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Municipal Airport Gets Action of Commerce Group

Frank Wire Tells of Bird Work; Chamber Has Packed Session

A municipal airport for Heppner, continuation of the free merchants' matinee, sponsoring a gate prize at the two remaining home high school football games, and promotion of a Christmas program were among chamebr of commerce projects which received action at Tuesday evening's membership meeting at the Lucas Place.

Frank Wire, state game supervisor in the city to enjoy bird shooting with opening of the season that day, was the headline guest speaker and brought an interesting and enlightening message on the state game commission's work of propagating game birds. Larger and better Chinese pheasants have been obtained through crossing the low producing, large Mongolians with the high producing but much smaller strain of Torquillas first introduced into the country, and rearing the new type birds in large open lots instead of in the small pens formerly used. The large, open lot method of rearing to the time the birds are released retains all wild instincts and puts the birds into the field entirely capable of coping with all natural enemies and conditioned to rustle for themselves, Mr. Wire said.

Logie Richardson, president Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club, took the opportunity to thank Mr. Wire for consideration Morrow county has received in the planting of pheasants and fish, and pointed to the economic importance to Heppner of housing the large number of hunters who are coming here each year in increasing numbers.

Orville Smith, manager of Heppner Lumber company, reported that the mill now has a payroll of \$11,000 a month which will soon be increased when the planing mill, now under construction, starts operation. The mill is now cutting 40,000 to 45,000 feet of lumber daily. Decking two million feet of logs is planned for continuing operation through the "soft" season. The company is taking the production of the Scritsmeier and Blackburn mills in addition to that cut locally.

Ellen Far Standard, field worker with Oregon Boys and Girls Aid society, told of that organization's work in caring for underprivileged children, relating a case history to show how society generally is benefitted. Supported by state legislative appropriation, the society works in cooperation with county courts and probation officers. It does not take delinquent children, but its work does much toward preventing delinquency among underprivileged children as well as to assist these children in finding a useful place in society, and helping them to lead happier, better rounded lives.

O. St. John, in the city with a new plane to contact prospective flyers and to assist in organizing a local air club, told his unofficial observations of how a municipal airport might be obtained for Heppner. A Civil Aeronautics authority survey intended to locate a site that may be used for secondary landing field for army craft has evidenced interest in a field here. Such a field, Mr. St. John said, could probably be used for commercial purposes. He believed it would be necessary for the city to provide the site, whereupon government assistance could be had for developing it. He cited that many other towns in Oregon and Washington are developing airports this way.

Chamber president, B. C. Pinckney, appointed J. O. Turner, J. J.

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Game Supervisor Heads Bird Hunters

Opening of the pheasant shooting season Tuesday brought a new red-shirted army into Morrow county, headed by Frank Wire, supervisor of the state game commission, and Mrs. Wire, who hunted in company with Logie Richardson, president of Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club who have taken the lead in keeping fields of the county restocked.

Near bag limits were claimed by the many parties, though a heavy dew that morning aided the birds and made hunting a hard job. Among the many coming from the outside was Charles Latourell, former resident, and for years president of Heppner Rod and Gun club, who now resides at Ocean Park on the coast.

The bird season continues til November first. In the meantime deer hunting passes out of the picture on October 25. Sportsmen still will have a new thrill in store for them as the elk season opens right on top of the bird season, and already plans are being laid by many nimrods for the annual elk quest.

Clubbers Show Well In P-I Wool Classes

Morrow county's 4-H club boys and girls who participated in the Pacific International Livestock exposition returned home last Saturday.

As has been the case the last few years those exhibiting wool stood well up in their classes, Marian Miller winning first and second in the Hampshire class, with Tad Miller winning third and fourth. In the fine wool class Don Peck won first, Jack Edmondson second, and Leland Edmondson fifth.

With more than 225 baby beeves exhibited in the 4-H club classes the beef club members who exhibited, including Gene Cutsforth, Gene Majeske and Donald Campbell, were very well pleased with the prices they received for the calves when they were sold through the ring. The prices for the Morrow county calves ranged from 11 to 13 cents a pound.

Legion Presents Play On November 1-2

Miss Ginger Mattingly, director of "Bubbling Over," a play being sponsored by the American Legion, arrived Tuesday.

"Bubbling Over," the hilarious college comedy, using local talent as members of the cast, will be presented at the gym-auditorium on November 1-2.

Miss Mattingly comes to our city highly recommended. She has an A.A. degree from Christian college, an A.B. degree from the University of Kansas, and has also studied with George DeHaven of the Empire Production company. The committees, with Miss Mattingly's assistance are starting immediately on their plans for the show.

