

Wheat Loans Out If Marketing Quotas Fail, Says Steen

State AAA Men Bring Messages on 31st Referendum

The wheat marketing quota referendum was discussed at Heppner Tuesday, May 13, at a meeting attended by county and community committeemen of the Morrow county ACA. Will Steen, Umatilla county farmer and chairman of the state ACA committee, was a featured speaker and was accompanied by E. L. Ludwick, state commodity loan assistant.

Mr. Steen pointed out in his talk that United States wheat growers were confronted with huge supplies of wheat and nothing but a domestic market to look forward to in the near future, and that without the price stabilization effect of the loan program, wheat prices would undoubtedly drop to low levels. He pointed out the following reasons for the huge supplies of wheat in the United States: Above average yields for the past few years; loss of exports due to blockade and encouragement of wheat production in the European area, and that these factors, together with the fact that the 1941 wheat acreage allotment for the United States was set at a high level to guarantee plenty of food through any emergency, leaves us with a supply above prospective needs of over 400,000,000 bushels.

He went on to say that United States farmers had the means thru the marketing quota and loan program to control these huge supplies without allowing them to depress the market and that the choice as to whether this method would be used will be up to the farmers themselves in a nation-wide referendum on wheat marketing quotas to be held May 31. Mr. Steen warned that if the quota referendum fails to carry there will be no loans on wheat in 1941 and that this would be very bad for our wheat prices. On the other hand, if the referendum carries, the loan program will be assured and it appears likely that the loan value will be increased from present levels to between 75 cents and 85 cents net to a Morrow county grower.

He closed his remarks by emphasizing that it was a choice that farmers themselves must make and urged that all eligible voters make it their duty to go to the polls on May 31 and cast their ballots. Polling places for Morrow county will be as follows:

Morgan and Ione communities, Legion hall at Ione.

Lexington community, Leach hall at Lexington.

Alpine community, Alpine schoolhouse.

Eightmile community, Eightmile schoolhouse.

North Heppner and South Heppner-Hardman communities, Morrow county courthouse.

Polls will be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., Saturday, May 31.

At the close of the meeting it was announced that a public meeting will be held in the courtroom of the Morrow county courthouse at Heppner on Monday, May 26, starting at 1:30 p. m. This meeting will be devoted to explanations and discussion of the wheat marketing quotas and an interesting program will be presented. Bob Taylor, vice-president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, will be the featured speaker. All persons concerned with the welfare of the wheat industry should attend this meeting.

MORE SHOWERS COME

Additional showers this week totaling .41 inch, brought total precipitation for May to date at Heppner up to 1.35 inch, reports Len L. Gilliam, official observer.

VOTE FAVORABLE FOR SOIL DISTRICT

Bare Margin for Organization Indicated in Results; Formation Pends Action of State Group

A favorable vote was cast by the landowners within the proposed Heppner Soil Conservation district at the referendum held last Saturday. Creation of the district is pending on recanvass of the votes and final approval by the State Soil Conservation committee.

Eligible voters voting in favor of the district equalled 50.6 percent. This included 316 votes, while 11 ballots were cast against the creation of the district.

Acres voted numbered 517,000 out of a total of 702,500. Out of the acreage voted, 504,000, or 71.7 percent, voted for creation of the district and 13,000 acres were voted against it.

Fifty percent of the landowners and at least sixty percent of the land must vote for creation of the district before a district can be created. According to C. D. Conrad, county agent, the State Soil Conservation committee must recanvass the vote and give their approval before the district will actually be organized.

25 More Men Set For Classification

Another batch of questionnaires is being mailed today from the local Selective Service office, covering 25 more registrants who come up for classification. With order number, name and address they are:

238 Alfred Lawrence Lovgren, Hardman; 239 Vernon Cecil Northness, Hermiston; 240 Charles Howard Davidson, Ione; 241 Ronald John Coblantz, Heppner; 242 Harold Kenneth Peck, Arlington; 242-A Charles Edward McMurdy, Fairbanks, Alaska; 243 Alfred Edward Turner, Boardman; 244 Earl Sylvester Hottman, Heppner; 245 Elroy Cecil Ellis, Ione; 246 Joseph Andrew Mahon, Heppner; 247 Loyd Leeland Burkenbine, 7437 North Chicago, Portland, Oregon; 248 Eugene Myles Stone, Heppner; 249 Paul Kenneth Gullings, 309 W Market, Aberdeen, Washington;

250 J. Deane Ekleberry, Morgan; 251 John Archie Padberg, Lexington; 252 Jack Raymond Bailey, Star Rte., Ione; 253 Donald Clyde Tannehill, Boardman; 254 Thomas Israel Wilson, Heppner; 255 James George Thomson, Jr., Heppner; 256 Adren Allen, Irrigon; 257 Roy Dean Babcock, Eightmile; 258 Harold Oliver Kincaid, Ione; 259 Conley James Lanham, Heppner; 260 Herman Blettel, Heppner; 261 Henry John Phelps, Boardman.

