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Last Meeting on To Set Stage for Big Farm Conclave

Special Range Survey Made Here; Lay Plans for Feb. 24

The last preliminary conference group met today under the leadership of Professor E. L. Potter of Oregon State Agricultural college, and G. D. Pickford, ecologist of the U. S. Forest service, to draw up general recommendations for a long-time livestock program in Morrow county. Three counties—one in Idaho, one in Washington, and one in Oregon—were selected for a complete range survey in connection with the administration of the AAA range conservation program. Morrow was the one county in Oregon selected. Mr. Pickford brought with him today maps and tables showing the result of this survey, and went over these figures carefully with livestock men.

Livestock operators scheduled to attend the meeting today were W. H. Cleveland, H. A. Cohn, R. A. Thompson, Barney Doherty, Frank Wilkinson, J. J. Wightman, Edwin Hughes, Orrin Wright, R. I. Thompson, William Kilkenny, David Hynd, John Hanna, J. G. Barratt, Ray Wright, Chas. W. Bartholomew, John Krebs, A. E. McFarland, Forrest Hunning, R. V. Jones, H. H. Jayne and Glen Hadley.

Last Tuesday a similar county committee meeting was held to consider long-time crop acreage for this county. Operators attending this meeting were Lawrence Jenkins, extension specialist in farm crops of O. S. C.; James M. McCabe, Ingward Skoubo, Herbert Hynd, Oscar Peterson, C. N. Jones, Frank E. Parker, Burton H. Peck, Clyde Denny, Chas. Becket, Carl Bergstrom, Oral Scott, C. H. Van Schojack, Terrel Bengel, R. B. Rice, J. O. Kincaid and Joe Belanger.

The land use committee meeting was held last Saturday with the following men in attendance: Chas. W. Smith, assistant county agent leader from O. S. C.; M. J. Fitzpatrick, E. H. Miller, A. H. Nelson, C. E. Carlson, Palu Smith, Fred Mankin, Werner Rietmann, Lee Beckner, Fred Wehmeyer, L. D. Neill, Jack White, Frank Frederickson, Frank S. Parker, Frank Saling (Leo Gorger, Albert Baker, Victor Carlson, Ray Drake, Henry Baker, Floyd Adams, George N. Peck, and Joe Belanger.

The first county committee meeting scheduled, that on farm and home life, was held on Wednesday, January 12th, with the following ladies making up the county committee: Faye Finch, Pauline Hughes, Helen Currin, Mrs. Roy Neill, Carrie Beckett, Etta Huston, Ethel Adams, Lucy Rodgers, Bertha Nelson, Emma Peck, Alta Cutsforth, Maude Pointer, Mrs. E. C. Heliker, Elaine Rietmann, Elsa Peterson, Roxy Krebs, Anna Skoubo, Mrs. Russell Miller, Mrs. Victor Meier, Mrs. Arthur Allen, Minnie McFarland, Ida Brace and Mrs. Fred Houghton.

These meetings lay the foundation for the general county agricultural economic conference to be held at Heppner February 24.

'Personality, Charm' Theme of BPW Meet

Mrs. Elizabeth Dix led a program on "Personality and Charm" at the Business and Professional Women's club meeting at the rooms of Miss Rose Leibbrand in the Humphreys building Monday evening.

Mrs. Dix gave a short introductory talk, Miss Neva Neill discussed "Personality" and Miss Leibbrand spoke on "Charm." Miss Leibbrand, dressed in mandarin costume, served chow mein with chop sticks. Nine members were present.

EROSION CONTROL MEET AT LEX FEB. 3

Local District Annual Confab Important Outlet on Soil Practices for All of County

The third annual meeting of the Lexington Erosion Control district will be held at the Lexington grange hall on Thursday, February 3. While this meeting provides an opportunity for the election of advisors for the erosion control district, a more fundamental purpose is to provide an opportunity for farm operators to discuss the various practices being carried on to stop soil losses, says Joe Belanger, county agent.

The meeting is expected to attract farmers from several Columbia basin counties. Last year, weather conditions at the time of the meeting were such that very few outside of the county were able to attend; and even within the county, the roads were too badly drifted to allow for much travel.

Morrow county has made remarkable strides in the last two years in controlling wind erosion. The phenomenal expansion of trashy summerfallow, however, has brought with it several problems which farmers will have to answer. Probably the most pressing question is that of weeds. What is the best manner of controlling weeds in trashy summerfallow on fall-seeded wheat? Several interesting answers to this question should be brought out at the February 3rd meeting. What is the best use of the chisel? Is there any possibility of strip contour farming? What is the effect of fall operations upon stubble left for trash the following year? What is the effect of fall operations on moisture penetration? What does trashy summerfallow have in arresting run-off in summerfallow?

A series of slides will be shown at the meeting, made from pictures taken in Morrow county. No long speeches are planned and outside of one or two short talks, the entire day will be taken up by discussion.

