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Morrow County 100 Pct. For Quotas; Nation Passes Plan

Wheat Price Re- sponds Favorably; 85 Pct. Loan OK'd

Every single vote cast in Morrow county totaling 414, was cast in favor of the wheat marketing quotas at last Friday's election, while reports from the remainder of the 40 states participating in the referendum shows a better than 80 percent favorable vote to have been cast. Of the 414 votes cast here 41 were challenged.

Coincidental with passing of the marketing quota comes word from Washington that President Roosevelt has signed the "85 percent of parity loan value for wheat" measure that already has had the effect of boosting the market.

Though profit taking has held back advances wheat prices had climbed 6 cents in Portland this week, with cash white wheat quoted there this morning, 83c½ at -85c.

Rainfall, coming in general gentle showers throughout May and totaling 2.37 inches at Heppner, 2.06 at Gooseberry, has made prospects bright for one of the heaviest stands of wheat Morrow county has ever had. If the yield expected materializes, and with the strengthened market, local growers are hopeful of having one of the first profitable years in the last ten.

Harvesting in the lower country is expected to start about the middle of this month, and it will be on generally in July.

A matter of concern to local growers at this time is the securing of labor, which has been depleted by defense industries and military service. Sacks are also being held dearly around 17 cents, with a shortage predicted, and a considerable trend toward bulking has been evidenced.

Theodore Thomson Wins Golden Wings

Theodore E. Thomson of Heppner, a recent visitor here on furlough, has completed the aviation flight training at the Naval Air station, Pensacola, Florida, and was awarded the coveted "Navy Wings of Gold," it was announced today by Commander Bert H. Creighton, senior member of the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection board of the 13th Naval district.

Thomson has been commissioned as an ensign in the United States Naval reserve and has been ordered by the bureau of navigation to report to the Naval Air station, Pensacola, Florida, for duty as an instructor of cadets.

Ensign Thomson, who is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a B.S. degree, received his elimination flight training beginning last July at the U. S. Naval Reserve Aviation base in Seattle and upon his being appointed as a Naval Aviation cadet, was transferred to the advanced base at Pensacola.

Commander Creighton, who has offices at the U. S. Naval Reserve Aviation base in Seattle, announced that similar opportunities for this valuable course in flying are open to other college men between the ages of 20 to 27 years with two years of college credits. Letters of inquiry for additional information should be addressed to him.

CORRECTION

In last week's Chit-Chat it was mistakenly reported that Dorothy Warden had been selected to represent the local American Legion auxiliary at girls' state school at Silver Creek falls, Silverton, Oregon. The name should have been Doris Warden. She will leave June 22.

Billy McCaleb was among OSC students returning home this week.

JAMES L. YEAGER TO COUNTY IN 1883

Pioneer Furniture Man, Carpen- ter and Community Worker Passes; Rites Being Held Today

James L. Yeager, one of the oldest residents of Heppner and one who as a carpenter contributed much to its construction, passed away Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Burton H. Peck, near Lexington. Death followed a several months' illness resulting from infirmities of age, bringing to an end a life that had been active up to the time of the last illness.

Funeral rites are being held from the Church of Christ this afternoon under auspices of Willow lodge No. 66 of which Mr. Yeager had been a member for 52 years, Rev. James Wilkins officiating. Interment is in Masonic cemetery.

James Labon Yeager was born in Indiana, August 15, 1855. He passed away in this county June 2, 1941, being aged 85 years, 9 months and 17 days.

He married Loretta S. Turner in St. Maries, Illinois, March 4, 1880. To this union were born nine children, of whom five survive. Mrs. Yeager preceded him in death on March 29, 1920.

Mr. Yeager came to Morrow county in 1885, and following the carpentry trade he helped to build many of the older residences and business properties in the town of Heppner. He and Jeff Jones built the old schoolhouse which on e stood on Morrow hill but gave way to the newer structure completed in 1917.

In later years he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business for a number of years.

He was a member of the Baptist church, also a 52-year member of Heppner I. O. O. F., of which he remained treasurer until failing health forced his retirement in October, 1940. He was also secretary of the local Woodmen for many years.

