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## Soil Conservation District Vote Comes Next Saturday

### 629 Voters Having 692,533 Acres Land May Cast Ballots

Final arrangements for conducting the referendum on the proposed Heppner Soil Conservation district next Saturday, August 30, were completed this week by C. D. Conrad, county agent, and Ivan C. DeArmond, extension soil conservationist, now secretary of the state soil conservation committee.

The ownership list is now complete and shows 629 Umatilla and Morrow county landowners eligible to vote. These landowners own 692,533 acres.

Absentee ballots have been sent to 238 owners living outside of the area and Conrad states that anyone who may be away on the day of the referendum may vote an absentee ballot at the county agent's office any time up to the day of the voting.

A previous referendum on this same district on May 10 was determined irregular and another referendum asked for by the state soil conservation committee due to misunderstandings on the eligibility of voters.

Any landowner owning 10 acres of land or more is eligible to vote on August 30, whether the landowner be an individual, corporation, or company. In the case of husband and wife owning land by the entirety only one may vote, unless one of them owns other land individually which qualifies both of them to vote.

People owning a piece of land in common must each vote their proportionate acreage.

Soil conservation districts are local units of government, organized under state laws and governed by five local farmer-supervisors, three of whom are elected by the landowners and two appointed by the state soil conservation committee.

Three farmers have been nominated by petition and their names appear on the ballots to be voted upon for supervisors at the August 30 referendum. The farmers so far nominated are Edwin Hughes of Lena, Orville Cutsforth of Lexington and Orrian Wright of Rhea creek.

The primary purpose of soil conservation districts, according to Conrad, is to make it easier for the farmers to obtain help in solving their erosion and land use problems.

In such districts the local farmers present their problems to their supervisor and the five supervisors then determine the priority of the work and the assistance needed and take steps to obtain the help from the agency most capable of giving the help.

This assistance might be given by the Soil Conservation service, the AAA, the extension service, forest service or other governmental agencies set up to give such assistance.

The Soil Conservation service has pledged 75 per cent or more of their work in the future to organized soil conservation districts. In the proposed Heppner Soil Conservation district there are two spike camps connected with the Heppner CCC camp which may be moved to any part of the district depending on the man power available and the need of the locality as determined by the farmer supervisors.

The proposed district includes all of the land in Morrow county south of the base line to the national forest boundary, exclusive of a six mile strip on the west side of the county and including the adjoining six mile strip in Umatilla county.

In order for the district to be created a majority of the landowners owning at least 60 per cent of the land must vote in favor of creation. With these regulations any

## Four Selectees Will Report September 29

Morrow county local board today mailed orders to report for induction at 3:30 p. m. on September 29, 1941, to the following registrants: Lincoln Clyde Rich, Molalla; Ellis Charles Saling, Heppner; Albert Edward Deulen, Condon; Johnnie Claire Sloucum, Heppner.

The board also released a list of registrants who are in class 1-A, as follows: John Andrew Partlow, Henry Irvin Buschke, Kenneth Dale Lane, Joel Clark Engelman, Andy Van Schoiack, Lester Lee Cox, Edward Christian Skoubo, John Harvey McRoberts, Charles Paul DeMoss, Charles Montague Smith, Ernest Marvin Allen.

Commander John A. Beckwith, USNR, from Oregon state headquarters of Selective Service was in Heppner Tuesday afternoon inspecting the records and files of Morrow county local board. He is a former business partner of Judge Bert Johnson and enjoyed a visit with the judge while here.

## Fair Prize Winners At Rodeo Time Listed

Following is the list of prizes awarded at the Morrow county fair held at Rodeo time:

**SWINE**—Poland China, Jr.; Sow Pig, 1st Junior Wright; Chester White Aged Sow, 1st Jack Edmondson; Champion Sow Pig, Jack Edmondson; Swine Showmanship, Junior Wright.

**SHEEP**—Fine Wool Ewe Lamb, 1st Dick Edmondson, 2nd Jack Edmondson; Fine Wool Yearling Ewe, 1st Jack Edmondson, 2nd Dick Edmondson; Fine Wool Market Lamb, 1st Dick Edmondson, 2nd Jack Edmondson; Fine Wool Pen of 3 Market Lambs, 1st Dick Edmondson, 2nd Jack Edmondson; Fine Wool Breeding Ewe, 1st Dick Edmondson, 2nd Buddy Peck, 3rd Don Peck, 4th Jack Edmondson; Fine Wool Ram Lamb, 1st Dick Edmondson.

