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N. E. Dodd Tells County Farmers of New Program

225 Attend Meeting at Lexington; Community Meets Next

The new farm act "is a farmers' program, gotten up by farmers and controlled by farmers, and is not based on scarcity but on avoiding surpluses," declared N. E. Dodd of Haines, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee, at a county-wide meeting attended by some 225 wheat farmers at Lexington yesterday.

Pointing out three principal values of the new program, Mr. Dodd said it assures a fair price, and it can make loans available to farmers based on parity price, and it can insure cooperating farmers against all crop hazards up to 75 percent of normal yields. For the first time, Mr. Dodd declared, the gambling element has been at least partially removed from the wheat farming business. From this point of view, he declared, the program should be heartily endorsed not only by farmers themselves, but by business men.

Purposes of the act, as stated by the bill, were quoted by Mr. Dodd: "To conserve the nation's resources and use them efficiently.

"To assist in the marketing of food products for domestic consumption and export.

"To regulate interstate and foreign commerce in cotton, wheat, corn, rice, and tobacco, so as to minimize violent fluctuations in supplies, marketing and prices.

"To protect consumers by stabilizing food and feed supplies.

"To assure farmers a fair share of the national income."

In the long run, the program is expected to not only benefit agriculture, but contribute to the welfare of the entire nation.

The advantages gained by the cooperating farmer, Mr. Dodd said, may be summarized as follows:

1. For raising only his share of the nation's wheat crop, which involves some acreage reduction, he gets 12 cents a bushel on all of the wheat which he would normally raise on his acreage allotment. Funds to pay him are taken from the federal appropriation which is continuing until 1942.

2. If wheat prices fall below 52 percent of parity, which at the present time means about 60 cents a bushel, loans up to that amount are available. This, in effect, shoves a plank under the price of wheat, preventing it from falling below this amount, for farmers can take a federal loan at 60 cents a bushel rather than sell on the market at less than that amount.

3. Provided quotas are voted and funds are provided for parity payments, then enough would be added to the price of wheat to bring up to parity the price of the amount of wheat which constitutes the individual's quota.

4. Crop insurance is provided for in the act. Payments may be made in wheat or money, and received in wheat or money, at the farmer's option. Two types of policies are available, one for 75 percent of the normal yield and the other for 50 percent.

When restricting quotas go into effect and, as Mr. Dodd explained, these quotas can be established only upon vote of two-thirds of the farmers affected, a tax of 15 cents a bushel is placed on marketed wheat. Exemption certificates are issued, however, to the extent of each man's marketing quota. The cooperators may borrow on all of his wheat, the non-cooperator only on the amount in excess of his quota and on that amount may borrow only 60 percent of the amount available to cooperators. Crop insurance is available only to cooperators, and parity payments

John Lane Leads Shooters at Traps

With John Lane cracking 100-straight birds, Heppner stepped up a notch in Sunday's matches of the Oregonian telegraphic trapshoot. Counting the first 25 birds on the three high guns, Lane with 25, P. W. Mahoney 25 and E. O. Ferguson 24, made up the 74 team score which bested The Dalles 69, Bend 72, and Klamath, 69, in the day's matches, while being topped only by Pendleton with 75. In two tie matches held over from the Sunday previous, the locals lost to Portland 75, and won from Washougal 69. Next Sunday's opponents will be Siuslaw, Seaside, Aurora and Eugene. Individual local scores for the day were:

100 birds—John Lane 100, L. Van Marter 98, A. D. McMurdo 96.

75 birds—P. W. Mahoney 74, Vivian Kane 61.

50 birds—Tom Clark 42, C. C. Carmichael 41, B. E. Isom 28.

25 birds—E. O. Ferguson 24, Milt Spurlock 21, H. C. Hapold 19, Lowell Turner 17, Ed Kelly 16, M. Cummings 15.

FFA Speakers Give Talks Before Lions

Jack Healy and Clayton Wright, first and second place winners in local competition for the right to represent the Heppner chapter at the coming sectional speaking meet in Arlington, gave their speeches before the Lions club Monday. They were also presented the cash awards offered in the local contest by Heppner Branch, First National Bank of Portland, with B. C. Pinckney, bank manager, making the presentation. A check was also handed to Wm. Bennett, instructor, for Howard Patton, who placed third.

Healy read his speech, which had been rewritten over the week end. It touched the subject of range conservation. Wright spoke on feeding wheat to swine in eastern Oregon. Questions were asked on invitation of the instructor, as at the Arlington meet each of the judges will have the right to ask each boy four questions.

Rex Ellis Again To Seek Senatorship

Rex Ellis of Pendleton will file within the week for the office of joint senator from Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties, he announced on a visit here Wednesday. He will file on the republican ticket. The only other announced candidate for the office to date is George R. Lewis, Pendleton democrat.

