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Sheepmen Resent Restricted Quotas For Forest Range

National Policy Pinching Industry, Growers Maintain

Resentment against national forest administration policy increased among Morrow county sheepmen this week as a considerable number received notice of restricted quotas for sheep grazed on forest summer range. Reductions for next year, varying from 100 to 200 head per allotment, will work much hardship, according to reports.

One grower, in fact, declared that the policy may make it entirely impossible for him to operate and practically wipe out a \$30,000 capital investment in plant and operating equipment.

While reductions were considered in line with a previously announced 10-year administrative policy which anticipated a 30 per cent cut in herds grazed in national forest areas, they were received as a serious blow.

Another large grower who had voluntarily reduced his grazing quota to bring his entire operations into balance was treated the same as others.

Growers here are looking forward to the coming Oregon Wool Growers association meeting at Pendleton, December 9-10, when they can more vigorously protest what they consider an altogether unreasonable policy in the face of the facts.

It is declared that foundation for the burdensome action lies in protests of hunters who have carried in reports that sheep are trampling grass into the ground and ruining hunting areas. Game conservation, these sheepmen maintain, is gaining recognition altogether out of proportion to its importance. While sheepmen are required to do many things in the interest of forest conservation, hunters are placed under no such restrictions. The state takes all game license money and puts none of it into forest upkeep. Game administrators are interested only in creating more reserves and increasing game population. Still they rely upon stockmen for winter feeding the game.

The sheepmen point out that their industry cannot exist without adequate summer range. They deny that they are overgrazing, declare that much of the poor range conditions in recent years has been due more to weather conditions than to any other cause. They say that infestation with moles has caused many forest meadows to give less abundant grass where once they yielded stands heavy enough to be cut for hay, and that this has not been given due consideration for poorer forest range conditions.

So thoroughly did one grower believe sheepmen are more vitally interested in forest protection than is the national administration that he advocated a policy be adopted to leave the sheepmen entirely alone for a period of five years, and at the end of that time if it was considered they were not handling the forest area in the public interest, that they be kicked out of the forest altogether.

POSTPONE TEMPERANCE PLAY

The drama, "Death Takes the Steering Wheel," which was to be held tonight at the Church of Christ will be indefinitely postponed because of the inability of the director, Hayward H. Johnson of Portland, to be here. Mr. Johnson telegraphed from Portland last night that because of a death he could not come today.

Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet in the basement of the church at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, December 13.

Art Minor, Veteran Sportsman, Gets All Trophies of Hunt

Looking and assertedly feeling better than for years, Art Minor, Heppner pioneer, dropped into the city Saturday with announcement that he had bagged his buck deer, bull elk and doe deer in current seasons, the latter in the open Murderer's creek reserve. These feats he considered a crowning glory to years spent in the open and as a lover of sports since before this county's Blue mountain primitive area was first put under sporting regulations.

With Mr. Minor were his granddaughter, Louise Minor, and Clea Green of Mt. Vernon.

The Minor pottery plant, of which Mr. Minor's son Ellis is foreman, was recently moved to the edge of Portland from its former location at Troutdale. Five men are now employed. An order was recently received for 2000 pieces of one design. Mr. Minor, who has numberless business ventures credited to a long-active career, including Morrow county's number one livestock operator for many years, is optimistic over prospects of this latest venture.

Columbia C. E. Union Ends Meeting Here

Columbia Christian Endeavor union completed a successful three-day conference here last Sunday with sixty delegates present from Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, Hermiston, Lexington, Ione, Hardman and Heppner. Miss Juanita Crawford of Adams was elected president for the ensuing year; Harold Hill of Hermiston, vice-president; Pauline Stoop of Hermiston, treasurer. Kathryn Parker and W. L. McCaleb, Jr., of the local society, were named on the executive committee.

Rev. R. Murray Jones, First Presbyterian church of Pendleton, gave a stirring address in sounding the keynote, Friday. Rev. Walter L. Myers, Eugene, assisted by bringing outstanding messages Saturday night, Sunday morning and afternoon. Seventy-five people were seated at Saturday evening's banquet. That afternoon, Jimmie Corneilson, from Pendleton Indian mission, showed motion pictures of early mission work among the Indians. Outside people staying over nights were entertained in local homes.

