obtaining a gravity flow, should the council decide upon this procedure.

Late information from PWA states that the city does not have to stand any of the cost of supervision and inspection required by the government agency, and Mayor Jones considers that taking advantage of the federal grant funds will bring a considerable saving to the city.

Other bidders on the work were Anderson Construction Co. and Eugene Ruedy Co. Pierce and Connor's bid was the lowest. It was based on specifications in the published notice calling for bids.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Against Federal Relief
- Mineral Development
- Motorists Pay 9 Million

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—Relief is a local problem and not one for the state or nation to deal with in the opinion of Governor Martin, who declared himself as opposed to any further huge federal appropriations for unemployment relief such as the \$4,800,000 authorized by the last Congress.

Local officials, the governor explained, are in closer contact with the situation and in better position to understand than are state and federal officials.

The governor, discussing the relief situation in Oregon with Elmer Goudy, executive secretary of the state relief committee, expressed the opinion that an allotment of \$10 a month was adequate for the needs of the average individual on relief, qualifying this statement, however, by explaining that recipients of relief should be able to supplement this fund through part time or seasonal jobs.

Sixty-six Oregon motorists lost their operators' licenses during December, 36 for driving while drunk and 30 for various other reasons including reckless driving, speeding, hit and run driving, etc. Three motorists had their licenses suspended for failure to satisfy a judgment resulting from an accident under the provisions of the new safety-responsibility act.

Traffic accidents on Oregon highways during 1935 took a toll of 259 lives, according to figures compiled by Secretary of State Snell. While this traffic toll represents a decrease of 54 from the 1934 record Snell insists that the traffic fatalities are still too high and urges a continuation of the accident prevention work being conducted by various agencies throughout the state.

Boys at the state training school near Woodburn are to be given every encouragement to become good dairymen. Officials of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club have offered their assistance in promoting interest in dairying among the boys through awards of merit and prizes of various kinds. As a result of this interest on the part of the Jersey breeders the board of control this week authorized Su-

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New Water District Formed for County

A new water district has been established in Morrow county to include the Rock creek and Willow creek watersheds as a result of petition of the county court to the state engineer, and Harry Tamblin, county engineer, has been named watermaster. The new district is No. 9. It was taken from the Umatilla-Morrow county district all of which was formerly under J. M. Spencer. The court expects the new arrangement will greatly facilitate control of water right problems.

Mr. Tamblin has requested that all water users under the Willow creek watershed refrain from irrigation until water in the creek reaches the Columbia in order to give ranchers on the lower creek water for their stock. If everyone cooperates he believes water for everyone will be available when irrigation becomes necessary. At present there is a shortage of water for stock on the lower creek.

Man Found at Modesto Cause of Inquiry Here

Finding of a dead man near Modesto, Cal., Tuesday, in whose purse was the corner of an envelope bearing the names "Jim or Gerome O'Connor, Heppner, Ore.," caused telegraphic inquiry at the sheriff's office here yesterday. Both O'Connor boys were found to be at home on the farm and could give little information on the identity of the dead man.

The description in the telegram, about 35 years of age, 6 feet tall and fair complexioned, they said answered that of a man who called at their farm some time ago seeking employment, but they did not learn his name or from whence he came. The body was found along the railroad right-of-way beside the ashes of a campfire. A 22 caliber rifle was near by. A bullet hole in the right temple indicated suicide.

Adult Education Classes Changed to Court House

The classes in adult education being conducted as a WPA project under Gordon Bucknum will meet in the county court room at the courthouse beginning next Monday instead of at the high school. Classes convene at 7 o'clock each evening.

Mr. Bucknum announces substitution of a class in astronomy for the gym class that has been held on Tuesdays. A supply of reference books for use in the work arrived this week from the state library and are available at the local library. Good interest in the work is reported.

LIBRARY APPRECIATED.

The little library at Ione at present is not a WPA project, but is a project for six months sponsored by the Umatilla county library and the Women's Topic club of Ione. Most of the books in the Ione library are loaned by the state library to the Umatilla county library. However, in order that the assortment might be more complete and more attractive some of the newer books belonging to the Umatilla county library are included in the loan. The library board of the Umatilla county library very generously consented to loan Miss Jane Olsen, their librarian, to the Ione people to instruct the women in charge in proper shelving, care, and lending of the books, and in keeping the accounts. The Women's Topic club and the people of Ione feel deeply indebted to Miss Olsen for her most splendid assistance, and to the Umatilla county library board and Oregon state library for their generosity. Ione deeply appreciates this library service.