**Hampshire Ewe Lamb**, 1st Marian Miller; Yearling Ewe, 1st Tad Miller, 2nd Don Peck, 3rd Marian Miller, 4th Dick Edmondson, 5th Don Peck; Breeding Ewe, 1st Tad Miller, 2nd Marian Miller, 3rd Don Peck; Ram Lamb, 1st Tad Miller, 2nd Marian Miller, 3rd Don Peck, 4th Don Peck; Yearling Ram Lamb, 1st Tad Miller.

**Other Breeds, Cross Breeds Ewe Lamb**, 1st Dick Edmondson, 2nd

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## Pendleton Ram Sale Lively, Prices Good

Strong condition of the sheep and wool market was reflected in the Oregon Woolgrowers association ram sale at Pendleton last Friday. More than 700 head of animals were sold at prices almost double a year ago, a strong demand being shown for all types. One pen of Hampshires brought the top market at \$65 per head, while a Suffolk stud brought high individual price, \$250.

Many Morrow county growers attended the sale, with Harold Cohn of this city acting as clerk.

## SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Cleo D. Gardner and Glen E. Lockard were fined \$28.50 and given a suspended 15-day jail sentence in justice court the end of the week upon arraignment for shooting birds out of season. Both are employed at Heppner Lumber company.

one failing to vote automatically votes against the district.

Soil conservation districts, explains Conrad, differ from some organized districts in that no assessments or taxes can be levied against the land or the landowners.

Over 375 such districts have been established throughout the United States comprising more than 232,000,000 acres.

Following the organization of a district any number of adjoining farmers up to 25 may petition the state committee and can be added to the district without a referendum.

## School Opening Tuesday Starts New Busy Season

### Housing Problem Acute as Families Move into Town

Influx of people to town for the school year, starting next Tuesday, has brought the most serious housing problem Heppner has experienced in many a year. Real estate offices are facing a constant demand for living quarters, while numerous transactions have been reported. Daily, people are asking, "Where can I get a house."

This real estate activity is the forerunner of what promises to be one of the most lively school years the city has seen in many a day. The increase in population is borne out by report from the school where Alden H. Blankenship, superintendent predicts a record enrollment. This will most certainly be true in the first grade where 36 new scholars are already promised and the probability is that the number will reach 40. The growth in this department has caused addition of a second teacher.

Mr. Blankenship reports that his office is now open to all parents and students who are seeking help with courses or other information. The opening gong will sound promptly at 9 o'clock.

With renovation of the school plant during the summer, and all teaching positions filled, the school will be all primed for a good get-away on opening day, Mr. Blankenship reports.

Taking time by the forelock, and to assist in keeping the school year from being marred by unfortunate accidents, a group of Heppner merchants is urging children and motorists to exercise extreme care at all times. Their special campaign, to be found on page three, is one which will undoubtedly have the close cooperation and support of everyone.

## Heppner Makes Front Page in New York As Cat Recalled

One of the widest publicized stories emanating from Heppner since the "flood," was that written some time back by a daily press correspondent, and made the Associated Press release. It told of Hannah Jones' cat which drank out of a goldfish bowl without molesting the fish.

This cat appealed to the weather reporter on the New York World-Telegram the other day when he decided, as the head stated, "Instead of Weather We'll Talk of Critters." The story was front page, and a clipping received by Jack Harris, district Standard Oil company manager from his son in the metropolis, was handed to this paper. Heppner is deeply indebted to Mrs. Jones' cat, and to the reporter that made it famous.

## MRS. COPPOCK PASSES

Telegraphic word was received yesterday morning by J. G. Thomson, Jr., that Mrs. Thomsons' mother, Mrs. E. G. Coppock, had just passed away at her home in Hawthorne, Cal. Mrs. Thomson and Meredith, who had responded to word of her illness, had arrived at Hawthorne last Friday. Mrs. Coppock had been ill for some time. It was expected funeral services would be held at Salem where Mr. Coppock is interred.

## LIBRARIANS WANTED

Two positions are available at present at the Heppner public library, and experience is not necessary, reports the library board. All those who are interested should contact Mrs. Floyd Jones not later than Saturday afternoon, August 30.

## Warns Planted Acres Not Affected by Rule

A recent announcement by the department of agriculture that total soil depleting allotments would be discontinued for 1942 has no bearing on 1942 wheat acreage allotments, warns Henry Baker, chairman of the local AAA committee. The chairman said that all producers of wheat in the county had been notified of their 1942 allotments and he went on to say that farmers may plan their winter wheat seedings this fall with the knowledge that wheat marketing quotas are almost certain to be in effect for the 1942 crop.

Despite marketing quotas this year a bumper crop and further shrinking of exports have combined to give the United States the largest wheat supply in history, Mr. Baker pointed out. "Farmers are apt to forget that the present price of wheat results from the 85 per cent loan made possible because a large percentage of growers supported marketing quotas," the chairman said. "They need only to look at the overcrowded warehouses and embargoes on shipments to all major terminal elevators for confirmation of the fact that the surplus is still with us."

