

Year-End Brings Important Dates In AAA Program

December 31 is an important date to many Oregon farmers taking part in the AAA program, according to Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee, since it marks the following farm program transitions:

- (1) Final day to take out governmental loans on 1939 wheat.
- (2) Final day to apply for 1939 wheat "parity payments."
- (3) Final day of the 1939 range improvement program, with practices performed after December 31 applying to the 1940 program.

Next important date on the farm program calendar will be February 29, final day for applying for federal crop insurance on spring-sown wheat, Mr. Steen said. He pointed out that crop insurance applications to date number about 1635, protecting about one-third of the state's AAA wheat allotment.

"We are now in the seventh AAA program year," Mr. Steen added. "December 1 was the beginning of the 1940 program. I think it's a good time right now to give thought to what the farm program has meant, and whether it has justified its existence."

"This month I talked to a number of out-of-state farmers at the Eastern Oregon Wheat league convention at Condon. From them, I heard even more dramatic examples of the farm program's value than one can find here in Oregon. Particularly has it been valuable in 'dust bowl' states such as Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas."

"Harry Ridlen of Greeley county, Kansas, made a typical comment. He said that as a result of AAA farm program aid, Greeley county is repairing its damaged soil so rapidly that soon they'll have a county that can look after itself again."

"In his county it has been a case of holding down the soil or moving out with it, as he put it. They got Uncle Sam's aid through the farm program, and worked together in repairing their land until now they have practically all their land under control. They used to have thousands of acres of blow land. Last year not over 5000 acres were subject to wind erosion."

"Fortunately, we don't have these spectacular erosion examples here in the Pacific Northwest, and perhaps we lose sight of the need for conservation. We have the opportunity of farming our land in a manner so that we never will have the soil waste which has occurred in many other states."

FINNISH AID SOUGHT

A move has been launched in Oregon to obtain aid for distressed Finland. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave same at Heppner branch, First National Bank of Portland, where receipt will be given and funds forwarded to Chase National bank, New York, fund headquarters.

ELKS SET DANCES

Two holiday dances will be given by the Elks lodge at the hall in Heppner. The first is scheduled for Christmas night and the second will be given Saturday evening, Dec. 30. Kanouse's orchestra has been retained to furnish the music for both occasions.

At Heppner ♦ ♦ CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

9:45 Bible School.
11:00 Communion and preaching.
6:30 Christian Endeavor.
7:30 Evening Church services.
7:30 P. M., Wednesday, Choir Practice.
7:30 P. M., Thursday, Prayer Meeting.

Primary and Intermediate Christmas program Sunday morning.
Young peoples program in the evening.

All the church people of Heppner are invited to a special watch night program New Years eve, following the regular evening service.

METHODIST CHURCH

REV. R. C. YOUNG, Pastor
Sunday: Bible School 9:45 A. M.
Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
Epworth League 7:00 P. M.
Evening Worship 8:00 P. M.
Tuesday: Boys' Club 7:00 P. M.
2nd Tuesday, Missionary Meeting 2:30 P. M.
Wednesday: Choir Practice 7:30 P. M.
1st Wednesday, Ladies Aid Business and Social Meeting 2:30 P. M.
All other Wednesdays: Sewing Group meets.
Thursday: Prayer Meeting 7:30 P. M.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, at the Sunday school hour Santa Claus will visit the children with a treat for everyone.

The Christmas sermon comes at 11 a. m., then at 5 o'clock Christmas eve there will be a vesper service.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

CLIFFORD W. NOBLE, Pastor
Sunday services:
School, 9:45 a. m.
Worship service, 11:00 a. m.
Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m.
Weekend services:
Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
Everybody welcome.

Badges Awarded At Court of Honor

Interest in Boy Scout work is growing under the direction of Martin B. Clark, scoutmaster of the Heppner troop. A court of honor was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, at which time 12 Heppner boys became tenderfeet. There was present also a group of scouts from Lexington who brought three candidates for tenderfoot rating. Another Lexington boy was awarded

Dance

RHEA CREEK
GRANGE HALL
SATURDAY
DEC. 23

MUSIC BY
LEATHERS
ORCHESTRA

75c THE COUPLE

a merit badge for farm home planning.

The Heppner troop is planning a "good scout" turn for January 6. Discarded Christmas trees will be gathered and hauled to a safe spot where a huge bonfire will be built. If the trees are placed where the scouts may pick them up it will be appreciated by the boys.

Growth in Water Traffic Reported To Wheat League

Water transportation on the upper Columbia river has reached a volume never before attained in recent times, according to reports made by several speakers at the Eastern Oregon Wheat League's twelfth annual convention in Condon. Progress in the development of water transportation was reported on by Colonel Elliott, in charge of the development work by the United States army engineers, and by Charles Baker, president of the Inland Waterways association.

