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Local Sheepmen Get Results at Burns Conclave

Grazing Allotments Not to be Cut Here During 1940 Season

Returning from Burns where they attended a three-day convention of Oregon Wool Growers association, Morrow county sheepmen are feeling more optimistic regarding the immediate future of their industry insofar as grazing regulations are concerned. The reason for this is found in assurance given them by the district grazer that allotments in the national forest which were curtailed in a recent order will not be lessened, at least during 1940.

The order to cut allotments followed a survey made last August. The sheepmen affected by the ruling felt that they were not getting fair treatment and went to the convention prepared to put up an argument. When the matter was made clear to the regional grazer he rescinded the order as far as this year is concerned. A resolution has been prepared relating to future allotments which must await consideration by the grazing authorities. The district grazer pointed out that in taking action on the 1940 allotments it was to protect stockmen against too hasty action by the department. It is a department ruling to notify stockmen of allotment cuts no later than September 1 and in this instance notification was not made until December 15.

Formation of advisory boards similar to those acting under the Taylor Grazing act is being urged by the sheepmen. If these are granted and clothed with the same authority as the Taylor groups it is felt that much of the red tape and worry of the stockmen using forest grazing will be eliminated.

Other important business concluded by the convention involved appointment of a committee to work with outdoor sports organizations opposed to creation of additional national parks from national forests and public domain. The group also voiced opposition to any change in the Oregon labor law and authorized its officers to appear at hearings of labor disputes involving the wool growing industry and the general public; went on record favoring repeal of the reciprocal trade agreements and continuation of the Dies committee investigation of subversive activities in the United States.

Mac Hoke of Pendleton was chosen president, Wayne Stewart of Dayville, vice president, and Walter Holt of Pendleton, secretary for the ensuing year.

Morrow county was represented by a fair-sized delegation, including Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pinckney, L. D. Neill and Vawter Parker.

SCOUTS HAVE BONFIRE

A large blaze behind the high school marked the definite exodus of Christmas when the Heppner troop of Boy Scouts burned the last evidence of Christmas cheer. The boys enjoyed the doing of this "good turn" as much as they did the actual burning of the trees and wish to thank the forestry department for their cooperation in furnishing a truck and driver for the occasion.

INFANT BURIED TODAY

Commitment services were held today for the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross. The child was born Monday and died Wednesday. Phelps Funeral home was in charge.

Mrs. Thompson Again Heads Wool Ladies

Tenth annual convention of the Women's Auxiliary of the Oregon Wool Growers was held at Burns Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. David Jones of Burns opened the meeting with the address of welcome, with the response made by Mrs. Mac Hoke of Pendleton. Mrs. Ralph Thompson, state president, presided. The work of the organization during the past year was discussed and various projects for the year 1940 were outlined.

F. M. Simpson, representing Swift & Co., discussed ways and means of making people more conscious of the value of the lamb in the diet. H. C. Seymour of Corvallis, state 4-H club leader, praised the work of the auxiliaries and the interest they have shown in the 4-H club work in the "fat lamb" shows that were held in the several counties of the state and for the support given the 4-H club girls in their wool sewing projects.

A woolen exhibit was put on by each auxiliary. Grant county won first prize, Malheur second and Umatilla third. Many beautiful woolen articles were displayed.

Officers for the following two years were elected with Mrs. R. I. Thompson of Heppner again chosen as president; Mrs. Mac Hoke of Pendleton, first vice president, Mrs. Clarence Love, Keating, second vice president; Mrs. Harold Cohn, Heppner, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Alec R. Gay, Dayville, corresponding secretary.

Auxiliary delegates were entertained with a tea at the city hall and a luncheon at the Pine Tea room by the ladies of Burns.

Car Damaged in Highway Collision

A truck driven by Jack Osier of Heppner and a heavy passenger car driven by W. B. Armitage of The Dalles figured in a collision on the Willow creek highway near the former Karl Farnsworth place at Rhea, Siding last Friday night, resulting in considerable damage to the car.

Osier was stalled on the highway due to a broken rear wheel. He had left the truck in search of a telephone to call for help. He states he placed flares at both front and rear of the vehicle before leaving and that when he returned the flares and a suitcase in the truck cab were missing. In the meantime, Armitage, who was on his way to the Columbia river from Heppner, crashed into the rear of the truck. His car was badly damaged but he escaped with little injury.

