

## WHEAT CONFERENCE INTERESTS FARMERS

### Three Day Pendleton Meeting Source of Much Valuable Information.

(By Chase Garfield)

That the wheat farmers of Athena and vicinity are much interested in the cooperative marketing proposals of the federal farm board was evidenced by a representative attendance from this community at the wheat conference held this week in Pendleton.

Among those present were: Alex McIntyre, A. R. Coppock, Henry Koepke, Flint Johns, Sim Dickenson, W. S. Ferguson, J. H. Booher and W. C. Garfield of Athena; A. D. Rothrock, Alvin and I. A. Christophor, Frank Duff and E. R. Enbysk of Adams and George Carmichael of Weston.

While the problems of cheaper transportation to tidewater through further development of the Columbia river, improvements in federal grain grades and other matters were rightly emphasized upon the program of the conference, the cooperative marketing movement was the vital topic, and as a result of the lucid explanation of this matter by H. E. Goldsworthy, secretary of the North Pacific regional group as formed by Eastern Washington farmers, with headquarters in Whitman county, those who attended gained a knowledge of the plan of organization proposed by the farm board.

All were much impressed by Mr. Goldsworthy's statement to the effect that neither the regional group, nor anyone else was going to send high-powered salesmen or representatives to get farmers' signatures on the dotted line, and that it was entirely up to the farmers themselves to determine whether they were going to take advantage of the opportunity for united marketing offered by the government of the United States, and if so, to initiate their own organization.

This being so, it is now up to the grain men of Umatilla county to say whether they are going to take advantage of the federal marketing machinery. Mr. Goldsworthy declared that the only opposition which had been encountered in Washington came from small cooperative warehouse, elevator and milling interests. In Whitman county alone, over 6,000,000 bushels of wheat have been signed up in the cooperative, and all the other grain counties of that state have joined the movement in force.

Sherman county, Oregon, is strong for the movement in this state and now many leading farmers of this county are becoming interested in the matter and are proceeding with plans for organizing. It is believed that further action will be taken soon. Contracts will be ready for submission to cooperative groups within a week.

As explained by Mr. Goldsworthy, members of a cooperative must purchase a \$30 share of stock in it for each thousand bushels of wheat marketed by those members. They can pay this ten per cent down and the balance in about four or five years at six per cent, and he believes that profits or dividends of the association will take care of the payments.

The association will probably loan more on wheat contracted by a stockholder and charge him a less rate of interest than it will in the case of a non-stockholder. Then he has four choices in the contract for the marketing of his wheat, which, in general, will be done under direction of a national manager, who will be a highly trained expert. With several hundred million bushels under his hand, this national manager, would be able to exert a tremendous influence over the price of wheat.

The meeting closed Wednesday afternoon, after the election of the following officers: John Withycombe, Arlington, president; Harry Pinkerton, Moro, vice-president; Charles Smith, county agent of Morrow, secretary.

**Patterson Estate, \$11,000**

The will of I. L. Patterson, late governor of Oregon has been admitted to probate in an order signed by County Judge Hawkins at Dallas. The instrument was drawn up September 17, 1898, and never had been changed. Under it, the widow, Mary E. Patterson, 67, is named executrix. Their two sons, Lee Patterson, 40, and Phillip W. Patterson, 38, both of Portland, were bequeathed \$5 each, with the balance to go to their mother.

**Dead In Cabin**

An unidentified man was found dead in a cabin on Snake River. He had presumably frozen to death, the remains were brought to Walla Walla for burial.

## Fishing-Hunting Licenses and Not the Taxpayers Keep Game Commission

Portland.—There still lingers in the minds of many Oregon taxpayers the mistaken idea that they are annually assessed for the carrying out of the work of the state game commission, according to Harold Clifford, state game warden. On several occasions complaints have reached the office of the commission to the effect that taxpayer's money was being wasted by various activities in the propagation and protection of fish and game.

"Not one cent of state revenue goes into the treasury of the commission," says Mr. Clifford. "Our main revenue comes through the sale of licenses. The sportsman annually pays for his license and that money, in its entirety goes into the game protection fund. Where arrests are made and convictions obtained one half of the money from fines goes into the treasury of the county in which the arrests were made. The other half goes to the commission. Thus it may be seen that the commission takes from rather than adds to the load of the taxpayers."

