

# Morrow Farms Seek Electric Service Through REA

## Columbia Basin Co-op Organizes at Meeting in Heppner

Officers were elected, a coordinator selected and final arrangements made for incorporating the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op at a Rural Electrification administration meeting held in Heppner Monday evening.

The purpose of the REA is to provide funds to extend power lines to as many homes as possible that do not now have power. A preliminary survey has been made and present plans are to extend power lines thru several communities in Morrow and Gilliam counties.

A board of directors was elected at the Monday meeting and includes Henry Baker, lone, president; John Krebs, Cecil, vice-president; Glenn Richards, Condon, secretary; E. E. Rugg, Heppner, treasurer; Floyd Adams, Hardman; Oscar Lundell, Willows; John Farr, Rock Creek; Newell Reid, Rock Creek, and Lloyd Smith of Mayville.

R. L. Rambo, previously secretary of the Spokane Rural Electrification project, which now includes more than 1600 miles of power lines, was selected as coordinator to get the project under way and Mr. Rambo will move his family to Heppner this coming week and take over his new duties.

Much interest is being shown in this project with thirteen applications for power having been already signed before the project gets under way.

John Leavitt and Glenn Ball, both of the Bonneville project, were present at the meeting to explain the organizing and the operating of the REA project.

The preliminary survey shows a contemplated line of 245 miles with 332 potential users. Rhea creek, Eight Mile and Rock creek districts in Morrow county are included.

## Wheat Samples Show Light Weight, Smut

Wheat samples taken up to early July show lighter test weight and more smut and dockage than usual, reports the grain division of the state department of agriculture.

Of 432 samples in the Walla Walla district, 175 graded smutty and 233 carried dockage; of these 304 samples were soft white wheat with 158 smutty and 196 carrying foul dockage. At Pendleton, 292 samples showed 59 with smut and 43 with foul dockage and of 230 white wheat samples 46 were smutty and 30 carried foul dockage.

Sherman, Morrow and Wasco county samples also were lighter in test weight, due to the long dry spell. Dockage was heavier, possibly due to using less wind to clean out because of the lighter weight.

## MANY GRASSES SURVIVE

Vernonia—A test plot of pasture grasses put in on the G. C. Kirkbride farm, about eight years ago, shows a good survival of several of the grasses, says George A. Nelson, county agent, who arranged a tour of inspection to several of these early plantings. Chewing fescue and tall fescue are still doing well, especially the chewing fescue, which shows considerable spread. Other grasses and legumes maintaining themselves included Reed canary grass, orchard grass, meadow foxtail, English ryegrass, tall meadow oatgrass, and subterranean clover.

## SNEEZERS BACK SCS

Because ragweed thrives on badly worn and eroded soils, hay fever sufferers might well be among the world's leading boosters for soil conservation, according to SCS workers. They point out that, when rich top soil is washed or blown away, useless weeds take over, including the ragweed, which is considered one of the worst hay fever plants known.

## LEXINGTON NEWS

### 40-Acre Wheat Fire Hits Doherty Farm

By MARGARET SCOTT

A bridal shower was held at the Congregational church aid room last Wednesday honoring Mrs. Marritt Gray. About thirty were present and refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

Church services will be held Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Congregational church.

Ed Cummings is spending a few days at Ritter hot springs.

Mrs. Ralph Scott came home from The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMillan and family have moved to the S. G. McMillan farm.

Coy Thornburg of Carleton is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. McWhorter and family spent Sunday in Boardman. They were accompanied by Lena Belle Forbes.

Jeanette Peck has returned home after visiting her aunt in Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Forbes and family have gone to Boardman to make their home.

Kenneth Peck spent the week end in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pointer came up from Yamhill and left Tuesday for St. Martin's springs. They were accompanied by Mrs. Nettie Davis. Ralph Jackson and Clyde Edwards spent Sunday at Ritter.

Gerald Acklen and Ruth Lasich

were here from Portland Friday, bringing Ruthann Lasich home.

Helen Duvall of The Dalles is visiting at the Harry Duvall home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Henderson and son spent Sunday in Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Noble are moving to the Orville Cutsforth house recently vacated by the Earl Forbes family.

