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WHEAT GROWERS AGREEMENT OUT

Cooperative Plans Adopted By the North Pacific Association.

Following is a copy of the grain grower's agreement on the cooperative plan, as adopted at the meeting of the North Pacific Grain Growers' Association at Spokane recently, and is published for information of wheat raisers who may wish to adjust the marketing of their crops under federal farm board regulations:

The agreement, with blank spaces evidently for filling in when local associations are formed, is as follows:

Cooperative Association Marketing Agreement

... a cooperative association with its principal place of business at ... hereinafter called the Association, first party, and the undersigned grower, second party, agree:

- The Grower is a member of the Association and in helping to carry out the express aims of the Association for cooperative marketing, for minimizing speculation and waste and for stabilizing wheat markets in the interests of the grower and the public through this and similar obligations undertaken by other Growers.
- For a period of ... years from date hereof, this to include ... full crop seasons, the Association agrees to market and the Grower agrees to sell through and deliver to the Association all wheat produced by or for the Grower, or acquired by or for him, as landlord or lessor, as long as he produces wheat directly or indirectly, or has the legal right to exercise control of any interest therein, during the time of this agreement, provided however, that after delivering one full crop the Grower may, between the first of March and the 15th of March of any year, upon the deposit of One (\$1) Dollar and by giving notice by registered mail to the association of withdrawal from this agreement for the ensuing season and for such season the Grower will not be required to deliver his crop, but he shall remain bound hereby for all the years included in this contract other than the one for which he shall so expressly withdraw. Any grower withdrawing under no circumstances be reinstated until the end of the crop season for which he shall have so withdrawn.

- The Grower may retain wheat for feed and seed to be sown by himself, or feed or seed to be sold directly to other growers.
- The Grower expressly warrants that he is now in a position to control said crops and has not heretofore contracted to sell, market or deliver any of his said wheat to any person, firm or corporation, except as noted at the end of this contract. Any wheat covered by such existing contracts or crop mortgages shall be excluded from the terms hereof for the period and to the extent that the lienholder so legally enforces his right to possession thereof.

- All wheat shall be delivered to the Association, at the warehouse or elevator in that community under contract with or owned by the Association, or on board cars and delivering bill of lading to the Association.
- The Association may pool or mingle the wheat of the grower with wheat of a like variety, quality and grade, delivered by other growers. The Association shall classify and market wheat by kind, quality, grade, variety, or any other commercial standards; this classification shall be conclusive, and settlements with the Grower shall be made on such basis after deducting freight and all other costs included in the handling, storing, grading, and marketing of his wheat.

- If the Grower at the time of delivering his wheat elects to retain the right of having the same sold at his designation and said Grower delivers his wheat in sack, such grain may, at the option of the Grower, be placed in a special pile.
- The Association agrees to resell such wheat, together with wheat of like variety, quality, grade and classification, delivered by other growers under similar contracts, at the best prices obtainable by it under market conditions; and to pay over the net amount received therefrom, as payment in full, to the grower and Growers named in contracts similar hereto, according to the value of the wheat delivered by each of them, after deducting therefrom, within the discretion of the Association, the costs of hauling, storing, freight, insurance and marketing, and an Association charge of not to exceed one per cent of the gross resale proceeds. From this, general Association expenses shall be deducted; and commercial reserves created; and deductions made for the interest on or retirement of the stock of this corporation, or other

proper purposes in the conclusive discretion of the Association. The annual surplus from such Association charge will be credited to the growers delivering wheat in that year, in accordance with the provisions of this contract and By-Laws.

9. The Grower agrees that when his wheat is pooled that the net returns therefrom less all costs, advances and charges, shall be credited and paid to him on a proportional basis, considering all differentials and adjustments, out of the receipts from the sale of all wheat of like variety, quality, grade and classification.

10. (a) The Association agrees to pay as substantial an advance payment on the wheat as the market and financial conditions will permit, as soon as practicable after delivery.

(b) The Association may establish pools. If the grower elects to pool his wheat he shall so designate at time of delivery. Otherwise the wheat will be held subject to grower's right to designate the day of sale.

(c) The Growers delivering to pools shall pay all accrued charges in such pools. The proceeds from the sale of the wheat in the various pools shall be paid to the growers from time to time, as rapidly as possible, in due proportion until the accounts of each pool are completely settled.

(d) Where the Grower at the time of his delivery has designated the date or time of sale; or having delivered his wheat and retained the right to designate the time of sale and so having designated the sale of the wheat, it shall be sold as directed subject to the deductions and charges herein stated. The Association shall buy his grain outright at a price based on the current market value and pay him such price as soon as the weight and description of such grain and such request are received by the home office of the Association.