Paul Pettyjohn came along shortly after the accident and brought Armitage to Heppner for medical aid. Osier was unable to remove the truck from the highway until repairs were made to the broken wheel.

Grain Growers Buy Ione Warehouse

Purchase of the Beckner-Emert warehouse in Ione by the Morrow County Grain Growers of Lexington was announced over the week end by G. J. Ryan, manager of the Lexington concern. The grain growers company, operators of the warehouses at Lexington, has been running the Ione warehouse the last three years under lease.

The Beckner-Emert warehouse has a capacity of 37,000 bushels for storage purposes.

COUNTY NURSE HERE

Miss Lucille Vale returned to Heppner last Thursday and has set up her office for carrying on the work of county health nurse. She has quarters in the office of County Engineer Harry Tamblin at the courthouse. Miss Vale will be in the county until the middle of February when she will go to Sherman county, her schedule calling for alternating six weeks between the two counties. Her residence is with Mrs. Daisy Shively.

Tuesday Storm Brings Heavy Snow to County

9-Inch Blanket Covers Ground; Roads Open to Travel

Climaxing a week of heavy weather, snow to the depth of nine inches fell over most of the county Monday night and Tuesday morning. A prior fall of about two inches fell on Monday and residents were surprised to find the ground covered to a greater depth Tuesday morning.

The snow did not ride in on the wings of a heavy storm and as a result the work of highway crews in this district has not been as heavy as on previous occasions. Roads and highways of the county have been kept open to travel and there has been little inconvenience in any quarters. From reports reaching town, the fall in the southern part of the county was not much heavier than here and travel has been maintained through the mountains over the Heppner-Spray highway. Highway crews were on the job early Tuesday morning and the crew working to the south had reached Hardman at an early hour.

Here in Heppner the traffic situation was relieved by the appearance of CCC gangs on the streets. Armed with shovels, the boys soon made the sidewalks clear for pedestrians. Main street and side streets were cleared and openings shoveled out for car owners to get from their cars to the walks and back. Lt. Marius P. Hanford and his foremen directed the boys to do a thorough job, an act meriting the thanks of the business men and citizens.

BUSINESS GROUP TO MEET FRIDAY

Luncheon to Mark Completion of Chamber of Commerce Organization in Heppner

Plans for the luncheon meeting to be held at the Hotel Heppner tomorrow noon have been completed and it is expected that most, if not all, of the 40 people who have signed the membership roll of the chamber of commerce will attend.

This meeting will mark the completion of the organization work and the start of the active program of projects which the board of directors has mapped out. Principal item of the luncheon meeting will be adoption of the by-laws, which have already received the sanction of the board of directors. The matter of financing the chamber for the ensuing months will also be presented. When matters of organization are out of the way there will be a discussion of projects to claim the club's attention.

At least one of the projects coming up at this time will call for immediate action. It will be a matter having direct bearing on trade building and will be of interest to all business concerns of the town. Some of the other projects will relate to grazing on the national forest, roads, trades practices and the subject of rural routes. It is not expected that these will receive the attention they are entitled to at this brief luncheon meeting, but they are on the schedule of the board of directors and will be presented to the membership for study.

RELIEF OFFICE MOVES

Equipment and supplies of the Morrow county relief office were moved to the new quarters in the city building the first of the week. The office has been located in the Heppner hotel building for several years. The city arranged quarters that promise to be more convenient for the handling of relief supplies.

Former Resident Passes in South

Mrs. Frank Rumble received word Wednesday morning of the death of her brother, George Gibson, whose passing occurred at Birmingham, Ala., that morning. The message made no reference to cause of death.

Mr. Gibson was a resident of Heppner for three and a half years. He came here in March, 1936, in poor health and after making a substantial recovery, decided to remain. He was employed as day clerk at Hotel Heppner for a year, resigning that position June 1, 1939. He left here early in August to join his wife in the south, where she held a position as hotel hostess. Shortly after his arrival Mrs. Gibson became ill and they had only recently secured new positions, she in Tennessee and he in Birmingham.

Mrs. Rumble related that her brother had always looked upon her more as a mother than a sister. When George was a babe of four months their mother fell ill and it fell to the seven-year-old sister to take care of the baby. She milked the cow and did the other chores besides taking care of the baby and waiting on her mother. Ever after when George needed aid he looked to his sister. So it was in the spring of 1936 when he became ill while managing a large hotel in Florida, he yearned for the expert ministrations of that kindly sister and crossed the continent to reach her at Heppner.

