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Alcohol Plant To Be Started at Once

War Board to Have More Say On Farm Labor

Arlington Confab Reveals Plans to Defer Farm Youths

More power has been vested in local war boards regarding deferment of farm youths. This was revealed to a group of representative farm boards from Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties in conference at Arlington Monday to consider steps to be taken in securing ample labor to handle the crop situation in ensuing months. At the conference were farm labor committees, extension division representatives and USDA war boards called to confer with selective service boards of the several counties. The war manpower commission has directed that local war boards have more to say in regard to farm labor. This has been done, according to C. D. Conrad, county agricultural agent, in view of the fact that local boards are better acquainted with the situation in their respective areas both as to production and labor needs. It is urged that the war boards seek, when deemed essential, the deferment of farm youths whose parents have not sought such deferment.

Capt. Walker of the state selective service board, stated to the group that the most important task confronting the boards is to see that agriculture gets enough labor to produce the crops demanded under the war program. He emphasized the need of more farm labor and the importance of farmers seeking deferment of farm laborers within the draft age. Seriousness of the labor shortage is revealed in a discussion held by the group relative to training women to take the place of men as tractor drivers and handling other machinery heretofore considered strictly a male function. Representatives of the U. S. employment service, vocational agricultural department and war boards presented this angle, but it was not determined to what length such a project would be pressed, Conrad concluded.

First Nursing Class Completes Course

A class of 15 women completed the home nursing course Monday evening and a second class will be organized at 8 o'clock p. m. Monday March 22, according to Mrs. Tress McClintock who has been active in the formation and operation of the class.

At the close of the class Monday evening each member was given a pin and certificate and in appreciation of the efficient work of the instructor, Mrs. Edmond Shroeder, the group presented her with a gift.

It is the expectation that many women of the community will take advantage of the opportunity presented through this instruction course by joining the new class. The first class sessions were held at the home of Mrs. Frank Rumble and the new class will meet there next Monday night.

Those receiving certificates Monday evening were Ella Bengel, Florence Bergstrom, Ruth Bergstrom, Blanche Brown, Nina Burkenbine, Winifred Cox, Doris Elliott, Emma Evans, Mattie Green, Irene Greenwood, Etta Howell, Erma Keithley, Myrthena Martin, Lucy Peterson and Evelyn Youngberg.

Hardman Soldier Reported Slain in African Campaign

By ELSA M. LEATHERS
The Hardman community is deeply grieved this week. John E. Stevens received word that his son, Tech. 5th Grade James A. Stevens, was killed in action Feb. 14 in the north Africa campaign.

James was the oldest son and was inducted into the army in March, 1941. He was a mechanic and received most of his basic training at Fort Knox Ky. He was with the tank division over seas.

Jim received his education in the Hardman grade and high school. At this time the high school is planning to purchase a flag in his honor.

Besides the large circle of friends that Jim gave his life for he leaves his father, John E. Stevens, a brother Harold and family, and a sister Alta, all of Hardman, and another sister, Mrs. Stanley Musgrave of Monument; besides a number of other relatives.

Pvt. Claude G. Hastings is visiting here and at Kinzua for 15 days from Tennessee where he is stationed.

Cpl. Raymond J. Howell has been visiting in Morrow county with friends and relatives from California where he is stationed.

Assistance Available For Crop Production

Assistance to county ranchers in maintaining range land for maximum production of meat and wool is available through a grazing land management practice added to the AAA program this year.

Purpose of the practice is to assure full and proper utilization of grass and water for peak production needed now, and still conserve range resources to maintain that production as long as it is needed.

A payment of two cents for each acre of grazing land will be made to operators who follow an approved management plan in 1943. In addition, an allowance of three cents for each acre will be available for performing supplemental practices.