Mr. Ellis said that, if elected, he would continue to work for the right of farm people to operate their own trucks. He declared that Morrow county did not ask for a single thing at the last legislature that did not get attention, and that his wholehearted support was given to the wind control and weed control district bills.

HARD WIND BLOWS

Morrow county was visited by a hard wind storm Monday night and all day Tuesday, reminding of the heavy winds which blew volumes of dirt in March two and three years ago. This year, little damage is reported, what with the wet condition of the soil added to trashy summer-fallow practices generally instituted since the notorious dust storms.

will be made only to cooperators. The amount of wheat over quota limits, termed "hot wheat" by Mr. Dodd, can be used on the farm for feeding purposes, for seed, or may be used for paying crop insurance premiums, or it may be held until the next year and then sold to fill the farmer's quota in case of individual crop shortage.

A considerable proportion of the wheat farmers of Morrow county were present at the meeting. A series of community meetings will be held, according to County Agent Joe Belanger, so that wheat farmers who were unable to attend the meeting may become acquainted with the details of the new farm plan.

Acting Mayor Asks Closing so All May Attend Minstrel

Band's Appearance at State Contest Will be Financed by Show

Will stores close at 8 o'clock the evening of Saturday, April 2?

That is the question sought to be answered in the affirmative by request of P. W. Mahoney, chairman of the council and acting mayor in the illness of Mayor Jeff Jones. Mahoney believes the Elks minstrel on that evening to raise funds to send the school band to the state contest is of such public importance as to justify general closing of business houses to give everyone an opportunity to attend.

The minstrel is slated to start at 8 o'clock at the school auditorium, and with the production now receiving the finishing touches, Dick Lawrence, director, is authority for the statement that it will be the best minstrel he ever has had anything to do with.

Besides the large men's and women's chorus, directed by Miss Helen Ralph of Ione, eight blackface end men will sing solos and crack jokes under interlocation of Clarence Bauman. Miss Ralph and Russell McNeill will be featured soloists, and Virginia Dix will accompany at the piano.

A clever array of popular songs, specially arranged by Mrs. Juanita Carmichael, will be enthusiastically received by all, Lawrence believes. One hundred reserved seats placed on sale at Gordon's have been rapidly going at 75 cents each. General admission prices will be 50 and 25 cents. Following the minstrel, a local orchestra will preside for dancing at the Elks hall, proceeds of which will also go to the band.

Harold Buhman, band director, expects to have 50 bandsters at Eugene for the contest appearance, April 9.

Final Registration Date is April 19th

Any Morrow county voters not now in good standing and who expect to vote at the May 20 primary nominating election should register before April 20, as the 19th is the last day books will be open before the election, advises Chas. W. Barlow, clerk. No person will be permitted to vote on election day who is not properly registered, as there will be no swearing in of voters at the polls.

Time is also getting short in which candidates for office may complete filings to get their names on the ballot. The final date for filing is April 4, the clerk points out.

REVIVAL MEETINGS START

The revival meeting at the Church of Christ, which was first announced last December, is to begin on Monday night at 7:30. The evangelist will be Clifford N. Trout, for the past year pastor of the Christian church at Waitsburg, Wash. Mrs. Trout will lead the music and conduct children's meetings. The children's meetings will be held at the church immediately after school and will feature songs, stories, Bible drills and hunts.

Some of the subjects which Mr. Trout announces in advance are: "Your Golden Calf," "Which Breadline Are You In?" "That Other Prodigal," "The Victorious Church," and "A Court Ound Guilty." There will be special music each night and congregational singing.

Meetings will be held each night except Saturday and the public is invited to attend the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Trout were school mates of Mr. and Mrs. Kleinfeldt during their Bible College days.

Audit Report Shows Few Discrepancies

A report received this week of the recently completed audit of county books, recommended but slight change in methods of handling county business. S. W. Starr, supervisor of audits in the secretary of state's office, signed the audit, which was made by assistants Bernard C. Davis and Max A. Saunders. Correct handling of accounts was indicated through the various offices in most instances.

The auditor advised that "collection of delinquent taxes should be taken into consideration in the preparation of the budget and the estimate should be based on past experience and the proper provisions made for loss on the current year's levy. These factors should apply to all county funds and not just to the road funds" Clerk Barlow pointed out that while in 1937, anticipated revenues from delinquent taxes were allowed only in case of the road fund, this year's budget does comply with the auditor's recommendation.

The report also stated that all earmarked revenues raised by special tax or license must also be budgeted.

Pomona Meeting Set At Lexington, April 2

Morrow County Pomona grange will meet in the Lexington grange hall on Saturday, April 2. A business meeting will be called in the forenoon, after which luncheon will be served.

