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Lions Club Asks Court to Assist In Weed Control

Menace Seen in Appearance of Pests; Bennet Tells Work

Looking to the control of noxious weeds in the county which threaten to seriously reduce the farm income the Lions club Monday resolved itself in favor of the county court declaring the entire county into a weed control district and providing funds in the budget with which to combat the problem. The action was taken after discussion of the matter by Joseph Belanger, county agent. The resolution, addressed to the court, read:

"Realizing the serious nature of the noxious weed situation in Morrow county and the disastrous effect on farm income and property values which will result from the unchecked spread of noxious weeds, and realizing further, that effective control measures must of necessity be cooperative in nature and admitting a public responsibility in coping with a problem which has already passed complete control through individual effort, the Lions club of Heppner respectfully suggests that the county court take immediate action to the end that Morrow county be declared a weed control district and that provisions be made in the 1938 budget for cooperation with individuals, looking toward the control of spread and the eradication of noxious perennial weeds within Morrow county."

In presenting the matter to the club, Mr. Belanger called especial attention to the recent appearance in the county of white top and Russian knap weed, two of the most dreaded farm enemies. So far they are present only in comparatively small patches, though in some instances already beyond the individual's power to control. The determination shown by these enemies in spreading, and in resisting control, coupled with the fact that loaning agencies will give no value to land infested with them, makes their appearance extremely ominous, he pointed out.

Another speaker at the club luncheon was William S. Bennett, the new Smith-Hughes instructor. He spoke briefly on the nature of the Smith-Hughes work through which the federal government lends assistance in teaching agriculture in high schools. The original purpose of the bill, Mr. Bennett said, was to assist in averting the flow of farm youth to the cities. Interlinked with the Smith-Hughes work is the Future Farmers of America organization, student-governed, an important vehicle in training for leadership, one of the main aims of the Smith-Hughes work.

Smith-Hughes instruction is given largely by the project method, that is, by students actually doing the things they are taught in the class room. With increasing use of farm machinery in this section, Mr. Bennett believed shop work would have major emphasis here, especially as it relates to repair of farm machinery.

He asked cooperation of everyone in the community in assisting the work where needed, especially in helping supply projects.

SHIP 12 CARS OF CATTLE

Buddy Carter and Chance Wilson were among cowhands driving cattle through from Long Creek to Heppner for shipment Saturday night. Twelve carloads were shipped from the local yards that night, with shippers including Dillard French of Gurdane, Roscoe Shaw, John French, Frank McGirr, Sam and John Carter.

SHIPS SHEEP EAST

C. W. McNamer loaded out 2500 head of lambs for the eastern market from the local yards Sunday.

SCHOOL BUSES FACE NEW RULES

Regulations Announced Effective Beginning New Year; Penalties for Non-Compliance

The 1937 legislature delegated to the Public Utilities commission the task of drawing up rules and regulations governing school buses in Oregon. Accordingly the commission drew up a set of rules and regulations and sent them out to each county in the state. These were so drastic that it was necessary to revise them.

The new rules and regulations governing the operation of school buses are now in the hands of the county school superintendents and they will become effective with the beginning of school in September.

The changes in the rules and regulations will affect all school buses of more than seven-passenger capacity.

Before beginning to operate, all school buses MUST be inspected and approved by the state police department. This inspection must be arranged for by the school board of the district operating the bus or contracting for the same, before the bus is placed on the road for the purpose of transporting pupils to and from school.

A report must be made on a special form to be supplied by the state commissioner of public utilities.

One of the principal regulations will be that all seats in buses not of all steel construction must face forward. Several other new regulations apply to non all-steel buses.

The penalty for failing to comply with the new regulations is a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$1000.00, or a jail sentence of not more than three months, or by both fine and jail sentence.

School boards of districts that transport should take note of these regulations and arrange at once to meet them. With the opening date of school not more than six weeks distant the time is limited.

M. D. Clark Improves Following Operation

M. D. Clark, pioneer Heppner merchant who underwent a major operation in Portland last week end was reported to be making good progress toward recovery in word received by friends here yesterday morning. He is confined at the Emanuel hospital, and Mrs. Clark and daughter, Mrs. Gordon Ridings, are in the city with him.

He will undergo a second operation as soon as he has sufficiently recovered from the first, it was reported. In his absence W. Y. Ball is in full charge at the Clark store.