Reports showed that for the first 11 months of 1939, the downstream movement of wheat amounted to 1,418,869 bushels as compared with 939,019 bushels for all of 1938. Movement of petroleum products upstream increased over the same period from about 15,000,000 gallons to more than 57,000,000. A report on boats and barges passing through the Bonneville locks showed that in the month of November alone there were 377 boats and barges locked through the dam, compared with 351 in October. More than 7,000,000

gallons of gasoline and 13,000 barrels of Diesel and fuel oil passed through in November.

The Wheat league passed resolutions reaffirming its stand in support of Columbia river development and pointed to the Umatilla dam as the next step in further development of the river. The league also adopted as its policy in regard to transportation that it would help encourage, foster, and maintain adequate transportation facilities of every kind, at the lowest possible cost to shippers and the general public. The league opposed using artificial means to either maintain competition or destroy it.

Charles Barker of Condon was elected president for next year, with Sim Culley, Weston, vice-president, and C. W. Smith, Corvallis, secretary. County committeemen chosen from all except Union and Wheeler counties are as follows:

Baker, L. A. Sieg, Baker; Gilliam, J. Z. Weiman, Condon; Jefferson, J. L. Campbell, Madras; Morrow, Clyde Denny, Ione; Sherman, Millard Eakin, Grass Valley; Umatilla, Robert Taylor, Helix; Wallowa, J. L. Staff, Enterprise; and Wasco, Roy Froman, Antelope.

REPRESENTS CITY LEAGUE

W. O. Hall of Eugene, representing the League of Oregon Cities, paid Heppner a visit last Thursday. He called on members of the city council to ascertain what, if any, assistance the league could be in working out local government development plans. The league is also working on a plan to have all towns and cities adopt uniform ordinances in an ef-

fort to simplify law making and eliminate needless legislation.

ATTEND ARLINGTON MEET

Merle Cummings and E. Harvey Miller of the county agent's office and Henry Baker and R. B. Rice, county committeemen, attended a meeting of the Agricultural Conservation association in Arlington Wednesday.

Read G. T. Want Ads. You may find a bargain in something needed.

OLD-TIME

DANCE

LEXINGTON
GRANGE HALL

SATURDAY
Dec. 30

Good Old-Time
Music

50c the Couple

SAFEWAY

Your Money-Saving Cash Grocer

2-Day Xmas Sale--Friday & Saturday Only



Grapefruit Juice, 46 oz. tin 15c
Velvet Tobacco, 16 oz. tin...85c
CORN, No. 303 tins...3 for 25c
Pineapple, tall 14 oz. tin...10c
Pumpkin, No. 2 1/2 tin...10c
SUGAR, pure cane, 10 lb. 63c
Granger Tobacco, 16 oz. tin 69c
PEAS, Libby No. 303 tins...10c
RITZ Crackers, 1 lb. ctn...23c
Salad Dress., Duchess, qt. 25c
FLOUR, Kitchen Craft, 49 lb. bag\$1.39
OYSTERS, 5 oz. tins, 2 for 25c
Geo. Washington Tobacco, 16 oz. tin65c
Silk Tissue, 3 rolls.....10c
Peaches, Hi'way, 2 2 1/2 tins 29c
Crackers, Snowflake krispy 2 lb. box27c
Tea, Cant'bury black 8 oz. 29c
TOBACCO, Prince Albert 79c 16 Oz. Christmas Pack

Dates

Fancy Pitted

2 lbs. 25c

Eggs

Fresh Local
Med. 2 doz. 35c

LARGE

2 doz. 39c

Cranberry Sauce

Ocean Spray
17 oz. tins

2 25c

Coffee

EDWARDS
4 lb. tin

79c

CHRISTMAS NUTS

Mixed Nuts, (no peanuts) 2 lbs. 35c
 Walnuts, lg. Oregon soft shell 2 lbs.35c
 Brazils, washed, 2 lbs.25c
 Pecans, soft shell, lb.25c
 Peanuts, fresh roasted, lb.10c

CHRISTMAS CANDY

GUM DROPS, CHOC. DROPS
 SATIN MIX, BROKEN MIX
 In lots of 10 pounds
 or over 11c pound. 2 lbs. **25c**

FANCY CHOCOLATES

5 LB. BOX of real treat, ONLY **89c**

Christmas Produce

Cranberries, 2 lbs.29c
SWEET SPUDS, 6 lbs.25c
GRAPEFRUIT, Dozen35c
CELERY, giant Utah, Bu. 12c
LETTUCE, Jumbo, 2 Hds. 19c

ORANGES, fancy Sunkist

JUMBO 39c **MED.** 39c
 Dozen 126 Size 344 Size



Christmas makes us happy for a lot of reasons ... particularly because it gives us an opportunity to greet our friends and wish them the joys of the holiday season.

CENTRAL MARKET