

New Elevators To Aid In Handling 2 Million Bu. Crop

Lexington, Morgan Structures, Farm Facilities Added

Completion of a new 62,000 bushel capacity grain elevator at Morgantown, and near completion of another 42,000 bushel elevator at Lexington, besides considerable increase in farm storage facilities for bulk wheat will practically insure adequate handling facilities for the more than 2,000,000 bushel wheat crop expected in the county this year, says the local ACA office after checking the new and old facilities.

Another 55,000 bushel capacity elevator at Cutsforth corners was recently constructed jointly by Orville Cutsforth, Albert Nelson and Louis Marquardt, and in addition Cutsforth is building a granary that will hold 15,000 bushels. Charles McElligott is presently constructing a 30,000 storage and handling elevator at his place, while Frank Anderson is installing additional storage facilities at his place.

Other farm storage facilities listed in the ACA office, which have been accredited for farm storage include: Fred Mankin, 24,000 bushels; Delbert Anderson, 10,000 bushels; Delbert Emert, 35,000 bushels; Art Stefani, 11,000 bushels; E. Markham Baker, 11,000 bushels; Elsie Beach, 12,000 bushels; Louis Marquardt, 12,000 bushels; Leo Gorgor, 11,000 bushels (he is also adding more iron storage tanks this season); S. J. Devine, 6,000 bushels.

J. E. Swanson and Son are adding a new sack storage warehouse at Ione that will care for 55,000 bushels.

Total bulk storage capacity for this year's crop will total 700,000 bushels, with 1,000,000 bushel storage available for sack wheat at commercial houses. There was approved farm storage for sacked grain last year of 134,000 bushels, and how much more might be available is impossible to determine. In addition terminal storage has already been arranged for 200,000 bushels.

Morrow County Grain Growers at Lexington, in addition to building the new 42,000 bushel capacity elevator, have placed cribbing for four large storage bins in the end of the old sack warehouse next to the elevator, which can be filled and emptied by means of the basic operating unit of the elevator. Plans for this addition were so drawn by Mid-State Construction company of The Dalles, contractors, that additional bins could be added at any time and serviced by the central power plant. The bins now constructed in the warehouse will store 45,000 bushels of bulk grain.

The central operating plant at the Lexington elevator has a capacity of 2200 bushels an hour. It is all electrically driven.

Automatic weighing-in and weighing-out scales are now ready to be put in place, and in addition to unloading facilities for grain delivered in bulk, construction of another bin adjacent to unloading platform is under way to service trucks delivering grain in bags for dumping. The facilities for taking both bulk and sacked grain from trucks it is believed will speed operation of trucks materially.

The Lexington elevator, like the other new elevators going up this year, are wood cribbed walls. A height of 105 feet to roof of the penthouse at Lexington was attained in order to serve additional storage capacity that might later be built at a considerable distance, all from the central elevating plant. A feature of the work at Lexington is the making of a heavy fill to make an approach to the unloading platform where before there was a deep ditch. E. E. Van Nuys of The Dalles

County Views Aid National Publicity For Crop Insurance

Morrow county friends who receive a certain piece of literature from the national AAA crop insurance office will immediately recognize a very good picture of Frank Young who farms in the Ione section. Another picture in the same folder shows a field on the Ernest Christopherson farm.

The pictures are not so labeled, they are but illustrations for a general story; but they were immediately recognized by Merle Cummings, local ACA secretary who accompanied Ken Olson, then state director of ACA publicity, whose present position with the publicity department in the national office, undoubtedly accounts for their wider circulation.

County Represented Beaver Boy State

Four Morrow county boys are, at Corvallis this week attending Beaver Boy State, summer school in citizenship sponsored by the state American Legion. They are Tommy Starkey and Jackson Cantwell of Heppner, Joe Way of Lexington and Ernest Christopherson, Jr., of Ione.

Local sponsors of the boys are the American Legion, Elks and Lions of Heppner and American Legion of Ione. Loyal Parker took Starkey, Cantwell and Way to Corvallis last Sunday, while Christopherson was taken below by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christopherson. Elmer Hunt of Lexington will drive to Corvallis next Sunday to bring the boys home.

Liability for Buying 'Hot Wheat' Cited

Any person buying wheat regardless of what the wheat is to be used for is liable to the marketing penalty of 49 cents per bushel if he buys wheat that is not covered by a marketing card, according to word received from Henry Baker, chairman of the local AAA committee.

The chairman added that all persons who are cooperating in the farm program would receive marketing cards at once, and that all other wheat producers could get their cards by calling at the county office. He pointed out that no wheat producer would be barred from receiving a marketing card regardless of whether they have ever been in the program or not.

