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## Chamber Seeks Road Improvement On Upper Willow

### Inclusion in Budget Asked of Court; Meeting Day Shifted

Improvement of the upper Willow creek road between Heppner and the mountains is sought in a motion passed last evening by the chamber of commerce meeting at the Lucas Place.

The motion stated, "We recommend to the county court that funds be included in the 1941 budget for improvement of the upper Willow creek road between Heppner and the forks of Willow creek."

The project was presented by P. W. Mahoney, chairman of the chamber committee on highways, as being one of the most important to Heppner and Morrow county. It is the principal artery tapping the mountain region with its resources of water, grazing, fuel and timber, Mr. Mahoney pointed out, and while it has received attention in years past only a small portion of the road now has base that would permit oiling.

Members of the club were in agreement that this road should have attention and the motion was passed unanimously.

The road committee's report held spotlight of attention. Discussion of the state highway commission's visit to eastern Oregon in October, led to extension of the chamber's invitation to come to Heppner at that time when it was hoped first-hand presentation of the county's case will lead to oiled surfacing of the Oregon-Washington highway from the Hanna ranch to Lena, another badly needed piece of work as log hauling has almost ruined this stretch.

A letter of appreciation to Major John C. Gates was authorized for the visit of army bombing planes over Heppner last week.

C. J. D. Bauman, chairman of civic relations committee, reported the prospect of establishing an athletic club with gymnasium facilities at the municipal natatorium building and received encouragement from the chamber. Combining the athletic club with a move recently launched by Heppner women to use the building for badminton also, was believed feasible. Bauman said that the CCC camp would assist the athletic club venture.

The club voted to change its meeting time to the first and third Tuesdays each month with dinner meeting on these days at the Lucas Place.

## 126 in High, 167 in Grades at Opening

Buzz of school days arrived in Heppner to feature the fall season with a good start Tuesday. High school opens with near record attendance of 126, announces Alden Blankenship, superintendent, while the grades have taken some slump with the total at 167. All the teachers were on hand for opening and have class organization well in hand.

Preparation for opening of the always colorful football season started yesterday when 25 boys reported to first call of Coach Bob Knox.

Freshmen showed the lowest number in early high school registration with 27. Sophomores numbered 35, juniors 30 and seniors 34. Registration by grades gave the first grade 23, second 20, third 20, fourth 19, fifth 23, sixth 27, seventh 20 and eighth the lowest number, 15.

Two eighth grade students are at the state fair, and one third grader is known to be coming, to raise the total grade school registration to 170, said Mr. Blankenship, and it may be that several others who have not made themselves known will enter.

## FOOD STAMPS COME BY MAIL ORDER

### Public Assistance Families to be Given Details Before Plan Goes into Effect October First

Food stamps, when the U. S. Department of Agriculture's plan is extended to this county the first part of October, will be handled on a mail order basis, according to announcement made today by Jack Luihn, chairman of the state Public Welfare commission, and Donald A. Farced, local representative of the Surplus Marketing administration.

Morrow county is one of thirteen counties in the new eastern Oregon area. All families receiving public assistance will be eligible to purchase food stamps by mail after they have been declared eligible by Mrs. Clara Beamer, county welfare administrator. Records already in the welfare department office permit making up the list of eligibles without requiring personal interviews.

"Upon completion of the list of eligibles," declared Mrs. Beamer, "detailed information will be sent each family. How the plan operates, what needs to be done to buy food stamps by mail—all this will be carefully explained."

The inauguration of the Food Stamp Plan eliminates direct distribution of surplus commodities through welfare department trucks and depots.

On the surplus list of foods which may be purchased with stamps, at present are butter, eggs, fresh pears, peaches, apples, and oranges; fresh carrots, lettuce, beets, celery, tomatoes, snap beans, all pork which is not cooked or packed in glass or metal containers, pork lard, dried prunes, raisins, rice, corn meal, hominy grits, and white, whole wheat or graham flour.

