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SWIMMING FREE AS TANK OPENS

Loan, Insurance Set-Up Ready for 1940 Program

Wheat Operators May Make Application Now Under AAA

E. H. Miller, chairman of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation association, announced today that all necessary forms and instructions have been received in the county office for making the 1939 loans, and all that a producer need do to secure a loan is to bring his wheat receipt and grade certificate to the county office and make application.

Wheat in commercial storage in an approved warehouse is eligible for a loan immediately. Mr. Miller says, "I understand that most of the public warehouses in Morrow county have already been approved and that all others have made application and will be approved in a few days.

"Wheat in farm storage must be stored for 30 days before making application," said Miller, "and all loans will mature in 7 months from date of loan or April 30, whichever date is earlier."

The loan value for number 1 wheat will net the grower approximately 60.4c per bushel.

Details of the 1940 Federal Crop Insurance program have been announced, according to Mr. Miller. Basically it does not differ from the 1939 program which has proved to be of so much benefit to several of those farmers who had their 1939 crop insured. However, procedure has been very much simplified. All that a Morrow county wheat grower need do to insure his 1940 crop is to file an application with the county office and pay his premium.

Under the new plan the county committee figures the insurable yield and premium rate for each farmer and notifies him of his yield and rate. Then the farmer may apply for insurance to cover the number of acres of wheat he intends to plant. Mr. Miller said that after the grower has applied for and paid his premium, nothing further is required of him except to report to his county committee the actual acreage seeded and to notify the local committee in case of damage. Another point of interest is the fact that a producer may obtain an advance on his coming allotment payment in order to pay his premium.

In the near future public meetings will be held in order that more farmers may get better understanding of the program. In the meantime any farmers interested should feel free to bring their questions to the county office where every effort will be made to explain the program in detail.

Bill Francis Resigns As State Policeman

W. E. (Bill) Francis, state policeman in charge of game enforcement in this district for several years, handed in his resignation from the post last Thursday, checking in his equipment at Salem the same day. His resignation took effect Friday. No announcement has yet been made of his successor.

Mr. Francis said that he has thoroughly enjoyed his law enforcement work among local people, but that he found it difficult to keep two jobs going. After a two-weeks' rest he will devote his time entirely to ranching interests.

INSURANCE WAS BLESSING HERE



Though first drouth, then last week's cyclone devastated a large acreage of this year's crop on the Ernest Christopherson farm in the Dry Fork section, Mr. Christopherson and family are counted among the favored families of the section. Theirs was the only one of farms hardest hit that carried AAA crop insurance, covering losses from both causes up to 75 percent of normal yield. Pictured above are, at top, field of drouth-stricken spring grain on which is seen the season's only harvest, that taken by the grazing cattle; lower left, Mr. Christopherson looking things over; lower right, two of his boys examining a field of ruined wheat.—(Engraving by courtesy of Pendleton East Oregonian.)

Individual AAA Allotment Quotas Expected Soon

Farmers of Morrow county soon will receive notices of individual wheat acreage allotments under the 1940 AAA program, according to E. H. Miller, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee. Oregon's 1940 wheat allotment of 851,458 acres recently was announced. Morrow county, in turn, was allotted 104,427 acres. The county committee is now engaged in subdividing this allotment among individual farms on the basis of the wheat acreage grown during the years 1935 to 1938.

Mr. Miller pointed out that notices of individual wheat allotments are going out much earlier this year than a year ago, aiding farmers greatly in planning operations.

The allotments will be mailed from the county office to all wheat farmers who signed work sheets during any of the years 1936 to 1939. Mr. Miller emphasized that there is no compulsion in complying with allotments, and that only farmers who intend to cooperate with the 1940 farm program need plant in accordance with them.

"Farmers may ask adjustment of allotments, if they are dissatisfied," he said. "As soon as farmers have received notice of their allotments, they have 15 days in which to appeal to their county committees for reconsideration, explaining reasons for wanting a change."

Similarly, the 15-day period offers opportunity to request 1940 allotments for "new" wheat farms—those which grew no wheat for harvest during 1937, 1938 or 1939. Ap-

Fierce Badger Trees Harvest Crew on Combine

By Katherine Griffith
Ione—Badgers are fierce in the Morgan district.

On the A. F. Palmateer ranch Tuesday a badger started in pursuit of Ted and the bulldog, then took on the hired man and finally had three men treed on the combine.

