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## 'Hot Wheat' Not Big Problem Here Chamber Told

### Cummings Speaks; Rodeo, Lena Mail Route Get Action

With less than a half dozen wheat farms in Morrow county not in compliance with the AAA program, the "hot" wheat penalty under the new marketing quota will not be a matter of great concern here, said Merle Cummings, secretary of the county ACA committee before the Tuesday evening of the chamber of commerce.

Cummings defined hot wheat and cited the ways in which the penalty on it could be met. All complying farmers whose compliance with the 1941 AAA regulations has been proved will receive their white clearance cards without trouble, the secretary said.

"Hot" wheat was defined as being the average normal yield on acres that would have been required to be taken out of production had the producing farm been in compliance with the AAA program. The marketing quotas became necessary to protect the federal wheat lending program when the visible supply exceeded the amount estimated as the national "ever-normal granary" figure, Cummings said.

Due to the extra heavy crop this year, farmers who did not comply with the AAA program will be able to pay the penalty on their excess wheat and still benefit by the marketing program, he believed.

With Rodeo President Lee Beckner and Directors H. D. McCurdy and Jim Kistner in attendance, the chamber and Rodeo association got down to brass tacks on final organization for the show, slated August 15-16-17, and it was agreed to follow the same cooperative plan that was put into effect last year. Details were left in the hands of the chamber's Rodeo committee, headed by J. Logie Richardson, and were taken care of at a meeting of this committee with the Rodeo directors following the chamber meeting.

Renewed effort to obtain a mail route to Lena was cited by Frank W. Turner, who explained a map of the proposed route and said that petitions would be circulated immediately. The chamber's action is the result of a long-standing demand for such a route out of Heppner, he said.

C. D. Conrad, chairman of a committee preparing a chamber membership sign reported materials ready, and he was authorized to have the sign painted and location selected for its placement. Conrad also made a comprehensive report of the recent 4-H club summer school at Corvallis, "the largest school of its kind ever held in the United States," and declared that organizations sponsoring scholarships could feel that their contributions directed for this purpose are doing more for 4-H club work in the county than in any manner the same amounts could be spent.

### APPRECIATION

I wish to thank each and everyone of the many neighbors and friends for turning out with such speed and good will when they thought my wheat was on fire Sunday night—even members of Heppner's efficient fire department were present. It was only a grass fire on the hill which loomed up big after darkness, and no harm was done as all the wheat around was green, but if it had been wheat the great army of fire fighters were ready and on the spot. If that is not efficiency and genuine American spirit, stongly seasoned with American democracy, then what would you call it? Thanks again, good neighbors.

Archie D. McMurdo.

## Enjoyable Pomona Meet Held, Boardman

Morrow County Pomona grange met in Boardman last Saturday in an all day session, with Greenfield grange as hosts.

Although the crowd was not as large as usual, owing to the busy season, an interesting business session and program were had.

A contest sponsored by the county organization for subordinate grange will be drafted during the quarter to be presented for consideration at the October meeting. Each grange is represented with one member on the committee as follows: Rhea Creek, Clifford Conrad; Lexington, Grace Turner; Lena, Pauline Hughes; Irrigon, Marguerite Houghton; Greenfield Anna Skoubo; Willows, Mary Lundell. Plans for the contest will be drafted soon.

Authorized by the delegate body at the recent fire insurance conference at state grange, Minnie McFarland, master of Morrow County Pomona, asked all subordinate granges to submit to Secretary Mary Lundell, members holding insurance policies in the grange mutual. Also, all policy holders are urged to attend the next Pomona meeting, to be held at Rhea Creek in October.

The program presented by the lecturer, Vida Heliker, was as follows: Theme, Our Flag; song, Old Glory; talk, The American Flag, Judge Johnson; song, Play Mates, Audrey Wilson, Gene Allen; skit, Highway Safety, Mary Lindsay, Marjory Gordon, Stella O'Meara; agricultural talk, Food for Defense, County Agent Conrad; vocal duet, Mesdames Parker and Beach, Lexington; reading, The Promise of the Stars, Mary Lundell; talk, Cooperation, the Need of the Hour, Ben Gerkin, Hermiston; song, God Bless America.

## P. P. & L. Protects Against Interruptions

With Pacific Power & Light company's new automatic service restorer now in operation at Ione and reclosing switch equipment installed at Olex Junction, users of electricity in the Heppner district have been provided additional service continuity facilities. With the new safety devices controlling power lines here, only serious damage to the company's system can cause an interruption, according to K. A. House, local manager for the Pacific company.

The new equipment at Olex Junction and Ione will act as a safety valve for power transmission and distribution lines. Trouble from electric wires swinging together momentarily, a common cause of brief service outages where power lines are exposed to high winds, will be automatically remedied. The reclosing fuses and automatic service restorer will minimize interruptions caused by improper use of power on customers' premises.

The new equipment, which will restore service three successive times without attention from linemen, will be inspected and adjusted regularly as company maintenance crews make their constant patrols on power lines here.