George Marvin Gibson was 64 years of age at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife, the sister, Mrs. Rumble, and two brothers, Elbert Gibson of Heppner and Dr. R. E. Gibson of Newberry, Mich.

While acting in the capacity of day clerk at the local hotel, Mr. Gibson made many friends who will regret to learn of his untimely passing.

Small Boy Burned By Gasoline Flames

Clarence, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Botts was severely burned on the face and hands Sunday afternoon in an accident at the Botts home on one of the Kincaid places southwest of Ione. The child was brought to Heppner for treatment and is a patient at the Morrow General hospital.

The accident happened when an uncle of the little boy attempted to kindle the fire with gasoline. The youth was getting ready to start a gasoline motor and placed a small can of gasoline on the stove to heat it. The fire in the stove was low and he used some of the gasoline to give the fire a quick start. The gasoline exploded and flames spread around the can. The youth held on to the can and started for the outdoors. The little Botts boy was following him and fell, the flames enveloping his face and hands. The older boy endeavored to stamp out the flame on the floor without success and the mother, who witnessed the fast-moving spectacle, grabbed the child up and wrapped him in a blanket.

The older boy was burned quite severely on the hands and was brought to Heppner with the Botts boy for treatment.

Wilkins Car Upsets On John Day Highway

Harold Wilkins started for the Oregon Wool Growers convention at Burns Sunday morning but didn't get there. A short distance north of John Day his car left the highway and upset, damaging the car to the extent of about \$300. The driver escaped with nothing more than a severe shaking up.

Wilkins states that he struck an icy spot on the John Day highway which caused the car to leave the road. It crashed into a post before upsetting, which probably added to the damage. He returned to Heppner, leaving the welfare of the convention in the hands of the rest of the Morrow county delegation.

Morrow County Ready to Assist Paralysis Fund

Observance of Natal Day of President Set Saturday, Jan. 27

Morrow county, a consistent contributor to the infantile paralysis foundation since the first Presidents ball in 1934, is again preparing to observe the date in a fitting manner. Headed by Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county chairman, the committee in charge of the Heppner celebration has laid plans for the seventh annual ball which will be held at the B. P. O. Elks temple Saturday evening, January 27. Dance dates for points in the county have not been announced but it is expected that several other towns and granges will observe the occasion in a fitting manner.

The committee is working on plans to make this year's ball the equal if not better than those of former years. It will be remembered that last year's dance netted \$175, to which was added \$6 from the sale of two cakes. This placed Heppner in the van of high contributing districts and it is the committee's desire to maintain this position in a cause the worth of which is not questioned.

There should be no let-up in the campaign against infantile paralysis, according to Dr. McMurdo, who says that the war has only really begun. In support of his contention he cites the following article taken from a report made by Paul de Kruif, secretary of the general medical advisory committee of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis:

"Of the ills of mankind infantile paralysis is admittedly a long way from the most deadly. In any one year, or in any given epidemic it does not leave its crippling mark upon a large proportion of the children of any community. These truths are sometimes cited in de-

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Birds Make Best Of Open Weather

Birds, like human beings, may not be successful weather prophets and, like the human race may be as easily fooled by the antics of nature.

Continued balmy weather extending up to the snowstorm Sunday induced the little feathered friends to hang around familiar haunts. One of these haunts is the park at the rear of the Morrow county courthouse. There the birds find shelter in the trees, water for drink and bath, and big juicy angleworms to sate the cravings of the inner bird.

With the weather what it was all fall and early winter, the birds were loathe to give up their sanctuary and hung around, as it were, living a care-free life. So it was that last Friday morning, with the sun shining and the temperature in the fifties, observing courthouse officials counted 30 robins on the lawn at the rear of the building. They were as busy as peanut vendors at a baseball game, running and flitting about as unconcerned as if it were early June instead of early January. And (this is unofficial) one observer insists that he saw a robin extract a long worm from the ground but due to the anemic condition of the wiggler his captor refused to make a meal of him.

Walter Armitage, injured Friday night in an automobile accident on the O.-W. highway and brought to Heppner for treatment, was able to leave the Heppner hospital Sunday afternoon and with his parents returned to his home at The Dalles.