Pomona Grange Meets at Boardman Saturday

Morrow County Pomona grange will meet next Saturday, the 28th, with Greenfield grange of Boardman as hosts. It will be an all-day meeting with program open to the public at 1 p. m.

Ben Gerking, manager of the Hermiston Co-operative association, will be the principal speaker, and numbers will be presented by the various subordinate granges. The fifth degree will be exemplified by Irrigon grange in the evening.

is in charge of the Lexington work for the construction company.

The same company, with W. L. Van Horn in charge, is building the Charles McElligott storage facilities. McElligott is installing seven bins for a total capacity of 30,000 bushels, including small bins for handling of seed wheat for treating, and facilities for loading transport trucks.

The Elmer Griffith elevator at Morgan is a different type of construction from the Lexington structure, being lower and broader. It is 30 feet to top of cribbing and 51 feet to top of penthouse. Gas operated at present it was constructed for placement of electric equipment when electric power becomes available. It has a 62,000 bushel capacity.

The Cutsforth-Marquardt-Nelson elevator is 42 ft. by 42 ft. square, and 60 feet in height. The roof was put in place this week.

Morrow Clubbers Receive Awards At Summer School

Local Boys and Girls in Band and Radio Radio Performances

Morrow county boys and girls were among the contest winners announced at the general assembly of 2100 Oregon 4-H club members the closing day of their annual 4-H summer school at Oregon State college last Thursday.

Peggy Tamblin of Heppner won second in the clothing judging contest and Estelle Ledbetter and Audrey Majeske of Lexington won fourth in the cookery judging contest.

Junior Wright of the Rhea Creek pig club had one of the high scores in the rifle marksmanship contest which was conducted along with a class in care and safety in handling a rifle throughout the two weeks period.

This was a new class for both boys and girls held for the first time at summer school this year and more than 1100 boys and girls received their instructions in handling a rifle and participated in the marksmanship contest. The class was supervised by Lt. E. F. Sloan from Washington, D. C., an officer of the National Rifle association.

Dick and Jack Edmondson, both members of the Heppner school band, participated in the musical try-outs the first week at summer school and were selected as members of the 75-piece summer school band which played at assemblies and over radio station KOAC throughout the session.

All delegates from Morrow county participated in the Morrow county radio broadcast last Thursday over station KOAC in group singing. Mrs. Harry Tamblin, a local leader from Heppner who chaperoned the group, Buddy Peck, Dick and Jack Edmondson, Audrey Majeske, Betty Acock and Peggy Tamblin conversed with C. D. Conrad, county agent, on 4-H club activities in the broadcast.

Lavelle Markham of Irrigon furnished a piano solo, "The Nightingales Trill," for the broadcast and Frances Skoubo of Boardman sang a vocal solo, "Beautiful Dreamer."

New Trapper Comes To Heppner District

James Chetwood was recently assigned to the Heppner district as trapper for the U. S. Biological department, succeeding Alva Stone, announced Harold Dobyns of Pendleton, district supervisor, when in the city the first of the week. Chetwood has arrived here with his family while Stone and family have moved to a farm in the Willamette valley. Joe Bathenas and Oscar McCarty are other trappers recently assigned to Morrow county, Dobyns said.

Dobyns advised that anyone having trouble with depredations by coyotes should report to the county agent's office who will make necessary arrangements with the trappers.

NEW MANAGER ARRIVES

Mel Serle, recently with Safeway Stores at Camas, Wash., arrived this week to take the position of manager of the local store, succeeding J. A. Anglin who will leave shortly to join his family at Yakima. Mr. and Mrs. Serle and 16-year-old daughter have taken up residence in the Josie Jones house. Mr. Serle's home town was Walla Walla.

EXCESS WHEAT PENALIZED

Excess wheat held by growers under government loan will be subject to penalty under the marketing quota act, announces the local ACA office.

'Keep Oregon Green' Drive Starts Here

Joining in observance of "Keeping Oregon Green" week, June 30-July 6, opportunity will be afforded people of Heppner and Morrow county to join the association which Governor Sprague has declared is vital to the national defense program. The objective is prevention of forest fires within the state, and every cent of association dues goes to publicity work for informing the public of the vital part Oregon's forests play in the state and national economy.

Reese Burkenbine, at the J. C. Penney store, has taken the chairmanship for the local membership drive, and is making available to local people ten auto licenses at 50 cents with which go a senior membership in the "Keep Oregon Green" association; also 50 senior memberships at 25 cents, and 25 junior memberships at 25 cents with each of which goes a membership card and celluloid button designating the purchasers as enrollees in an active campaign to protect the forests.

