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## Important Erosion Control Meeting Just Week Away

### Lexington Event Brings Latest Information

Can weeds in fall-sown wheat be controlled on trashy summerfallow? Is the one-way disk the best tool to make trashy summerfallow? Is chiseling worth what it costs? How steep can crop land be and stay in production under the summerfallow system? Can the individual farmer afford to stop erosion? Can he afford not to?

The above questions are just a few of those which will be the subject for discussion by wheat farmers at the annual erosion control meeting to be held in the grange hall at Lexington next Thursday, February 3. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock, with luncheon being served at noon.

It has been said that this meeting really constitutes the annual meeting of the directors of the erosion control experiment stations of the Columbia basin, says Joe Belanger, county agent. That this is amazingly close to the truth is borne out by the fact that scores of Columbia basin farmers are trying out on their own farms many variations on the traditional methods of farming solely to prevent erosion. A recent survey has established the fact that on over fifty percent of the wheat farms in the Columbia basin, between twenty-five and seventy-five percent of the top soil has been removed by wind or water erosion. Realization is becoming general among wheat farmers that control of this erosion is the surest way to increase wheat yields. Each wheat farmer, however, has special difficulties on his own place. Someone among the operators who will attend the meeting from Jefferson, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Umatilla and Morrow counties may have just the answer needed. The meeting will furnish an opportunity for wheat farmers from all over these counties to pool their experience.

A series of lantern slides has been prepared from pictures taken within Morrow county showing typical erosion conditions and some of the various methods in use for control of such soil losses. There will be no long speeches, although Sam Sloan, assistant regional agronomist of the Soil Conservation Service at Spokane, will discuss some erosion control practices being followed in other sections.

## L. W. Briggs Seeks Longer Service

Leon W. Briggs, veteran county treasurer, this week announces his candidacy for the republican nomination seeking continuation in the office.

In his statement of candidacy, Mr. Briggs says, "I solicit the support of all voters and hope that I have proved myself worthy of the confidence reposed in me."

## PAST MATRONS ELECT

Mrs. Charles Vaughn was named president, Mrs. Chas. B. Cox, vice-president, and Mrs. Frank S. Parker, secretary-treasurer, of Past Worthy Matrons club which met at the home of Mrs. J. O. Turner Monday evening. Attendees besides those named included Mrs. E. R. Huston, Mrs. Earl Gordon, Mrs. W. E. Pruy, Mrs. Legrand Guild, Mrs. C. C. Patterson.

## TOM QUINN PASSES

Tom Quinn, assistant receiver of local banks at the start of liquidation, died Monday at his home in Prineville from pneumonia, according to word received this morning. Mr. Quinn's only brother, Eph, living in the east was said to have dropped dead on hearing of his brother's death.

## Ione Hoopsters Bow To Pendletonians

An overflow crowd packed the Ione high school gym last Saturday evening to see the highly successful Ionetown team defeated by the crack Domestic Laundry team from Pendleton, 41-28. Slick Rosenberg, rangy Pendleton forward, led the invaders with 12 points; teammate Dean Galloway came through with 9 in a clean game that gave the crowd a continuous thrill from start to finish.

La Verne Van Marter, late Heppner high school star, in his first game with the Ione team, tied Marvin Ransier at 7 points to lead scorers of their squad. Completing the lineup with scores were Webb 2, Earl Pettyjohn 1, Ellis Pettyjohn 2, Hoskins 4, Lee Pettyjohn 5 and Halvorsen. Other Pendletonians with scores were Jim McClure 4, Ferdie Hudeman 3, Jack Godwin 7, Chub Sargent 6, Glen Rosenbery.

Another headline game on the Ione floor is slated for Feb. 11, when John Steelhammer brings his Salem Senators to clash with Fred Hoskins' proteges. Included in the Salem gang are George Scales, all-state and all-northwest forward for four years, a Willamette U. star; Pern Averill, all-state and formerly O. N. S. star; Loren Kitchen, former all-state guard, Willamette U. and O. N. S. star; Ronald Gammell, former U. of O. star, and other like players.

## New Unit Available In Adult Education

A new unit in adult education, "Home Furnishings," is slated to start February 9, announces Mrs. Dapha Simpson, instructor in charge. The class, dealing with rearrangement of furniture already in the home, is set from 2:30 to 4:30 on Wednesday afternoons. Arrangements for taking care of children at the high school where the classes are held is aimed to assist all women wishing to attend.

If enough people show preference for a parent education class, a unit in this may be organized in lieu of the home furnishings work, said Mrs. Simpson. All interested in parent education are advised to attend the meeting February 9, when the work will be mapped out if enough demand is shown. In event insufficient interest is shown in either type of work, it will be necessary to drop the adult education classes here, Mrs. Simpson said.