11. The Association may sell the said wheat, consistent with the direction of the Grower under paragraph 10 at such times and places, in such manner, and upon such conditions and terms as it may deem profitable, fair, and advantageous to the Grower.

12. The Grower agrees that the Association may sell his pooled grain in its own name, borrow money in its name on his grain through drafts, acceptances, notes or otherwise, or on any warehouse receipts or bills of lading or upon any accounts for the sale of grain or on any commercial paper delivered therefor, and act in its own name in any legal proceeding which it deems necessary to protect his grain or the proceeds therefrom or to accomplish the purposes of the associations. The Association shall pro-rate the money borrowed on pooled grain received from growers among the growers equitably, as it may determine, for such grade and period of delivery.

13. (a) If this contract is signed by the members of a co-partnership, it shall apply to them and each of them individually, in the event of the dissolution or termination of the said co-partnership.

(b) If the Grower places a crop mortgage upon any of his crops during the term hereof, the Association shall have right to take delivery of his grain and to pay off all or part of the crop mortgage for the account of the Grower, and to charge the same against him individually.

14. Any other part of this agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, it is hereby expressly agreed that the Association will receive and market wheat for the Grower only if and when the volume obtainable under this and like contracts in the Grower's neighborhood will, in the discretion of the board of directors of the Association, make it feasible to market the Grower's wheat at an advantage to him and the other members of this Association, and that the grower will deliver wheat at the Association only after receipt of notice from the Association so to do and in accordance with such notice.

15. The Grower agrees that there are no oral or other promises, agreements, covenants, or conditions in addition to or at variance with this contract and that this represents the full and complete understanding of the parties.

Read, considered and signed at ... this ... day of ... 19 ...

SIGNATURE _____ State _____

Town _____ Box No. _____

R. F. D. No. _____

Farm is where? County _____ Twp. _____

Delivery Point _____

Wheat Acreage, 1930 _____

Mortgage or other lien on my 1930 crop _____

Landlord or Tenant _____

Old or New Member _____

Witnessed by _____

Improvement to Highway Plant.

The building at corner of Main and Second streets which houses the trucks and equipment of the highway maintenance crew working out of Athena is being repaired and remodelled. A new concrete floor is to replace the old one, which through faulty construction, sank below the front of the building. Location of entrance to the building will be changed to the front. In the past trucks entered the building from the alley side of the structure.

Corn Grows Big in Nebraska



Representative Edgar Howard of Nebraska, a land long noted for its interesting agricultural products, gave his colleagues from the other parts of the "Corn Belt" a surprise with this mammoth ear of corn measuring twenty-five inches in length and weighing about twelve pounds, which was grown near Columbus, Neb.

Pendleton High Quintet Plays Athena Tonight

The first scholastic basketball game of the season will be played tonight on the local court when the Bucaroos of Pendleton high school, clash with Athena high school. Eddie Buek of Walla Walla, will referee the contest.

The Pendleton hoopers are said to be lined up for victory this season, having been diligently coached in pre-season workouts with that object in view. There is practically no line here on the prowess of the visiting team, and until it unbuckles its plays tonight the Bucaroos athletic ability is necessarily an unknown quality to Athena basketball fans.

In a practice game Friday night with Mac-Hi Alumni members of her former championship team, "Pike" Miller's proteges did not play an impressive game. It was not until the second half that the Athena offensive began to click. Then the lead piled up by the visitors in the first half began to melt away with consistent regularity. The Alumni's took the contest 50-28.

Myrick and Thurber were the outstanding players for Athena, the former scored 12 of the 28 points for Athena, and Thurber was clever on both offense and defense. Miller sent in everything he had. All the subs and two freshmen were given action in the game. Tonight, the freshmen who are not on the squad will play the graders in a curtain raiser, beginning at 7:15.

It is expected that in tonight's game Athena will be tuned up for the fray and that a hot contest will be witnessed by the fans.

John Hager Won Trophy

The prize fishing rod for 1929, awarded by Rogers & Goodman, Athena hardware dealers, for the largest trout caught in the streams of Umatilla county, was won by John Hager, of Gibbon, who brought in a 22 1/4 inch Dolly Varden trout which he caught on Mill Creek in the northeast corner of the county. Hager's prize trout was longer in measurement by 3/4 of an inch than the 21 1/4 inch Rainbow, hooked by Herb Parker in the Umatilla river, and entered by him in the contest for the prize rod.