Heirs Take Over Bruce Kelley Estate

M. H. Sherman of Portland and Mrs. F. R. Brockschink of Eugene, first and second cousins respectively of the late Bruce B. Kelley, and named in his will as executors of the property. Mrs. Brockschink his estate, have taken possession of was here Sunday to attend Mr. Kelley's funeral and Mr. Sherman came a day or so later.

By the terms of the will the Kelley holdings may not be sold or leased within 15 years. This puts it up to the executors to remain in charge for that length of time and they have made arrangements whereby Mr. Sherman will take over as ranch manager. He will return to Portland to wind up business affairs before moving here to live.

Principal bequests made by Kelley were to Earl and Howard Bryant, each of whom will receive \$3000 from the estate.

FOOD SALE

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold a food sale Saturday at the Case Furniture company. Food will be on sale at 10 a. m.

Representative Finds Legislature Interesting Diversion

If it were possible, every citizen should have an opportunity to serve at least in one session of the state legislature. That is the opinion of Henry Peterson, Eight Mile farmer chosen representative for the 22nd district in the November 1942 election, who returned Sunday from Salem.

Aside from the political angle with its lobbying, trading and other features, the process of law-making is educational and something from which any interested person may derive pleasure, Peterson states. Disagreements are prevalent but divergent opinions serve to bring out most of the angles to any problem presented, thus giving the people the benefit of the study made by their representatives.

Peterson stated that he did his best to work for the interests of the district, and not without results. He reported that the wise representative serving his first term does far more listening than talking and is justified in seeking the counsel of his colleagues who have one or more terms to their credit. He voted against the proposal to place fortified wines under control of the state liquor control board, taking the stand that the liquor is sold by many store keepers who are being deprived of stocks of food and other supplies and who may still continue to operate if permitted to sell low content alcoholic beverages. He felt the liquor control board did not need this extra revenue, especially at the expense of numerous stores that would be forced to close their doors.

NANCY BURKE HAYES

Hayes, 78, whose death occurred Wednesday morning, March 17, will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Friday, March 19, from the Church of Christ, Martin B. Clark officiating. Arrangements are in charge of Phelps Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hayes had been a resident of Morrow county for 50 years 45 years of that time on the home place known as the Jim Hayes ranch, where her children were raised and which she aided her husband in building into one of the substantial properties of the county.

Surviving are the following children: Glen of Heppner, James of Rhea Creek, Anderson of Portland, Rose McConkie of Wayan, Ida, Lola Robinett, North Powder and Inez Gentry at home. There are 11 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, also a brother, Wade Hayes and a sister, Sally Running, of Eugene.

BOY SCOUT WORK TAKES ON NEW LIFE HERE

The local Boy Scout council, in session Thursday evening, chose a master and assistant master for the Scout troop and laid plans for active participation in Scout lore the coming season.

John Fuiten has been prevailed upon to accept the post of scout master and he will be assisted by Don Strait. The troop has been inactive since the resignation of Martin B. Clark late in the fall.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

Anderson Hayes and Erb Hayes came from Spokane Wednesday night to attend the funeral of Nancy Burke Hayes. Erb Hayes is a brother of Joe Hayes, Morrow and Gilliam county sheepman. Both he and Anderson Hayes formerly resided in Heppner.

Grain Products, Inc. Choses Site Adjoining Heppner Sawmill

Heppner will be the location of a brand new industry in Oregon, the manufacture of grain alcohol from wheat, following decision of the board of directors of Grain Products, Inc., in session here Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of selecting a site for the plant. This will be the first plant set up by the corporation, the plan being to put plants into operation in several important wheat centers as soon as materials for building operations become available.

NOT ENOUGH SPACE

The Gazette Times has several items, letters and articles, some of which have lain on the desk two or three weeks, which will eventually get into print. Each week these items have been deferred through lack of space and time for preparation, but the editorial intention is good and the material, some of it at least will find space ere long.