REPORTS MEN AVAILABLE

During the past week it has been possible to place several men looking for work with farm operators who needed harvest help. At the present time, some two dozen men wishing work have registered at the county agents' office and are reporting back at frequent intervals. Sack sewers have been in most demand and experienced sack sewers seem to be harder to get than any other type of farm help. It has been possible, so far, to fill all requests by farm operators for harvest help. Calls reaching the office in the morning can ordinarily be filled by noon, reports the county agent's office.

FATHER IMPROVES

Dr. L. D. Tibbles has sent word to Heppner friends from Miles City, Mont., where he went recently in answer to news of the serious illness of his father, that his father is improving from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Tibbles, who had been visiting in Missouri, joined him at Miles City and they will leave for home the first or second of August.

STAGE NAME FILED

Marion Oviatt and Oscar Newton this week filed assumed name for the Heppner - Pendleton - Arlington stage run as Gray Rock Lines.

Plan Homecoming Event for First Day Of Coming Rodeo

To Fete Pioneers; Lone-Athena Man to Bring Horses

A homecoming of Morrow county pioneers will be a feature of the first day of Rodeo, August 26-27-28, if plans of the directors, now under way, materialize. Henry Aiken, Dr. R. C. Lawrence and Harlan McCurdy, the executive board, this week contacted Judge W. T. Campbell and Mrs. Alta Brown to assist in arrangements for the occasion. It is expected to have an appropriate program Thursday morning, the 26th, with picnic dinner at noon in honor of all pioneers attending the Rodeo.

Evidencing the support which local people are giving the coming show on every hand, the executive board this week received the promise from Bud Fisk of Lone and Athena that he would be on hand with a string of four or five good race horses. Mr. Fisk purchased land in the Lone country last fall and is now harvesting his wheat crop there. He said that the Rodeo is a local institution worthy of everyone's support.

Bids are now being received for the dance band to provide music for the Rodeo dances, and the committee promise that a headliner band will be on hand.

The Kinzua-Heppner baseball game, arranged last week, will be an event of the morning of the last day.

Granges and other organizations are planning floats already for the big parade of Saturday, and additional parades Thursday and Friday will precede the afternoon shows.

The Browning Amusement company has already been signed to provide rides for the kiddies and carnival attractions, and arrangements are now under way to have the city put in holiday regalia by a decorating company.

Work to put the grounds in shape will start the first of the month, the committee announced.

RETURN FROM MONTANA

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barratt and son James, Jr., returned home Sunday from Montana where Mr. Barratt looked after his sheep interests. While there, he superintended the loading of a shipment of fat lambs for the St. Paul market which reached their destination Tuesday. He had not received returns at this writing, but expected they would average about 85 pounds in weight. Range conditions in the Browning section where Mr. Barratt operates were reported excellent. On the return home they motored up through the Waterton lakes section of Alberta and enjoyed some of the gorgeous scenery of the Canadian Rockies. While Canada has much to offer in the way of scenery, its roads are generally much poorer than those in the states, Mr. Barratt said.

"SHOOTERS" RADIO TROUBLE

R. R. May, radio trouble shooter with Pacific Power & Light company, was in the city yesterday attempting to run down local interference. The local forest receiving station has been especially handicapped by local interference, and it is announced that possibility of establishing a forest sending station here is good provided enough of the local disturbance can be overcome.

ANNOUNCE ARRIVAL

Heppner friends received announcement this morning from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Blankenship of the arrival of Kay Ellen, born in Everett, Wash., July 26. Mr. Blankenship, local superintendent of schools, with Mrs. Blankenship has been spending the summer vacation at Everett.

PEGGY KILKENNY HOLDS QUEEN LEAD

Tops Voting at Lexington; Betty Bergevin Second in Race for Rodeo Ruler; Rhea Creek Next

Peggy Kilkenny, candidate of Lena grange, strengthened her lead for queen of the 1937 Heppner Rodeo at the second scheduled dance at Lexington Saturday night. She received 8800 votes for the evening, bringing her total to 15,000, against her nearest rival's, Betty Bergevin's, 8700 total. Miss Bergevin, Willows grange candidate, received 5700 votes for the evening. Bernice Martin and Marjorie Parker, representatives of Lexington and Rhea Creek granges, received 4400 and 3100 respectively. Total standings now are:

Miss Kilkenny 15,000
Miss Bergevin 8700
Miss Martin 5600
Miss Parker 4600

Three dances remain of the five scheduled at which voting will take place. Next Saturday night, Rhea Creek will be host, with Willows as sponsor the following Saturday night. The wind-up dance with announcement of the queen will be held in Heppner in three weeks.

The dance at Lexington drew one of the largest crowds in the several years in which the queen's dances have been held, with 287 numbers purchased.