The home economics committee of the Lexington grange is planning to serve an excellent 25c luncheon at noon.

District Officers Visit Post and Unit

District Commander Bob Burlingame of Milton and District President Mrs. James Todd of Hermiston, for the sixth district American Legion and auxiliary, were featured visitors at a joint meeting of Heppner post and unit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Crawford Monday evening. A pot luck dinner attended by forty persons was enjoyed. Following the dinner auxiliary members held their business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cohn.

Other out-of-town visitors included Wm. O'Rourke, commander of Pendleton post, and Mrs. O'Rourke; Hugh Bowman, John Joerger, Art Greenwald, Marion Coyner, also of Pendleton; James Todd and O. K. Mudge of Hermiston.

NEW DENTIST HERE

Dr. F. Dwight Miller of Oregon City, recent graduate of North Pacific Dental college at Portland, this week announces opening of dental offices at 210 First National bank building, taking joint reception room with Dr. L. D. Tibbles. Dr. Miller has purchased the office equipment of Dr. J. H. McCrady who is closing his dental offices in the Gilman building after several years of practice here, and expects to leave in a few months for his former home at Cle Elum, Wash., and to locate in a new practice after his leg, injured in a recent automobile accident, gets in better condition. The knee joint was left stiff from the injury and while mending satisfactorily the process of loosening it up has been slow.

Mrs. William Hayes and daughter Karen arrived from their home at Portland this week for a visit at the home of Mrs. Hayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nickerson.

Ticket Sale Starts For Ball Honoring Chief's Birthday

Hardman Event, Card Party to Aid National Foundation

Morrow county's participation in the celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday as an aid to sufferers from infantile paralysis was augmented this week by the slating of a ball in Hardman Saturday evening, the staging of a benefit card party at the Episcopal parish house in Heppner Tuesday afternoon that drew a large attendance, and by the activity of many workers over the county.

Launching the ticket sale for the county-wide ball to be held here Saturday evening, the 29th, will bring the celebration forcefully to attention on a county front, and J. L. Gault, county chairman, anticipates the largest response ever. The ball will climax the celebration.

"Additional appeal is given this year's celebration by the fact that President Roosevelt has given his birthday to the new national foundation for Infantile Paralysis, as announced by him last September 23rd," said Mr. Gault. "While new trustees, including many outstanding figures in the nation's business and professional world, are in charge of the new foundation, the President has left this year's definition and carrying out of plans in the hands of the treasurer of the Warm Springs Foundation which received benefits from previous celebrations. This course was taken pending the organization and drafting of plans by the new trustees for fighting the malady on a national scale, a task requiring considerable time."

On first announcement of this year's event, Mr. Gault received a number if volunteer contributions. In addition to the sale of tickets for the ball, opportunity will be given everyone to contribute to the great humanitarian cause, and whether it be for the purchase of a ball ticket or an outright contribution, any amount from a dollar up, as the conscience of the contributor may dictate, will be acceptable. The entire amount realized over local expenses will go to the new national foundation.

The President's birthday ball will be the first social event to be held in the newly renovated Elks hall, which is now undergoing repainting and receiving installation of new indirect lighting fixtures that will assist greatly in brightening the occasion.

\$23,000 TO FARMERS IN AAA CHECKS

Checks for the 1937 Agricultural Conservation payments are beginning to arrive at the county agent's office. Payments of \$23,789.25 have been received to date. Notification is being sent to every individual as soon as his check arrives.

KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cox received telegraphic word the end of the week of the death in an automobile accident of Homer Calloway, brother-in-law of Mrs. Cox, in Virginia. Mr. Calloway was the husband of Nean Hampton who attended high school in Heppner in 1918-19, and their home was made at Galax, Va., where Mr. Calloway was interested in the livestock marketing business. Besides the widow, two daughters survive. Funeral services were to be held at Galax last Saturday.

MAKES FIRST BAND

Norton King, freshman at Oregon State college, has been promoted from the cadet band to the first band, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Leta Babb, this week. Norton was first trombonist with the school band here last year.

TAX PAYMENTS OVER 1937 ROLL

Delinquencies Reduced \$14,000 in Year; Penalties and Rebates Show Near Offset in Report

Morrow county's total delinquent tax balance dropped \$14,000 below the year previous figure with the completion of tax collection turn overs from the sheriff's office at the close of 1937. The \$14,000 represents the amount by which collections exceeded the current year's roll.

Delinquencies at the beginning of the year amounted to \$356,545.35, and at the end of the year, \$342,285.88, according to figures released this week by Charles Barlow, county clerk.

Total collections on the current roll were \$215,325.79; on the delinquent roll (1936 and prior years) \$76,565.83. Balance to be collected on current roll was \$62,306.36; on delinquent roll, \$279,979.52.

