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FARM RELIEF BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Measure Wins By Large Vote, Debenture Clause And All.

Washington.—A farm bill unacceptable to President Hoover because it contains the export debenture plan was passed Tuesday by the senate, 54 to 33, after a full month's labor. Both branches of congress now have acted upon agricultural relief legislation but the greatest uncertainty surrounds its final enactment because of the sharp difference between the senate and the house on the debenture action. The president early in the session strongly objected to that method of farm relief. The senate measure was messaged Wednesday to the house where administration leaders are inclined to refuse the bill. They base this on contentions that the senate had no right to initiate the debenture proposal on the theory that it is revenue legislation and therefore constitutionally must originate in the house. Strong opinion was expressed Tuesday in the senate and administration leaders have been working to prevent a deadlock. The farm bill was passed in the senate largely by the same combination of democrats and republican independents, who voted for the debenture plan.

Thirty one administration republicans including Senator Watson of Indiana, the party leader, voted against the bill as a protest of the debenture section. Two democrats, Wagner of New York and Walsh of Massachusetts also voted against the bill. Nine senators who voted against debentures, however, voted for the measure, but even if they had cast their ballot with the administration group the bill would have passed. These senators were Capper of Kansas, Couzens and Vandenberg of Michigan, Cutting of New Mexico, McNary and Steiwer of Oregon, Shortridge of California, and Thomas of Idaho, republicans, and Ransdell of Louisiana, democrat.

Immediately after the measure had been passed, Senator McNary, as chairman of the agricultural committee, obtained consent to have a conference committee appointed for the purpose of meeting with a similar committee from the house, should one be authorized to agree on disputed sections. The senate conference committee is composed of Chairman McNary, Senators Capper and Ransdell of Louisiana, who are opposed to the debenture plan, and Norris of Nebraska and Smith of South Carolina who favor it. Just prior to the final vote, the democratic spokesmen warned republican leaders that refusal of the house to receive the senate bill because of the debenture section would mean defeat of all agricultural legislation. The democrats, Robinson of Arkansas, the party leader, and Harrison of Mississippi, declared that if no farm measure is finally approved, the responsibility would rest upon the republican leadership.

In the name, the senate farm bill does not differ greatly from the measure passed some time ago by the house which has the endorsement of Mr. Hoover. Except for the debenture plan, both bills seek to aid the farm situation by setting up a comprehensive structure for the orderly marketing of crops so as to prevent the surplus from disturbing price levels. Those who voted for the bill included Senators Borah and Thomas of Idaho, Dill of Washington and McNary and Steiwer of Oregon. Among the eight senators not voting on the bill but who were reported as favoring it were Senator Jones of Washington.

Funeral of Mrs. Cockburn
The funeral services of Mrs. Mack Cockburn were largely attended Sunday afternoon at the Christian church in Milton. Mrs. Cockburn was well known and prominent in many organizations, which was evidenced by the hosts of beautiful flowers. Rev. Blakeney of Walla Walla conducted the services at the church and the Milton chapter of the Eastern Star attending in a body had charge of the services at the grave. Mrs. H. I. Watts acted as an honorary pall bearer.

Bingham Hatchery To Open
The Bingham Springs Hatchery on the Umatilla river which has been idle for two years will be opened this season by the state game commission. For some time the sportsmen of Umatilla county have been urging that this be done. Eastern brook and rainbow trout hatched and cultured there will be released in the streams of the surrounding territory.

Athena Grade and High School Teachers On Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Meyer and little daughter left Sunday for Marshfield where they have an attractive home. Mr. Meyer who has been principal of the Athena schools for the past two years, and who has been in the teaching profession for seventeen years, will take up a business career in the near future.

Miss Dorothy Brodie has left for Eugene where she will visit friends for a time. Later she will motor to Oakland, California, where she will visit at the home of her parents.

Miss Mildred Bateman plans to spend the summer at the home of her parents in Milton.

At present Mr. Frederick is at Pullman, Washington. Mrs. Frederick and her sister, Mrs. Laithe are planning to spend several weeks here and will join Mr. Frederick later.

Mr. Miller and family will spend several weeks in Athena and later go to Cheney where Mr. Miller will take up work along educational lines sufficient to obtain his life certificate. He will also take some work in physical educational education and coaching.

The Miller children will attend the training school spending the morning hours in study. Mrs. Miller's parents make their home in Cheney, and she will visit them during the summer.

Mr. Rominger's headquarters have been transferred to Freewater and he and Mrs. Rominger will spend the summer in that city.

Miss Della Bryant and Miss Blanche Thorson have left on an extensive motor trip, stopping en route to visit their parents at Stanfield and Marshfield. They will drive through California, South to the Grand Canyon and back by way of Denver, returning here about the middle of August.