## Hayes Family to Hold Yearly Reunion 4th

Members of the Hayes clan are assembling for their annual reunion tomorrow at the farm home of Mrs. Nancy Hayes on Rhea creek.

In the van of the homecoming were Andy Hayes of Spokane and Mr. and Mrs. Elra Hayes and three children of San Bernardino, Cal, and expected were Mr. and Mrs. Darrel McHargue (Neva Hayes) and son of Spokane. The Hayes family 4th of July reunion has been an annual event for many years, attracting members of the family from a distance.

Jos. M. Hayes of Lone Rock arrived in the city yesterday to visit with friends and to be on hand for the picnic tomorrow.

## Unanimous Vote Cast To Dissolve John Day District

### Final Rites for Paper Irrigation Project By Court Decree

The 22-year John Day Irrigation district headache was cured Monday so far as taxpayers in the district were concerned when they voted unanimously for the district's dissolution. The vote was 30 to 0.

It now remains for a court order to put into effect the provisions of the petition asking for dissolution, says J. J. Nys, attorney.

The voting took place in three precincts, at the Neil Doherty home in the sands, at the Roy E. Hurst hall at Cecil, and at the Smyth Shuttler sheep camp in the west end of the district.

The petition and election call for dissolution of the John Day Irrigation district, liquidation of its indebtedness, and distribution of its assets with sufficient funds to remain in the hands of the county treasurer to redeem and pay all outstanding warrants together with accrued interest.

In the years after the John Day Irrigation district was first formed in 1918, it remained a "paper" organization. The survey only was made. It was proposed to take water from the John Day river and by tunnel and ditch place it upon hundreds of thousand acres of low sand country in the north ends of Gilliam and Morrow counties.

## Riding Club Start Expected Tuesday

A riding club for Morrow county fashioned after the Mustangers of Pendleton is the objective of an organization meeting called for the Elks club at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening, according to announcement by Jim Kistner who has been investigating such possibility.

The meeting is open to anyone interested and all such persons are urged to attend. By-laws and other organization proceedings have been received from the Pendleton organization as a basis for organization, and Kistner says that Frank Touseley of Athena, horse trainer and member of the Turtles, professional rodeo organization, has signified his willingness to accept the position as caretaker of horses and grounds. Use of the Rodeo grounds has been extended by the city of Heppner. It is expected the new organization will fit into the local civilian defense program as well as provide a medium for an enjoyable sport, Kistner said.

## Heppner Main Street Gets New Surface

Heppner's main thoroughfare received a face-lifting the first of the week when the state highway oiling crew put a new coating of top dressing on it. Most of the work was done in a few hours Monday morning as the large force and equipment rushed it through. One layer of old and larger size rock was topped with another layer of oil and finer rock for dressing. The top rock is coarser than that before used, to provide more of a non-skid surface.

The oiling was done from curb to curb under arrangement of the city dads with the state highway department, the city standing the cost of the work along the sides of the state highway which runs through the middle of the street.

### REPORTS WATERSPOUT

A heavy rain in the mountains and a waterspout in Porcupine canyon yesterday were reported this morning by W. H. French, in the city from his Blue Mountain farm.

## 50 More Selectees Being Classified

Order number, name and address for 50 more men receiving questionnaires from the Morrow County Selective Service board were released this week, as follows:

393 Wesley LeRoy McLowth, Boardman; 394 Eldon Deloss Shannon, State Highway Dept., La Grande; 395 Arnold Ellsworth Johnson, Cecil; 396 George W. Lalumondier, Boardman; 397 George Forbes Currin, Echo; 398 Gerald Coleman Rood, Ione; 399 Amanuel Carlten Swanson, Ione; 400 James Reid Valentine, Heppner; 401 Everett Lawrence Crump, Heppner; 402 Harvey Smith, Ione; 403 Hershah Luvern Townsend, Hilgard; 404 Arthur Lee Hughes, Lena; 405 Max Henry Schulz, Heppner;

406 Donald Elmer Woelfer, Heppner; 407 James Arvin Brown, Boardman; 408 Eugene Upton Normoyle, Ione; 409 Raymond Thomas Michener, Heppner; 410 Patrick Lennon, c-o John Kenny, Heppner; 411 William Archie Munkers, Lexington; 412 Lester Uthe, Boardman; 413 Frank William Bowers, Heppner; 414 Harlie William Grey, Route 5, Box 246 A, Mt. Airy, N. Carolina; 415 John Harold Fuiten, Heppner; 416 Almon Lewis Geiss, Wallowa; 417 George Parsons Caskey, Weston; 418 Roy Oliver Cobb, c-o L. H. Cobb, Beaverton; 419 Farris Hughan Prock, Heppner;