Those surviving are Myra F. Peck, daughter, Lexington; Ora M. Yeager and Ralph A. Yeager, both of Yakima, Wash.; Harvey A. Yeager, Spokane, Wash., and James W. Yeager of Dunsmuir, Cal.; besides a sister residing in Kansas and 19 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

City Plunge to Open Middle of Next Week

Unless the weather warms up fast mighty soon, swimmers will not need to suffer long from the heat this summer, says Dr. L. D. Tibbles, director of the city plunge, for opening is scheduled for sometime the middle of next week.

Dick Davis, Red Cross swimming instructor and University of Oregon student, has been retained to manage the pool this season.

Final Chapter Set In 22-Year John Day Irrigation Story

District Dissolution Election, June 30, Called by Directors

What many taxpayers hope will be the proper dose of aspirin to eliminate a 22-year headache is the dissolution election of John Day Irrigation district, slated for June 30th.

Three voting places have been set. At the residence of Neil Doherty, at the Roy E. Hurst hall in Cecil, and at the Smyth Shuttler Sheep camp. Ballots may be cast between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The vote will be simply for or against dissolution.

The election was called by district directors on presentation of petition of a majority of electors residing within the district. The petition asked that the district be dissolved, its indebtedness liquidated, and its assets distributed, first to the treasurer of Morrow county to redeem and pay all outstanding district warrants, together with accrued interest upon presentation, and the balance to assessment payers in said district upon the last assessment roll in the proportion in which each has contributed to the total amount of said district.

First organized in 1919, the John Day Irrigation district proposed to take water from the John Day river and by tunnel and ditch place it upon thousands of desert acres in the north ends of Gilliam and Morrow county. The organization steps struck many litigation snags, and after years of assessments upon the land intended to be benefitted, no actual development work, other than the survey, ever took place.

Taxpayers in the district have had a big headache since the district was started, and, as signified by the dissolution petition, are now in hopes of closing the books.

300 Mongolians Freed In Morrow Fields

Three hundred Mongolian Chinese pheasants came to Morrow county Tuesday to make their home, announces J. Logie Richardson, president of Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club. Or at least they will reside until they are taken into the hunters' bags in the next open season.

The birds are now nesting and will hatch another crop before open season, Richardson said. They were released along the lower reaches of Willow creek and on Butter creek.

CIO STARTS WORK IN LOCAL PLANT

International Woodworkers of America Organizer Starts Local Unit of CIO Affiliate

First invasion of Heppner by an industrial union came last Sunday when Ben C. Garske of Bend, organizer for International Woodworkers of America, CIO affiliate, signed up workers in Heppner Lumber company for organization of a local union.

All the sawmills and logging camps in this locality were said to be well represented.

Emory Moore was elected temporary president, and Fred A. Ross, temporary secretary and treasurer. Temporary trustees are Glen Lockard, Laurence Miles and Cleo Gardner.

Questionnaires Go to 25 More Registrants

Twenty-five registrants under the selective service act were sent their questionnaires this week for purpose of classification. With order numbers and address, they are:

314 Donald Edwin Turner, Heppner; 315 Jasper Edmond Myers, Echo; 317 Verner Eugene Troedson, Ione; 318 Claude Charles O'Connor, Ione; 320 Alden Henry Blankenship, Heppner; 321 Vernice William Crawford, Ione; 322 Vernon Eugene Partlow, Boardman; 323 Elmer Lawrence Palmer, Heppner; 324 Vernon Edgar Munkers, Lexington; 325 Roy Orwick, Heppner; 326 Everett Roosevelt Barlow, Ione; 327 Lawton Lloyd Hamblin, Boardman; 328 Herbert Zane McDaniel, Heppner; 329 Delbert Wendel Emert, Ione; 330 Ladd Sherman, c-o School of Physical Education, University of Oregon, Eugene; 332 Bruce Brocclies Botts, Ione; 333 Lester Lee Kirk, Heppner; 334 Lloyd William Morgan, Ione; 335 Echo Bassil Neal, Hardman; 336 Lewis Edward Halvorsen, Ione; 337 Elwood Louis Antone Hartfield, Ione; 338 Wilfred John Osier, 2957 Pine Street, Everett, Washington; 339 Elmer Lee Baumgardner, Hardman; 340 Cleo Edward Harness, Irrigon; 341 George Clarence Gordon, c-o M. E. Gordon, Ione.