Rural Fire Control Conference Subject

County Agent C. D. Conrad is in Arlington today attending a conference on rural fire control in which the Columbia basin counties are interested. Representatives of farm groups were to confer with spokesmen for the U. S. forest service, extension service and county civilian defense units in outlining a program for 1943 fire protection.

Art King, soil specialist for the state extension service and who has been loaned to the fire control service, was expected to attend and assist in mapping out the 1943 program.

As in 1942, it is expected the counties will be divided into zones, with two wardens to the zone. This method was found quite effective last year and it was Conrad's opinion that a similar procedure would prevail in 1943.

Lexington School Boosts Red Cross

Always at or near the top in fund campaigns of one type or another, the Lexington school has once more come through, this time in support of the Red Cross war fund. Tuesday of this week it was reported that students, faculty and janitor had subscribed a total of \$52.37 to the county's quota of \$2100.

Of the amount raised, several youngsters contributed one dollar each, although their parents had included them in family subscriptions.

Other schools of the county perhaps have done as well in proportion as Lexington but their reports are not in.

ATTEND SCOUT MEETING IN WALLA WALLA

Kenneth House and George A. Corwin of Heppner and Vednon Kowles of the Lexington school faculty drove to Walla Walla Tuesday afternoon where in the evening they attended a meeting of the Blue Mt. Scout council, of which House is a member. The meeting was held at the Grand hotel where dinner was served.

In addition to the "Scouters", attending were Regional Executive Rex Munger of Portland and several Blue Mt. Council executives. Several matters of importance to the council area were disposed of, House reports.

Cliff Hansen, field executive of Blue Mt. Council, attended a meeting of the Morrow county council held at the city council room Thursday evening. Outlines for the season's activities of local scouts were presented and acted upon.

Decision was reached by the directors following study of a report submitted by John H. Boden, chemical engineer from St. Helena, Calif., who has been in the field several weeks and made an exhaustive study of various locations. His report showed the Heppner site offered definite advantages in operation costs, with close access to both fuel and wheat surpluses.

Although not divulging definite plans this morning, it is known the company has been sold for some time on the site chosen. Main feature is a proposed tie-up with Heppner Lumber company in obtaining steam directly from the sawmill. This will, if carried through take care of the fuel situation. The new plant will be set up on land acquired early this week from the Clark estate and directly adjoining the Heppner Lumber company site.

Wheat and livestock men of the Columbia basin will benefit alike from the corporation's first unit officials of the concern state. It will utilize approximately 300,000 bushels of wheat a year and will turn out 2,000 gallons of alcohol

A meeting to explain the organization of Grain Products, Inc., and its plans of operation to the many people who have been waiting patiently for some word on its progress, has been scheduled for 2 p. m. Sunday, March 21, at the IOOF hall in Heppner.

John H. Boden, chemical engineer assisting in launching the operation, as well as several of the directors will be on hand to answer questions. An invitation has been extended to the public to attend.

In addition to 10 tons of high protein livestock feed each day. As stated previously in these columns, this product is sufficient to feed, when mixed with whole grain, 1,000 head of cattle or 5,000 head of hogs, opening the possibility of making Heppner a livestock finishing-off center. Plans previously discussed involve purchase of sufficient land to permit feeding of stock at the plant.

Having purchased the building and equipment of a fruit alcohol manufacturing concern at Carver, Clackamas county, several months ago, Grain Products, Inc., is in position to begin construction next week, officials announce. Pending final decision to locate here, local officials of the group had made arrangements to haul gravel from Umatilla for use in foundation construction and road surfacing. It is the desire of the company to be ready for operation as soon as the new plant of the Heppner Lumber company starts up.

Officers and directors of Grain Products, Inc., include C. J. Hanscom, Athena farmer, president; Clyde Denney, Lexington, vice president; Earl Hoag, livestock and wheat rancher of Blalock, treasurer; C. D. Conrad, Heppner, secretary; and C. A. Ish, Mikkalo farmer, Lee Beckner and Delbert Emert of Ione, the other directors.

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