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## Camp Heppner's Status Uncertain, Rodman Says

### Economy Wave in Congress Jeopardizes County SCS

A wave of appropriation cutting that has swept over congress during the present session may result in discontinuance of Camp Heppner, CCC, according to Millard Rodman, supervisor for the Soil Conservation service in this district. Rodman, who was in Heppner yesterday conferring with local SCS officials, said to the Gazette Times that he had just returned from a regional meeting in Spokane where it was learned that shutting down some of the camps is inevitable.

There are 14 soil conservation camps in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, four of them located in Oregon. Of these, three are in this section of the state, Heppner, Stanfield and Monument. One camp in each state will be discontinued, Rodman says, and when the closing down word comes he is certain that the Heppner camp will be the one to go. Such word may be expected by March 1, he said. That will leave practically 14 months work that is already lined up that will go uncompleted.

Other counties, including Wasco, Lake and Klamath, have been asking for soil conservation camps and the economy movement may deprive them of this service. Rodman was uncertain about Camp Heppner in the event some of the appropriation is restored.

Just how far local pressure will go toward retention of the camp is a matter of conjecture, in the opinion of the supervisor. He thought action on the part of the people could do no harm inasmuch as location of the camp here lends a certain amount of influence to business as well as being of direct benefit in the service given. To show lack of interest in the camp now would only mean lessening of the chance to have another camp located here at some future date if conditions warranted such a move, he pointed out.

Rodman's report on the camp confirms information gathered by a chamber of commerce committee and others investigating the possibility of retaining the service here. It is understood that efforts will be continued to maintain the camp pending a final decision by the authorities.

## Beef Club Ready for 1940 Project

Five baby beef calves were selected from the Percy Hughes and William Kilkenny herds by members of the Lexington Beef club for their 1940 4-H club work.

This is the first 4-H beef club to be organized in Morrow county, according to C. D. Conrad, county agent, who helped select the calves.

The boys receiving the steer calves were Gene Majeske, Gene Cutsforth, Irvin Rauch, Elroy Martin and Don Campbell. Rodger Campbell, another member of the club, will feed a heifer calf of his own raising; while heifer calves will be found later for the two girl members of the club, Jo Ann Graves and Dorothy Cutsforth.

The members are planning to stall feed the calves and have them finished for the Pacific International Livestock exposition. They will be exhibited next summer at the Morrow county fair also.

Conrad states that the organization of other livestock clubs, including sheep, dairy and pig clubs, will be carried out during February and all boys and girls wishing to enroll in livestock or other 4-H projects should contact the county agent.

## LOCAL CHAPTER AWARDED PLAQUE

Red Cross Unit Recognized for Distinguished Work in 1939 Membership Campaign

For the second consecutive year the Morrow county chapter of the American Red Cross has been awarded an honor certificate for distinguished achievement in the annual roll call. This week a plaque bearing the inscription, "This Honor Certificate is awarded to the Morrow County Chapter for distinguished achievement in the Annual Roll Call for 1940," was received by Russell McNeill, county chairman.

The 1939 quota for the county was 350 memberships and the campaign resulted in an enrollment of 368. The quota for 1940 was raised to 400 and a total of 404 members were enrolled by districts as follows: Morgan 5, Balm Fork 10, Eight Mile 35, Lena 10, Hardman 4, Irrigon 10, Willow Creek 10, Pine City 10, Cecil 7, Lexington 42, Boardman 15, Ione 60 and Heppner 186. Group memberships at Irrigon, Lexington, Ione and Heppner swelled the fund to \$448.65, or \$44.65 more than the total membership.

Of the \$448.65 received in the county, \$205.83 was forwarded to the national Red Cross and \$242.82 was retained here. This difference in favor of the local chapter is accomplished through the group membership plan, whereby several people take one membership and the local committee remits to the national chapter on a basis of 50 cents per membership.

## President's Dance Successful Affair

One of the outstanding social affairs of the season and one of the most successful of the President's dances yet held in Heppner, the annual ball at the Elks temple Saturday night swelled the infantile paralysis fund well over \$100.

Dance funds have not all been turned in at this writing. Tickets sold prior to the dance and dollars collected that evening amounted to \$165. Expenses have not been audited and when the affairs of the local committee are wound up it is expected that Heppner will again rate high among the communities of this size contributing to the national fund.