The records of the state game commission show that trapping is a considerable industry in Oregon. Up to this time 3120 general trapping licenses have been issued by the commission, and there have been 350 beaver licenses sold. Each of these cost the applicants two dollars. The trapping season will close on February 28.

Geese hunters next fall will find a conflict between state and federal laws. Under the Oregon law eight geese is the day limit, while the new federal law scheduled to go into effect next season sets the limit at four. As the state legislature does not meet until 1931 some method must be worked out by the game commission to prevent a conflict in the state and federal laws. A case might come up where a man with eight geese would pass inspection by a state game warden and then be arrested by a federal officer for having four birds above the limit.

**May Ask the Government For Payment Indian Tax**

That there may be an opportunity whereby Umatilla county can be reimbursed by the federal government for taxes which it cannot collect on lands in the Umatilla Indian reservation held in trust by the government for the Indians, may readily be seen from action taken early this week by county commissioners of Klamath county, where there is a parallel case, says the East Oregonian.

Refunding of Umatilla county of over \$5,000,000 could be asked in a bill which might be presented before congress. That amount, roughly speaking, represents the sum that would have been paid the county on the reservation lands over a period of years had they been owned privately.

County Judge I. M. Schanney has pointed out a similarity between the case of this county and that of the counties involved in the O. and C. land grant cases. Congressman Robert R. Butler, in a letter written to Judge Schanney over a year ago, expressed the belief that "arguments" for the reimbursement to counties on account of non taxable government lands, "from the standpoint of equity might be made."

**The Use of Electricity In American Homes Essential**

The electrification of the American farm and the use of service in the farm home are essential to modern farm life, and notable factors in farm relief, according to Congressman F. S. Purnell, in an address before the Rural Electric Conference at Purdue University.

"More is involved in the rural electrification movement than the mere sale of electric current to the farmers by the power companies," he said.

"For the past ten years, we have been seeking a way to put agriculture on an equality with industry. Electricity is the universal power for industry and has made possible the marvelous development we have witnessed in manufacture in this country. Agriculture must follow the lead of industry in this regard as well as others if it is to succeed."

"My own study of this question has convinced me that the introduction of electricity into the activities of the farm is almost invariably followed by improved home conditions as well as increased profits."

**Maurice Hill Advances**

Maurice Hill, who is secretary-treasurer for the Surety Finance company of Walla Walla, was recently re-elected by the board of directors to continue in that position at a substantial increase in salary. Mr. Hill has been with the Walla Walla institute since retiring from the cashiership of the bank at Prescott, Washington.

## "League of Nations" in Lord Mayor's Parade



The "League of Nations" procession—each nation represented by the national costume—in the ceremony which marked the installation of the lord mayor of London.

## Governor Norblad Proclaims Thrift

Governor A. W. Norblad has officially proclaimed January 17-23 Thrift Week, and in issuing his proclamation made the following statement.

Thrift is a habit which can be acquired only by consistent practice. It not only guarantees economic security for those who follow it, but also promotes an increased sense of responsibility and self respect. It includes far more than the mere hoarding of money. It means the wise and constructive use of all possessions, both public and private, to the end that by present self-control and intelligent foresight, the largest and most desirable returns may be insured for the future. It is a boon to the individual and an asset to the state and nation.

The governor urges the schools, churches and other civic and educational agencies to "give thought and attention to the importance of the wise husbandry of personal possessions and the careful conservation of public resources."

National Thrift Week is again being observed, and the Oregon committee, headed by W. O. Mansell of Portland, has organized activities in many cities and towns of the state and is distributing much literature and presenting the ten-point code of life by speakers and in various other ways.

In this state it is sponsored by the Oregon Bankers' Association and the Y. M. C. A., co-operating with numerous other organizations.