Heppner Ladies Will Make Trip to East

Because of their efforts as president and secretary, respectively of National Woolgrowers auxiliary in promoting the sale of woolen articles, Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson and Mrs. Harold Cohn of this city will leave next week on a trip to New York and Boston as guests of the Botany Woolen mills.

Proffer of the trip recently came as a complete surprise to the local ladies, who feel that they have been greatly favored by the gift.

MEMORIAL GIVEN UNIT

As a memorial to Lena B. Cox, his late wife, Charles B. Cox has donated a hospital bed and accessories to the American Legion auxiliary for use of the community. As the auxiliary does not have a hall, the bed has been loaned to the Morrow County Health association for their health closet, located in the Humphreys building. Mrs. Cox was a past president of Heppner unit and at time of passing was president of District No. 6, also community service chairman of the local unit.

HANNA SHEEP SHIPPED

J. I. Hanna shipped 796 head of ewes and lambs from the local yards Monday evening, consigned to Ahol, Idaho.

Round-Up Starts For Community Auction The 24th

Lists to be Completed in Week; Variety Offered on Block

Cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and turkeys, as well as wheat and other farm produce, machinery, furniture, cakes and pies and what have you are on the lists of donations for the high school band benefit auction, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning, Saturday, May 24.

Local people are working in all rural communities and in all Heppner districts getting the contributions for the auction to raise money needed by the band for new uniforms.

C. D. Conrad, general chairman for the event, announces that workers are expected to have lists completed and turned in by next Thursday.

The auction, with Bob Runion doing the "crying" will be held on the city lot between the Standard service station and Skuzeski's.

Persons donating perishable articles and livestock are instructed to bring them the morning of the sale. Perishable articles should be left in the corner room at Heppner hotel, and livestock should be delivered at the county sheds, at each of which places workers will be on hand to take charge of them.

Generous response is being encountered by solicitors on every hand, says Conrad, assuring that a large variety of articles will be offered on the block. Heppner's school band itself will be on the job to help entertain with music.

To assist in advertising the event the band will appear on Main street next Saturday at 3 o'clock, weather permitting.

Scout Camp Dates Set June 2 to 8

Scout summer camp dates were set for June 2 through the 8th at a meeting of the Boy Scout executive committee last night. Summer camp, an event eagerly looked forward to by all scouts, will be located on upper Willow creek at a site to be selected by the boys, subject to approval by the scoutmaster and the committee. Summer camp provides an excellent opportunity for the boys to put into practice the knowledge of woodcraft they have learned as they progress through the various ranks of scouting. Every effort is being made to provide adequate supervision and training and plans are to make this, the second summer camp, better than the first.

Under discussion by the committee was participation of the troop in community activities and it was suggested and approved that uniformed scouts assist in the band auction to be held Saturday the 24th. Those present were C. D. Conrad, Martin B. Clark, scoutmaster, Merle Cummings and D. E. Woelfer. A special meeting of the committee has been set for May 28, just prior to the opening of camp.

Ione-Gooseberry Road Oiling Slated in June

The Morrow county court has hope of starting the oiling work on the Ione-Gooseberry road June first, announces Judge Bert Johnson. Plans call for oil surfacing eight miles on the Ione end. Contract has been made with the state to do the work, the judge said.

W. L. Williams, district engineer for the state highway commission, was a visitor here Monday inspecting oiling work now in progress on the Heppner-Condon road between Rhea creek and Eight Mile.

'NICK' LEATHERS COUNTY PIONEER

50-Year Resident of Hardman Section, Outdoors Lover and Musician Passes at Age of 79

Funeral services are being held from the Church of Christ here tomorrow for Nicholas Leathers, 79, a 50-year resident of the Hardman community who died at Heppner hospital at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning following a lingering illness complicated by age. Phelps Funeral home is in charge of services, and Martin B. Clark, Christian minister will officiate. Services will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, with interment in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Nicholas Hanson Leathers was born November 25, 1861 in Lawrenceburg, Anderson county, Kentucky. At the age of four he moved with the family to Missouri where he lived five years. From there they moved to Texas where they were engaged in cotton raising. At the age of 19 he returned to Kentucky where, on October 1, 1884, he married Hethy Bell Hilton.

To this union ten children were born, nine of whom survive, besides the beloved wife. Surviving children are Mit Leathers of Antone, Mrs. Joyce Tower of Deep River, Wash., Mrs. Fannie Emry of Vancouver, Otto, Vancouver, Owen of Hardman, Ivan of Monument, Vernon of Camp Murray, Wash., Mrs. Vivian Marino of Seattle, Mrs. Juanita Carmichael of Lexington, also ten grandchildren, three grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. James Hilton of Klamath Falls and Mrs. Nannie Fenton of Fort Worth, Texas, besides an unlimited circle of friends in eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leathers moved to Morrow county near Hardman in 1892 where he spent the greater part of his time until three years ago when he moved to Monument.