Health Assn. Starts Drive for Members

With the selection of J. V. Tallman as County Chairman, final plans for the annual Umatilla County Health Association membership drive were completed today and the work is now under way. The drive closes on May 25th. County directors include Carl Gilbert, Echo; Mrs. C. S. McNaught, Hermiston; Mrs. Marvin Roy, Pilot Rock; Mrs. Omar Babeck, Indian Agency; L. L. Ljeuallen, Adams; Lance Kellough, Weston, Robert Brinker, Freewater; Henry Casteel, Meacham; Mrs. Homer Watts, Athena and Albert E. Tate, Helix.

Funds derived from the drive are used to further the health work in Umatilla and that it has been effectively handled in the past the benefit of all sections, is shown in the following summary of the twelve month report of Miss Edna Flanagan, Umatilla County Health Nurse. During the year, through the loan fund, the association has aided in buying glasses for eighteen children, it has secured tonsil and adenoid operations for eighteen others and has provided dental care for four. This money has been loaned and paid back as the parents were able, thus allowing the children to have the corrections as needed. The children benefited came from Hermiston, Stanfield, Holdman, Athena, Reith, Pilot Rock, Pendleton, Helix, Riverside, Milton, Ferdale, District 69, Adams and Umapine. During the year a goitre survey was also held at which 1,022 children were examined by physicians. The result showing about 28 per cent of the children showing enlarged thyroid gland.

There has been an average of twelve social service cases handled a month, 10 general cases and nineteen child welfare, beside general relief work. Twenty patients have been sent to Doernbecher Hospital from Umatilla County during the year and have been discharged. Five have been returned for clinics, two have been admitted through private source, and two applications for treatment are in at the present time. Two are now at the Hospital, one for operation and one for treatment.

Recital To Be Given
Music students of Miss Edna Hanna will be presented in recital next Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at the auditorium. They will be assisted by Miss Mildred Hill, pianist of Walla Walla who will play several numbers. Miss Betty Weatherman also of Walla Walla will play a group of violin solos. Miss Weatherman is a Miss of twelve years of age, who is very accomplished and it will be a great pleasure to hear her. A invitation is extended to all to attend.

Miss Pinkerton Is Honoree
Miss Jule Pinkerton was honoree at a birthday party Monday when her mother entertained commemorating her daughter's eleventh birthday. Ten girls and ten boys motored to the Pinkerton country home where they enjoyed an afternoon of games, followed by ice cream served with a birthday cake.

Will Leave for South Dakota
Mrs. E. C. Prestbye will leave next week for South Dakota where she will visit her maternal grandparents for a time. Mrs. Prestbye will be joined by her sister Mrs. Joseph Joyce, in Spokane who will make the trip with her. Selista Pickett, Mrs. Prestbye's brother who has been staying with her will also accompany her.

Members of Faculty and Graduating Class of Athena High School, for Year of '29

Faculty



MISS MILDRED BATEMAN, MISS DOROTHY BRODIE, SUPERINTENDENT LEE A. MEYER, MRS. ESTHER FREDERICK, MR. HAROLD W. FREDERICK

Class of '29



LEFT ROW READING DOWN—WILFORD MILLER, PEARL GREEN, ORAL MICHENER, WELDON BELL, ALBERTA CHARLTON, EDWIN MCEWEN, GEORGE GROSS, ARETA KIRK.

RIGHT ROW READING DOWN—WAYNE PINKERTON, MARJORIE WILSON, RALPH MCEWEN, LEE FOSTER, MILDRED STREET, JACK DOW, EMMA RINGEL, SUPERINTENDENT LEE A. MEYER

Roy Montgomery Resigns As Pendleton Police Chief

Pendleton.—Complete shake-up in the Pendleton police force came with the resignation of Roy Montgomery, chief of police. Charles Lemons, who has for some time been day patrolman, has been appointed acting chief by Mayor McAtee and this appointment was acted upon by the city council last night.

L. W. Connor, who has for several months been traffic officer, has been made day patrolman and Frank Hutton, former city traffic officer and for a time county prohibition officer, has been replaced on the force as traffic officer.

Pasco Air Jubilee
Tuesday morning, an airplane soared over Athena and in its flight dropped myriads of colored cards advertising the Pasco Air Jubilee to be held at that city Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 16, 17, 18. A Legion Carnival Smoker with boxing matches and airplane races and stunts are included in the three days' program. Fifty airplanes will be on hand and an exhibition of the Ford tri-motored plane will be a feature of the program.

Yeggs Busy in Walla Walla
Two burglaries and a holdup featured the week-end in Walla Walla last week. The robbery occurred at a rooming house, while the two burglaries took place at the Logan-Hahn garage and the Garden City Feed mills. At the rooming house \$85 was netted, and at the other two places from the burglars' point of view were failures because only a few pennies were obtained.