Quotas have already been proclaimed for 1942 by the secretary of agriculture, and unless they are rejected by growers voting at a referendum next spring, they are certain to be in effect, he said, adding that growers should plan their seedings accordingly.

The chairman also reminded growers of the provisions of the 1942 agricultural conservation program that make seeding within acreage allotments important. There will be no tolerance in 1942. Instead, provision has been made for a 10 per cent reduction in parity payments for each one percent that the allotment is overseeded.

However, the chairman warned, no overseeded farm will be eligible for wheat loans, and all farms seeded in excess of acreage allotments will have excess wheat under marketing quotas.

## County to Foreclose On Delinquent Taxes

Annual foreclosure of delinquent tax property will be made with first publication of notice next week, it is announced by the tax collectors office.

The properties to be foreclosed have taxes more than three years delinquent. The list is one of the shortest in many years, indicating the better tax liquidation situation brought about by the legislative pressure and generally improved economic conditions.

## ENLIST IN NAVAL RESERVE

Richard Lorenzen and Bernard Cox, sons of Fred Lorenzen and Elbert Cox, enlisted Saturday, August 23 and left at once for the training station, San Diego, Calif. Upon completion of a short period of primary training they both plan to attend the machinist school. Their period of enlistment is four years. Those men under 18 years of age serve only for their minority. Anyone interested in this service may by contacting the postmaster receive cards to notify this office. The recruiter from the Walla Walla office calls at Heppner periodically to interview and take applications of young men interested. News of these visits will be carried in this paper, and those interested are advised to look for these announcements.

## PLEADS FOR QUAIL

"Quail is never eaten at our house," writes a subscriber in an appeal to Morrow county hunters to spare these birds. A marked magazine clipping accompanied the letter, which said: "One hundred and forty-one species of insects, nearly all injurious to crops, and 120 species of weed seeds are eaten by the quail. A family of two adult quail and ten young quail will consume some 800,000 insects and 59,000,000 weed seeds in a year!"

## Wettest August Of Record, 2.07, Gives Harvesters Trouble

### .85 Inch Fall Tuesday Hits Here; Near Cloudbursts Seen

Heppner's curbs ran full of water within a short time Tuesday afternoon when Jupiter Pluvius spilled .85 inch of moisture to give the city one of its wettest days in history and to bring the record for August well above that for any August shown on the chart of Len L. Gilliam, local observer, in thirty years. August's total to date is 2.07 inches, exceeding the previously wettest August, 1918, which stood at 1.65. The record stands in bold contrast to that of a year ago when August passed without a trace of precipitation.

Second high August of record was 1920 with 1.46 inches, and just to make 1941's August still more impressive, Gilliam's ten-year average for this month up to 1940 was a measly .16.

In making a record for the month, August's precipitation has also brought the year's total to date up to a new high, 10.77 inches. This is compared to 9.82 for the same period a year ago, and last year was the third wettest year all told since Gilliam's record has been kept.

Heppner was not alone in receiving the drenching which proved less welcome to those wheat farms having the remaining fourth of the county's bumper wheat crop still standing. The downpour reached cloudburst proportions in spots, with damage to summerfallow fences and roads. No material loss of grain has been reported.

Tuesday's rain, while the heaviest, was only one of many that have hit at frequent intervals to delay harvesting operations, and faces of farmers whose grain is not cut have been creased with wrinkles of concern.

The moisture is more welcome to stockmen, however, who see the fall ranges getting a good start of new grass. It has also been helpful to growing hay, while giving hay crews the willies. Prime example of the wet weather blessing is report from Hynd brothers' Cecil ranch where the fourth crop of alfalfa will be cut this year.

In grain country summerfallow has been well covered with weeds, already put out of the way where opportunity has afforded, and growers generally are getting ready to seed the new crop. It will come a hustling, they predict, with present moisture conditions.

## Antelope Tags Still Available to Hunters

While hunters are purchasing more antelope tags this year than has been the case in any year since open seasons on this fleet-footed animal were established, there are still tags available for hunters who desire them, according to announcement by the Oregon State Game commission.

This year there are two antelope seasons: the first, in that part of Malheur county south of the Burns-Ontario highway from September 22 to October 5, both dates inclusive. The second antelope season will be held in parts of Lake and Harney counties from September 28 to October 5, both dates inclusive.

The bag limit is one antelope of either sex, and tags cost \$1 each for resident or nonresident hunters. This fee is in addition to the regular hunting license fee.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the help of neighbors in suppressing the grass fire at our farm last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Devine.