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## Big Extension Asked At Hearing For New Soil District

### Election Chairmen Named for Referen- dum Expected Soon

Two hundred and thirty thousand acres were added to the proposed Heppner Soil Conservation district at a hearing held by the State Soil Conservation committee in the court house in Heppner Tuesday.

With the change in the boundary, which was extended east to include three townships in Umatilla county and north to include a six mile strip across the county by Ione, the proposed district now comprises 691,000 acres.

The Tuesday hearing was conducted by members of the State Soil Conservation committee, including Bob Warrens, of Forest Grove, chairman; William Teutsch, of Corvallis, secretary, and Mr. Franklin, of Enterprise. The hearing was held in compliance with a petition signed by Morrow county farmers in February asking that the committee hold such a hearing to determine the needs for a district and also to set definitely the boundaries.

With the information gathered at the hearing the State Soil Conservation committee will determine whether the district is needed and whether or not it is feasible, and, if so, a date will be set for a referendum by all landowners within the proposed district.

Polling places and boards were selected with the following farmers as chairmen of the boards: Rhea Creek Grange hall, Henry Baker; Ione Legion hall, Chas. McElligott; Lexington Leach hall, O. W. Cutsforth; Heppner courthouse, John Hanna; Lena schoolhouse, J. D. French. Fred Mankin of Ione was elected superintendent to handle the voting of the whole area.

In order for the district to be established when a vote is taken, it will be necessary for at least 50 per cent of all the landowners within the area to vote in favor of the district as well as 70 per cent of the land within the district voting in favor of it.

The new boundary of the proposed district as set at the Tuesday meeting is as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 3 N., Range 24 E., thence north to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 1 S., Range 24 E., thence east along the township line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 1 S., Range 30 E., thence south along the township line to the Umatilla National Forest boundary, thence south and west along the forest boundary to the Wheeler county line, thence north and west along the county line to the place of beginning.

One of the advantages of the district, if organized, according to C. D. Conrad, county agent, is that the farmers within the district should be in a better position by working through the five supervisors of the district to obtain assistance from various governmental agencies on erosion control and soil conservation work. Two of the supervisors are farmers within the district appointed by the state committee, while the other three are farmers within the district elected by vote of the land owners of the district. If conditions make it necessary, land use regulations may be formulated by the supervisors but such regulations must be submitted to the land owners for referendum and must be approved by at least three-fourths of all the votes cast by two-thirds of the land in the district before such regulations may be adopted. In addition to this, such regulations must be approved by the state committee. The provisions for referendum and election of the majority of the su-

## Lions Hear School, Parole Discussions

Report of the state city school superintendents' meeting at Salem last week end which she attended in company with Alden Blankenship, local superintendent, was brought to the Lions Monday luncheon by Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent. Stressed was school legislation passed by the recent legislative session.

A second speaker before the group was Joe Silver of Salem, field man for the state parole board who gave as the board's biggest problem the readjustment of parolees to civil life. He said that the board does everything in its power to give the parolee an even start before he is released from the penitentiary.

Jean Turner and Mary Lou Ferguson played two piano duets as an entertainment feature.

The club discussed plans for entertaining large delegations of Athena and The Dalles Lions at a dinner meeting next Monday evening. The dinner will be served at the Methodist church at 6:30 o'clock. A guest of honor for the evening will be Norval Martin, district governor of Lions International for Oregon.

J. W. Zornes, logging operator for Heppner Lumber company, was a guest at the Monday luncheon.

## Farm Loan Group Elects New Directors

A dinner meeting of stockholders of Hardman National Farm Loan association, held at the I. O. O. F. hall last Friday, attracted a large crowd for the election of directors and transaction of other business. New directors named are J. J. Wightman, and O. W. Cutsforth, the latter succeeding Chas. B. Cox.

John Wightman, chairman of the board presided, assisted by Vawter Parker, secretary-treasurer. Outside officials of Federal Land Bank of Spokane, parent organization, included A. W. Behrens, Spokane; W. B. Hinkle, Portland, and William Ragsdale, The Dalles.

A resolution was adopted to make permanent the present low rate of interest, 3½ percent, on Federal Land bank loans.

## Out-of-Town Talent Welcome at Benefit

Out-of-town talent is especially welcome to compete in the amateur hour to be presented by the Nacomis Camp Fire Girls of Heppner at the gym-auditorium Friday evening, April 4, announces Mrs. Rachel Dick, troop sponsor. Registration blanks are available at Heppner stores or at the school.

Sale of tickets for the event will start next Monday.

Decision of winners for the cash prizes will be left in the hands of the audience, and while balloting is carried on a special quiz contest feature will be staged with Boy Scout and Girl Scout teams vying against each other. Names of these team members will be published next week.