Opportunity is still open to those who wish to make contributions, according to Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county chairman. In Heppner, leave your money and name with B. C. Pinckney at the First National bank or with Dr. McMurdo. Other chairmen in the county are Bert Mason, Ione; Harry Duvall, Lexington; Jack Gorham, Boardman, and Elmer Griffith, Morgan.

Details of expenditures from the county infantile paralysis fund to date and further details on progress of this year's campaign will be published in these columns next week.

## Two Old-Time Bills Show Up at Bank

Two bills of the old First National Bank of Heppner were turned in at the local branch of the First National Bank of Portland this week. They are of \$10 and \$20 denominations and are signed by Frank Gilliam, president, and W. E. Moore, cashier.

Thinking someone might wish these bills as souvenirs, B. C. Pinckney, manager of the local bank, says they may be purchased at face. If not so taken, the bank will be forced to turn them in with their damaged currency to the comptroller in Washington for redemption.

Milton Morgan, reported in this paper as having joined the United States aviation corps, has entered a private aviation school in Los Angeles.

Be at Penney's early Monday to see the new Spring Dresses.—Adv.

## New AAA Range Program Said Best of Series

### County Agent Defines Set-up for Local Livestock Men

The finest range building program ever offered by the AAA is available to livestockmen who participate in the 1940 Range Conservation program, according to C. D. Conrad, county agent.

The agent went on to say that every operator who signed up for the program would have a range building allowance computed for his ranching unit, based on the acreage and carrying capacity of his range, and that the operator could earn this allowance by carrying out approved range building practices. For example, an operator who practices deferred grazing on part of his range may earn part of his allowance by building fences, constructing water storage facilities, controlling rodents and eradicating poisonous plants. He may also use part of this allowance for leasing additional range when this is necessary in order to practice deferred grazing.

Other standard practices are stock water development, both springs and wells, artificial reseeding of rangeland and abandoned cropland to perennial grasses.

This is but a partial list of practices, he concluded, and that in order to give all interested persons an opportunity of hearing the program discussed in detail, a meeting has been scheduled for the courthouse at Heppner, starting at 1:30 P. M., Friday, February 9. Blaine Devers, state range examiner for the AAA will be on hand and the program will be discussed in detail at that time. All livestockmen are sure to find this meeting of vital interest to them and should make it a point to attend.

## Lions Hold Forth in New Quarters

Heppner Lions stifted meeting places Monday when they assembled at the Elkhorn for the weekly luncheon. Closing of Hotel Heppner dining room necessitated the shift, and the Lions will continue meeting at the restaurant during the month of February.

In the absence of a piano, the program arranged for the meeting was dispensed with and aside from an item of business the hour was spent in visiting and paying fines for lack of observance of Lions rules.

Two visitors were introduced to the club, James Leach and John Penland, members of the Pendleton club. Leach is the son of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Leach, and Penland stated he is the son of one of the Penland brothers, long-time business firm of Pendleton.

## IRRIGATION SEASON CLOSED

Irrigation season in Morrow county is still closed, according to word of Harry Tamblin, watermaster. Those contemplating early use of the water should get in touch with the water master, who advises that the stream channels should be left open at this time of year to permit water to go through to livestock on the lower reaches of the creeks. It is pointed out that livestock rights to the water come ahead of land rights.

## MARRIED AT VANCOUVER

John Stoars, meat cutter at the Central market, and May Guerier, until recently employed at Hotel Heppner, were married Friday, Jan. 26, at Vancouver, Wash. They returned to Heppner Sunday and have taken residence in the Anna Q. Thomson house on Court street.

## SCOUT TROOP TO HAVE BUSY WEEK

Banquet, Good Turn Day, Flag Ceremonies on Program for Period of February 8-14

Heppner Boy Scouts have a busy week ahead during the period of February 8-14, which is national Boy Scout week. While it is the function of a Scout to do one good turn each day, the national program calls for a "good turn" day in which something of community benefit is accomplished.

The week opening Thursday, Feb. 8, marks a program of events which will claim the attention of the Scouts and many of their elders. Nothing special has been scheduled for Feb. 8 and 9, but on Saturday the boys will turn out to do their good turn. Just what that will be remains to be seen. On Sunday, Feb. 11, the boys will go to church at their respective churches in honor of Scout Sunday.

Monday, Feb. 12, has double significance to the Scouts. It is Lincoln's birthday and flag emphasis day. Special demonstrations, in which the city flag will play a part, will be featured, showing the many and proper uses of the flag. In the evening the highlight of the week will be the Scout banquet in the basement of the Christian church. Serving will start at 6:30 o'clock and parents are being urged to accompany their sons.

