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Stubble Burning Frowned Upon By Land Use Group

Higher Payments for Protected Fallow Practices Sought

Burning stubbles from wheat land to facilitate summerfallowing was objected to by Morrow county land use planning committeemen and county and community AAA committeemen at an erosion control meeting in the county agent's office Tuesday.

Objection was so strong against such practice that the group went on record recommending to the county AAA committee that they withhold 50 percent of the special wheat payment from any operator who burns his stubble.

N. C. Donaldson, from the state AAA office, was present and stated that the county committee had full authority to withhold part or all of any AAA payments from farmers carrying out practices that would tend to defeat any of the purposes of the program.

Soil conservation is one of the main purposes of the AAA program and he added that burning stubble is definitely contrary to good soil conservation practices and that the state AAA committee and the western division would stand back of the county committee on any action it takes.

Burning of stubble has never been extensively practiced in Morrow county but because of heavier stubble resulting from increased moisture conditions the past summer some farmers are seriously considering burning which resulted in the group taking the action that they did.

Stubble and straw left on the surface or mixed with the surface soil has proved the best method of reducing wind and water erosion in the Columbia basin area, and although some difficulty may be had in cultivating and seeding it is considered much better to protect the soil than to burn the stubble merely to make summerfallowing easier.

Even with the large amount of stubble on the land this year the group felt that methods could be used to reduce the amount of stubble to the point where it could be handled. One method recommended is that of shallow disking in the fall, thus knocking over and breaking down some of the stubble so it would decompose by spring plowing time.

The group recommended to the state AAA committee that they take steps to obtain a higher protected fallow payment for farmers who find it desirable and necessary to disk or work their ground in the fall and where such practice meets with the approval of the county committee.

With erosion not fully controlled on many farms in the county the group recommended a wider use of contour seeding and contour farming on farms where the slope is so great that water erosion cannot be controlled by trashy fallow. They further recommended that at least five more demonstration farms be set up for demonstrating the use of contour strip farming similar to those already established on the Sanford Farming Co., Hilma Anderson and A. D. McMurdo farms.

A report by Tom Wilson of the Soil Conservation service showed that erosion was reduced about 75 percent by strips on the Anderson farm as compared to straight summerfallow in the adjoining field during a water spout last July.

The group agreed that farmers should take advantage of the favorable seeding conditions this fall and make permanent diversion by seeding crested wheat grass so they will be sure of complying with the AAA program in the future.

Idle land will not qualify as di-

EVANGELIST HERE



G. B. Schmid, successful evangelist from the Willamette valley district, begins a series of evangelistic services in the local Church of Christ Sunday, Sept. 28. Mr. Schmid besides being a good preacher, is an excellent chalk artist, and will draw pictures several times a week. Mr. Schmid was Teddy Leavitt's first convert, and has served his Christ faithfully since that time. You will enjoy hearing him and you are cordially invited to attend any and all services, reports Martin B. Clark, local pastor.

Football Kick-Off Slated for Tomorrow

When Heppner high's Mustangs meet the Arlington Honkers in the opening grid clash of the season here at 2:45 tomorrow afternoon they will give a good account of themselves. That is the prediction of Coach Lyle Swenson in telling of his prospects before the Monday Lions luncheon. Swenson said the boys are working hard to beat Arlington, their arch enemy, and with the exception of Claud Snow, fullback, on the shelf with a bad foot, will be in good condition. He urged town support to give them the morale so much needed for any team to do its best.

B. P. O. E. MEETS 25TH

Trustee's report on recent renovation of the hall and club rooms will be one of the main orders of business at the regular meeting of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, next Thursday evening, Sept. 25, announces Exalted Ruler J. G. Barratt, who asks all members to attend who can possibly do so. It is expected the new work will be completed at that time.

version next year and new rulings are likely to require that a part of the farm must be seeded to perennial grasses. The steeper slopes, potential blow areas and other parts of the farm subject to erosion are the logical locations for grass seedings.

The Oregon state agricultural program prepared by the state land use committee was also discussed. The state program was prepared to meet the impacts of war and national defense, after land use recommendations from each of the counties in Oregon had been submitted to the state committee.