They admit it themselves.

Car Accident Cuts Electrical Service

The electric clock in Gordon's pharmacy indicated exactly 4 o'clock as the time when the car driven by Harry Van Kirk of Portland took out a line pole just this side of Lexington and left the power lines wrapped together. Van Kirk escaped with an injured arm, according to reports.

The accident happened on the "S" curve just before entering Lexington. The car failed to negotiate the curve, took out the power pole and landed, in badly damaged condition, some 30 feet in the ditch beyond.

Repairs were rushed just as soon as the local office became aware of the service interference and the juice was on again at 10:30 o'clock. Work in the Gazette Times office was delayed several hours by the shut-down.

Applications must be made to county committees in writing. Three percent of each county's wheat allotment has been set aside for use in establishing "new" wheat allotments, it was explained.

Queen Selection Due; Miss Howell Honoree of Dance

Rodeo directors this week are selecting the young lady who will rule as queen of the three-day show, August 24-5-6, but her identity will not be revealed until the evening of August 19, the date of the ball in her honor to be held at the Heppner pavilion.

All the queen's attendants were honored at the opening of the dance series here last Saturday night, and for the next four Saturdays each will have a special dance in her honor held in her own grange district.

Miss Dorothy Howell is the honoree for next Saturday's event to be held at Lexington by her sponsoring grange. Other dances are set at Rhea creek, July 29; Lena, August 5, and Ione, August 12.

CCC's Battle Grass Fire at Rhea Siding

A 600-acre grass fire burned north of the highway at Rhea Siding Sunday evening and caused a call to be made for assistance from the local CCC camp. Arriving on the scene shortly after 4 o'clock the men fought continuously until 8 o'clock.

Much of the area covered by the blaze was on range of Hynd brothers. A barn and machine shed were burned but machinery and livestock were saved on a farm next to the highway. Had it not been for the wind changing direction to reverse the fire's path, it would have burned clear to the river, reported Will Morgan who assisted the CCC fighters.

Water Assured; Dips Tomorrow, Saturday Gratis

Week's Delay by Pipe Break Leaves All in Readiness

"Hi, Skin-nee-e! Let's go swimmin'!"

The cry of the old swimmin' hole may be heard in Heppner tomorrow. Knocked out of the scheduled opening last Saturday by the break in the pipe line, Heppner's big new plunge was half filled with water last night, and assurance was given this morning that filling will be completed tonight and that it will be ready for use at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Swims tomorrow and Saturday will be free, announced Harold Buhman, manager.

Last finishing touches were given the pool and accessories this week, and everything will be in readiness, Buhman said.

Tank hours will be from 10 to 12, mornings, and from 1:30 to dark, afternoons.

Beginning Sunday regular admission will be charged for tank use. Individual swims will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children, including high school students. Season tickets are available for \$3, individual; \$5 for two persons in the same family, and \$6 for three or more persons in the same family. Tickets will be on sale at the pool beginning tomorrow.

Delameter Wheat First to Come Here

First of the new crop wheat to reach Heppner was delivered this week by Joe Delameter, with Walter Becket, Lester Doolittle and C. N. Jones among those so far bringing wheat to local warehouses. Harvest is just getting under way generally in the Heppner district and the hauling is expected to pick up from now until the peak is reached.

Wheat so far delivered is of number one quality, weighing in around 61 pounds, and yields are reported as fair with pre-harvest expectations being exceeded.

A change in the state trucking law this year that permits one neighbor to haul for another is expected to delay delivery at warehouses.

Mrs. McAtee Sells Home to Millers

Sale of the home of Mrs. Lucille McAtee to E. H. Miller of Lexington was announced by Mrs. McAtee this morning, as she was preparing to leave the first of next week with sons Arthur and Austin for the east. They will go first to Illinois for an extended visit before going to Vickeryville, Mich, to reside. Mrs. McAtee recently disposed of her pastime interest to Wm. Bucknum.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and family expect to move to town in the fall to place the children in school.

REMODELING HOSPITAL

Andrew Baldwin started work Monday remodeling the general hospital of Mrs. L. G. Rumble's. Quite extensive renovation and modernization is contemplated by Mrs. Rumble and Mr. Baldwin expected to be occupied by the work for some time.

W. O. Dix, Virginia and Jo Jean returned the first of the week from a visit to the coast. Mrs. Dix remained in Portland to attend summer school.