## FFA HONORS CONFERRED

J. G. Barratt, Ralph I. Thompson and Kenneth Blake were made honorary members of the local FFA chapter at a chapter dinner Friday evening. Billy Padberg was awarded the achievement cup for the year. Mayor J. O. Turner was principal speaker for the evening. Announcement was made of the sectional FFA contest to be held in Heppner on March 28.

## ROBERT LAUGHLIN PASSES

Word was received here today that Robert Laughlin died this morning in The Dalles. Mr. Laughlin, son-in-law of Mrs. Lottie Kilkenny, resided here for the last two years. He is survived by the widow, Ilene, and baby son.

Judge C. L. Sweek came over from Pendleton yesterday to hold a short session of circuit court.

Supervisors keeps the soil conservation district in the hands of the landowners.

## Jack Scott, 22 Mo., Drowned By Fall Into Water Trough

### Tot Missed But Short Time When Sad Fate Discovered

Jack Dean Scott, aged 22 months, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Scott of Lexington, was accidentally drowned at the Nettie Davis home near Lexington Sunday afternoon. The little tot had apparently fallen over backwards into the watering trough and was unable to lift himself from the ten inches of water it contained.

Jackie and his brother, Jerry, 4, had accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Gray to the Davis ranch to visit, and with other children present had gone outside to play. He was missing when the other children returned to the house some time later, and an immediate search was made, revealing the lamentable accident.

Continued resuscitation was made for more than an hour with a doctor from Heppner assisting, to no avail.

Visiting at the Davis home besides Mr. and Mrs. Gray were Mr. and Mrs. Loren Mikesell and small son of Toppenish, Wash.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Christian church in Lexington with George Tucker, minister, officiating. Dona Barnett, Trina Parker and Mrs. S. G. McMillan sang two beautiful numbers, accompanied by Miss Edith Edwards at the piano. Interment was in the Lexington cemetery.

Jack Dean Scott was born in Heppner May 2, 1939 and passed away at Lexington, March 16, 1941, aged 1 year, 10 months and 14 days. Jackie was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon J. Scott. Besides his parents he leaves to mourn his loss, two brothers, Jerry and Tim; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sprinkel of this city, Mrs. Laura Scott of Lexington, and Mr. Ed Warner of Pilot Rock; also a number of uncles and aunts.

Jackie was a sweet, lovable youngster who won the heart of everyone who knew him. The entire community extends its deepest sympathy to the grief-stricken family.

## PIONEER INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. Wm. Hughes of Portland, an early resident of Heppner, sustained injuries and nervous shock when the car in which she was riding overturned from a blown out tire while travelling toward Portland on the branch highway. Her daughter Helen, who with Mrs. Hughes had been visiting at the Lena farm home of Mrs. Mable Hughes, was driving. The car was brought back to Heppner for repairs.

## CAR WRECK MYSTERY

A light colored coupe was discovered in a ditch near the Robison service station at Ione Sunday morning in a badly wrecked condition. Investigation of officers failed to locate any trace of who was in the car, but check of license number showed the car to have been registered in the name of Marcella Wise, Portland.

## SOCIAL EVENING SET

Lexington grange social evening will be held Saturday evening, the 22nd, announces Mrs. H. O. Bauman. All members and invited guests are urged to attend, and members are asked to please bring sandwiches. Old-time dancing and cards will furnish diversion for the evening.

## MAYOR TO SPEAK

Mayor J. O. Turner will be a guest speaker for two minutes from Pendleton's new radio station tomorrow evening when opening ceremonies will be staged. He will extend Heppner's greetings.

## BPW Club Initiates Seven New Members

The Business and Professional Women's club held their annual spring dinner at the Lucas Place Monday evening with fourteen members and candidates present. Following the dinner the group adjourned to the home of Mrs. W. O. Dix where the impressive candle-light initiation service was held. The seven initiates were Lera Crawford, Virginia Coblantz, Helen Doherty, Margaret Farley, Marjorie Parker, Effie Andrews and Marie Barlow.

The emblem pageant was presented by Lucy Rodgers, Neva Neill, Clara Gertson, Harriet Pointer, Elizabeth Dix, Florence Bergstrom and Rose Leibbrand. The committee in charge of arrangements comprised Harriet Pointer and Florence Bergstrom.

An informal discussion followed the initiation service in which certain facts were brought out: The national B. P. W. with a membership of 75,000 women is the second strongest women's organization in the United States; national defense work has begun with registration of every member and the type of work each is best fitted to do.

## Union Pacific Pays Big Tax Bill for 1941

The biggest check to come into the county tax collector's office for payment of 1941 taxes was delivered at the courthouse Saturday by Robert A. Jones for the Union Pacific railroad.