LOCAL NEWS

Noel Dobyns shot a coyote off the roof of a sheepshed on the Herb Olden farm yesterday. Esten Stevens was with him. The coyote ran onto the roof of the shed when first shot at, and the good marksmanship of Mr. Dobyns felled it from there. Walter Dobyns reported the feat when in town today.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Devin were in town from the Sand Holow farm home today.

Members of the county court and Millard D. Rodman, local project manager for soil conservation service, are leaving this afternoon for Prineville to be in attendance at the meeting of the state planning board there tomorrow.

Mr. Thompson, from the office of Sam Boardman, roadside beautification supervisor with the state highway department, is accompanying F. F. Wehmeyer, local forest supervisor, out on the Spray road today in the interest of saving some trees along the road.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Pope are in Portland this week. They were accompanied to the city by W. B. Tucker of Lexington.

One case of diphtheria and one case of smallpox have been reported at the CCC camp. The cases are isolated at the infirmary and proper quarantine precautions are being taken, reports Dr. A. D. McMurdo.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bowker were in town this morning from the Alpine farm. They report being pleased with moisture received to date, but would welcome more.

There will be a dance at Dry Fork, Feb. 1.

IONE

By MARGARET BLAKE

Bunchgrass Rebekah lodge held its installation of officers at its regular meeting last Thursday evening. The following officers, elected or appointed for the coming year, were installed by Mrs. Edith Matthews, Margaret Ely, noble grand; Elaine Rietmann, vice grand; Norma Rea and Minnie Ely, supporters to noble grand; Gladys Drake and Ida Fletcher, supporters to vice grand; Harriet Heilker, warden; Arvilla Swanson, conductor; Mary Swanson, inside guardian; Rose Fletcher, outside guardian; Minnie Forbes, chaplain; Ruby Roberts, musician; Lena Lundell, secretary; Etta Howell, treasurer, and Ruth Lundell, past noble grand.

Mr. and Mrs. Ture Peterson went to Astoria Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley are the parents of a daughter, Shirley Ann, born at Heppner on Friday, Jan. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Laxton McMurray returned last week from Portland where they spent the past two months.

H. L. Decker, field representative of the Farmers National Warehouse corporation of Portland, was a business visitor here last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bryson were called to Clarkston, Wash., last Thursday by the sudden death of Mr. Bryson's brother, Bert Bryson.

The Home Economics club of Willow grange met at the home of Mrs. James Lindsay last Friday afternoon. Fourteen members and eight guests were present. The business meeting was followed by a social hour in which a grab bag was featured. A door prize was won by Mrs. Mary Lundell. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Home Economics club of Willow grange is arranging a card party and old-time dance at the Cecil hall Saturday, Feb. 1. Pedro and pinocle will be at play until 10:30 when the dance for which good music is promised will begin.

A big Leap Year dance for Feb. 15 is also scheduled by the club.

Roy Feeley made a business trip to Portland last week.

The Women's Topic club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Clyde Denny last Wednesday evening. Seven tables of bridge were in play. Prizes were won by Mrs. George Tucker, Mrs. Inez Freland, D. M. Ward and Omar Rietmann. Hostesses were Mrs. Edward Rietmann, Mrs. M. E. Cotter and Mrs. Clyde Denny.

Mr. and Mrs. Bergun Ledbetter and family moved to Boardman last Wednesday where they will be located on a farm. Their son Jimmy remained here for the rest of the school year. He is at the home of Mrs. Lena Ray.

Mrs. Nettie Bundy of Portland is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. E. Cotter.

J. D. Sommer, insurance agent from La Grande, was registered at the Park hotel the first of the week.

Mrs. Frank Lindsey departed on Saturday for California where she will visit relatives for a month. She will also visit at Carlton, Ore., before returning home.

N. A. Cramer and L. F. Albright, itinerant piano tuner and radio repairman from San Francisco, have been registered at the local hotel for the past week.