## FINISHING APARTMENTS

Jeff Jones is supervising the finishing of two new garret apartments in his modern apartment house at the corner of Gale and Baltimore streets, enlarging the capacity from eight to ten apartments. The new apartments are identical in arrangement and design and modern in every detail to utilize all available space. Each contains living room, two bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom. Firtex walls and ceilings insulated with glass wool are papered in attractive colors of light shade. Woodwork is finished in driftwood grey, and floors are oak. Cut-in roof windows make rooms light and cheerful while giving a broad view of the town round-about. N. D. Bailey and Peter Dufault are doing the finishing work, including built-ins attractively and usefully arranged. Much interest has been manifested in the new apartments and Mr. Jones reports that a number of applications to rent them have already been received.

## OFFICE IMPROVED

Installation of a new counter and repainting of the interior, recently completed, has given a note of improvement to the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company office. Lee Howell, local manager, was assisted by Wm. French, "Doc" Byland and Frank Roberts, members of the force, in doing the work and is pleased to offer it for public inspection.

Furnished apartment with oil heat and garage, 1 block south of courthouse. A. Q. Thomson, city.

## Activities Lively As Celebration Reaches Big Day

### Balls Here, at Cecil, President's Address Set for Saturday

The president's Birthday celebration for Morrow county will be climaxed Saturday night with the county-wide ball at Heppner and another ball for the Morgan-Cecil communities at Cecil, sponsored by the Morgan I. O. O. F. and Willows grange.

Collections totalling \$72.50 from Gooseberry were reported this week by V. L. Carlson, who was assisted in the work by Mrs. Clive Huston. Hardman reported proceeds of \$55.02 from its dance last Saturday night, and this evening ladies of the Ione community are staging a benefit card party.

J. L. Gault, county chairman, commends the efforts of workers in all parts of the county, and looks forward to the high-light activities Saturday evening to bring the campaign, staged for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to a highly successful conclusion.

Redecoration of the Elks hall with installation of new indirect lighting fixtures is being rushed to completion for the ball in Heppner, and the general ball committee under the direction of R. B. Ferguson has all plans well in hand.

On the nationwide front for the evening President Roosevelt's birthday address over all radio networks between 11:30 and midnight, eastern standard time, will be the center of attention. The address will be heard three hours earlier here, making the starting time for the address at 8:30 p. m.

Another half-hour radio feature over the Mutual Broadcasting system is slated for 5 o'clock in the evening, PST. Titled, "All Stars Chicago Rally for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis," the program will feature Fred B. Snite, Jr., infantile paralysis sufferer living in an iron lung, who contracted the disease in China and who was brought across the Pacific ocean especially for the occasion, and the boy's father, Fred B. Snite, Sr.

## Is a Malicious Pet Poisoner at Work in Heppner?

"Spot," Bill Ball's pet English setter, went into a fit of spasms one evening recently just as Mr. Ball was starting to feed him on the back porch. A series of convulsions and Spot was dead, apparently the victim of poison—poison, Mr. Ball believes, that was thrown into the yard, as Spot had not been away from home that day.

Spot undoubtedly was poisoned, but mystery still surrounds the recent disappearance of two other pet dogs, "Cloy," bird dog of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Rice, and "Whiskers," wire haired terrier of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Belanger. Both the latter have been missing for some time. If poisoned, they did not reach home to die.

Suspicion is had of a malicious dog poisoner. Credence is given the theory by death of a pet cat of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bayless, next door to the Ball home, shortly after the demise of Spot. Poison symptoms were evidenced by the unfortunate pussy.

## EXAMINER COMING

The examiner of operators and chauffeurs from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, will be in Heppner Thursday, Feb. 3, at the city hall between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

## Locals Lose Games In Week's Play

The Heppner quintet ran up against some competition last week end that was the stiffest they had met all season, and as a result, the Mustangs came out with three defeats and no wins.

Last Friday the lanky Arlington hoopsters hit Heppner with a decidedly "on night" and defeated the locals 54 to 21.

Saturday the Mustangs played better ball against Mac-Hi than any of the three teams they met over the week end, and still were nable to cope with the sharpshooting of the Pioneers, a team representing a class A school, and went down to defeat, 31 to 21.

The following Tuesday somewhat of a scoring record for one night was established by Hermiston when the Bulldogs ran over Heppner by the swamping score of 71 to 18. Gerald Keller of Hermiston ran up 30 points in this game.

Tomorrow night, Heppner takes on Henry Tetz's Warriors at Adams. The Mustangs have lost one game to them this season, but three defeats such as the most recent ones will probably put Heppner in a revengeful mood for a needed win.