## Two-Day Poultry Meet Starts Sept. 12 at OSC

Oregon's fourth turkey industry convention and sixteenth poultry convention will be held at Oregon State college on successive days Thursday and Friday, September 12 and 13. Programs for these two events have just been issued by the poultry department, sponsors of the meeting in cooperation with state poultry organizations.

Members of the poultry and veterinary department staffs will have principal places on the programs, though discussion periods are provided for questions and comments by growers. A business meeting of the Oregon Poultrymen's convention will be held Friday afternoon by President P. A. Gent. The programs start each day at 10 o'clock and include the following numbers:

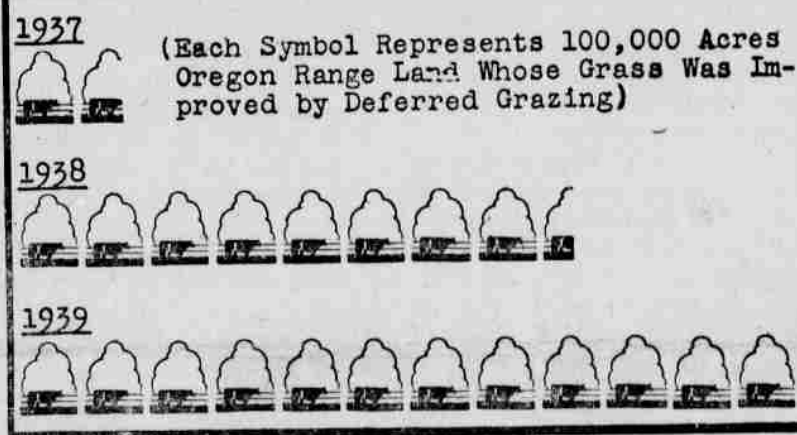
Turkey convention — "Irrigated Succulent Green Feed Crop," "Protein Requirements and Qualities," "Oregon Turkey Improvement Association," "Artificial Lights for Turkey Egg Production," "Swine Erysipelas in Turkeys," "Broad Breasted Poultry Necessitates Breeding Program," address by Dean W. A. Schoenfeld, "Stained Antigen Testing of Turkeys," demonstration of selecting breeders.

Poultry convention — "Cost and Yield of Irrigated Ladino Succulence," "Value of High Humidity Egg Holding Conditions," "Rearing Pullets to Maturity on Wire Porches," "Battery Raised Broilers," address by President F. L. Ballard, "Purpose and Progress of National Poultry and Egg Board," by Fred Cokell; "Raising Pullets and Maintaining Production Without Corn."

Staff members on the program include H. E. Cosby, Noel L. Bennion, F. L. Knowlton, W. T. Cooney, H. K. Dean of Hermiston, and Dr. E. M. Dickenson.

Ruth Colleary departed Monday for Duncan to resume her teaching position after spending several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Agnes Curran. Mrs. Curran left for Portland at the same time on a buying trip.

## 'Giving Grass a Chance'



The term "deferred grazing" has become popular among Oregon ranch operators, for it means improvement of grass by keeping livestock off at certain intervals so that it has a chance to reseed and rejuvenate itself. Under the AAA range conservation program, Oregon ranch operators have increased this grass improvement from 168,000 acres in 1937 to 1,240,000 acres in 1939.

## 'Prestone' Dealers Set Meeting Here

A motion picture show that rivals good theater entertainment, with such stars as Ralph Morgan, Dorothy Peterson, Andy Clyde, and Raymond Hatton, along with Bill Stern, celebrated sports announcer, will be presented Wednesday night, September 11, at Hotel Heppner, as a feature of the annual "Prestone" anti-freeze dealers' meeting. The show will begin at 8:15 p. m.

The motion pictures for this meeting make up what film reviewers call the most ambitious project of its kind. It opens with a comedy, followed by a sports picture. Then comes "The Age of Experts," specially made by Paramount, with the story based on science's developments in the automotive field. Next, Bill Stern is the star in an announcement film. This year's advertising and merchandising programs for "Prestone" anti-freeze are treated in newsreel fashion. "Meet the Watkins Family," the feature picture, is a Hollywood production with a cast of sixteen principals and 100 extras.