Wilkins Leaving Local Pastorate

Protestant churches of Heppner are tendering to Rev. J. L. Wilkins and family a farewell party this evening. Rev. Mr. Wilkins has received notice of assignment to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Myrtle Creek after filling the pastorate of the local church for the last year. The Wilkins family will leave for their new home next Tuesday, and Rev. Mr. Wilkins will give his farewell message to the local congregation next Sunday.

Succeeding Rev. Mr. Wilkins here will be Rev. Stearns Cushing, Jr., who is being transferred from Hermiston, in the assignments made at the state conference at Eugene last week end. It was also announced that Rev. Silas E. Fairham, pastor at Gresham had been raised to the position of district superintendent of the Cascade district, succeeding Dr. Sydney W. Hall.

Safe Driving Material Available to Granges

The traffic safety division of the state department will furnish educational material for Oregon granges participating in the Nation Grange Traffic Safety program this year, it was announced today.

Oregon granges plan to enter their safety contest and in addition they will sponsor safety essay contests for school children in the state. Winners in the grange contest receive cash prizes and winners in the essay contest receive cash prizes and trips.

In 1939, the Hermiston grange won an award of \$100 for the best safety program in the nation. In 1940, however, no prizes were won by Oregon granges.

The traffic safety division is preparing a list of suggested activities for Oregon safety programs and this list, as well as other educational material will be available to all Oregon granges.

EXAMINER HERE JULY 3

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, is scheduled to arrive in Heppner next Thursday, July 3, and will be on duty at the city hall between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. All those wishing licenses or permits to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

MARTHA NIGHT SLATED

Ruth chapter 32, O. E. S., will honor past Marthas on Friday evening, June 27. Grand chapter reports will be given, also memorial services. Refreshments will be served.

Cecli Wise is visiting his family here this week, coming up from Klamath Falls where he has been working for some time as baker in a logging camp.

Louis Marquardt Killed Instantly In Fall From Elevator

Morning Accident Calls Coroner and Officers to Scene

Louis Marquardt was killed instantly in a fall at the grain elevator at his farm this morning, according to a telephone message received by the Gazette Times at 1 o'clock.

A woman called Dr. A. D. McMurdo's office at 11:05 this morning asking that the doctor come to the Marquardt ranch immediately. Miss Lulu Hager, who answered the phone, said the woman asked for the doctor, saying "I am alone and can't get him out. He is bleeding to death."

Dr. McMurdo was not immediately available, and Dr. L. D. Tibbles responded to the call. He called Dr. McMurdo later, and the latter, who is coroner, left post haste. Also Deputy Sheriff Earle Bryant and Justice J. O. Hager rushed from the courthouse shortly before noon without leaving word of their destination. They presumably responded to word of the accident.

The call from Lexington said that a coroner's inquest was under way. A phone message put through to the Marquardt ranch just at press time was answered by a woman who said Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman was just leaving with the body and that he would have to be contacted for particulars.

Word from Deputy Bryant, who just returned from the scene states that Marquardt's fall happened at 10:45 this morning. He was on a ladder leaning against the scaffolding used in putting the elevating machinery in place in a new elevator he was building. A nephew, Balsiger, had just handed him a cleat and hammer, and apparently as he received them he was not aware that he was off balance. He fell twenty feet on to an upright 2 x 4 which pierced his heart and lungs, resulting in instant death.

Bryant and Justice Hager, who acted for the coroner, who was not available when the call first came, found no grounds for a coroner's jury. They passed the coroner, Dr. McMurdo on the way out as they were coming in, and Dr. McMurdo went on to make an investigation for himself.

Bryant said Mrs. Marquardt and the nephew were the only other persons on the ranch when the accident happened.

Mr. Marquardt was an extensive wheat operator of the north Lexington section. He is survived by the widow, Lorena Marquardt, whom he married about a year ago. A brother, Charles Marquardt, operates a large acreage in the same vicinity.

I. W. A. TO ELECT

Election of regular officers for International Woodworkers association in Heppner is announced for Saturday, June 28, at 7 p. m., by Raleigh Woodfin, acting president. A regular meeting was held last Saturday. Woodfin requests that all members be present at the meeting next Saturday. All meetings from now on will be held at 7 p. m. instead of 4 p. m. as formerly, Woodfin said.

OFFICIALS OFF HALF DAY

Offices at the courthouse are now closed on Saturday afternoons, the new order going into effect June 14 when a recent act by the legislature affecting the office hours went into effect.

SCORES GOOD AT SHOOT

Dr. A. D. McMurdo attended the state trapshoot at Gearhart last week end and turned in the good score of 189 out of a possible 200 in one 16-yard event.