Operetta Set for Friday, Dec. 16

"Ask the Professor," high school operetta will be presented in the auditorium, Friday, Dec. 16. The story is based around a May day festival and commencement exercises on the campus of a girls' school, and involves many humorous situations common to college life.

Cast in various roles are Frances Wilkinson, Helen Lundell, Omer McCaleb, Jack Merrill, Pat Dooley, Juanita Phelps, Dick Bogoger, Donald Bennett, Bethal Blake, Lucille Barlow, Laura Warfield and Mary Curran.

In addition to the cast will be the boys' and girls' choruses and several dancing ensembles that should add interest to the main plot. Of special note is the fact that 45 students are taking part in this year's production.

Prices are 35 cents for adults, 25 cents for students and 15 cents for children

SIX GET THEIR DOE

Ray and Cleo Drake, Lee Scrivner, Louis Gilliam, Ed Breslin and John Hughes composed a party of six hunters who returned home yesterday from a hunt in the Murderer's creek district, each having bagged his doe.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SET

Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of Heppner will have a Christmas party Wednesday night, December 14, at 8 o'clock. All members and families are urged to be present.

City Places Big Tree as Hub for Holiday Spirit

Tall, Trim Fir is Colorfully Lighted; League Meet Eyed

Heppner's Christmas tree is taking its place on the Main thoroughfare today, the nucleus of the fast-spreading glad atmosphere of the season.

City dads authorized the tree's placement at the regular meeting Monday evening, and firemen, police and watermaster with assistance of P. P. & L., brought in the tree and put it in place yesterday. Today it is being attractively lighted.

The tree, a tall white fir of trim proportions, is placed at the intersection of Main and Willow streets. With this contribution of the city government, other Christmas decorations along the street are fast appearing, which, with bright new merchandise in the shops, reflects a seemly cheer.

Discussion of doing their bit for Christmas consumed most of the business of the dads, Monday. Concern was evidenced in the meeting of League of Oregon Cities at Pendleton today, however, and it was planned to have a delegation in attendance with special invitation given Mayor-elect G. A. Bleakman.

The league meeting was expected to help emphasize the demand for a larger share of state highway revenues to be expended upon city streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Furlong Take Condon Theater

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Furlong this week announced the purchase of the Liberty theater of Condon and departed for that place Tuesday to make their home. Mrs. Furlong, who has assisted her mother, Mrs. Sadie Sigsbee, in the management of the Star theater here for several years, expects to continue assisting here and will be in the city for a day or two each week.

Mr. Furlong, who has done the operating here for some time, is being succeeded by Herman Green, and Miss Betty Happold is taking over the position of ticket seller.

As business manager of the local theater for the last several years, Mrs. Furlong has brought about many improvements to give Heppner one of the most modern and attractive movie houses to be found in any city of its size. While the Condon theater has also been considered among the leading theaters of eastern Oregon, it will continue in well trained hands under Mr. and Mrs. Furlong's management.

Firemen's Hop is Saturday Attraction

Lively pre-sale of tickets presaged a large turnout for the firemen's ball at the Elks hall next Saturday night, a check-up meeting of the fire boys Monday evening revealed. They promise good music and a good time for all who attend.

Many business houses and others who do not dance have welcomed the sale of tickets and contributed their dollars, knowing that the fund resulting will be a big aid to firemen in their organization and thus add to the efficiency of the force in case of fire.

NOTICE

I am no longer connected with the Heppner Blacksmith and Mch. Co. and am not responsible for any bills contracted by them. I am collecting all outstanding accounts contracted up to Nov. 21, 1938, and will appreciate prompt settlement of same, and feel very grateful to all my friends for the business and favors extended me for the past two and a half years. JOHN VAUGHN.

SLATED SPEAKER



E. R. Fatland of Condon, state representative from this district this week was conceded to have the house speakership in his pocket. Fatland is the second man to bring the honor to this district in three sessions. Session before last Earl Snell, now secretary of state, did likewise.

BAND AND CHOIRS TO GIVE PROGRAM

Christmas Featured in School Offering Wednesday Before; Students Making Own Robes

Three choirs and the band are busily practicing Christmas carols for the joint school concert to be given in the auditorium the Wednesday evening before Christmas.

Two upper grade choirs formed by unpicked voices of thirty students each will supply a boys' and girls' choir. The third choir, from the primary grades, will be composed of 20 picked voices. The upper grade choirs are directed by Miss Forsythe, the lower by Miss White.

