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Ninety Farmers Attend Triple-A Meeting Monday

Miller, Cummings And Conrad Discuss '43 Crop Prospects

Ninety Morrow county farmers gathered at the I. O. O. F. hall Monday to elect community and county committeemen to administer the 1943 federal farm program.

Following election of committeemen, E. Harvey Miller, farmer field man for the AAA, discussed the changes in program for 1943. Miller explained that the program is basically an adjustment program and during times like the present can be used just as well to adjust production upward as it can to adjust production downward during periods in which we have surpluses. He added that agriculture has one of the biggest jobs it has ever had for 1943 in producing food for its armed forces, its allies and for its civilian population.

M. E. Cummings, assistant secretary for the Morrow county ACA reported on the 1942 program and showed \$182,000 coming to the county for conservation payments.

Machinery rationing, the procedure for appealing certificates of war necessity for trucks, and agricultural deferments under the teen-age draft act were explained by C. D. Conrad, county agent, who also brought out the importance feeding of wheat and other grains to livestock this year as a substitute for hay. Conrad stated that experiments at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station show that three pounds of hay can be replaced by one pound of grain. This substitute should not contain further than three pounds of grain a day for stock cows. Conrad added that with the limited supply of hay there are apt to be many losses from paralysis in sheep bands this year unless owners start feeding grain to their ewes now.

County committeemen elected at the meeting include Henry Baker, chairman, Oscar Peterson, vice-chairman; Frank Saling, regular member, and Charles McElligott and L. A. Palmer, alternate members.

A complete list of committeemen will be published in a later issue.

Tax Collections Show Increase

Tax collections in Morrow county showed a definite increase this year according to Neva Wells, deputy sheriff in charge of that division of the sheriff's office.

"Collections have been approximately \$50,000 higher this fall than in previous years. That is on the current 1942-43 taxes, to say nothing of the back taxes that have been paid up," Mrs. Wells commented. "Some of this is due to the changes in the tax set-up, while a lot of it is due to improved conditions."

Approximately \$180,000 was given over to Treasurer L. W. Briggs the first of the week by the tax collector's office. Of this sum, \$14,400 has been allocated to School Dist. No. 1, Heppner, while the city of Heppner will receive \$3,328. Irigon school district is the heaviest beneficiary in the county, receiving \$16,337.

SARAH ALICE ESTEB

Funeral services for Sarah Alice Esteb, 92, who passed away at Ione Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the chapel of the Phelps Funeral home in Heppner, Rev. Martin B. Clark officiating. Interment will be at Centerville, Wash., Saturday.



Greetings of the Season

To all the Boys "out there" and to all our friends at home who are giving them all-out support

Best wishes from the

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES FAMILY

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| O. G. Crawford | Viola Crawford |
| Steward Cole | Clara Howe |
| Elsa Leathers | Elaine Rietmann |
| Margaret Scott | Mrs. J. A. Shoun |
| Margaret Thorpe | Bernice Wattenburger |

Our Men In Service

During the past two weeks the Gazette Times has had communications from some of the boys in the service. Due to crowded condition of the paper last week this column was omitted with a promise that a read column would appear in the Christmas issue. That promise is being made good.

From Camp Roberts, Calif., we have a Christmas card from Lt. Paul McCarty which we want to pass on to our readers. Writes Paul:

Merry Christmas to all. The Gazette is really a welcome newspaper when Mom forwards it to me—is only contact, outside of letters from Star theatre and Eight Mile I have with Heppner.

Haven't seen any Heppner boys since last summer, altho I hear Harlan McCurdy and Hughie Curran are here. They are in the field artillery and I am in the infantry. Hear occasionally from Scott McMurdo in San Diego. Says he sees Len and Maxine Gilman once in a while. Guess Clayton Wright, and wife, (Rita Robinson) are in Fresno, so I hear, about 90 miles from here.

Must prepare for rifle range—now teaching the men to shoot the basic infantry weapon—which reminds me, is deer hunting season now open?

Happy New Year. (Paul is now getting the paper regularly through the kindness of his aunt, Mrs. P. A. Anderson of Seattle.)

From somewhere "out there" comes a letter from Cpl. Donald R. Fell. It came some time ago and was held pending arrival of some other letters.

Dear Sir: Received your first copy of the Gazette Times yesterday and was pleased to get it as it isn't often that we get news from home, at

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HAVE YOU A COAT HANGER OR TWO YOU CAN SPARE?

There is a scarcity of coat hangers at Camp Adair, near Corvallis. In fact, the scarcity is so great that no less than 150,000 hangers are needed and Morrow county has been asked to provide 1,000 of them.

Due to the nature of the climate and the fact that the boys have to be out in all kinds of weather, calling for continuous cleaning of their military clothes, they are having difficulty in keeping the uniforms in condition. This can be remedied somewhat by the use of hangers for hanging the clothes up to dry and at the same time eliminate wrinkles.

