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### Why a Soil Conservation District?

BACK in 1935-36 many Morrow county farmers almost gave up the ghost—some did—as they saw their wheat seed blown right out of the field and tremendous dust clouds covered homes and landscape. That was a trying time which brought the organization of the Lexington Blow Control district and general introduction of protective summerfallow practices.

So desperate was the situation at the time that a large interest was taken when a meeting was called at Lexington grange hall to discuss soil conservation problems; an interest so intense that two hundred odd farmers and others braved the snow and cold of a winter storm to attend. The first meeting was followed by an annual meeting in ensuing years from which were developed many fine ideas. Some of these ideas were applied—"trashy fallow," etc., in allaying a fearsome spectacle—the land blowing away in dust clouds.

It has been recognized at these meetings, however, that wind erosion is not the only enemy of the soil which the farmer has to combat. There is water erosion and rodents ever to be contended with. The entire problem of soil saving was recognized as one demanding concerted effort, but to date there has been no organization perfected for such action.

The last legislative session paved the way for such organization in setting up the structure for local soil conservation districts, and it is bring such a district to Morrow county that the referendum to vote on the Heppner Soil Conservation district has been called next Saturday.

The proposed district is not a federal agency. It is entirely a local farmer controlled vehicle, under state supervision, non-taxable, with the sole purpose of making possible soil erosion control measures that

are beyond the reach of the individual. If organized the district would be able to command the services of the Soil Conservation service and other federal agencies set up to give such aid in the way of equipment and labor.

As the picture seems today there may be no immediate help, of an extensive nature available due to the war situation, but after the war is over it appears almost certain that such agencies as the CCC's will be enlarged and their efforts redoubled in the work of permanent improvement over all the country. If such be the case it is logical that those sections organized to take advantage of the help will receive it first. That makes organization of the Heppner Soil Conservation district at this time most feasible.

Soil conservation is not new in the world. The oldest countries, China and Europe have been working at the problem for centuries. For many years foresighted American leaders have preached the coming necessity. Morrow county has already witnessed that necessity. It is now for the landholders to visit the polls Saturday, if they have not already cast an absentee ballot, and vote for the organization. It must again be emphasized that failure to vote is the same as a vote against the district. The matter is one for very serious consideration.

### FAIR PRIZE WINNERS LISTED

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Jack Edmondson, 3rd Don Peck; Yearling Ewe, 1st Jack Edmondson, 2nd Dick Edmondson; Market Lamb, 1st Bud Peck, 2nd Freddy Rugg, 3rd Tad Miller, 4th Bob Van Schoiack, 5th Dick Edmondson; Pen of 3 Market Lambs, 1st Jack Edmondson, 2nd Dick Edmondson; Breeding Ewe, 1st Don Peck, 2nd Bud Peck, 3rd Dick Edmondson.

Champion Market Lamb, Bud Peck; Champion Female, Tad Miller; Sheep Showmanship, Tad Miller.

DAIRY—Holsteins Sr. Calf, 1st Bobby Lilly, 2nd Eldon Lilly. Guernseys Jr. Calf, 1st Dale Ford; Yearling Heifer, 1st Dick Edmondson.

Champion Dairy Animal, Dale Ford; Dairy Showmanship, Eldon Lilly.

BEEF—Hereford Jr. Steer, 1st Gene Cutsforth, 2nd Dorothy Cutsforth; Sr. Steer, 1st Gene Cutsforth, 2nd Gene Cutsforth; Heifer, 1st Bob Van Schoiack.

Champion Beef Animal, Gene Cutsforth; Beef Showmanship, Dorothy Cutsforth.

WOOL SHOW—Fine Wool Ewe Fleece, 1st Bud Peck, 2nd Dick Edmondson, 3rd Jack Edmondson; Yearling Fleece, 1st Dick Edmondson, 2nd Jack Edmondson; Buck Fleece, 1st Jack Edmondson.

Cross Bred Fleece, Ewe Fleece, 1st Jack Edmondson, 2nd Dick Edmondson, 3rd Bud Peck.

Black-Faced Yearling Fleece, 1st Dick Edmondson; Buck Fleece, 1st Tad Miller.

CHICKENS — Rooster and Two Pullets, 1st Carolyn Bauman.