Pioneers to be Greeted at Lexington Saturday

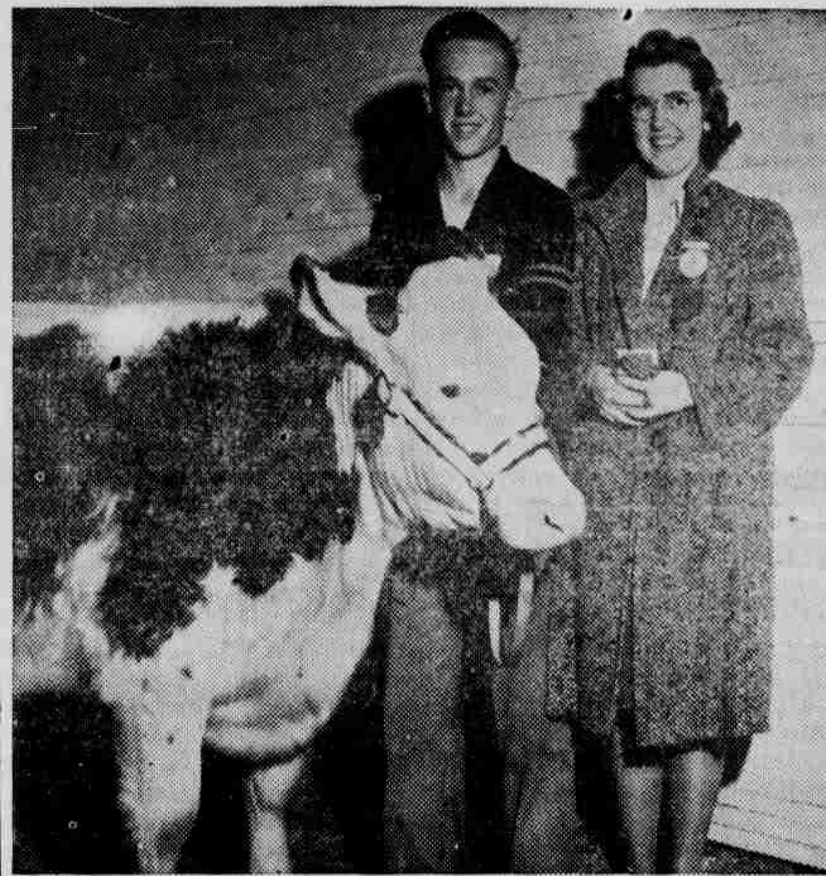
Morrow county pioneers will be greeted by one of the largest crowds in the history of the Lexington pioneer reunion next Saturday, it is expected by the committee in charge of this year's event.

Starting the day's program will be the big pot-luck dinner at noon where all pioneers will be honored and for which everyone is asked to bring well filled baskets. A speaking and musical program will be given in the afternoon with a big dance in the evening to wind up the affair.

BAGS BIGGEST BUCK

L. H. Robinson of Hardman bagged the largest buck Sunday so far weighed in at Green's hardware. It tipped the scales at 224 pounds.

Top 4-H Workers Feted at Portland



Gene Majeske and Claudine Drake, selected this year as Morrow county's outstanding 4-H club members, who were guests of The First National Bank of Portland at the Pacific International Livestock exposition last week.

Army to Buy Horses; Buyer Expected Here

Correspondence has just been received by the county agent's office from the war department stating that congress has authorized the purchase of approximately 20,000 horses to meet the requirements of the army incident to conscription.

Of this number, approximately 1700 horses are expected to be purchased by December 20, 1940, within the Western Remount area, which comprises the states of Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California.

The army has asked for the names of those who have horses which will meet the requirements of the government and also for the number of horses available so that they may know how many horses can be secured from any particular section. Those having horses which meet the government specifications and who wish to sell them should leave word at the county agent's office as soon as possible so that information can be forwarded to the war department.

Prices range from \$150 to \$175 depending on the individual animal. All horses must be shown under the saddle.

The army wishes horses with the following specification:

- 4 to 8 year olds.
- Geldings (no mares at present).
- Weights between 100 and 1200 pounds.
- Must have good riding qualities, sound and healthy, and free of ring bone, curby hocks, spavin, crooked legs and feet, etc.
- Must not show too 'drafty' conformation.

Specifications at this time do not include that the horses be half thoroughbred.

No definite date or place has been given by the war department for the purchase of horses at the present time but the army is needing horses badly for national defense and will be buying in this locality, according to word received from F. W. Koesler, major (cavalry) QMC.

First Checks Come for Compliance With 3-A

Checks totalling \$6,692 were received at the local AAA office this morning, being the first batch of payments to Morrow county farmers for compliance with the soil conservation program in 1940.