Give only wooden or metal hangers—no paper ones wanted.

In the Heppner area, leave at the Gazette Times office and they will be forwarded.

List of Service Men from County Continues to Grow

Morrow county's list of men in the service was increased by 14 Monday when that number of draftees boarded the train for Spokane for induction.

Included in the list were Olan Keith Ridgway of Seattle, reporting from the Morrow county draft board; Clarence Claude Carmichael, Daniel Ray Dinges and Irvin Eldred Rauch, Lexington; Everett Laurence Crump, Charles Arthur Nelson and Earl Eugene Wells, Hermiston; Philip Malcolm Reno, Ione; Loyd Leeland Burkenbine, Delvin Orval Matteson, Frank Martin Lovgren, Keith Sylvester Marshall, John Bell and Carl Dean Hiatt, Heppner.

In addition to the above draftees the draft board office announces several enlistments. Carl Otto Bauman, navy; Willard "Billy" Allen Blake, army; Malcolm S. O'Brien, navy; Merle E. Burkenbine, navy; Hugh Vawter Crawford, navy; Andy H. VanSchoiack, flying cadet in U. S. army air force.

Some of the above are not due for immediate service due to attending college or other temporary deferment, it is stated, and will be subject to call when training ranks need filling.

Jan. 15 Deadline for Truck Tire Inspection

Farm truck owners are reminded that January 15 is the deadline for the first tire inspection required by the ODT for changes in mileage and sity set up.

Appeal forms for appealing to the ODT for changes in mileage and gasoline allowances on certificates of war necessity for trucks are being printed and will be in the hands of the county farm transportation committee soon.

While it is necessary for all truck operators to conserve on rubber and trucks as much as possible the ODT has assured the county transportation committee that sufficient gasoline will be allowed for all essential hauling.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

After seven weeks in the hospital at The Dalles where he was treated for a mangled and crushed hand, William H. Ellis returned to Heppner Friday. The hand was injured when Ellis was helping to put a derailed car back on the track at the Heppner Lumber company siding. Use of the hand will not be determined for several months, it is reported.

RECOVERING FROM INJURY

Harold Woodward, Morrow county man serving in the army, is spending a few days in the county visiting friends and relatives. He has been hospitalized at Vancouver receiving treatment for injuries received in an accident while on guard duty in the Puget Sound area. He will return to the hospital for further treatment before joining a combat unit.

40 Items of Farm Machinery Listed In County Quota

Senate Committee To Probe Shortages Early Next Month

Farm machinery rationing quotas have been received by the Morrow county rationing committee for 15 kinds of farm machinery. Meantime in Washington Sen. Trueman announced his special senate investigating committee is to hold hearings on farm machinery shortages next month.

Farmers are urged to place their applications for the new machinery that they will have to have during 1943 so the committee may determine where the machinery will do the most good in helping meet production goals.

Quotas for Morrow county so far include wheel type tractors 4; grain drills 4; tractor drawn or mounted moleboard plows 3; spike tooth harrows 3; spring tooth harrows 4; disc harrows 4; rod weeders 8; horse drawn mowers 1; tractor drawn mowers 3, and one each of the following: dump rake, side delivery rake, sweep rake, hay stackers, combines less than 6 feet, and combines over 6 feet.

Quotas for the following items will not be issued until following the farm sign up in January, during which time the determination of the needs will be made: garden planters, garden tractors, dairy equipment including milking machines, cream separators and milk coolers.

County quotas for some 25 items include cultivators, elevators, gas engines, feed grinders, irrigation pumps, and hay balers will not be issued as the quotas for the state are so small that county quotas are not possible and applications for this machinery will be forwarded on to the state USDA war board and purchase certificates issued by the state board if the needs of the applicant are considered.

Application blanks for the purchase of new machinery will be forwarded on to the state USDA war board and purchase certificates issued by the state board if the needs of the applicant are considered adequate.

Application blanks for the purchase of new machinery are available at the County agent's office there to be acted on by the county farm machinery rationing committee and applications should be left there.

Two Deaths Strike Family Same Day

Mrs. Clarence Carmichael of Lexington was called to Deep River, Wash., Saturday in response to a message that her brother-in-law, Frank Towers, lost his life in an accident early Friday afternoon. Towers was employed with a timber company. Details of the accident were not made known before Mrs. Carmichael left Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Deep River.

Shortly after receiving word of Mr. Tower's death, Mrs. Carmichael received a communication telling of the death of her sister, Vivian Marino, at Seattle late Friday afternoon. Death resulted from an attack of pneumonia with which Mrs. Marino was ill for one week. She is survived by the husband and two daughters.

Mr. Carmichael was unable to accompany his wife due to the fact that he had to leave Monday evening for induction into the army.

ON SICK LIST

Ture Peterson has been absent from his accustomed place in the meat department at Central Market due to an attack of flu.