Close to 900 "Prestone" meetings will be held this year in every part of the country. All service men and automotive dealers in this section are invited to be present at the big gathering here. Refreshments will be served.

## CHECKING OIL LEVEL

It is advisable to wait a few minutes after the motor has stopped before checking the oil level in the crankcase, according to the Emergency Road Service of the Oregon State Motor association. Waiting allows the oil to drain back from the engine parts into the oil reservoir.

## Star Theater to Observe Anniversary

Celebration of its twentieth year of service in Heppner under present management is being made this month by the Star theater with presentation of a specially chosen program of fine entertainment announces Mrs. S. M. Sigsbee manager.

Mrs. Sigsbee's late husband, Bert Sigsbee, took over the management of the Star theater on September 11, just twenty years ago, and management has continued in the family since. In the twenty year period the management has brought sound movies to Heppner, many times changing its equipment to keep up with developments in the fast-moving show business. The plant has been modernized several times to the point where it is unexcelled in any town of the size in this region.

## Bernard McMurdo To Take Bride

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Bernard McMurdo, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo of this city, and Laura Theodore Brenner of Portland, in Portland tomorrow evening. Miss Brenner is the daughter of Mr. George Theodore Brenner. The ceremony will be performed at St. Michael and All Angel's church.

Mrs. McMurdo and Miss Lulu Hager, Bernard's aunt, left for Portland Tuesday to be present for the ceremony.

## AUXILIARY TO MEET

American Legion auxiliary will have its first fall meeting next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Anna Bayless.

## Wheat Loan Total Passes 400,000 Bushel Mark

### 43,613 Acres Insured for Coming Year; Local Office Hums

Demand for wheat loans under AAA is reaching a new high in Morrow county, and the local Agricultural Conservation committee office has been working overtime for the last several days handling applications. Loans approved up to August 31 had reached a total of 378,377 bushels with a value of \$222,385.93. Additional applications were received yesterday on 34,446 bushels, bringing the total up to date to more than 400,000 bushels.

Applications are still coming in fast, leading Merle Cummings, assistant secretary, to believe that another 100,000 bushels in applications may be handled before the year's loan program closes December 31.

While loan fees, amounting to about 4 percent of the loan total, seem high to many applicants, Cummings points out that the surplus above actual cost of handling the loans goes to reduce the insurance handling charge and operation of the local office, and that in actuality the percentage reduction from allotment payments for these purposes has been reduced from 4.5 percent to 1.4 percent.

All applications for indemnity payments to cover crop shortage of insured wheat in the season just ended have not been completed, but the office reports that the total will probably adhere closely to the 25,000 bushel estimate.

With deadline for insuring next year's crop just passed on August 31, the local office has cleared applications for insurance on 43,613 acres of fall sown wheat.

The flood of loan applications has delayed work of clearing applications for fall allotment payments which will be rushed as fast as possible, the office reports. Seventy-five percent of the field work required in checking the applications has been completed and cleaning up the other 25 percent will be started at once.

## First Crack-Up Fails to Dampen Aviatrix' Spirit

Heppner's recent contribution to the flying corps, Miss Anabel Turner, came through her first forced landing last week end without injury but with the new name, "Anabel Turnover."

A plane in which she was practicing "figure eights" stalled with a dead motor and she was forced to land on the river beach in North Portland near Swift & Co.'s plant. A landing wheel dropped into a hole, the plane turned over and its propeller was bent.

Don Smith, head of Portland Flying service, was summoned and Anabel was soon sent into the air again in another ship, continuing her training in the federal civilian pilot school.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stark of Hay, Wash., were overnight visitors last night at the home of Mrs. Stark's father, Creed Owen. They left this morning for Vancouver, Mrs. Stark to visit a specialist in Portland for treatment of one lung that has been slow in recovering from injuries received in a recent automobile accident. But for this lung affliction, Mrs. Stark has made remarkable recovery and her general health is now good. Her escape from death, considering nature of her injuries, was considered by attending physicians to have been miraculous.