"Pappy," as he was known to his friends, was an ardent lover of nature and spent much of his life in the great out-of-doors. He was an expert marksman and fisherman. He often told his friends he had possessed a hunting and fishing license every year he lived in Morrow county.

It is doubtful if there ever lived in this part of the country, a man who was a more accurate reader of music than he. He taught all of his children to play or sing and in the Leathers family several orchestras have been organized. He was never too busy to assist with funeral services in the Hardman vicinity. His whole life was enriched with peace and graciousness to his fellowmen.

REA Men Interview Bonneville Head

Henry Baker, president, Ed Rugg, Vic Rietmann and John Krebs, directors of the Mid-Columbia Electric Co-op, left Heppner at noon yesterday for Portland where they had a scheduled interview with Paul V. Raver, Bonneville administrator, this morning.

The local men expected to learn from Raver the Bonneville administration's plans for supplying electricity to REA projects to assist in obtaining juice from this source for the proposed local district.

Glen Richards of Condon resigned as secretary of the local organization at a recent meeting and the position was combined with that of treasurer and put in the hands of Ed Rugg who has served as treasurer since the organization started. Richards remained as a member of the board of directors, but believed locating the secretaryship in the same place as the presidency would facilitate handling the district's business.

POULTS LOST IN FIRE

A blaze starting from a fire in the brooder at the Alex Green home last Monday afternoon destroyed 87 fine poults for Mr. Green. Prompt action by neighbors and the fire department prevented further damage. The brooder was located in the barn at the Green home.

Graduation Time For Grades, High School Announced

Baccalaureate Next Sunday for 29 High School Seniors

Graduation exercises for the eighth grade and high school in Heppner are set for the coming week. Preliminary closing events include the junior-senior banquet to be held Saturday evening at the Episcopal parish house, and baccalaureate service Sunday at the high school auditorium.

Grade school graduation will be Tuesday evening, May 20, in the gymnasium at 8 o'clock. Mayor J. O. Turner will be the speaker.

High school graduation exercises will be held Friday, the 23rd, in the gymnasium, with Dean Jewell of the education department of University of Oregon as speaker. The seniors number 29.

Bishop Remington of Pendleton will deliver the baccalaureate address at the exercises beginning at 8 o'clock Sunday evening. The program includes processional, "Pomp and Circumstance March," by Adolph Schmidt, N. E. Peavy; invocation, Rev. J. L. Wilkins; trio, "At Dawning," by Cadman, Pegg Tambllyn, Patty O'Harra, and Dorothea Wilson; scripture reading, Rev. Sterl D. Spiesz; sermon by Bishop Remington; quartet, "Indian Dawn," by J. S. Zamecnik, Lucille Barlow, Patty O'Harra, Jack O'Harra, and Bud Blakely; benediction, Father McCormick; recessional, Mr. Peavy.

Tentative lists of graduates for both the high school and grades are given as follows:

High school: Henry Aiken, Jr., Lowell Ashbaugh, Clarence Baker, Donald Bennett, Warren Blakely, Irl Clary, Hugh Crawford, Douglas Drake, Donald Evans, Harry O'Donnell, Jack O'Harra, Norval Osborn, Roy Pettyjohn, Robert Swick, Alex Thompson, Lura Stephens, Mary Kay Blake, Lorraine Bothwell, Agatha Butterfield, Mary Eleanor Florence, Jean Hays, Anna Marie Johnston, Isobel McFerrin, Rita Robinson, Kathryn Thompson, Laura Warfield, Beatrice Wilkens, Frances Wilkinson.

Eighth grade: Betty Marie Coxen, Mary Elinor Davidson, Merlin James Wilkins, Sidney Otho Van Schoiack, Patricia Ann Kenny, Marylou Ferguson, Jean Carolyn Turner, Albert Bailey, Jack Edmondson, Mary Kathryn Howell, Joseph James Hughes, Darrel Stark Glasgow, Alfred William Rugg, Jack Hynd Schaffer, Raymond French, George Garnet Ashbaugh, Ted Ferguson.

Three Rifles Go to Crow-Magpie Hunters

The three Morrow county youngsters delivering the most trophies in Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club crow-magpie contest will each receive a brand new .22 rifle. That is the announcement made following last Friday evening's meeting at which W. L. Smith, president of Oregon Wildlife federation told of that organization's work and showed two reels of motion pictures to the large audience. The pictures depicted Yellowstone national park and pollution in the Willamette river.

Receiving station for the hunt trophies were placed at the Archie Hill service station in Heppner, Rugg's on Rhea creek and Carl Allyn's at Ione.

MARRIAGE DATE SET

The marriage of Miss Mary Albee to Mr. Bruce R. Gaines has been announced for Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p. m. at the Pentecostal mission. The public is cordially invited.

Apartment for rent. Inquire at Curran's Ready-to-Wear.