MORROW COUNTY GRAIN SHOW—Turkey, 1st Oscar Peterson, sweepstakes; Bluestem, 1st Devine and Gibson; Rex, 1st Frank Moyer, 2nd O. W. Cutsforth, 3rd Oscar Peterson, 4th Burton H. Peck; White Federation, 1st O. W. Cutsforth; White Wheat, 1st Frank Moyer; Hard Red Winter, 1st Frank Moyer, 2nd Frank Fraters; Barley, 1st Oscar Peterson, 2nd Devine and Gibson; Rye, 1st Frank Fraters.

HOME ECONOMICS — Vanilla Drop Cake, 1st Doris Robison, 2nd Jo McMillan, 3rd Elizabeth Edwards; Ice Box Cookies, 1st Barbara Slocum; Angel Cake, 1st Audrey Majeske, 2nd Louise Hunt, 3rd Majo Marquardt; Sponge Cake, 1st Estelle Ledbetter, 2nd Roberta Miller, 3rd Aileen Scott, 4th Loise Schunk; Canning, 1st Peggy Tamblin, 2nd Claudine Drake;

Clothing Div. I, 1st Joyce Buschke; Clothing Div. II, 1st Leola Du Fault; Clothing Div. III, 1st Betty Jane Adams; Clothing Div. IV, 1st Mildred Clary; Homemaking (Our Home), 1st Mildred Carlson, 2nd Dorothy Bergstrom, 3rd Betty Baker, 4th Eunice Peterson, 5th Carolyn Bergstrom, 6th Margery Peterson, 7th Catherine Burns; Homemaking (My Room), 1st Helen Faye Baker; Demonstration Contest, 1st Lexington Cookery Club Team, Audrey Majeske, Roberta Miller; 1st Heppner Clothing Club No. 6 Team, Mildred Clary, Gwen Glasgow; 1st Homemaking Club Team, Mildred Carlson, Dorothy Bergstrom; Champion Demonstration Team, Heppner Clothing Club No. 6; Style Review, Mildred Clary, Division IV, 1st, Betty Jane Adams, Div. III, 1st; Home Economics Judging Contest, Highest Scoring Individual, Mildred Carlson; Teams, 1st Eunice Peterson and Mildred Carlson, 2nd Jo McMillan and Estelle Ledetter, 3rd Mildred Clary and Bety Jane Adams, 4th Claudine Drake; Health Contest, 1st Yvonne Hastings.

### EQUALIZATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 7, 1941, the Directors of the West Extension Irrigation District, acting as a Board of Equalization, will meet at 8 p. m. at the office of the District in Irrigon, Oregon to review and correct the assessment of said District to be levied on or before the first Tuesday in September, 1941. Said levy will be for the period from January 1, 1942 to July 1, 1942, according to the 1941 Oregon Laws.

A. C. HOUGHTON, Secretary.

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Fair officials have set their sights for an attendance record that will definitely scrap everything that has gone before, and indications in the few days before the opening are that they will not be disappointed. Officials promise that the fair, in turn, will not disappoint the patrons. Literally thousands of exhibits will be on hand to compete for the \$42,000 premium money; and there will be also a wide variety of special displays.

Crowded livestock shows, especially cattle, augur stiff competition in the judging ring. Out-of-state cattle entries have themselves set a record, which means Oregon breeders will have more feathers in their caps if they come off with championships.

On the entertainment side, the fair goes superlative too, for special attractions and features arranged for the week hit a high not only in quality but also in quantity. Popular program for each day will be "Fun-zapoppin," the nightly revue at the grandstand with a cast of 75 name performers. And each day except the closing Sunday there will be the pari-mutuel races, night horse show and dancing to Leon Mojica's orchestra. Other daily events will be special free acts on the grounds; music concerts by the Oregon Federation of Music clubs; band con-

certs; free educational and industrial movies.

A variety of special events are in the bill for special days, including the state fair Blondes' contest Tuesday afternoon; the grange song contest Friday morning; the children's day program Saturday morning; editors' luncheon Saturday noon; and Townsend program Tuesday afternoon.

Special displays in the textile department will feature samplers and hooked rugs, the work of Oregon needle artists. Another Oregon artist, Fred Gong, a young Chinese student who recently won a \$1000 prize for his paintings in national competition, will have a special display in the art department.

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Q. Can I pledge a Defense Bond as collateral for a bank loan?

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