FFA Calves Leave For Union Show

Six Heppner FFA boys left Heppner yesterday to seek honors with their fine calves at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union. Or-rain Wright took the boys and the stock in his truck.

Boys making the trip are Merle Burkenbine, Jack McLaughlin, Earl Bailey, Howard Gilliam, Dean Gilman and Hugh McLaughlin. It was expected the animals would be sold after the show.

Three Selectees to Report June 23

Three more Morrow county selectees will report for duty in the U. S. army at Portland on June 23, according to call made this week.

The three with order numbers are 36 Marvel Ray Connell, 49 Douglas Renee and 51 Robert Ruben Medlock.

TO ATTEND BEAVER BOY STATE

Tom Starkey was this week announced as Lions club representative at Beaver Boy State camp to be held in Corvallis next month under auspices of the state American Legion. Jackson Cantwell was named as alternate. The local legion post and Elks lodge who are also sponsoring an attendant from here have not yet announced their representatives.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY SET

A benefit card party for both men and women will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller. Pinochle and contract will be in play, and proceeds will benefit the local American Legion auxiliary.

Successful Fugitives Chase Arouses Mountain District

California Youths Wanted for Car Theft Caught Here

When Sheriff Olin S. Johnson of Susanville, Cal., left Heppner early Tuesday morning with two young fugitives from justice, an episode in lawlessness that made a lively time in Morrow county for a few hours was closed.

The fugitives, Arthur H. Duncan and Eugene Bradford, each 16, were taken into custody in the vicinity of Wilson prairie after an all night chase by state police, sheriffs of at least three counties and a number of special deputies who numbered more than twenty. With the boys were taken two girls, Dolores Jane Clyde, 17, and LaVonne Mae Prior, 14, from the Louise home at Portland, who were returned to that place Monday by a matron of the home.

The fugitive boys were wanted at Susanville for theft of an automobile in which they rode north to Redmond where they took a second automobile and exchanged the California plates on the first car for the Oregon plates on the second car. They had come through Klamath Falls, where they had picked up the two girls, who had been seen trying to hitch-hike a ride by John O'Connor of Klamath Falls as he was on his way to Heppner to load out sheep. Mr. O'Connor was at Heppner hotel the next day as the girls were brought in by officers following the chase, and he immediately recognized them as the ones he had seen near a mill just outside of Klamath Falls the morning before.

From Redmond, the quartet turned on to the Ochoco highway, the alarm having preceded them. The marshal at Mitchell recognized the "hot" license plates, and jumped on the car's running board only to be thrown off as the car was started. It was reported that the youths also sold a rifle at Mitchell.

They were next seen by Sheriff Hazeltine of Grant county who was standing watch with his car at the junction of the John Day and Heppner-Spray highways, having been joined there by Frank Nickerson and Sid Zinter of this county, who had been hailed as they were passing by. It was about 8 o'clock Thursday evening, when the fugitives' car rounded the turn to the road toward Heppner, going at a speed Nickerson estimated to be at least 60 miles an hour. The fugitives' car was driven with two wheels high on the bank to miss hitting the Zinter car, and looked as if it would surely turn over, but the momentum carried it to level ground before it became overbalanced. In making the turn it struck a large rock that mashed in the oil pan.

So rapidly had been the approach that the waiting men had little time to act. They were some distance up the road by the time Nickerson got a small bore rifle into action and shot at them (he had been told they were desperate characters), and two bullet holes were later found in the back of the car. Sheriff Hazeltine's car in which chase was given could not catch the fleeing car, and it went out of sight. The men next saw it abandoned in the ditch near the Fairview forest camp.

The fugitives took to the woods afoot from there, and the all-night chase, with the large posse in pursuit followed. It ended about 9 o'clock the next morning when all of the four gave themselves up, tired and cold from the night's exposure in clothing unsuited for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones and Bobby spent several days last week visiting at the Jess Deos home near Hood River.

FOUR GENERATIONS VISIT HERE



When little Miss Lillie Bette Crumrine visited her great grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Aiken, last week, coming all the way from Los Angeles, she was the first of the fourth generation of the pioneer Aiken family to visit the city. Naturally, her mother, Mrs. Bonita Crumrine, accompanied the young lady, and her granddaddy, Cyrus W. Aiken of Boise, Idaho, joined the group Saturday to make possible the four-generation picture above.