Family Given Lodging

A man, his wife and four small children became stranded in Athena Tuesday night during a rain storm, while en route to Walla Walla. The authorities furnished food for the family and provided lodging in the city hall. They had cooking utensils and bedding. Wednesday morning they proceeded to Walla Walla in their car.

Buck Will Referee

Eddie Buck, ex-Whitman athlete, who refereed basketball games satisfactorily last year in this district, will referee the games this year. Buck is a fair and square arbitrator. He is fast and is "on top" of every play when it comes up.

Justin Harwood recently completed painting a sign at Waterman Station for Alex McIntyre's grain elevator. The sign reads "A. H. McIntyre Grain Elevator Company."

A General Heavy Rain Ends Northwest Drought

Commencing Sunday morning and continuing well into the week a general rainfall over the Pacific Northwest ended a devastating drought extending over a period of more than five months. Sunday's rainfall was the heaviest since December, 1928. Portland and vicinity experienced the heaviest precipitation Sunday, when 1.32 inches fell in 12 hours.

A number of heavy showers of varied duration followed Sunday's all-day down pour throughout Eastern Oregon, with the result that dubious crop prospects have been turned into almost a degree of certainty so far as moisture for starting seed growth is concerned.

Of course there is still an element of speculation to be considered in the status of grain sown in dry ground several weeks ago. Whether or not the seed germ in some instances will be revived by the advent of moisture in the light land districts remains to be seen.

In the heavier soil localities the advance of fall sown grain is to be noted on every hand in various stages of growth. There is a universal unevenness in the growth of grain as the result of lack of moisture at seeding time, which does not occur under conditions of normal precipitation.

A light fall of snow is reported in the mountains. Where the Old Oregon Trail crosses the summit south of Athena, road crews are stationed to keep the highway open.

Bazaar and Dinner Success, Saturday Evening

The annual bazaar and dinner given by the ladies in the Christian church basement Saturday evening was a success in every particular.

The dinner was excellent and delightfully served to a crowd whose numbers required that the long tables be set thrice. Socially, too, the big event was all that could be desired.

From the dinner and the booths the church ladies realized a total of nearly \$125. This amount does not include the proceeds for the sale by auction of the beautiful "Friendship" quilt, which was bid in for \$20 jointly, by Arthur Douglas and Laurence Pinkerton. This sum of \$20, added to \$60 which had already been realized for names, brought receipts for the quilt up to \$70.

The ladies worked hard to make the event a successful one, and their hopes were certainly realized. They appreciate the liberal patronage and are very grateful to the public.

New Equipment

New equipment recently received at the highway maintenance plant in Athena includes a big, powerful truck, equipped with the latest model plow for removal of snow and snow blockades on the highway. Snow fences are in place along the exposed areas in the vicinity of Athena, Weston and Adams and necessary precautions have been taken by the local highway crew to keep the highway open for traffic in event of a heavy snowfall.

Hunter Bags 5 Cougars; Ends 30 Years Service Over In Curry County

In keeping with a lifetime of cougar hunting through the underbrush of southwestern Oregon, the farewell gesture of taciturn Elmer Miller last week was particularly proper and spectacular, says the Oregonian. He left a lasting expression of his prowess on the eve of his resignation as a predatory animal hunter after serving in that capacity in Curry county for almost 30 years, when he bagged five of the wily cats, killing three in one day.

And it was Elmer Miller, famed for his endurance and uncanny skill in killing mountain lions, who furnished the highlights of the month's work of the predatory animal division of the biological survey. It was an unusual month, the best November in the 13 years history of the division, according to the report by Stanley G. Jewett, leader, but Miller's work was more astonishing than the fine results as a whole.

The 13th of the month brought luck to Miller in November, for it was on that day that he killed three in a row. "Left my ranch for Oak Grove at 7 o'clock in the morning," his succinct but expressive report ran. "Rover picked up cougar trail and treed female. Prince treed female. Ring and Rover treed cougar."

That's all there was to his report for that day, but between the lines was a world of hunting lore. He didn't write much about the killing and seems to have given all the credit to his dogs; he didn't write about the hours of joggling through the underbrush. He didn't write about the killing chase up the sides of steep ravines. But all those things were to every one of those chases. It's a swift cougar that gets away from Miller, says Jewett.

When Prince, Ring or Rover, trained fox hounds who eschew the scent of deer, hit the fresh trail of a cougar and bay away through the brush at a fast clip, Elmer Miller settles down to a ground-covering jog and keeps as near to them as he can. The chase, with the cougar bounding toward the thickest underbrush of the district, may last for three miles of 15 miles, but Miller never weakens. That's why he has good dogs; he's always there for the kill when the cat is tired.

