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Committees Set Under 1937 AAA Compliance

State Chairman N. E. Dodd Explains Set-Up at Meeting.

N. E. Dodd, chairman of the state committee for the Agricultural Conservation plan, explained in detail the 1937 program at an all day meeting of the community committeemen held at the I. O. O. F. hall in Heppner Wednesday.

This year, Mr. Dodd said, an attempt should be made to fill out a work sheet for every farm in the county, regardless of whether all farms comply for grants in 1937. Mr. Dodd explained that the purpose of the meeting Wednesday was to thoroughly acquaint all community committeemen with the working plan and details of the new program so that farm operators might work out a program of action for their own farm with their nearest community committeeman.

Following the explanation of the new set-up, an organization meeting of the board of directors was held. E. H. Miller, Lexington, was again elected president of the county association and chairman of the county committee. George N. Peck, Lexington, was elected vice-president, and Frank Saling, Lexington, was elected the third member of the county committee. H. D. Rutledge, Irrigon, was elected alternate member of the county committee. Madge Thomson was elected treasurer, and Joe Belanger, county agent, was elected secretary.

The community committeemen in each district were elected at meetings held last week. Community committeemen for the nine districts in Morrow county are as follows:

Alpine: Frank Saling, chairman; A. C. Lindsay, vice-chairman; L. D. Neill, third member; William J. Doherty, alternate.

Boardman: Paul Smith, chairman; Ingvaard Skoubo, vice-chairman; Albert Baker, third member; Ralph Wasmer, alternate.

Eightmile: C. E. Carlson, chairman; Henry Baker, vice-chairman; Floyd N. Worden, third member; Chas. Becket, alternate.

Irrigon: H. D. Rutledge, chairman; Frank Brace, vice-chairman; Jack White, third member; Chauncey Grimm, alternate.

Ione: Lee Beckner, chairman; A. A. McCabe, vice-chairman; Chas. T. McElligott, third member; Louis C. Bergevin, alternate.

Lexington: George N. Peck, chairman; L. A. Palmer, vice-chairman; Orville W. Cutsforth, third member; Harvey Bauman, alternate.

Morgan: Omar Rietmann, chairman; Henry Gorgor, vice-chairman; H. V. Smouse, third member; Victor Rietmann, alternate.

North Heppner: E. H. Miller, chairman; Harry Turner, vice-chairman; Sam Turner, third member; F. S. Parker, alternate.

South Heppner and Hardman: Frank E. Parker, chairman; Alva W. Jones, vice-chairman; Chas. N. Jones, third member; Ray Wright, alternate.

I. O. O. F. TO INSTALL.

Rebekahs and Oddfellows will install new officers for the coming year at their hall tomorrow night. The evening's events include a 6:30 o'clock dinner for all members of the two orders and their families, announces Mrs. Clara Beamer, Rebekah noble grand.

MEETING NIGHT CHANGED.

The time of meeting of Heppner lodge 69, A. F. & A. M., has been changed from the first and third Tuesdays of each month to the first and third Saturdays, effective with the first March meeting, which will be March 6th.

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LIONS AND ELKS PROVIDE TROPHIES

Sub-District Class B Basketball Tournament Slated for Heppner Next Week End With 6 Teams.

A bronze basketball player mounted on a base will be given the winning team in the sub-district class B basketball tournament here next week end by the Heppner Lions club, and six individual metal trophies will be given those selected for all-star berths by Heppner Elks. Announcement of the awards was made this week by Alden Blankenship, tournament manager.

Paul McCarty writes in his "Pin-to Points" for the Hehisch in another column that the race in this sub-district has taken on some interesting aspects, what with Condon edging out the unbeaten Arlington Honkers by one point this week. Condon will be seen here, while Arlington draws a bye in the sub-district play by virtue of being host to the district toroney the next week end with privilege to compete. McCarty says Boardman and Heppner appear to be the stronger of the six teams. Hope is held for Heppner getting into smooth running form again. Lexington, Ione and Fossil are the others who will be in there scrapping.

The presale of season tickets will be pushed by students this week, and townspeople are asked to give their wholehearted support. All who can possibly make it to the games will get full value received in entertainment.

Elks Ball Saturday; Special Meeting Set

The Elks annual Washington birthday ball will be held at the hall Saturday night, with the committee in charge reporting elaborate plans for entertainment. The ball room will be gaily decorated in the Washington motif with lodge colors. Music will be furnished by the Columbians of Irrigon.