Commencement Held Friday, May 10th At the High School Auditorium

Friday evening, May 10, marked the event of Commencement for the class of 1929 of the Athena High school.

Fifteen students were presented with diplomas following a program including music and a splendid address by Dr. Davis of Whitman College.

The auditorium was beautifully decorated by members of the Junior class, lavishly using a profusion of spring flowers accenting shades of rose and cream, which were the class colors. The auditorium was filled to capacity, standing room being at a premium.

The members of the graduating class were, Weldon Allen Bell, Alberta Charlton, Jack William Dow, Lee Foster, Pearl Irene Green, George Gross, Areta Maxine Kirk, Marjorie Marguerite Wilson, Edwin Ljovise McEwen, Ralph McEwen, Jr., Oral Michener, Wilford Miller, Donald Wayne Pinkerton, Emma Marie Ringle and Mildred Street.

Has Birthday Party
Mrs. Sheldon Taylor was hostess at dinner Thursday evening in honor of her daughter Nylene. Covers were laid for eight of the honoree intimate friends at a prettily appointed table centered with yellow daisies and flowering almond. A pink and yellow color scheme was accented, and the honor guest cut a beautiful birthday cake decorated with thirteen candles. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Taylor were, Marjorie Montague, Bernice Wilson, Helen Barrett, Barbara Lee, Velma Ross, Laura Ross and Mary Jane Miller.

Mother's Day Is Observed in Athena

Mother's Day was appropriately observed at the Athena churches last Sunday.

Programs made up of numbers by the little folks were given at the Sunday school hour and flowers were presented to all guests.

A union service occurred at the Christian church in the evening and was most interesting, and well attended. The first part of the program was a miscellaneous nature readings, solos and a talk by Mr. Dow being much enjoyed.

This was followed by a pageant depicting the dreams and memories of a mother, and was most appealing.

The altar was beautifully decorated with apple blossoms lupine and tulips and the lighting effects used were lovely. Musical numbers, solos, quartettes and duets told the life story of the dear mother represented, and were beautiful and appropriate.

Baptist Missionary Society
The members of the Baptist Missionary Society spent a profitable and enjoyable afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. O. Stephens last Thursday. A business session was held, the annual election of officers taking place. The following officers will serve during the ensuing year, Mrs. H. A. Street, president; Mrs. C. L. McFadden, vice-president; Mrs. O. O. Stephens, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Zeltha McIntyre, chairman of the White Cross committee; Mrs. Louis Stewart, chairman of the program committee. Mrs. Ralph Haynes of Burns sang a solo, and Mrs. F. L. Pittman gave a reading. Little Laura Jean Payne delighted the guests with two solos. Following the program a social hour was enjoyed and Mrs. Clarence Zerba and Mrs. Dow served dainty refreshments.

Passenger Ship Makes Initial Trip to Walla Walla from Spokane

Walla Walla.—Air service between Walla Walla, Spokane and Portland was inaugurated Tuesday, one of the Mamer service planes making the trip to Walla Walla in the morning, dropping two passengers, continuing to Portland, and picking up the men again in the evening. For the present it is announced, trips to Walla Walla will be made when there are passengers to come from either Portland or Spokane, or when Walla Walla people make reservations to go to either Portland or Spokane. Reservations may be made through the automobile club office at the Marcus Whitman. Later it is planned to make Walla Walla a regular port of call.

Clarence L. Spence, formerly of Walla Walla, now manager of the Western Auto Supply company store at Spokane, and Norman Wakefield, general manager of the Mamer company, at Spokane were the passengers on the plane which left Spokane, piloted by Jack Rose, at 7 a. m. Rose flew on to Portland and stopped here about 5 p. m. to take the men home.

Both Spence and Wakefield spoke at the weekly chamber of commerce luncheon at the Marcus Whitman.

"A live city with a live chamber of commerce will have an air port," said Mr. Spence. "Your new airport is visible for five miles away and is easy to land on."

The trip today was the first for the new passenger service into and out of Walla Walla. Since April 18 the Mamer company have been flying from Spokane to Portland, via Yakima, and the line has been paying its way. The Mamer people are men of broad vision, are well financed, and capable.

"Cities must prepare for the future by building airports."

Mr. Wakefield spoke of the opening of the air service, saying two four-passenger planes are being used, a Buick sedan and a Ryan brougham on alternate days. A little later, when business justifies, the new Ford tri-motored "West Wind" will be put on the run, making Walla Walla a regular. The planes leave Spokane at 7 a. m. reach Walla Walla at 8:30 and Portland at 10:30. Returning from Portland they leave at 3 a. m., reach Walla Walla at 5 and Spokane at 6:30.