The latter part of the program will be devoted to band music under supervision of Mr. Buhman.

White choir robes for the 80 students who will sing are being made in the school. Eighth grade girls are cutting out the material and each student is taking his own robe home to be finished. The high school sewing classes are making black collars. Complete, the robes and collars cost 15 cents, and after the concert they will be donated to the school.

Heppner Downs Ione; Fossil Coming Friday

The Heppner Mustangs started their basketball season with a bang by defeating a sturdy Ione squad, 48-20, Monday evening. Coxen of Heppner was high point man with 12 and Ring of Ione next highest with 11.

Heppner made a good start, with a 9-5 lead at the end of the first period and increased this lead to 19-9 at half time. He score at the end of the third quarter was 31-13, and when the final whistle blew was 48-20 in Heppner's favor.

As a preliminary game, the "B" teams played, with Heppner coming out on top with a 37-6 score. Snow of Heppner led the scoring with 10 points, and his team mate, Osborne, was second with 9 points. This Friday the locals will play host to Fossil.

First Team
Second Team

GILMAN-THOMSON

Miss Lora V. Gilman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilman, was married to Roderick Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thomson, at Walla Walla Monday afternoon. Both young people are graduates of Heppner high school, and Mr. Thomson is local manager of Union Oil company.

ELKS OFFICIAL COMING

Francis V. Galloway of The Dalles, district deputy grand exalted ruler, will make his official visit to the local lodge next Thursday evening, the 15th. Initiation and special entertainment are planned.

Program Backed By 600 Who Attend Wheat League Meet

Countians Lead at Lively Dalles Sessions; Condon Next

More than 600 growers and others interested in wheat production in eastern Oregon took part in the annual conference of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league at The Dalles last week end. Declaring themselves favorable to the underlying principles of the 1938 agricultural adjustment act, they went on record as desiring reinstatement of the processing tax on milled wheat to pay for acreage control, commended voluntary compliance and ever-normal granary with assistance of crop insurance, commodity loans and purchase of surpluses by Commodity Credit corporation, as highlights of resolutions covering all phases of their industry.

With George N. Peck, league president, presiding, Morrow county took prominent part in the proceedings. Elected to succeed Peck was Harry Proudfoot of Moro, with Carol Barker of Condon, vice-president. C. W. Smith, veteran secretary, was re-elected. It was voted to hold next year's conference at Condon. Oscar Peterson of Ione was named executive committeeman from this county and will serve with Sam Walker, Wasco county; Millard Eakin, Sherman; John Campbell, Jefferson; John Wieman, Gilliam; Jens Terjeson, Umatilla, and Larkin Staggs, Wallowa.

Among Morrow county people attending conference sessions were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hague-wood, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smethurst, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denny, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Heliker, Charles McElligott, C. E. Carlson, Oscar Peterson, J. O. Kincaid, Henry Smouse, Louis Bergevin, Bert Johnson, R. B. Rice, Glenn Jones, C. B. Cox, A. H. Nelson, Don Pointer, Frank Saling, Henry Baker, Oral Scott, G. J. Ryan, W. S. Bennett and J. V. Crawford.

Federal agricultural programs were brought into headline prominence not only through the resolutions but also in the appearance of Harry Brown, assistant secretary of agriculture.

This Georgia gentleman, with profile resembling Irvin S. Cobb and a speaking manner not unworthy of the famed humorist, committed the secretary's department to little in the way of administrative policy but in a general way explained needs of the type of program being carried out, emphasized the voluntary control feature and the further need for widespread cooperation to make it effective. Though a cotton grower himself, he evidenced a broad understanding of the wheat situation.

That burdensome wheat surpluses may be expected for at least five years more was told by Dr. M. K. Bennett, economist from food research institute of Stanford university, speaking on the world wheat situation. Dr. Bennett highly commended Secretary of State Hull's efforts in tearing down high tariff walls between nations as one of the outstanding hopes today for more equitably distributing the world's wheat stores and helping to reduce the extremely large world surplus. He aroused some indignation among his listeners when he said that government crop control measures would help but little and that natural laws would have the largest effect in determining the course of the future.

Rufus C. Holman, U. S. senator-elect, received enthusiastic applause when he told the wheatgrowers that he would act free from any obligation.

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