A number of out-of-town members of the lodge are expected for this and the special lodge session to begin at 2:30 in the afternoon when a large class will be initiated. Special entertainment for the ladies is scheduled for the afternoon at the Masonic hall dining room in charge of officers' wives.

FLOOD ENCOUNTERED.

Floodwaters which came clear up to the running board of his car were encountered just the other side of Blalock about 4 o'clock yesterday evening by Marvin E. Dixon, Camp Heppner CCC educational adviser, as he was driving here from Portland. Warm rains were reported to have taken snow suddenly from the hills, causing the deluge which delayed traffic for several hours. Other washes were encountered between Arlington and Heppner Junction, and lesser flows were encountered on the lower end of the branch where orders were being given for traffic to be on the lookout. Mr. Dixon was absent on leave, attending a conference of CCC educational advisers in Vancouver on the 10th and 11th. Mrs. Dixon, who accompanied him, remained for a longer visit at the home of her parents at Mollala.

TO VISIT MEXICO.

Misses Leta Humphreys and Rose Leibbrand plan to leave a week from Sunday on a motor trip into Mexico, going as far as Mexico City. They expect to be gone for several weeks, and Miss Leibbrand has promised Gazette Times readers a letter or two while on the road, telling of their experiences, "that is," she said, "if not too much overcome by that manana feeling." Miss Leibbrand has been in Morrow county for several months digging out historical material for Writers Guild, a WPA project. Her latest work is on incorporated cities in the county. She received a new assignment this week to "do" the courthouses at Prineville, Moro and Fossil.

Street Surfacing Plans Amended; Give More Work

Application for PWA Funds Will be Made In Next Few Days.

Plans for Heppner's street surfacing project were amended by the council Monday evening to include more work than formerly planned. Frank Hayes, Pendleton engineer, was present with the plans as tentatively drawn. His estimates showed that should the project be approved by PWA for the amount to be asked, sufficient money would be available to include the additional work. He is expected back in the city within a few days with a completed draft of the plans as amended for incorporation in the application for a PWA grant.

Under the PWA grant, if given, 45 percent of the cost of the project will be paid by the federal government. The city's 55 percent, or \$8,000, has been provided for in this year's budget.

The amended plans call for graveling up the hill to the end of the streets on Center and Baltimore streets, and graveling on Riverside Drive to the stockyards and on Morgan street. Blacktop surfacing is planned for all other principal streets. Surfacing will be laid to a width of 30 feet on the wider streets, and not so wide on narrower streets.

The type of surfacing called for consists of two layers of crushed rock rolled down with a top dressing of fine gravel and asphalt. The same type of surfacing was used at the Pendleton airport, Hayes said. With a good natural base existing on most city streets to start with, he believed this surface would hold up well.

City dads are hopeful that the project can be put through in time to start work in the spring.

When Man Charges For Helping Himself, What is It?

When a man charges \$5 cash on the line before assisting a rig in getting out of the mud, which rig is attempting to clear the road beside that man's farm, it is the height of something or other. That is the belief of county officials who reported just such an incident this week.

It happened to the CCC bulldozer which was assisting the county in freeing roads of snowdrifts. The bulldozer got stuck in the mud by a man's farm. The boys sought help from the man, who asked \$5 cash before proceeding. The money was paid, and the CCC boys compensated by the county.

County officials said they had been stuck many times in getting through the recent road emergency, and had sought help many times, which in every instance except that cited, was freely given. Generally, wholehearted cooperation was received from everyone.

BEAN TRANSFERRED.

R. Allen Bean, bookkeeper at the local branch First National Bank of Portland since it opened, yesterday departed for Enterprise where he will be connected with the branch of the Portland institution there as result of the transfer. His transfer comes as a promotion in recognition of his good services. Mr. Bean and family have the regrets of many friends on leaving this city, accompanied by well wishes for success and happiness in their new location.

J. P. Clancy, Boston wool buyer for Draper & Co., arrived at Hotel Heppner the first of the week and has been busy interviewing local growers.

WEATHER JITTERY; HAY GOES TO \$20

Snowfall Saturday Night Brings Four Inches; New Storm Hits County Yesterday.

Just as zephyrs with a hint of spring and Old Sol's smile had nearly eradicated a 4-inch snowfall of Saturday night, and local folks became encouraged to the point of beginning to unload heavy undies, the weather concocter handed out another rare dish yesterday. Driven by a high wind it came first in the form of mixed snow and rain, then resolved itself into a heavy fall of big flakes, still wind-driven, to whiten again the murky landscape.

A heavy wind blew from the south Tuesday night and yesterday until the downfall began, apparently having shifted more into the west to bring the storm.

