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AAA Organization Set in County For New Year

Miller Retained as Chairman; \$410,000 in Loans Completed

The county convention to perfect organization of the county compliance committee under the AAA was held here yesterday, with delegates present from each of the nine districts. E. Harvey Miller was unanimously re-elected chairman, and other members named were R. B. Rice, vice chairman, Sam J. Turner, member, and Henry Baker, alternate member.

Delegates in attendance were R. B. Rice, Alpine; F. E. Parker, South Heppner-Hardman; Sam J. Turner, North Heppner; C. E. Carlson, Eight Mile; Louis C. Bergevin, Ione; L. A. Palmer, Lexington; Henry B. Gorger, Morgan; Paul Smith, Boardman, and Frank Frederickson, Irri-
gion.

At the convention it was announced that work of checking compliance for 1938 and fall seeding for the 1939 crop had been completed, and that \$19,000 had so far been distributed in allotments for 1938 compliance.

Under the loan feature of the AAA, it was announced that 247 loans had been completed in the county on 730,000 bushels of wheat for approximately \$410,000. Nine of the loans were on farm storage wheat and the remainder on wheat stored in warehouses.

Approximately 36 applications were said to have been received for crop insurance policies covering some 10,000 acres.

The county convention met in the newly renovated quarters in the Odd Fellows building, work of which was completed this week. The newly painted walls, linoleum-topped chromium-trimmed desks, and other improvements have made the office appear considerably more pleasing than it was before.

Names of the community committeemen, elected at recent elections, were released as follows:

Alpine: R. B. Rice, delegate; Frank Saling, alternate delegate; Frank Saling, chairman; A. C. Lindsey, vice-chairman; Miles E. Martin, regular member; Leo Gorger, first alternate; W. J. Doherty, second alternate.

Irri-
gion: J. S. White, delegate; F. Frederickson, alternate delegate; J. S. White, chairman; C. Grimm, vice chairman; F. Frederickson, regular member; Carl Knighten, first alternate; John Volle, second alternate.

Ione: L. Bergevin, delegate; J. O. Kincaid, alternate delegate; Chas. McElligott, chairman; Louis Bergevin, vice chairman; Oscar E. Peterson, regular member; Fred Mankin, first alternate; E. J. Blake, second alternate.

South Heppner-Hardman: F. E. Parker, delegate; Glenn Jones, alternate delegate; F. E. Parker, chairman; C. N. Jones, vice chairman; Glenn Jones, regular member; Alva Jones, first alternate; Ray Wright, second alternate.

Boardman: Paul Smith, delegate; Almon Geiss, alternate delegate; Paul Smith, chairman; Almon Geiss, vice chairman; Albert Baker, regular member; Harry Ford, first alternate; N. Kristensen, second alternate.

Lexington: L. A. Palmer, delegate; Clyde Denny, alternate delegate; L. A. Palmer, chairman; O. W. Cutsforth, vice chairman; Clyde Denny, regular member; Terrel Bengel, first alternate; B. H. Peck, second alternate.

Ione: Henry B. Gorger, delegate; Henry V. Smouse, alternate delegate; Henry B. Gorger, chairman; Henry B. Gorger, vice chairman; Victor Rietmann, regular member; Franklin D. Ely, first alternate; Geo. E. Miller, second alternate.

Eight Mile: C. E. Carlson, dele-

Schools Committee Proposes Amendments

A resolution was adopted by the county school committee meeting at the county superintendent's office here yesterday, asking for two amendments to the county school law which Orville Cutsforth, chairman, believes will help meet some objections being offered. The resolution will be sent to legislators from this district for action at the coming legislative session.

One amendment seeks to have four of the five county board members vote favorably before any schools can be consolidated. The second amendment would place a limit of \$3500 upon the amount which the board may expend on new construction in any one year. Any construction costing more than that amount would require a special vote of the people.

Ione Defeats Lex In Town Hoop Tilt

Fred Hoskin's Ione town basketball team had a promising season when they defeated Lexington on the home floor Tuesday night, 49-29. Grunquist, Ione guard, took scoring honors with 17 points, being closely pushed by Williams, co-center, with 16, and Rice Thornburg, Lex center, who also rung up 16 markers. Completing the Ione squad with scores were Frad Hoskins, Jr., guard 10, E. Pettyjohn, f. 4, Dorr Mason f. 2, Riley Munkers and Walter Bristow.

For Lexington, other squad members with scores were, guards, A. Bolsworth 10, Palmer 2; forwards, Dale Lane and Wright 1.

Ione will play a college all-star team made up of boys home for vacation on their floor Friday night. A second team will play Heppner CCC's the same evening. The all-stars will include Leonard Gilman, LaVerne Van Marter, Charles Cox, Jackson Gilliam and Harlan McCurdy.