Reservations for passage to Portland must be made by five o'clock of the day previous while reservation to Spokane can be made up to two o'clock in the afternoon on which the passage is desired.

Walla Walla To Dedicate Airport

Walla Walla.—Impressive ceremonies have been planned for the dedication of Walla Walla's new municipal airport which will be held Saturday afternoon as the feature of the second Walla Walla air derby, which will be held May 24, 25 and 26. The new airport has been dedicated to the sacrifices made by ex-service men of the community and has been named the Veterans Memorial airport. Representatives of all ex-service men's organizations with the American Legion drum corps of Walla Walla and the U. S. Veterans hospital band will be in charge of the dedication.

One of the most extensive air show programs ever to be arranged in the history of the Pacific Northwest is planned for the 1929 air derby. It is expected that more than 50 airplanes of all types will be in Walla Walla for the derby.

The three day derby program will see the finish of the derby race from Portland to Walla Walla and the Spokane to Walla Walla derby Friday, May 24. Races and stunt flying by U. S. army and navy and commercial planes will be held each afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock. The program will close each day with parachute jumping contests with several of the best known parachute jumpers of the Northwest participating. Passenger carrying will be a feature. Admission prices for the derby will be 50 cents each day.

Athena Won Game
Athena won her game Sunday with Weston by the score of 6 to 5. Gross was very effective in the box for Athena until the ninth inning when his steady pitching began to tell on him the high point of the game. and he allowed hits enough to bring in three runs. York did the work in the box for Weston with nice pitching. A three bagger by Myrick was

WHEAT MEN WANT RATE TO PORT CUT

Discontent With Mackley-Hall Report Is Expressed.

Puget Sound Bureau, Seattle, Wash.—Recent developments in eastern Washington in respect to freight rates on wheat indicate that the worm has turned, forcing the Columbia basin differential case to give way to the demand for a general lowering of the grain rate levels.

In other words, wheat growers of the Big Bend, the Palouse and Walla Walla districts are weary of such phrases as "parity rates" and "equalization of ports," are displeased with the Mackley-Hall report that seemingly overlooked the appeal for lower rates from the inland empire to Pacific ports, and they are demanding that all forces combine for a determined fight to lower grain rates as suggested by the Hoch-Smith resolution.

Responsible spokesmen for the wheatgrowers have been heard complaining and demanding action in the last few days, such, for example, as the following from the Washington Farmer, published in Spokane: "No quitting now on freight rate fight; growers refuse to let report on Portland differential case obscure the facts that Canada ships her grain for half the cost United States producers pay."

Similarly, J. Carl Laney, Colfax, secretary of the Washington state farm bureau, proclaims: "The Washington, Oregon and Idaho grain growers must have production costs, including that of transportation to North Pacific ports, sufficiently low to enable them to compete on a profitable basis with the Alberta growers."

Behind these expressions of dissatisfaction over the Mackley-Hall report, there is a movement to overwhelm and nullify the report when it is argued before the interstate commerce commission late in this month.

With Canadian competition aggravated by reductions for midwest points, the Inland Empire growers are in a fighting mood, which is shown by the following excerpt from the current issue of the Idaho Farmer: "Northwest farm organizations will renew their fight with greater intensity to obtain a reduction of freight rates on grain shipments from the Inland Empire to ports on the north Pacific coast as the result of voluntary reductions in the middle west on grain shipped to north Atlantic ports."

"The reduction sought is one-third on export shipments from northern Idaho, eastern Washington and eastern Oregon to Portland, Longview, Tacoma and Seattle, and not less than 10 cents a hundred on shipments from nearer points, and 15 cents on shipments from southern Idaho."

"The Portland Chamber of Commerce declared its support for such a reduction and other northwest bodies are expected to join in petitioning the interstate commerce commission."

State and U. S. Men Meet in Freewater

Freewater.—Four members of the state board of horticulture held an open hearing with 75 fruit growers here Monday morning, with Federal inspectors W. L. Clore of Oregon, M. L. Dean of Idaho and J. R. Greiner of Washington also in attendance.

The object of the meeting was to establish a standard state grade which will conform with the federal grade, the present Washington and Oregon grades is 10 per cent tolerance, while the federal grade is 5 per cent. Idaho state and federal grades conform. Growers here agreed to recommend a uniform federal and state grade, as the present variance means lower fruit standards and tends to lower the reputation of Oregon fruit.

The federal board announced that two United States grades, to be known as one and two, were planned in place of one, as at present.

H. H. Witherspoon, of the state board, said that on the first ten shipping days of their prune season all cars would be policed in this district with no extra charge to growers for this inspection. If the fruit is found unmarketable, the car would be red tagged, thus proclaiming its condition to eastern dealers.

The commission left for a similar hearing at Walla Walla.

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