

Open Season on Elk In Morrow County Asked by French

Increased Numbers of Animals Jeopardizing Property

It's time to open the season on elk in Morrow county. That is the assertion of W. H. French, pioneer rancher of the south Hardman section, who asserted when in town yesterday that the elk are getting so numerous in his section that it is impossible to keep the fences repaired which they tear down.

Mr. French said the elk have been on the increase for several years, and two years ago he counted eight feeding in his stock corral. Grass has been plentiful this winter and until recently there was no snow to prevent their feeding on it, so he has not been bothered so much this winter, though he has seen numerous elk through the season.

A light snow this week covered the mountain section and since the snow he has found many elk tracks among the cattle tracks in the feed yard.

Apparently hunting in the areas that have been opened on elk has resulted in driving the animals into the closed areas, said Mr. French, as there has been a noticeable increase in numbers of elk in the last few years.

"I've seen one big seven-point bull a number of times the last two years which I would like to get," he said, "and unless the season is opened in the next year or so, I feel my hunting days will be over."

This he said by way of showing a selfish interest in having the season opened, but emphasized the need for thinning out the animals because of their damage to property.

F. F. Wehmeyer, local forest ranger, hearing Mr. French's report, believed that necessity for opening the season might well be. Though he and Mr. French could not decide upon any way of getting a check as to the exact number of the animals, it was agreed that indications of the animals' increase pointed to the need of thinning them out in this district.

Commenting again upon the mild winter season in the mountains and abundant growth of grass, Mr. French said he killed a steer the other day that was the fattest animal he ever saw in spite of the fact that he had not fed it a hundred pounds of hay all winter. As evidence of the steer's obesity he said that he rendered a gallon of tallow from fat taken from around the animal's kidney.

The moss from many fallen trees resulting from the wet condition of the soil was cited as having augmented the feed supply. All stock seems to relish this moss and to do well on it, Mr. French said.

IONE NEWS

Ely Given Surprise With Pot-Luck Dinner

By MARGARET BLAKE

Twenty-two friends and relatives of George Ely surprised him at his home last Sunday with a pot-luck dinner. The affair was planned in honor of his birthday.

The Women's Missionary society will hold its regular meeting in the parlor of the Congregational church next Tuesday afternoon, February 3. The subject of the meeting will be "Influence of Moslem Superstitions." Veda Eubanks, Ellen Allyn, Mary Swanson and Della Mobley will act as hostesses. All who are interested are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Heliker were Pendleton visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Margaret Rietmann who has been ill at her home for a short time was taken to the Heppner hospital for a few days last Saturday. As soon as she is able she will be moved to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Victor Peterson, until she is strong enough to return home.

Locust Chapter No. 119, O. E. S., held a special meeting last Thursday evening for the official visit of

Mrs. Helen Pridey, associate grand matron of the grand chapter of Oregon.

Mrs. Garland Swanson and baby are visiting relatives in Salem.

Donald Heliker spent the week end at Hermiston.

Mrs. Werner Rietmann and Mrs. Victor Rietmann were in Pendleton Monday.

Mrs. Ruby Roberts and Joel Engelman were visitors in Pendleton Tuesday.

Willows grange H. E. club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. George Krebs at Cecil last Friday. Twelve members and six visitors were present. A pot-luck dinner was served at noon. After the business meeting a white elephant sale was held. Mrs. Margaret Hurst drew the door prize. A very pleasant day was reported by those who attended.

Last Sunday neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schlevoight as a surprise in honor of their birthdays and that of Mrs. Tillie Johnson who makes her home with them. A pot-luck dinner was served and Mr. and Mrs. Schlevoight and Mrs. Johnson were presented with a radio. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heliker, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Yarnell, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Peterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ball and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter and family, Mr. Hartfield and family, Mrs. Mabel Davidson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timm and family who came over from their home at Pendleton for the occasion.

Mrs. Laxton McMurray writes from Tucson, Arizona, that they are enjoying real summer weather. They expect to leave Tucson early in February.

Morgan I. O. O. F. lodge and Willows grange are joining forces in giving a President's ball in the hall at Cecil next Saturday evening, the proceeds to be given to the infantile paralysis foundation.