Mrs. Laurel Ruhl and son spent Thursday in Hermiston.

Lola and Jaunita Padberg are guests at the Oleta Wardwell home.

A fire broke out in the back yard at the Laura Scott house Tuesday afternoon and burned a small building on the Beach property which contained several rabbits. The flame was put under control before any serious damage was done to the surrounding buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carmichael are going to move into the house formerly occupied by the John Ryan family.

Mrs. Lou Broadley has returned home after several weeks spent in the Valley.

Moving of supplies to the new Carmichael building is almost completed and the store and pastime are open for business.

Local citizens are busy getting ready for the Heppner Rodeo. Plans for the floats are being carried out and many persons are spending their leisure hours in horseback riding.

A slight accident occurred Sunday at the schoolhouse intersection when one of the carnival trucks coasted into the rear of another carnival truck. They were untangled

in a short while and went on to Heppner.

Mrs. Clarence Carmichael has returned home from a visit in Vancouver.

Estelle Ledbetter visited friend here Tuesday.

Eugene Van Horn was seriously injured Thursday afternoon when he fell from a moving truck while helping move a showcase to the new Carmichael building. A Heppner physician was summoned to take him to Heppner where he was treated for a broken collar bone.

Wednesday afternoon a fire of undetermined origin burned forty acres of wheat land on the Bernard Doherty ranch up Black Horse canyon. The loss was not covered by insurance.

Don Pointer and Paul Doherty spent Monday in Pendleton.

## CARRY PLAGUE INFECTION

Corvallis—The danger of plague infection in handling rodents is emphasized by a report received by O. S. C. from southern Oregon, that a marmot examined by the state health service had been found positive for plague. Dr. Karl Frederick Myer, director of the Hooper foundation for medical research, who spoke at Oregon State last winter, called attention to the danger in handling chipmunks, squirrels, prairie dogs, cottontail rabbits, as well as rats, as any of these may be infected or may carry infected fleas.

August clearance on all summer hats, coats, suits and dresses. Curran's Ready-to-Wear. 23-26

## Sketch Reveals Fine Fair Dairy Display

A graphic presentation of Oregon's major agricultural industry will greet Oregon state fair crowds at Salem September 2-8, judging from the sketch of the 60-foot new state dairy industry exhibit brought to Salem this week by Lyle W. Hammack, Portland, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Ada Mayme of the Oregon Dairy Council, which is assisting.

Outstanding features will be a casein display showing articles made from this product and a section showing the individual's daily needs of dairy products.