420 Ervin Rubin Perlberg, Heppner; 421 Steve William Hotkamp, Jr., Pilot Grove, Iowa; 422 Geoffrey O'Connell, Heppner; 423 Rhea Norton King, Heppner; 424 Robert Irven Burnside, Lexington; 425 Roy William Lindstrom, Ione; 426 Raymond Cecil Gardner, Heppner; 427 John Edward Eubanks, Ione; 428 Henry Porter Graham, c-o Lemmus Logging Co., Yamsey; 429 Russell McCoy, Irrigon; 430 Raymond Cyril Coulter, Irrigon; 431 Harold Albert Wright, Heppner; 432 Robert Dawson Knox, 1392 Beech St., Eugene; 433 James Lincoln Tabbutt, CCC, Heppner; 434 William Glenn Harmon, Heppner; 435 Everett Oliver Harshman, Heppner; 436 George Almerion Freeborn, Heppner; 437 Harold Homer Hill, Heppner; 438 Donald Robert Pointer, Lexington; 439 Everett B. Shaner, Box 95, Pendleton; 441 Ervin Everett Allen, Heppner; 442 Harold Lee Becket, Heppner; 443 Louis Ronald Foos, Route 12, Box 939, Milwaukee; 444 Victor Arthur Lovgren, Eightmile; 445 Roderrick Swift Thomson, Heppner; 446 William Peter Kilkenny, Star Route, Echo; 447 Charles Marcel Jones, R. F. D. Heppner; 448 Carl Otto Bauman, Cecil; 449 Thomas Clifton Neerchick, Heppner; 450 Leonard Walter Gilman, Chula Vista, c-o Border Patrol Hdqts.

## Grange-Church Picnic Set at French's 4th

Rhea Creek grange and Valby Lutheran church of Gooseberry are sponsoring a picnic on July 4 at the W. H. French ranch in the mountains. All members of the organizations and friends are invited to participate.

Plenty of ice cream and softball will add to enjoyment of the day's activities.

### WILLOWS GRANGE NEWS

Willows grange will meet in an all-day session on Sunday, July 6th, with a pot-luck dinner. This meeting will take the place of the regular meeting held usually on the first Saturday night. Members and grange visitors are invited.

Miss Patricia Emert has been selected to represent Willows grange as their princess at the Rodeo.

### McMURDO BOYS SEE ALASKA

Scott McMurdo recently joined his brother Ted in Alaska, and with another young man, John Nielson, the two are enjoying a trip down the Tanana and Yukon rivers in a 22 foot boat, according to a card received by the boys' parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo. Their boat is fully equipped with hunting and fishing paraphernalia.

## Lexington Queen Dance 12th Kicks Off Rodeo Season

### Attendants Named; Cowboy Breakfast, Parade Features

Miss Frances Wilkinson of Heppner, Lexington grange's selection for attendant to the queen of Heppner Rodeo, August 15-16-17, will be the first honored member of the royal court when the Rodeo season will be officially kicked off with first of a series of dances at the Lexington hall Saturday evening, July 12.

Introduction of the queen will also be made at the Lexington dance.

Other members of the royal court announced this week are Miss Patricia Emert, Ione, Willows grange; Miss Rita Robinson, Harman, Rhea Creek grange, and Miss Colleen Kilkenny, Heppner, Lena grange.

Dances for other attendants and the wind-up queen's dance at Heppner will be held on consecutive Saturday evenings, at Ione, July 19; Rhea creek, July 26; Lena, August 2, and Heppner, August 9.

Ralph Jackson, June Smith and Cyene Barratt were named as the queen's committee, to arrange selection, outfitting and sponsorship of public appearances.

Final organization steps preparatory to staging this year's show were taken at a meeting of the chamber of commerce Rodeo committee and Rodeo directors, Tuesday evening. Following the plan of last year, the chamber committee is handling all extraneous details, leaving the Rodeo directors free to attend to the show itself. Committees were named for underwriting, ticket selling, naming the queen, parade and carnival.

The same committee which functioned so well last year was put in charge of underwriting, namely F. W. Turner, George Howard and E. O. Ferguson.

Handling the parade solicitation and other details of this feature will be Chas. B. Cox, B. C. Pinckney, R. B. Ferguson.

Other committees are named as follows:

Ticket sales: Russell McNeill, Wm. Isom, Thelma Pinckney, Coramae Ferguson.

Advertising: Jap Crawford, Josephine Mahoney, Rose Leibbrand.

Housing: May Gilliam, Mrs. W. C. Rosewall, Eppa Ward.

Concessions: Warren Blakely.

Coordination: W. C. Rosewall, O. Turner.

Both the chamber representatives, with J. Logie Richardson as chairman, and the Rodeo officials declared that the cowboy breakfast started last year would again be a first day feature, and the Rodeo directors themselves are handling the details.

Jim Kistner reported work of preparing the grounds going along well and better facilities will be had than ever before.

President Beckner announced that the local show would be open to all comers with judges selected by the local association, and said that lists of events may be had by writing to Len L. Gilliam, secretary.

### NO. 1 SELECTEE HOME

Gene Doherty, Morrow county's first selective service man to be sent for a year's army training, is home on furlough from Camp Canby, Wash., with rating of private first class. Doherty was a volunteer for service.

### MOTHR DIES IN VIRGINIA

Dr. A. D. McMurdo received telegraphic news Tuesday morning of the death of his mother, Mary Kathleen McMurdo, in Virginia at the age of 92 years. She was stricken by pneumonia.