This is but a portion of the total to come, said Merle Cummings, secretary, and those to whom the first checks are issued are being notified immediately.

60 bu. treated Rex seed wheat for sale or trade for other wheat. M. J. Devin, city. 33-34p.

638 Morrow County Men Signed in Draft Registration

Work Proceeds Orderly; Few Expected to be Called to Duty

Young men 21 to 36 went calmly and orderly to their respective registration places in Morrow county yesterday to be listed among the number eligible for call to service in defense of their country. It was draft registration day throughout the United States, when the first step was taken toward mobilization of the country's man power under the new national defense program.

A total of 638 registrants was the result of compilation at the county clerk's office this morning, with numbers by precincts as follows:

Alpine 6, Boardman 60, Cecil 12, Eight Mile 18, Gooseberry 9, Hardman 39, Ione 85, Irrigon 32, Lena 23, Lexington 47, North Heppner 119, Pine City 10, South Heppner 178. The South Heppner figure includes most of the transients registering in Heppner as its registration place was on the first floor at the courthouse while the North Heppner booth was upstairs.

Few of those registering yesterday may expect immediate call, according to word from the national capital. After the names are all in, each will be accorded a number, and when the first quota of prospective soldiers is called up, the numbers will be shaken in a hat and from those available for service the names with numbers corresponding to the drawn numbers will be taken.

In his message to the country as registration started yesterday, President Roosevelt said, "total war abroad calls for total defense at home," as he called upon every man between the ages named to do his duty in registering. Answering the "eleven questions" yesterday did not imply eligibility to call, and the conscientious objectors will be given opportunity in a later questionnaire to so declare themselves.

Appointed on the local draft examining board this week were Judge Bert Johnson, J. O. Hager and M. D. Clark.

Wheat League Head Slated at Rhea Creek

C. K. Barker, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, will be the main speaker at an open meeting to be held at the Rhea Creek grange hall Friday evening, October 18, beginning at 7:30.

The agricultural committee of the grange is providing the program of entertainment for this meeting to be followed by a farewell party for the Joe Batty family who are leaving in the next few days for Grant county to make their residence.

The numbers on the agricultural program will include FFA members, 4-H club boys and girls, reports on the agricultural situation and AAA farm program, and musical selections.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. Refreshments in the forms of sandwiches, cake and coffee will be served.

HERMISTON HERE TOMORROW

Hermiston high school's fast football eleven will tangle with the Mustangs in their first game of the season at Rodeo field tomorrow afternoon beginning at 2:45. A fast, hard game is expected. They will meet again at Hermiston on Armistice day in the traditional Armistice day battle.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

The marriage of Miss Florence Moyer to Mr. John Fuiten has been announced for October 20, 5 p. m., at the Methodist church. The public is cordially invited.

Morrow county's outstanding 4-H club boy and girl, Claudine Drake, Heppner, and Gene Majeske, Lexington, returned home last week from a three day visit to the Pacific International Livestock exposition as guests of The First National Bank of Portland in the annual achievement and leadership contest.

Portland proved to be a hospitable city, the two reported, and the entire group of 74 winners, representing every county in Oregon and two from Portland, enjoyed every courtesy.

In addition to visits to the Pacific International, high points of the program were a group dinner on the exposition grounds followed by an evening at the horse show; sight seeing tours of Portland including inspection of the head office of The First National bank, a trip through the Oregon Historical society, a tour of the Crown Flouring mills, inspection of a United Air Lines plane and a visit to the Oregon Journal. Thursday evening they attended a special banquet and dance at the Heathman hotel. After a luncheon Friday at the Columbia-Edgewater country club the contest winners started their return trip home.

Meetings Set in REA Organization Work

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op, the REA project being organized to serve Morrow county, this week made application to Rural Electrification administration for approval of an engineer.

Widespread interest in securing electric energy in the John Day river region of Grant and Wheeler counties is reported this week by L. R. Rambo, project manager, and an initial meeting was held at Dayville, Tuesday evening, October 15, which was well attended and a large sign-up secured.

A meeting was held at Monument, Saturday evening, and a meeting will be held at John Day, date to be announced later, to confirm the securing of a speaker from the Bonneville administration. Residents of Morrow and Gilliam counties are urged to cooperate in completing their part of the sign-up by October 31 if possible, says Mr. Rambo.

ALFRED AT CAMP MURRAY

Word from Frank Alfred, Morrow county district attorney on leave for service in the U. S. army, says that he has been stationed at Camp Murray, Wash., and is now definitely in the army. He says: "Things are going along fine here. I am working hard but feeling fine and the weather aside from a few bad days has been fine for training." His address is Co. I, 162nd Infantry, c-o A. P. O. No. 41, Camp Murray, Wash.