

## Work Allotted to Local Forest Camp; CCC's Are Coming

District Improvements Planned; May Shift Area

Possible changes and future plans of the local district of the Umatilla National forest are cited by F. F. Wehmeyer, ranger in charge.

First is the Heppner site, donated by city and county, calling for several large buildings facing an asphalted court. On May street there will be an office building surrounded by lawn. The entire area will be fenced and planted to trees and shrubbery around the outside. The dwellings will be built at a later date as residences for the ranger and assistant ranger. Lest folks feel too envious, it might be stated that the government rents such buildings at a rate that insures complete reimbursement in a comparatively short period of years.

We were allotted 22 man months under ERA for the month of December for levelling the grounds. This was done to give more local men an opportunity to earn a little money, the work being done by hand labor rather than by machinery. It is expected to move a side camp of CCC enrollees down sometime this month. Through cooperation of the SCS they will be housed at the SCS camp near the Rodeo field.

A house, barn and small fire truck garage and warehouse are contemplated for Tupper; lookout cabin, garage for Rancheria, and a road to the top of the peak; cabin for Snowboard for the fireman-lookout. At least three more emergency lookout stations at strategic points are also anticipated.

Roads over Madison and Texas buttes, the Indian creek road and a road through Camas prairie to connect up Lonerock, and gradually graveling all the worst stretches on the main roads within the district are expected.

A recreational community center somewhere on Ditch creek is considered.

Although these and hundreds more minor and major improvements are simply plans at this time, dependent upon future appropriations, we feel confident that in the main they will

be fulfilled. Development has progressed steadily the last eight years and undoubtedly will continue in accordance with importance of resources of the area.

There is a strong possibility that the part of the district east of Potamus creek and the Arbuckle driveway will be transferred to the Ukiah district for administration. This would equalize the areas for protection, giving each district six hundred to six hundred and fifty thousand acres.

## Victor Johnson Takes Stage Line

Transfer of the Heppner-Pendleton-Arlington auto stage run was made this week from Marion Oviatt to Victor Johnson. Johnson made his first run last Friday, and Oviatt left the first of the week to assist in driving on the John Day highway run.

Local stage terminal will continue at Hotel Heppner, and schedule of the runs remains the same, to Pendleton and return on Tuesdays' Thursdays and Saturday, and to Arlington and return on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Gus Williamson was in from the R. A. Thompson ranch the first of the week. In his chosen work as sheep tender, Gus finds opportunity to do much reading, a hobby of which he is particularly fond, and he was as ever interested in discussing books and authors with friends in town.

## GEORGE PECK HEADS

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a particular commodity favored such action. The designation of the Pacific northwest states as a white wheat area was approved by the Federal Programs committee as a mechanism by which it might be possible to relieve surpluses in this section at times when the country as a whole could not be considered as suffering from over-production.

The Legislative committee, with George Peck, Lexington, chairman, devoted the major part of its time to the consideration of the need for labor legislation designed to correct the present intolerable situation. At the 1936 meeting of the league, legislation designed to correct conditions such as those at present causing such unrest on the Pacific northwest coast were endorsed by the league as their own honest convictions. Perhaps the blame is our own that others of our legislators lacked the intestinal fortitude or mental equipment to do other than they did. It will be the responsibility of each one of us to correct such maladjustments in our legislative personnel.

Feeling that in past deliberations the wheat league had not considered sufficiently all sides of the labor question, the legislative committee this year invited Ben Osborne, Oregon secretary of the American Federation of Labor, to attend the meeting and discuss the aims of labor before the committee. The sum and substance of Mr. Osborne's remarks were to the effect that legislation

must necessarily be ineffective in solving our present difficulties. It was impossible, Mr. Osborne indicated, to bring harmony out of the present chaos through operation of law. After listening to Mr. Osborne and to Representative Bull of Union county, who actively opposed labor legislation sponsored by the league at the last legislative session, the committee was unable to agree with labor leaders that the effectiveness of government had become reduced to such a point that legal procedure must be considered too ineffective to be considered in quieting the present troubled condition. To quote again from the legislative committee's final report: "In any form of democratic government it should be possible to achieve internal peace through legal means. We do not dare admit that we cannot govern ourselves. To say that the interest of labor or of any other group can

not be protected by law is to say that our whole scheme of government is wrong. The Eastern Oregon Wheat league, therefore, goes on record as favoring the speedy passage of such legislation as will require labor organizations to assume equal responsibility with other groups in our society."

## Jack Allen Comes as Grand Lodge Official

Jack Allen of Pendleton, former state senator from this district and one-time administrator of Oregon Liquor Control commission, will appear before Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, this evening as district deputy grand exalted ruler.

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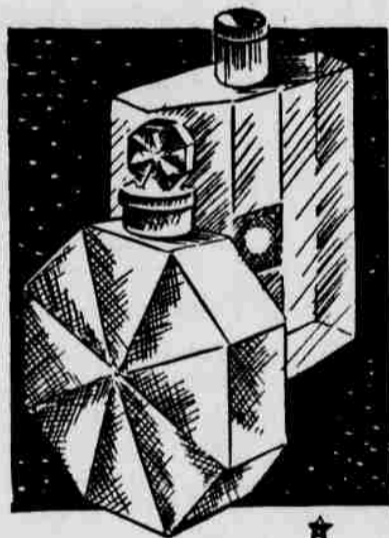
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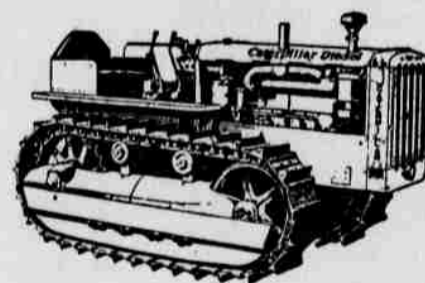
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