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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 govern-

mental 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.

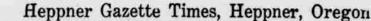
"We are now in the seventh AAA program year," Mr. Steen added. "December 1 was the beginning of the 1940 program. I think its' a good time right now to give thought to what the farm program has meant, and whether it has justified its existence.

"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 ASSEMBLY OF GOD 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."



a merit badge for farm home planning. 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 . 8:00 P.

Worship Service 11 Epworth League 7 Evening Worship 8 Ucesday: Boys' Club 7 2nd Tuesday, Missionary Meet-7:00 P. M.

meets Thursday: Prayer Meeting 7:30 P. M.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, at the Sunday school hour Santa Claus will evervone.

The Christmas sermon comes at eve there will be a vesper service.

CLIFFORD W. NOBLE, Pastor Sunday services: School, 9:45 a. m. Worship service, 11:00 a. m. Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m. Widweek 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



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 and C. W. Smith, Corvallis, secreconvention in Condon. Progress in tary. County committeemen chosen the development of water transportation was reported on by Colonel Elliott, in charge of the development work by the United States army en- J. Z. Weiman, Condon; Jefferson, gineers, and by Charles Baker, pres- J. L. Campbell, Madras; Morrow, ident 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 upvisit the children with a treat for stream increased over the same per-



2-Day Xmas Sale--Friday & Saturday Only



gallons of gasoline and 13,000 bar- fort to simplify law making and rels of Diesel and fuel oil passed through in November.

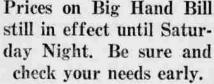
The Wheat league passed resolutions reaffirming its stand in support of Columbia river development and pointed to the Umatilla dam as the next step in further development of the river. The league also adopted as its policy in regard to transportation that it would help encourage, foster, and maintain 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, from all except Union and Wheeler counties are as follows:

Baker, L. A. Sieg, Baker: Gilliam, 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 iod from about 15,000,000 gallons to Heppner a visit last Thursday. He more than 57,000,000. A report on called on members of the city coun-11 a. m., then at 5 o'clock Christmas boats and barges passing through cil to ascertain what, if any, assistthe Bonneville locks showed that in ance the league could be in working the month of November alone there out local government development were 377 boats and barges locked plans. The league is also working on through the dam, compared with a plan to have all towns and cities 351 in October. More than 7,000,000 adopt uniform ordinances in an ef-





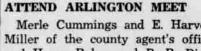
eliminate needless legislation.

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.

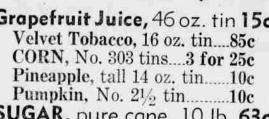
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Prices on Big Hand Bill



Thursday, Dec. 21, 1939

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.

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our friends and wish

them the joys of the

holiday season.

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