The pace is so tiring over the hills and brush and logs, that a man in poor condition would wilt after the first quarter mile; not so with Miller, since his results show that he has not been dropped behind.

Picture Program

The Standard Theatre offers its patrons a hilariously funny comedy as the feature attraction on its picture program for tomorrow and Sunday nights, when Jack Oakie, Evelyn Brent and Richard Gallagher will appear in "Fast Company," a current Paramount release. Oakie is cast in the leading part as Elmer ("Hurricane") Kane and the way he sings Ring Lardner's "You Know Me. Al" stuff is like nobody's business. You'll smile, you'll laugh, you'll roar, you'll scream at the clean rolicking fun in "Fast Company."

Grant County Stockmen

Herman Geissel and Glenn Arbogast, Grant county stockmen, were in Athena the fore part of the week. They report range conditions the poorest for many years in Grant county prior to the rain which fell Sunday. Fortunately, they are well supplied with sufficient feed for the winter, and have shipped several carloads of beef cattle from the Arbogast ranch this fall. Hay is valued at \$15 per ton in Grant county.

Replacing Sidewalk

The old board sidewalk on the north side of Main street, between First and Second streets has been torn away by City Marshall Miller and in its place dirt is being filled in and a Cinder surface will be put on. Dirt is being moved from a vacant lot adjoining the walk with a scraper by Charles Payne and his team of mules.

Buys Dickey Place

J. S. Huffman has purchased the Charles Dickey place in the north part of town. The residence property comprising the house, outbuildings and six town lots was formerly owned by Charles Norris. Mr. Huffman and family moved into their new home last Saturday.

I. O. O. F.-Rebekah Social

A social event for next Monday evening will be the joint meeting of the local I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges, when a banquet supper will be served and a program rendered. The evening will be spent socially by the lodge members, their families and invited guests.

Working at Summer Home

W. E. Campbell and son Will have completed work on the Campbell summer home at Bingham Springs. The lot has been filled in with rich soil, which required nearly 100 truck loads. Finishing work on the buildings also was under way.

Thrilling Leap From Departing Ship Is Taken By An Athena "Landlubber"

During a recent business trip to Portland, R. B. McEwen had the pleasure and privilege of going through a big Oriental freighter which was taking cargo at one of the docks in the port.

The big ship was inspected fore and aft and from pit to dome. The visitor traversed long corridors, the guide leading him down narrow stairways to the engine room where the heat from the boilers was almost unbearable, and finally aloft to the captain's quarters and the wireless room. Of course this department was more than interesting and at this point the guide departed for parts unknown.

Deep in explanations and disquisitions of the mysteries of the radio, the visitor was unconscious of the passing of time when suddenly a thundering boom from the deep throated whistle, and clanging of signals, announced the departure of the vessel.

Filled with panic and spurred by the "hurry off" of the operator, R. B. began scaling the ladder to points below and dashing to the deck saw the prow swinging out into the stream. A big burly deck hand, called out, "What the h— are you doing here." The answer, "Not what I'm doing but how am I going to get off." The distance was slowly but surely widening when some one on the wharf threw a couple of two by fours across the hundred foot chasm yawning below. Like a drowning man grasping a straw the "land lubber" spanned the strips, miles an hour just as the last hawser was loosened. The deck hand was still snarling disgusted nothings and a longshoreman just as hard boiled shouted, "Oh, go climb a mast," while Ralph heaved a sigh of relief and made tracks for the Inland Empire.

Supply Of Special Air Mail Christmas Stickers

Postmaster Barrett announces that he has received a supply of special air mail Christmas stickers intended to be used on all Christmas mail intended for air mail dispatch and bearing the necessary postage. These stickers, the postmaster explains, are distributed to post offices in order that the public might have some distinctive marking for their air-mail messages. Their use not only adds the desired distinctiveness for holiday mail, but they also greatly assist postal clerks to segregate air mail from regular mail, thereby avoiding delays and misrouting. Air mail receives special handling at all post-offices and it is therefore quite important that all air letters be easily recognized by clerks.

The postmaster points out that the stickers may be obtained at the post office without cost. They are free to mailers and should be placed on the addressed side of envelopes or cards intended for air mail dispatch and should not be used for ordinary mail.

Practically all styles of Christmas greeting cards, including the customary envelopes, may be carried by air mail to any point in the United States for 5 cents. Air mail may also be sent to Europe, Mexico, Eastern Canada and South America.