The check was drawn upon the company exchequer for \$63,974.48 to pay taxes levied against the company for 1941 in full. The check was presented in time to give the company benefit of the 2 percent discount allowed for prepayment of the full year's tax before expiration of time for paying the first quarter tax for the year.

## WAIVES GRAND JURY

Ralph Joseph Brumfield waived grand jury investigation and permitted direct information to be filed by the district attorney when faced with a criminal charge in circuit court here yesterday, but took advantage of the two days in which Judge C. L. Sweek said he was allowed to plea. Brumfield was apprehended on a charge of breaking and entering the Interior Warehouse office. He had previously served a term in the state penitentiary from this county.

## BROTHER-IN-LAW PASSES

Mrs. F. S. Parker received telegraphic word Tuesday of the sudden passing of her brother-in-law, L. G. Atherton, at his home in Vale. Funeral services are announced for tomorrow at that place. Mr. Atherton was a retired railroad telegrapher. He is survived by Mrs. Atherton, nee Letitia Crawford, and daughter, Mrs. Tracy Moore of Hollywood, Cal. The Athertons resided in Heppner a number of years ago.

## DRAFTEES ACCEPTED

The three Morrow county men selected for military service in the March call left for Portland Monday evening and all passed their entrance examination, reports the local office. The men are Francis Byron Nickerson of Heppner, Stanley Albert Way of Lexington and James Arthur Stevens of Hardman.

## REPRESENTATIVE HOME

Representative E. Harvey Miller and Mrs. Miller arrived home Sunday evening from Salem, following close of the legislative session early that morning, and Mr. Miller has been busy since catching up on his farming operations. Mrs. Miller spent the last week with her husband in the state capital.

## CAR HITS HORSE, LADY SHOOTS

Mrs. Joyce (Carlson) Darst was unable to keep the car she was driving from striking a horse on the Rhea creek road Saturday night. The animal was so badly injured that Mrs. Darst obtained a gun, dragged the injured animal from the road, shot it.

## Threatened Loss Of Cattle Market Told By Mac Hoke

### Chamber-Wool Aux- iliary Meet Empha- sizes Stock Industry

Limitation of range carrying capacity and the tendency to market breeding stock by cattlemen at present high prices may eventually result in the United States losing its cattle markets to South America. This is one real threat from existing agricultural conditions in the United States, said Mac Hoke, president of the chamber of commerce and Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary at the Episcopal parish house Tuesday evening.

Chamber President B. C. Pinckney, was master of ceremonies and introduced Mrs. R. I. Thompson, president, and Mrs. H. A. Cohn, secretary of the National Woolgrowers auxiliary, who responded with short and appropriate talks. President Pinckney said Heppner should consider it a real honor to have two of its women holding offices in the national association at the same time. Mrs. Stephen Thompson, program chairman for the event, presented Walter Skuzeski with two accordion numbers, and Mary Lou Ferguson and Jean Turner in a piano duet. Introduced as guests were Mrs. Hoke, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Stockman of Pendleton, and Harry Anderson of La Grande.

Mr. Hoke paid tribute to Morrow county for furnishing many people who have taken a lead in agricultural organization work. He gave a graphic picture of the entire agricultural set-up in the country today, citing figures in every instance to bear out his statements.

While the sheep industry just at present holds a very favorable position among agricultural products, the picture for wheat is not bright, said Mr. Hoke. He cited the large national surplus now existing that cannot help but hold down prices in view of loss of practically all foreign markets. The situation in regard to wheat today is entirely different from that which existed at the time of the last world war when added production was encouraged on every hand, and no stretch of the imagination can conceive that wheat will be influenced by war conditions to jump in price as it did at the time of the last war.

Mr. Hoke emphasized as of local importance the restriction of summer ranges for livestock through acquisition of timber lands by the federal government, declaring that winter ranges now far exceed summer ranges in the west, thus handicapping the industry that has been a major factor in the building of the western empire.

He also pointed to the large increase in numbers of elk and deer which are competing for livestock summer ranges. He considered the fact that elk now outnumber deer as being against the public interest, for elk are not so popular with hunters and are much harder on ranges. The wild life situation today is man-made he said, for there were practically no elk in this region in 1906, and deer at that time were far less numerous than they are today. As the livestock industry is still the backbone of this district, paying 51 percent of the taxes, it is only just that its interests in the national forests should be recognized and given due consideration, the speaker declared.

Ladies of the Episcopal auxiliary prepared the delicious meal that was enjoyed by some fifty people.

Josephine Mahoney departed for Portland on Sunday, expecting to spend a week in the city.