Tickets for the affair will be on sale during the coming week. The dinner is not confined strictly to Scouts and their parents, it is stated, and others interested in the Scout movement will be given an opportunity to attend.

Another date of importance to Scouting in Morrow county is Thursday, Feb. 15. Lexington will be host for a court of honor at which time the boys will display their knowledge of Scout lore. There will be a movie, amateur radio demonstration and other features of Scout work.

## Youth Taken to Portland Monday

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman drove to Portland Monday, taking Irvin Greener for commitment to Multnomah county authorities. Greener was given a sentence of 10 months in county jail when convicted on a charge of larceny and will be assigned to work at Kelly Butte, it is stated. He was implicated, with others, in larceny of wool tags.

Marvin Sadler, appearing before Judge Calvin L. Sweek last Thursday, was sentenced to not more than two years in prison. He is being held in the local jail pending the outcome of friends' attempt to get a parole for him. La Vern Hams, receiving a sentence, was paroled to the custody of his father. Oscar Jones is being held to the grand jury and it is understood he will fight the charge against him.

Appearing before Judge Calvin L. Sweek Wednesday, Oscar Jones pled guilty to a charge of larceny, threw himself upon the mercy of the court and received a two-year sentence. He was paroled on condition that he refrain from drinking and association with bad company. Jones, Hams and Sadler were required to pay \$60 each to the clerk of the court to reimburse the parties from whom the tags were taken.

## SNOW NOT ALL GONE

The northern part of the county is still in the grip of winter, according to reports coming in from Boardman and other sections. There is still a blanket of snow over the grain fields in the Morgan and Cecil areas, a reversal of the usual form when snow remains on the higher levels and melts off of the river slope. There is ample protection for grain against severe weather, according to Bert Palmateer, who was in Heppner Wednesday from his ranch in the Morgan district.

## Wool Growers Show Dislike for Treaties At Casper Meeting

### Reciprocal Pacts No Aid to Business Declare Sheepmen

A strong majority of the wool men in attendance at the national wool growers association convention at Casper, Wyo., last week declared against the reciprocal trade agreements existing between the United States and Canada and other foreign countries. So stated Ralph I. Thompson, who with Mrs. Thompson returned home Sunday from the convention city.

Sheepmen are not convinced that the trade treaties have been beneficial to them, despite assurances from administration quarters that conditions are better, Thompson stated. When a resolution was presented seeking changes in the present set-up of the wool growers readily voted for it.

A resolution for which Mac Hoke, president of the Oregon Wool Growers association, was spokesman, asking support of the national body for the continuance of the range conservation program, created quite a stir on the convention floor. Hoke made a strong fight for endorsement but was voted down. Delegates had previously registered a sentiment favoring curtailment of government expenses and felt it would be inconsistent to support a resolution asking for more spending.

The National Wool Growers auxiliary accomplished more at the Casper convention than ever before, in the opinion of Mrs. Ralph Thompson, president of the Oregon auxiliary. The national association auxiliary voted a \$200 scholarship in wool sewing for attendance at the national congress of 4-H clubs in Chicago, the final in contest among 4-H clubs all over the country. Good reports were made by the various state delegations, of which Oregon led in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Harold Cohn were the Heppner representatives at the convention. At Spokane they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hoke and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt from Pendleton and eight people from Washington and together all made the trip to Casper on a special Pullman, picking up Montana and Wyoming people enroute.

Entertainment for the 165 ladies at the convention included teas and a special breakfast. There was a special entertainment when Charles Belden from Pitchfork, Wyo., cattle, sheep and dude ranches, introduced by Tim McCoy, movie star, showed moving pictures of livestock and wild life on his Pitchfork ranch.

Casper is situated in the vicinity of Teapot Dome, famous for its connection with an oil scandal some 15 years ago. There are refineries and other oil activities nearby which add to the commercial and social life of the city of 20,000 people.

## Power Shut-Down Slated for Monday

A contemplated shut-down of power service in this district is contemplated by Pacific Power and Light company for next Monday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock, announces Ray P. Kinne, local manager.

Weather permitting, this time has been set for making necessary repairs, and Manager Kinne wishes all patrons to be forewarned.

The officers club of the Eastern Star will entertain with a social hour at the lodge home Friday evening, Feb. 9.

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