Car Accidents at Week End Reported

Three automobile accidents happening Sunday were reported at the Sheriff's office the first of the week.

Cars, each with trailer, driven by Ivar E. Nelson of Lone and Add Moore of Heppner collided shortly inside the Heppner city limits. Moore car was reported by Nelson as coming onto main highway from private road, swinging too far on to the highway without stopping in the process.

The Rupert Stout pick-up blew a tire and overturned in the ditch near the Union Oil plant.

Cars driven by R. C. Lawrence of Heppner and Harold Glasscock collided early Sunday morning near the I. R. Robison service station on the highway at Ione. Lawrence reported Glasscock car sideswiped his car after passing another car. The left front wheel was taken off and fender damaged. Glasscock, seriously injured in the accident, reported that each driver probably misjudged the distance as it is hard to judge distances after night. His car was almost totally wrecked.

GAMMELL FAMILY UNITES

A family reunion was enjoyed at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gammell last Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chandler and children Evonne, Ray and Fay, twins, from Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pearson and son Wilbur from Echo, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens of Hardman, Floyd, Eldon, Vada June and Edwin Gammell of Heppner, Miss Florence McCrea of Echo, and P. M. Gemmell of Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chandler left for their home Monday morning. Vada June and Edwin Gammell, Mrs. Chandler's sister and brother, spent ten days visiting them, having a fine time boat riding, etc. Edwin says the Santiam river holds lots of water.

BALL BOYS TO REPORT

All members of the baseball squad who expect to make the trip to Arlington Sunday are requested by Fred Hoskins, manager, to make their appearance on Main street by 11 o'clock Sunday morning. If any do not expect to go, Fred asks that they inform him before Sunday so that he may arrange for substitutions.

TO TAKE VACATION

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, announces that she will take a two weeks' vacation beginning the first of the week. She advises that all clerks' books have been audited, and asks that they be called for this week end.

Newt O'Hara Loses 100 Acres Best Wheat by Hail

Lightning Sets 30 Fires in Forest in Week's Storms

Hail which accompanied an electrical storm Tuesday evening destroyed 100 acres of the best grain on the Newt O'Hara farm on Heppner flat. Tuesday's storm was the last on four successive nights which started 30 new fires in the local forest district while bringing heavy showers to help keep those fires under control and also to delay harvesting.

The rainfall wet ripening wheat heads sufficiently to prevent damage by hail which struck in other places, and the O'Hara loss was the only considerable loss from this source reported up to this morning.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Young who were visiting at the O'Hara farm when the hail struck, brought report of the loss there. Mr. O'Hara estimated the extent of damage at 100 acres in a field of his best wheat, representing a loss upwards of \$2000. He carried no hail insurance. The only salvage would be some hay.

Lightning-set fires in the forest were mostly in the west end of the district in the Kinzua vicinity, though scattered over a large territory. Most were small when reported, the largest having burned over 88 acres. A considerable number of emergency fighters was added to the regular protective force in handling the situation.

Rain accompanying the storms was the biggest factor in controlling spread of the flames, as it kept the humidity above the 15 percent danger mark and aided visibility.

Showers were quite heavy at Heppner Monday and Tuesday evenings, with the fall lighter to the north. Grain fields in the Lexington section where harvest was under way were reported dampened enough to slow up the work.

The lightning displays were said to have been most brilliant and to have lasted the longest Monday and Tuesday evenings of any within the memory of local residents. A large bolt was seen by a number of residents to strike on the hill at the Charles Jones place near town. It struck in the open, traveled along the barbed wire fence for a considerable distance but caused no damage.

The evening storms occurred on the hottest days of the season which reached their peak Saturday when the mercury registered 99 in the shade in Heppner. The back of the heat wave appeared to be broken last night as a chilly atmosphere caused residents to pull up their bedcovers, and this morning was cool with light easterly breeze and clear sky.

Heat of the last week was reported to have caused the ripening grain to suffer, while showers in the upper country were expected to benefit some of the later grain.

LEAVES FOR SAN FRANCISCO

Harry Duncan departed the end of the week for San Francisco in company with his brother, Walter S. Duncan, who visited here for several days from Hollywood, Cal. Harry expected to spend three weeks visiting in the bay region. He had just returned from Ritter springs where he spent some time and found the baths there quite beneficial to his health.

GOES TO CLE ELUM

Dr. J. H. McCrady left Heppner hospital Monday for the home of his parents at Cle Elum, Wash. He was making fair progress toward recovery from injuries received in a recent automobile accident. His father, mother, brother and sister-in-law motored over after him.