Creamery Pickup Skids Off Highway

The Morrow County Creamery company delivery car, driven by W. C. Cox, manager, skidded off the Columbia highway on a slippery curve a short distance east of Arlington Tuesday afternoon. Going over a considerable bank it struck among some large boulders which wrecked radiator and running gear and did total damage estimated at \$250. The car did not turn over, and Mr. Cox escaped with a severe jolting.

The local P. P. & L. service car, following a short distance behind, came to the rescue and helped move Mr. Cox's load into Arlington. Ray Kinne and E. E. Hamrick were in the power company car.

Caution Urged In Holiday Driving

Death must not repeat its harvest of 11 lives on Oregon's highways during the Christmas holiday this year.

The Yuletide week end last year was this state's worst holiday period in three years from the standpoint of traffic fatalities, Secretary of State Earl Snell said recently.

"Winter throws a host of pitfalls in the path of the motorist, but safe, sensible automobile operation can overcome them," he declared. "One must drive slowly in fog, in rain or upon icy pavement; one must obey the rules of the road unflinchingly; one must keep his automobile in good condition; one must not drive when he is fatigued or otherwise unfit to take the wheel."

No Christmas can be happy when death or injury strikes!

gate; Fred Akers, alternate delegate; C. E. Carlson, chairman; Floyd Worden, vice chairman; Henry Boker, regular member; L. Carlson, first alternate; John Bergstrom, second alternate.

Stockholders Get Pay in Last Chapter Of Bank Closing

Receiver Gault Tells Work of Record Liquidation

Disbursement of interest to stockholders for money which they paid on assessments and a small return on the original stock, this week wrote finis to liquidation of Farmers & Stockgrowers National bank of Heppner which went into the hands of the receiver in 1934. Previously the bank had paid depositors in full plus interest at 6 per cent for the time the money was tied up in liquidation.

J. L. Gault, receiver, came in the role of Santa Claus from his home at Corvallis to wind up this last item of business. He acted in the role of trustee for the shareholders, having completed his work for the comptroller's office at the time depositors' interests were satisfied.

Mr. Gault also handled liquidation of First National bank of Heppner, closed at the same time the Farmers bank was closed, and total liquidation of deposits for the two banks amounted to about 97 per cent. The Farmers' bank paid 107 per cent to depositors and the First National 86 per cent.

"This closes the concluding chapter of this bank," said Mr. Gault in speaking of the Farmers bank liquidation, "and constitutes probably the most outstanding liquidation of any closed national bank in the United States. After securing clearance of all liability for income tax during the receivership period it was recommended to the comptroller of the currency that all stockholders who had paid their assessments in whole or in part be reimbursed in full with interest at 6%, the legal rate of Oregon, he believing that as the depositors had been reimbursed with dividends totalling 107.59%, the contributing stockholders should be treated in the same manner. The comptroller agreed with the receiver's reasoning but advised the national banking laws did not provide for such a contingency and that there was no court decision to use as a precedent. The comptroller further directed the receiver to advise such contributing stockholders that if they desired to receive such interest they must immediately institute suit in the United States District court to enforce payment. P. W. Mahoney was selected as attorney for the stockholders, pleadings being submitted to the court last July. A clear cut decision was recently rendered whereby Mr. Mahoney gained every point contended for, thus vindicating the viewpoint reached by the receiver."

New Stage Service Slated for Branch

Beginning today, Gray Rock Lines Heppner stage is making a round trip between Heppner and Fossil each day, announces John Hiatt, franchise owner. The run to Pendleton has been temporarily discontinued.

Under the new service, the stage will make connections with all stages at Arlington and daily service to Pendleton is afforded through this connection, going and return each day, and the schedule will give those wishing to transact business in Pendleton an additional half hour there over the old schedule, said Mr. Hiatt.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark are expecting their son-in-law, daughter and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riggs and Clark, from Cottage Grove to spend Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs recently moved their home from Eugene to Cottage Grove.

An old-time dance is set for Lexington grange hall Saturday night.

Christmas Story In Lights Told From Garage Window

A Christmas story in lights is the result of the genius of R. G. McMurtry, mechanic at Heppner garage.

The story is depicted from the garage window and all who have not read it there should do so.

In boxed enclosure there lies a village, with a number of white houses. Behind the houses is a hill, and located on the hill is a church. First, lights appear in the houses; and shortly, a light shows in the church, the lights in the houses then disappearing. Next, the moon comes up, and shortly the light in the church disappears, and lights reappear in the houses. Then lights go out in the houses, one by one.

McMurtry engineered the scene's construction. He first got an urge to do such things when he attended the San Francisco world's fair with his father in 1915. He has had a strong yen for that kind of thing ever since.