OSC Co-ed Wins Speech Contest

Corvallis—Oregon State added another to its long list of forensic victories when Jean DeWitt, junior in home economics from Portland, carried off the first prize of \$15 in the women's division at the recent state extempore speaking contest held at Linfield college. The contest was sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensic Association of Oregon.

The speakers' topics were selected from the general subject, "Uncle Sam's Payroll," one hour before the contest. Miss DeWitt's topic was "To the Victor Belongs the Spoils," in which she discussed the civil service.

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County's Position On Roads Given To Commission

Program for 1938 in Abeyance Awaiting Federal Action

Morrow county's desires in regard to its secondary state highway program have been placed in the hands of the state highway commission who have the brunt of action at this time, announces George N. Peck, county commissioner, after interviewing Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the commission, in Portland last week.

Cabell, who himself left shortly after the interview for Washington to lobby in behalf of the national road program, made no announcement as to what the commission might be able to do. The state's position will be affected largely by federal appropriations still in the making, was his statement.

Conferences are yet to be held with representatives of many other counties also, before the year's program can be definitely outlined.

Explaining this county's position, Mr. Peck said that the court wired the commission early in the month asking cooperation, both in work and money, in carrying out the local program, outlined as follows:

(1) The Heppner-Rhea creek road as far as Rugg's: An oil macadam commensurate with the travel upon that road.

(2) Elimination of the sharp and dangerous curves on the Hardman hill road as the initial step in the construction of a modernized Heppner-Spray, Heppner-Wasco road.

(3) In the matter of dirt roads that are not now on the state system, if there are any monies for construction from federal funds (Hayden-Courtwright act), these are to be expended on the road from Jarmon's to Pine City.

"Morrow county's position is this," said Mr. Peck, "that the highway commission has been fully advised as to the particular roads that should be improved in 1938. A plan has been submitted to the highway commis-

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sion for the modernization and completion of all primary and secondary roads in Morrow county now on the state system—this based upon the relative travel and relative importance of each road within that system. At best it will be a number of years before we can expect to see all of these roads completed but they will be completed just as fast as our share of the money will build them.

Morrow Students Organize at O.S.C.

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Jan. 15—Students from Morrow county, at a recent meeting, organized a Morrow county OSC club. Don Drake of Heppner and Ed Burchell of Lexington tied for the honor of president and the group voted that they serve as co-presidents, alternating in presiding at meetings.

Other officers elected were vice-president, Howard Cleveland of Heppner, and secretary-treasurer, Kenneth Peck of Lexington.

Jimmie Edwards, presiding during election of officers, outlined some of the purposes of the OSC clubs.

Burchell, presiding following election, discussed tentative plans for future activities with the group.

Oregon national guardsmen were paid a total of \$225,000 for their services during 1937, it was reported by Major General George A. White. Most of this pay was for attendance at weekly drill and the annual maneuvers. The money was paid by Uncle Sam.

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Turner Speaks to CCC's on Citizenship

Dinner guests of Co. 297 on last Thursday were J. O. Turner, attorney, Bert Johnson, county judge, and Chas. Barlow, county clerk. Attorney Turner spoke to the men of the company about the rights and duties of citizenship. He also commented on the variety of opportunity camp life offers enrollees to prepare for later life outside the camp.

Mr. Jolley of the U. S. forest service showed a 3-reel picture which gave enrollees of Co. 297 an opportunity to see what the year 1903 meant to Heppner, for that was the year 223 persons lost their lives in the Heppner flood. Though the picture was not of the 1903 flood in Heppner, it linked the flood menace possibility here with the reality of the disasters shown in the pictures of the east and midwest during the last few years, and gave a clear idea of what the flood control work in Heppner means, as well as the great necessity for flood control work in the east and midwest, the scenes of the pictures shown. Mr. Jolley also talked about forest fires, uses of the forest and true wild life conditions.

Importance of the soil conservation work was pictured in slides shown by Mr. Victors, assistant CCC administrator. Mr. Victors explained the slides which showed different erosion prevention found in the various sections of the Pacific northwest.

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