George Peck of Lexington, a member of the state land use committee, presided at the Tuesday meeting. Others attending the meeting to discuss erosion control problems with the farmers were E. R. Jackman of the farm crops department of O. S. C., Art King of the soils department, and Ivan C. DeArmond, extension soil conservationist.

In closing the meeting the group invited further cooperation of the extension service, soil conservation service, AAA and the supervisors of the newly organized soil conservation district in helping carry on the program against soil erosion.

Rush Of Redshirts To Hinterland Will Be Week-End Event

Rain-Soaked Woods, Abundant Game Set for Invading Horde

One reason why Hitler should stay out of America: Most every American has a gun and knows how to use it.

If that be an imaginative statement, just go into the wooded hinterland this week end and view for yourself the horde of red-shirted hunters who will open the deer season Saturday.

Common gossip among the men folks, lo, these many weeks, has been of the big one that got away last year and which will surely be bagged this time. Guns have been cleaned and sighted, skinning knives whetted and grocery orders placed—including plenty of bacon—because not always does the hunting prize fall.

Wet? Yes, plenty wet, but with more deer than ever, is the report from the woods, which should make all hunters don an extra pair of red flannels, while catching the overflow of saliva.

Again it is expected many outside hunters will trek into the wooded glens of the south hills, as the local district's reputation has spread more and more through the years.

Anyway, the hunt starts Saturday to continue til October 25, and if nothing else happens, there'll be some tall stories at the wind-up.

County Represented Well at Round-Up

It would probably take a longer story to enumerate the number of Morrow county people who attended the Round-Up last week than it would to give the names of those who didn't. Certain it was that Morrow county people were every place in evidence.

There could be no argument from anyone that Queen Maxine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McCurdy of this county, reflected much favorable notice for the home county. In appearances at the grounds and in Friday's parade she elicited large ovations. Places of honor, too, were given Queen Kathryn Thomson of Heppner's Rodeo and her court of honor, the Misses Patty Emert, Colleen Kilkenny, Frances Wilkinson and Rita Robinson. Heppner's school band was given a place of prominence near the head of Friday's parade, and Morrow county's riding club, with Lee Beckner, Rodeo president, an outstanding member, added to the long cavalcade of cowboys and cowgirls and one of the largest assemblages of beautiful horses ever seen in one group any place.

Oscar Davis Found Dead at Home Here

Interment was held last Friday afternoon for Oscar Davis, past seventy, resident of this city for many years, who was found dead in his home here that morning. Death had occurred several days before, officials reported.

Mayor J. O. Turner first discovered the dead man when he went to Mr. Davis to have some legal papers signed. Mr. Davis had lived alone for several years since the death of Mrs. Davis and had been in poor health for some time. He had worked with sheep for many years, and for a time was a steam engineer in sawmill work. He came to this county from the Willamette valley and was a twenty-five year member of Knights of Pythias lodge.

CLASSIFICATION CLEARED

Morrow county selective service board wishes to make clear the recent 1-H classification as being those selectees who reached the age of 28 before July 1, 1941.

Second Wheat Crop For Year Revealed In Morgan District

While south end farmers have their troubles getting in all of one wheat crop due to the wet season, Elmer Griffith is thinking about harvesting his second crop for the year at Morgan.

Mr. Griffith finished harvesting a field in June. He was out on the field the other day and found the volunteer two feet high, with heads well filled and ripening.

Mrs. Olive Frye Dies Following Long Illness

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Episcopal church for Olive Louise Frye, 71, a 27-year resident of this city who passed away at her home yesterday morning following a lingering illness. Ven. Eric O. Robathan will officiate and Phelps Funeral home is in charge of arrangements. Interment will be in Masonic cemetery.

Olive Louise Skinner was born in Sandwich, New Hampshire, July 24, 1870, the daughter of Daniel and Sarah P. (Stratton) Skinner. She came to the state 51 years ago, and was married to Freeman Frye, former Heppner businessman, at Spray on August 30, 1890. In the 27 years of her residence here, Mrs. Frye took an active part in community affairs and for many years was an officer of the local Womens Relief corps, auxiliary of the G. A. R.

She is survived by one son, Maurice A. Frye of Alameda, Cal., who arrived last night for the last rites, and a daughter, Mrs. Blanche Brown of Heppner.