Interest collected on current roll was \$969.91; on delinquent roll, \$3,583.79. Discount for prepayment on current year's tax amounted to \$4,051.29, making the penalty against tardy payers and the premium allowed prompt payers almost even up for the year.

Pendleton and Ione Clash Saturday

Ione's town basketeers, who have turned that town into a hotbed of rabid casaba fans with ten wins this season, will have their big test of the season Saturday night. The Domestic Laundry team from Pendleton with two players from the 1934 state high school championship team who so far have bested the Ione record by a one-point margin, having hung up eleven victories, will invade the maple court of the neighboring city, and Fred Hoskins, Ione manager, promises the hottest basketball game ever seen in these parts.

Arnold Minnis, World war buddy of Lee Beckner, big wheat operator of Ione, manages the laundry team, and the boys who have the habit of taking all opponents to the cleaners are Jack McClure, Dean Galloway, Ferdie Hudeman, forwards; Chub Largent, Harold Rosenburg, Bob Rosenburg, guards, and Jack Godwin, center.

Thomas J. Wells Out for Assessor

Thomas J. Wells, county assessor, became the second candidate for county office before the May 20 primaries when he announced his candidacy for that office as a democrat. The first candidate in the field was George Bleakman who announced for county commissioner as a republican two weeks ago.

Wells is the son of the late Jesse J. Wells who served as assessor for some thirty years. Thomas J., who was serving as deputy, was named by the county court to succeed his father upon the latter's death early last year. If nominated and elected the young man promises to "continue to serve to the best of my ability."

MOTHER FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. Etta Johnson of Portland is at the home of her son, J. O. Rasmus, having been met by Mr. Rasmus at Arlington last Saturday. Mrs. Johnson had just completed a three-months stay in a Portland hospital in which time she underwent surgical treatment and her illness still enforces confinement, though she is able to be out of bed some of the time.

BUYS CITY PROPERTY

Mrs. Leta Babb announces the purchase this week of the Marion Cork residence in south Heppner, just across the street from the Lucas place. The residence has been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Becket.

ENTERTAINS 126 GUESTS

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reports that he acted as host to 126 official guests at the county bastille in 1937.

Sentiment Strongly Favors Sawmill Locating Here

Construction Work On; Benefits of Operation Told

Repercussions from the statement of F. F. Wehmeyer, forest ranger, that a local large sawmill operation was opposed by the U. S. forest service policy, show a strong sentiment in favor of the milling operation. The while, since publication of Mr. Wehmeyer's statement in this paper last week, buildings are being erected and machinery received by Horace Wray at the site just north of town, with announcement that the operation will start in the early spring.

H. O. Wray, owner and manager of the mill, is at Yakima superintending the dismantling and loading end of the work and is expected to arrive here sometime next week. The brother here, who has no connection with the mill except to assist his brother in moving while there is little work to be done on his large strawberry farm near Yakima, said present plans contemplate setting up for a small daily cut, using the mill as it was set up at Yakima for a 40,000-foot daily capacity.

How the operation may be expected to release at least \$58,000 yearly into local trade channels was told by Mr. Wray. Estimating an average daily cut of 30,000 feet for 150 days of operation the total output would be 4,500,000 feet. The estimated cost of production was placed at \$13 per thousand, giving the total payroll figure of \$58,500.

Breaking down the \$13 per thousand figure into its components, Mr. Wray gave the following estimates: Cost of timber, \$1.50 per M; felling and bucking, \$1; skidding and loading, \$1.50; roads, \$1; logger's profit, \$50; trucking, \$3.50; mill cut, \$3.00; grading and loading, \$1. These estimates he gave as variable, but indicative of the proportions going into the various phases of operation. It is necessary for any mill here to keep its cost down to \$13 at the most to compete for markets, he said.

If timber is available, the operation will be expanded and the mill equipped for a larger output. Mr. Wray did not believe cutting of timber due to the local mill operation would in any way jeopardize the local watershed. The ponderosa pine in this district is ripe and ready for cutting, and it appeared to him that much of its value will have been lost if it is left for any present large milling operation, and in such latter event the set-up is such as to carry the payroll money away from, instead of toward Heppner.

A mill site near town was selected by the manager because of the convergence here of all roads from the local forest area, he said.

Street Closure Set; City Buys Pick-Up

Ordinance to close the west 120 feet of August street passed third reading and was adopted by the council at its regular mid-month meeting Monday evening. The closed portion of the street is being included in the forest camp site.

On recommendation of the special committee to investigate various bids to supply the city a new pick-up, the bid of Ferguson Motor company on a new Chevrolet was accepted and order to purchase the machine was passed.

BUYS IONE FARM LAND

Orville Cutsforth reports the purchase recently of 1700 acres of farm land in the Ione vicinity, known as the old Lyons farm and formerly operated by Christophersons. The stand of fall sown wheat on the place is excellent, being four to five inches in height at present.