Saturday night's snow was drifted by wind to close again the Heppner hill road, and yesterday's storm was certain not to improve the situation. Some sheepmen were being forced to buy \$18 to \$20 per ton hay this week, and relief still is uncertain.

A basketball game between Heppner and Fossil high schools to have been played here tomorrow night was cancelled yesterday because of the uncertain road situation. Fear is being felt that outside attendance at the sub-district class B basketball tournament here next week end will be adversely affected for the same reason.

Minor landslides onto the tracks of the branch railroad were also reported the first of the week, but while necessitating slow orders had not proved serious.

Take Applications For District Range

The board of advisors for Oregon Grazing district No. 7, and Marvin Klemme, regional grazier of the grazing service, with headquarters at Burns, are meeting at the county agent's office today and tomorrow to pass on applications for permits to graze on public domain land lying within the grazing district.

The board of advisors for this district was recently appointed by the secretary of interior. These five men were nominated for this appointment at the January 30 meeting of range users which was held at the court house in Heppner. The men are William Kilkenny, Heppner; John Krebs and Jack Hynd, Cecil; L. D. Neill and Chas. Bartholomew, Echo.

High Water Floods Lower Creek Road

Warm rains removed the snow rapidly in the hills in the north end of the county yesterday, bringing flood waters which covered the highway and railroad tracks in places. The highway bridge at the Jim Farley place was reported as completely inundated, and traffic was held up for fear that its underpinning might give way.

The train was not expected in before noon today because of the flood waters and minor slides which slowed progress.

GETS SERVICE AWARD.

Ray P. Kinne, manager of the local office of the Pacific Power & Light company was the recipient this week of a service pin denoting 15 years of continuous service with that company. Mr. Kinne has been employed by the company for a total of twenty years of which the past fifteen years have been continuous, he having been in business for himself for a short period after his first employment with the company. For the past five years he has been manager of the local office.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Pieper at the home of Mrs. George Allyn in Lexington, Feb. 15, an 8-pound son, Delbert Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Scott left Tuesday for Portland.

Flood District May be Organized Under New Law

Mahoney Brings Report from Salem; Judge Urges Action.

Organization of a flood control district, a necessary procedure if Morrow county hopes to prevail upon Uncle Sam to construct flood control dams here, may be effected under a new voluntary organization law, reports P. W. Mahoney, representative of the county court who returned the end of the week from Salem where he attempted to lay such wires as may help protect this county against future disastrous floods such as that which occurred at Heppner in 1903. That flood cost 223 lives and is listed among major disasters in the history of state and nation.

The new law is incorporated in house bill 348 which passed the house Monday.

Mr. Mahoney learned of the proposed measure from State Engineer C. E. Stricklin, and with him appeared before the house committee on irrigation, drainage and flood control in obtaining that group's sponsorship. The local man anticipated little opposition to its passage. Senators and representatives of this section all rallied to its support.

The old law for organization of flood control districts called for elections to be paid for from funds in the hands of the state engineer, "if such funds be available," and brought into the district all lands within the stated area on a two-thirds favorable vote of landholders therein. It was to assist in obtaining funds for the state engineer to call such an election that Mr. Mahoney went to Salem.

On learning of the new bill, however, which appeared acceptable to Mr. Stricklin and also to the U. S. army engineers, Mr. Mahoney thought it would probably meet the local need. It empowers three or more landowners to incorporate voluntarily into a local "improvement district" as a non-profit organization with privilege of public domain. Only such landowners as desire to sign the by-laws are included in the district, membership being with the land rather than the individual. The by-laws, prepared and signed by two or more landowners, become effective upon additional signers after being filed with the county clerk or corporation commissioner. All rights to own property, make contracts with the federal government and individuals, such as may be necessary to proceed with the local project, are provided for, also the right to issue bonds, warrants or other obligations within stated limitations. A board of directors chosen from the membership is empowered to transact all business.

Before any assessments can be collected, which assessments are made liens against the property, a maximum sum per acre which may be collected from any property is set; also notice of each landowner's assessment must be posted in the clerk's office a stated length of time ahead of the collection period. Right is given to apply for judicial review in a court of competent jurisdiction to test legality of the organization after it is set up and before it starts operation.

The new law repeals only so much of the old law as conflicts with its provisions.

Judge Bert Johnson expressed satisfaction with Mahoney's report, and urged everyone within the county to give serious consideration to possibility of forming the district under the new law. He believed it can be worked out without great difficulty.

Organization of the flood control district is not the only necessary step, however, he pointed out. To ac-

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