High Class Vodvil For High School Benefit

The Junior and Senior classes of the Athena high school will be presented in vaudeville next Thursday evening, December 19, at the auditorium. Final rehearsals of the various acts are going forward with enthusiasm and promise an evening of real enjoyment.

The affair is given as a benefit, and is being directed by Miss Beulah Smith, assisted by Miss Dorothy Brodie and Mrs. Areta Guernsey.

Stellar acts consist of a one act play, "The Trysting Place," by Booth Tarkington; two charming choruses of pretty girls and gallant swains; a Fashion Revue; a Spanish Burlesque, including a real bull fight; a Negro skit; Romeo and Juliet in Swedish dialect; a pantomime "Wild Nell or Pet of the Plains," and a dialogue, depicting student life.

The public is cordially invited to attend and popular prices of 25c and 50c will prevail.

A Farmers Meeting

E. J. Wilmer, president of the newly formed North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., will address the farmers of Umatilla county on matters pertaining to cooperative marketing plans, at a meeting to be held at Pendleton, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

Promoted To Manager

Dale Whiteman, nephew of Mrs. E. B. Richards, who has been in the employ of the Union Oil company at Lewiston, Idaho, for some time, has been promoted to the position of manager of the company's plant at Kennewick, Wash. Dale visited at the Richards home over the week-end.

DRUNKEN DRIVER LIKE MURDERER

Charles Hunt Is Sentenced For Manslaughter On Guilty Plea.

Olympia—A drunken driver was likened to a "murderer" when Charles H. Hunt, 27 years old, pleaded guilty to a double charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to a term of two to five years in the state penitentiary.

Superior Judge John M. Wilson, in whose courtroom Hunt was sentenced, told the defendant that in his opinion an intoxicated person who drives an automobile on the streets and highways and becomes involved in an accident in which lives are lost is as "much a murderer as a man who wildly shoots into a passing crowd on the street and kills."

The manslaughter charges were filed against Hunt on November 19, four days after the automobile he was driving struck and killed Maxine Hall and Cattie Richardson, Chehalis high school girls, after they had stepped from a car parked near the Pacific highway two and a half miles south of Tenino in Thurston county.

Hunt was also fined five dollars each on charges of drunken and reckless driving.

In the complaint, filed by prosecutor W. J. Milroy, Hunt was accused of driving the automobile which struck the two girls at a terrific rate of speed. Bottles containing liquor, one of them denatured alcohol, were found in the machine, the complaint charged.

The machine Hunt was driving was identified as one belonging to Seattle man.

Material Reductions In Telephone Charges

Reductions in telephone charges throughout Oregon announced Friday, December 6th, by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, and approved by the Public Service Commission will become effective January 1, 1930.

At a meeting in Portland last week attended by officials of the telephone company and members of the commission, it was decided to file reduced rates for telephone service. These reductions, according to Frank J. Miller, chairman of the commission, have been brought about after many conferences with officials of the telephone company.

Under the new schedule, the charges for connection of service will be entirely eliminated in one case, and monthly rates for extension telephones will also be cut from 20 to 33 1-3 per cent.

The charges were summarized by H. R. Risley, State Manager of the telephone company, who stated that they are in keeping with the fundamental policy of the company, which is to provide the best possible telephone service at a cost as low as is consistent with financial safety.

The \$1.00 charge here for connecting service, commonly known as the change of name charge, will be eliminated.

Reductions of 25 cents a month will be made for extension telephones, both wall and desk and business and residence.

Through a deal consummated by J. A. Ross, Athena realtor, George Gerking has sold the William Harder place near Milton, to Eugene Schrimpf. Mr. Gerking gets the 80 acres north of Athena owned by Mr. Schrimpf in the deal. The Harder wheat farm was purchased a few years ago by Mr. Gerking, who has since farmed it. It comprises 400 acres of wheat land.

Beauty Culture Course

Mrs. Penn Harris will leave for Portland, on January 1, when she will enter the Sanitary Beauty Culture School of that city for the purpose of taking the six month's course offered by the institution. At the completion of her course, Mrs. Harris on returning to Athena will open and operate a beauty parlor here.

Repairs On Parsonage

Extensive repairs have been made recently on the Christian church parsonage. French doors have replaced old ones, fresh paint and enamel have brightened up the interior and other improvements are planned for the near future, and it is expected the exterior of both the church and parsonage buildings will be newly painted next spring.

Antelope Increasing

There has been a great increase in the numbers of antelope in the big preserve in Harney and Lake counties during the last year. It is now estimated that 30,000 antelope are to be found in this section of Oregon and the animals are spreading out to take