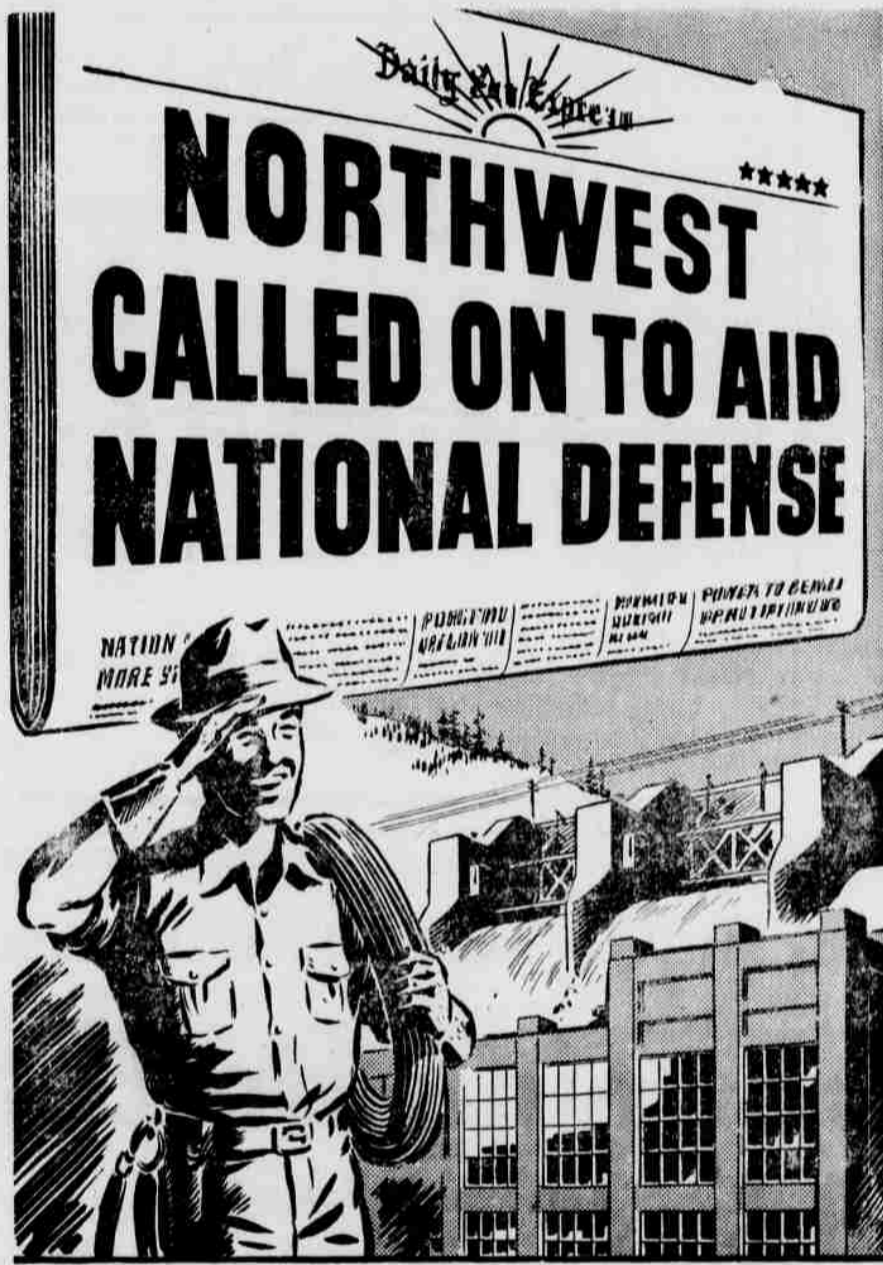
Dairy industry movies, transparencies and other display ideas are utilized.

The whole forms an arresting creation in white and black, topped by an illuminated moving sign. The exhibit is non-competitive.

Other members of Hammack's committee are Marvin Davidson, Monmouth; Frank Hettwer, Mt. Angel, and A. W. Metzger, chief of the state department of agriculture division of foods and dairies.

## FARM CALLS INCREASE

More than 900 farm calls were made in July by the state department of agriculture cream graders, compilation of reports filed with the foods and dairies division shows. This was a considerable gain over June, when 685 calls were made. The work covers every section in Oregon except Harney county.

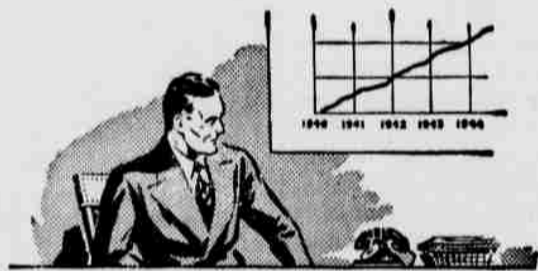


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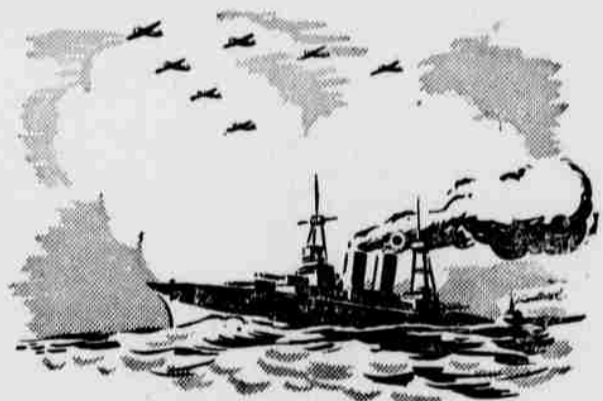
## New industries?

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