Heppner Wins, Loses Over Week End

The local basketball team journeyed to Hermiston last Saturday evening to meet their first defeat of the season, 22-16, on the Bulldogs' home court. Heppner started with a bang when Coxen made the first score of the game in the first minute of play, and the Mustangs had a 6-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 9-6 half-time lead. Hermiston came out at the start of the last half with a fighting spirit and desire to win that could not be denied. In the third quarter the Bulldogs shot out in front with a lead that could not be overcome, and the Heppner team was trailing by six points when the final whistle blew. Corpe of Hermiston was high point man with 8 points.

Lineup:
Heppner—16 Hermiston—22
Crawford (2) f (3) Marble
O'Donnell (4) f (8) Corpe
Drake (4) c (2) Gettman
Coxen (2) g Rankin
Barratt (2) g (1) Pankow

Subs.: Heppner—Morgan (2), Applegate, Wray, Bogoger, Pettyjohn, Aiken, Hermiston—Crampton (4), Tiller (4), Shipp, Pankow.

Personal fouls: Heppner 18, Hermiston 9.

The following Monday evening after the Hermiston game, the Heppner Mustangs started a come-back by defeating the Pendleton B team to the tune of 34 to 22. Heppner shot up an early 10-2 lead and held a lead throughout the game. The Mustangs played a much improved offense and close-checking defense against the fast, sharp-shooting Pendleton outfit.

Bowman of Pendleton took high point honors with ten points. Heppner was on the long end of a 20-8 half-time score.

Lineup:
Heppner—34 Pendleton—22
Crawford (5) f (4) Beck
Morgan (6) f (2) Porter
Drake (9) c (2) Schmidt
Coxen (2) g (10) Bowman
Barratt (4) g Snyder

Subs.: Heppner—O'Donnell (2), Aiken, Applegate, Pettyjohn (4), Bogoger (2), Wray, Pendleton—Kelly, Porter, Holt (3).

Personal fouls: Heppner 6; Pendleton, 11

ATTEND DISTRICT MEET

All members of the local branch bank force attended a district dinner and dance for First National Bank of Portland employees including those at The Dalles, Condon, Fossil and Moro, last week end. Attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pinckney, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McNeill, Carl Felker, Howard Bryant, Boyd Redding, Misses Marjorie Parker, Lois Ashbaugh, Beth Vance, and Robert Weir.

C. E. Carlson was a business visitor in town Monday from the Gooseberry farm.

County to Enjoy White Christmas As Snow Arrives

Spirit of Season Reflected Everywhere; Churches Lead

A white Christmas is assured, and the most welcome Christmas present Morrow county could ask for has been received, in snow which blanketed the entire county yesterday morning and continued falling yesterday and today to a depth of some four inches. Moderate temperatures have accompanied the snow with the mercury hovering near the freezing point all last night.

Dry cold with considerable fog preceded the snow's advent and farmers were fearing for welfare of the new wheat crop as the ground was dried out and frozen to a depth of several inches. The snow is heavy in moisture content and will thaw out the ground while supplying needed moisture at the same time, according to general reports.

Though driving has been made more treacherous, highway crews went to work immediately with snow plows on the main highways and have been keeping them clear so far as possible.

Leafless trees about Heppner have been painted a beautiful white along with the general landscape to lend a cheerful Christmas background for the holiday decorations on every hand. Hardly a home in the city but has some illuminated reminder of the season appearing in windows or displayed in the yards. Many homes are displaying vari-colored lighted trees, doorways, and pictorial displays on the exterior, giving incentive for everyone to visit the residential districts.

Main street is especially colorful with the city's large tree gaily lighted and strings of lights going to each of the four corners of the intersection of Willow where it is located. Fir trees line the curbs on either side, placed in flagpole stands, and from every shop window is displayed lighted trees and other reminders of the season.

Churches have taken the lead in fostering the Christmas spirit with special programs and treats last Sunday, and all will celebrate Christ's natal day next Sunday.

The school, too, has impressed the occasion with special decorations and programs in all rooms, and the highlight event, playing of Christmas music by the band and singing of carols by grade school choirs at the auditorium last night.

Saturday afternoon, kiddies of the county will be treated with a free show tendered them by Star theater and the Elyks lodge.

Contract Awarded For Lex Water Works

Jacobson and Jenson, Portland contractors were this week awarded the contract for construction of the Lexington water works. The contract price was \$18,650. Construction is expected to get under way before January 1.

Mayor Tom Barnett made the announcement when in the city yesterday. The project is being put through with PW assistance.

HOLD XMAS PARTY

Past Noble Grand club held its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Lester Doolittle yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Glenn Hayes as assistant hostess. Donations of fruits and Christmas baskets for shut-in members were given by those in attendance. Mrs. Hayes, retiring president, will be succeeded by Mrs. Letha Smith. Those present were Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. Jarvis Chaffee, Mrs. Al Macomber, Mrs. Loyal Parker, Mrs. Lee Howell, Mrs. Sadie Sigsbee, Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Mrs. Sylvia Devin, Mrs. Jeff Jones.