This coming Tuesday Heppner again takes the road and journeys to Ione for a game that is not expected to be a set-up, as the down-creek boys pulled a surprise victory recently and defeated Lexington. Ione is a team that Heppner usually meets with looked-forward-to expectations, and a win over them would boost the Mustangs' win column to six victories.

## Mrs. W. P. Mahoney At National Meet

Mrs. W. P. Mahoney is in Salt Lake City to preside over convention sessions of the National Wool Growers auxiliary of which she is president. Mrs. Mahoney was raised to the office last year at the annual meet at Albuquerque, N. Mex., and has served throughout the year.

The national auxiliary is meeting at the same time as the National Wool Growers association that has many members among local sheepmen. In this morning's daily press it was reported that Walter Holt, secretary of Oregon Wool Growers, told the convention yesterday about the threat of Harry Bridges, labor union organizer, that CIO affiliates would boycott non-union sheared wool. F. R. Marshall, president of the national, was reported as saying that the national organization had never had any quarrel with labor and didn't propose to start one now.

## VISITS NEW YORK FRIEND

Claude Graham received word this week from Mrs. Graham, who with baby daughter and father, J. J. Wightman, is visiting near Harrisburg, Pa., that she had run into New York and visited her old-time friend, Mrs. Gordon Ridings, nee Marjorie Clark. Mrs. Ridings and husband reside in New York where both hold teaching positions. The Heppner party expected to return shortly, coming via Salt Lake near where they expected to stop for a visit with relatives of Mr. Graham. They have been in the east for several weeks, calling at the old home of Mr. Wightman in Pennsylvania and visiting with relatives there.

## AID HAS SOCIAL MEET

A social meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. M. L. Case, Tuesday afternoon. Present were Mrs. Carl Young, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Lulu McCarty, Mrs. L. W. Briggs, Mrs. Gertrude O'Hara, Mrs. Alta Brown, and Mrs. D. B. Eastbridge of Pendleton. Mrs. Brown gave two readings, "What is Success," and "Theodore Roosevelt's Nine Reasons for Going to Church." Mrs. Case, the hostess, served tea and wafers. The next meeting will also be held at her home.

Rex Ellis, state senator, and brother, Bruce Ellis, were business visitors here Tuesday from Pendleton.

## Wehmeyer Clarifies Position Taken On Mill Operation

### Sustained Yield Objective; No Active Opposition

F. F. Wehmeyer, local forest ranger, in a recent statement before the Lions club that he was antagonistic toward a large sawmill operation in Heppner, had no intention of conveying the impression that the forest service was in active opposition to it. The antagonism intended was simply expression of a forestation policy. Mr. Wehmeyer returned the first of the week from Pendleton where he attended further meetings to plan administration of the local forest area this year. He released the following statement this morning:

"With reference to the location of a large mill operation in Heppner, I wish to state as a representative of the forest service, that any government bureau or agency is not in a position to approve or oppose anyone's private business.

"If a mill can operate here at a profit, it has every right to do so without any interference.

"The National Forests can only supervise the cutting on the land they administer with such regulations of cut as will conserve the natural resources and place the growing of timber on an orderly basis, with sustained yield as a definite objective or policy.

"Such policies can only be encouraged on private land. The sympathy of most foresters is no longer with the 'hack, slash and get out' type of harvesting.

"The supply of good timber is strictly limited, here as elsewhere, and a large scale, unregulated cutting is contrary to all policies of good forestry.

"The impression that the forest service will actively oppose a mill at Heppner or endeavor to favor one locality above another would be extremely unfortunate.

"Our sympathies are all for a sustained yield which is a definite policy wherever it can be carried to fruition. If such objectives do not meet the approval of local communities there will be no effort to oppose their desires. We only want to encourage what experience has shown to be to the best interests of all. If such advice is out of sympathy with the wishes of the people here, there is little more that can be said."

## \$271,545 Extended Total Property Tax

Morrow county will be asked to pay \$271,545.98 in property taxes for 1938, according to the completed statement of taxes just released by the assessor's office.

Largest item is that for special schools, \$65,052, with state, county and general school at \$58,600 coming second. Bond sinking fund and interest calls for \$40,569; roads and bridges, \$36,061; special school bonds and interest, \$20,879; non-high school districts, \$16,888, and towns, \$13,689. Market roads, \$8,114; West Extension Irrigation district, \$5,362; union high school bonds and interest, \$3,366; forest fire patrol, \$1,670, and union high school district, \$1,290 make up the balance.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GIVES \$10

One of the finest contributions to the President's birthday infantile paralysis fund was that of \$10 given by the Ione union Sunday school, announces J. L. Gault, county chairman.

## REPLACIN POLES

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company started a crew in Heppner this week replacing old poles. Vic Wheelhouse of Arlington is a member of the crew.