C. of C. Compliments Rodeo Directors

Congratulations were extended Rodeo President Lee Beckner and his board of directors for the fine manner in which they staged the 1941 show by directors of the chamber of commerce who met Tuesday evening. The congratulations were forwarded in writing.

General discussion was had of road matters, with emphasis placed upon necessity for improving the Willow creek and Hardman hill roads. A committee was also appointed to meet with the city council to discuss the probability of increasing the power load for the city to enable Heppner Lumber company's planing mill to operate in the daytime and otherwise improve operation of electrical appliances.

The next general chamber meeting will be held October 7.

Eight Morrow Men In October Call

With release of names of the eight men eligible to respond to the selective service call for August, Morrow county local board advises that these men are being given preference of enlistment.

Those named for call October 9 are Henry Irvin Buschke, Emil Henry Rauch, Kenneth Dale Lane, William Clayton Wright, Lester Lee Cox, Robert Wesley Warfield, Edward Christian Skoubo and Frank Martin Janzen. Held in reserve are John Harvey McRoberts and Charles Paul DeMoss, in case some of the first eight named should enlist.

BPW STARTS SEASON

Resignation of Miss Harriet Pointer as president and discussion of plans for attending the district conference at Timberline lodge, Sept. 27-28, were main features of Business and Professional Womens club inaugural meeting of the fall season at Lucas Place Monday evening. Miss Pointer announced intention to leave for San Francisco the first of the month to work in an importer's office.

Harvey Miller reports an average yield on his north Lexington wheat acres of approximately 39 bushels. Spots went as high as 52 bushels.

Six Month Budget For County Made Under New Law

Wage Increase Seen; Delegation Asks Willow Road Work

A law passed by the last legislature changing the assessment period from March 1 to January 1, necessitated making a six month budget for the county when the regular budget estimates were made last Monday. Another budget for a full year period, June 30 to July 1, will be prepared prior to the new fiscal year set up under the new law.

Sitting with the county court as the budget committee, whose complete report is carried in another column, were Ralph Jackson, secretary of the committee, David Hynd, John Krebs, Ralph I. Thompson, Leonard Carlson, George N. Peck, commissioner, was chairman. Bert Johnson, judge, and L. D. Neill, commissioner, completed the committee.

Though increases were found necessary in several items, including roads, the total to be levied, \$48,720, is less than half of the total levied for the full past year, \$112,805. This was due to larger estimated receipts, largely accounted for by the receipts expected from the federal government through the sale of land to be included in the north end bombing field.

An increase of 25 percent in wages of road workers, and increased prices of materials caused the committee to raise the sum to be expended for roads. The six months' budget calls for \$38,000, anticipating a total for the year of \$76,000 against the \$60,000 budgeted last year.

The committee allowed full time for a health nurse for the next six months as asked by a visiting delegation.

That demand for roads will not be lessened was indicated by another delegation which asked for gravel on Willow creek to the mouth of Shaw canyon and oiling above Heppner as far as possible. Residents of upper Willow creek were joined by chamber of commerce representatives and Heppner Lumber company representatives in asking the work.

Frank Turner, chief spokesman for the delegation, said they were not asking all the work in one year, but did ask that the court go as far as possible next year. Frank Wilkinson called attention of the court to a petition for this work, signed by many Heppner business people that had been presented to the court two years ago.

Orville L. Smith, manager of the lumber company, told of the recent purchase by his company of a large body of timber from which logs would be hauled down the Willow creek road, stating that his company was building 15 miles of road of its own to connect up. John W. Zornes, logging contractor for the company, also advised the court that hauling logs over the road as it is now would be mighty costly.

Mr. Peck and Mr. Johnson replied for the court that they were sympathetic but that no assurance could be given in the face of consideration which had to be given all the 1100 miles of county roads and the comparatively small sum available for the purpose. Mr. Johnson assured the delegation that every appeal to the court was given due consideration on its merits whether made by one person or many.

SET OLD-TIME DANCE

Lexington grange will give an old time dance for their social night, Sept. 27. Members will invite or bring friends. Pot luck of cake or sandwiches, reports the social committee.

H. H. S. junior class food sale at Hughes window, 10 o'clock, Saturday, Sept. 20.