A program featuring "Improvement of Morrow County and Its Homes" will begin about 1:30 p. m. Several interesting articles for the program will be given by grangers and people of the county, and two outside speakers are also slated for the afternoon. Wm. Teutsch from the extension service will talk on agriculture and Morton Thompkins, field man for the Bonneville project, will talk on rural electrification. The public is cordially invited to the program, and the Pomona grangers will gladly welcome a capacity house.

There will be committee meetings and perhaps a short business session before dinner is served, and after that the business will be completed.

Hardman Loan Assn. Has \$771,000 in Loans

The annual meeting of the Hardman National Farm Loan association was held Monday afternoon at the Elks hall, with business of hearing reports and electing officers. Directors elected were John J. Wightman, Chas. B. Cox, Ralph Benge, Frank Wilkinson, John F. Kenny. John J. Wightman was elected president, Chas. B. Cox, vice-president, and Vawter Parker, secretary.

The association now has 122 loans in Morrow county for total of \$771,800. These loans as well as all other Land Bank loans and Land Bank Commissioner loans are serviced through the joint office at Heppner. It was reported that long term loans are now being written at the low interest rate of 4 1/4 percent.

P. W. Mahoney is Elks' Exalted Ruler

P. W. Mahoney was raised to the office of exalted ruler, succeeding Bert Mason, retiring from the office, at the annual election of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, held last Thursday evening. Installation of the new officers is slated for the first meeting in April.

Other officers elected were Loyal R. Parker, secretary; Hubert Gaily, treasurer; James Farley, Jr., esteemed leading knight; Joseph Belanger, esteemed loyal knight; Kenneth Akers, esteemed lecturing knight; Norton Lundell, tyler; D. A. Wilson, trustee; Frank W. Turner, alternate delegate to grand lodge.

Bart, the typewriter man, expects to be in Heppner the fore part of next week. Orders may be left at Gazette Times office.

Arlington Meeting Asks Channel Work For River Use

Port Facilities to Come, Promised Engineer at Hearing

A strong plea for channel development in connection with establishment of the Port of Arlington was made by representative businessmen, farmers, stockmen and local governmental leaders at a hearing conducted by Major Theron Weaver of the army engineers at Arlington Monday afternoon.

The Port of Arlington promised to build docks, establish bonded warehouse and maintain the entire business so it will be of service to the public in using the Columbia river for navigation, if the federal government will prepare the channel to accommodate a barge 40 feet wide, and in low water 7 feet deep. Cost of docks was estimated at \$40,000.

The port is expected to drain shipping from the John Day valley and surrounding territory in Gilliam, Wheeler, Grant and Morrow counties.

Many speakers told of the importance of the port, and how it would help cut down shipping rates to market of the entire products of this territory. Telegrams of endorsement were received from Kinzua Pine Mills and Inland Navigation company.

Bert Johnson, county judge, as sole speaker from this county, emphasized the importance of river transportation development as a necessity in making wheat raising profitable in this region. Wheat is now being grown as economically as possible, he asserted, and the only way in which the grower can expect increased returns is by getting it to market at lower cost.

The government is constructing Grand Coulee dam with the expectation that 1,300,000 acres will be placed under irrigation in that region, said Mr. Johnson, and people expected to locate there must be given advantage of river transportation and consequent lower transportation cost if they are to be expected to profitably compete with sections closer to market.

Again, Mr. Johnson told of the plans of the Morrow county court to build roads to connect up with river outlets, and asserted the federal government should keep its part of the river development program apace with expectations of this and other counties that are doing likewise.

Walter Eubanks and Harry Dinges were also present from this county.

W. S. Nelson represented the Port of Arlington, and other speakers on the program included Giles French and E. R. Fatland, state representatives; H. V. Wehby of the highway commission; Roy Kunsman, secretary Port of Arlington; Chas. Hagman, engineer Port of Arlington; C. A. Nish, vice-president Condon Co-operative Grain Assn.; R. M. McKennon, Gilliam county agent; H. M. Bull, manager Gilliam County Grain Growers; E. M. Hulden, farming 13,000 acres of grain land near Arlington; W. A. Hartfield, farming 12,000 acres and member of Port of Arlington; John Withycombe, wheat farmer; C. K. Barker, president Wheeler County Livestock Assn.; Alfred Owsley, representing Kerr-Gifford & Co.; Lew Russell, representing Shaffer Forwarding Co.; E. R. Irby, Oregon grange; Arthur Jones, editor Condon Globe-Times; Raymond Crowder, editor Arlington Bulletin.

The expressions of opinion were expected to influence the government in bringing channel work to a point at Arlington where construction of the dock and other port facilities would be justified.

New Wire netting for sale at a bargain. Victor Johnson, city. 1-3p