Semester exams were given last week. On the high school honor roll for the first semester are the following: Freshman class—1st honor roll, Lola Cannon 2nd honor roll, Helen Lundell; sophomore class—1st honor roll, Betty Bergevin; 2nd honor roll, Maxine McCurdy, Bertha Akers, Jane Huston; junior class—1st honor roll, Wallace Lundell; senior class—1st honor roll, Ruth Kitching and Elaine Nelson.

The first edition of the high school paper will be ready for distribution next week.

The second semester began Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCabe left Saturday for a visit with relatives at Olympia, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Laxton McMurray are moving to town where they will live in the Emily McMurray house.

Theodore Anderson returned this week from visiting his daughters in Portland.

Mrs. Kelly is with her school again after two weeks' absence. Alice Anderson was the substitute teacher.

Wm. Mahrt of Pendleton was an Eight Mile visitor this week. He will install a Delco plant at Rhea Creek grange hall this week.

There will be a dance at Rhea Creek, Saturday, Jan. 25, with good music.

Friday night, Jan. 24, is social night at Rhea Creek grange. Members and friends are urged to attend.

BONUS BILL PASSES. Immediate cash payment of adjusted service certificates of World War veterans had passed both houses of congress yesterday by large majorities, insuring that it will be put into effect even should the president veto the measure. Payment will be in \$50 baby bonds, cashable immediately or held to draw three percent interest.

ALBERT E. SMITH TO SPEAK. Albert E. Smith, former democratic presidential candidate, will address a meeting of the American Liberty league in Washington, D. C., Saturday evening. The address will be broadcast over the Columbia network, and will start at 7 p. m., Pacific standard time.

SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR LEAGUE FIGHT

Lions Back Membership Drive; Resolve Favoring Wheat Control.

ALDRICH ANSWERED

Commissioner Says Spray Road Opening Not Feasible; NYA Projects Considered.

Endorsement of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league membership drive and the league's fight for continuance of wheat production control was given by the Lions club Monday. Henry Smouse, league membership chairman for the county, and Joseph Belanger, county agent, presented the matters to the club. Earl Eskelson and Charles B. Cox were appointed to assist with the drive in Heppner, and S. E. Notson and E. L. Morton named to frame resolutions in support of the league resolutions passed at Arlington by a regional meeting of wheat farmers last Thursday.

The Arlington meeting went on record favoring payment of farmers for compliance already made under allotment contracts, continuance of the control program, and opposing return of processing taxes to millers.

A. R. Shunway of Milton is representing the league in Washington, D. C., in furthering its work, and other plans for an active campaign are being made which will require funds. The funds are being supplied through league memberships at \$1 a member. Already league memberships have surpassed any previous record. Farmers of the county have rallied to its support, and business men of Ione have joined 100 percent. Smouse and Belanger reported. A like response from businesses in Heppner is anticipated in view of the large benefit the control program has been to this section. It was pointed out that business in the towns can only prosper as the supporting industries, wheat and sheep raising, prosper, and that every business in the county is directly interested in the wheat industry.

Hope of getting the Heppner-Spray road cleared of snow waned from information received from E. B. Aldrich, state highway commissioner, in reply to the appeal of H. O. Tenney, road committee chairman.

Mr. Aldrich held that traffic on the route did not justify the work, and that other roads of more importance were not being cleared. He gave the cost of running a rotary plow at \$50 a day. District Engineer Williams was cited in the reply. Tenney asserted Aldrich had overlooked the point of the appeal, saying that the work could be done with a blade, and that very cheaply if the commission would permit the grader to go beyond the Morrow county line. While traffic on the road has not been heavy, Tenney said much more use would be made of it if it were cleared. He incorporated his arguments in a reply to the commissioner.

N. Berkeley of Pendleton, district manager National Youth administration, appeared before the club asking its sponsorship of a local project to give aid to students. C. J. D. Bauman and Dr. L. B. Tibbles were appointed as a cooperating committee. They will look into the possibility of using the tennis courts as a project, as well as investigating the possibility of obtaining federal aid for construction of a county recreational center, funds for which were said to be available.

Edward F. Bloom, school superintendent who just returned from a meeting of the National High School Athletic federation in Chicago where he served as a member of the rules committee, made a short report of his trip. He also reported that lockers had just been completed in the gym basement as a NYA project, giving assistance to five students. Spencer Crawford reported briefly on his trip to the state press conference at Eugene last week end, saying editors of the state generally are encouraged to believe that the state is rising from the slough of despond and that business generally is on the upgrade.