The week starts January 17, the anniversary of Benjamin Franklin, greatest apostle of thrift. The ten-point creed consists of these features: Work and earn. Make a budget. Record expenditures. Have a bank account. Carry life insurance. Own your home. Make a will, invest in safe securities. Pay bills promptly. Share with others. January 17 is thrift day; 18, budget day; 19, share-with-others; 20, make a will; 21, own your home; 22, life insurance; 23, safe investments.

**And the Engine Sputtered**

C. L. McFadden who was accompanied on a trip to Walla Walla, Wednesday, by Mrs. McFadden and Mrs. F. S. LeGrow, experienced considerable difficulty in getting back home from the Garden City. This side of the grade crossing at the foot of Dry Creek hill, the engine sputtered and stopped. Investigation revealed that the gas tank was empty. A supply was secured from a ranch nearby, but water from the vessel used in refilling the tank made more trouble. A car came along and pushed the McFadden car over the "hump" into Weston, where a garage man after some tinkering registered his o. k. Coming out of Weston, the engine balked again and the car was coasted back into town. Starting home again with everything rosy, bang went a tube, and when "Pete" was through making the change, he felt as though he was just about through with the whole dingbasted winter motoring program.

**McIntyre, Census Chief**

A. C. McIntyre, Pendleton attorney, has been appointed supervisor for the 1930 census for six Oregon counties with headquarters in Pendleton. The counties over which he will have supervision are Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Walla and Wheeler.

## Athena Takes Double Header From Griswold

Athena high school took a double header basketball game from Bill King's Griswold high girls and boys' teams on the local court, Friday evening, before one of the largest audiences that has visited the home gym this season. Score, Athena girls, 18; Griswold, 15. Athena boys, 33; Griswold, 25.

Helix came to town with two good fast-playing teams and both games were cleanly played and wonderfully well refereed by McDermid of Walla Walla. The Griswold girls started off at a fast clip and led Athena four points before the locals cashed in a counter. Catching up, Athena held her stride and time after time the count stood at a tie, until the middle of the last period Athena girls took the lead and kept it. Athena points were scored by Frances Cannon and Arleen Myrick, each ringing up 9.

"Pike" Miller's quintet were certainly on when they faced Griswold, for King's players started in with a hop and took the lead 3-0 in the first three minutes of play, but that was all the Helix lead there was to it. Myrick began a canter that eventually led him to high point getter of the evening with 18 to his credit, while Jenkins, Rogers and Crowley closed the contest with 5 each.

Karstens with 11, Wagner 8, Coe 4 and Vaughan 2 is the way the Griswold side of the score book read. Helix has a fine bunch of players and the best of sportsmanship and good-feeling prevailed.

Athena boys and girls play Pilot Rock tonight, on the Rock court.

**Girls' Teams**

Athena 18	F	15 Helix
Cannon 9	F	8 Karstens
Myrick 9	F	6 McAlavy
Miller	C	Dale
Douglas	C	Gemmel
L. Montgomery	G	Thorne
M. Montgomery	G	March
Campbell	S	Patton
	S	1 Tucker

**Boys' Teams**

Athena 33	F	25 Helix
Myrick 18	F	8 Wagner
Jenkins 5	F	4 Coe
Rogers 5	C	Kupers
Crowley 5	G	2 Vaughn
Huffman	G	Clemens
Moore	S	11 Karstens
Hansell	S	Boylan

## Derrill Cannon's Success In Training Race Horses

Derrill Cannon, nephew of Cass Cannon, and a lad remembered by many Athena people is making a great success in training race horses on race tracks of California and Mexico. For a number of years Derrill was with George Drumheller's racing stable, and a couple of years ago married Miss Jessie Drumheller.

The San Diego Evening Tribune gives the following account of the winning of a big race recently by Infinity, a horse trained by Derrill.

"Youth must be served. There is Del Cannon, a mere youth when compared to the men of the turf at Agua Caliente. Yesterday he sprang Infinity in the featured contest of the program. Infinity was there, thanks to the efficient Derrill. And back in San Clemente, Boss Hamilton Cotton, for whom Cannon trains the horses of the La Brea stable, was once again celebrating.

"There seems no limit to the ability of young Derrill, a rather unassuming personage. He goes about his work with the experience gained from years with the horses. He knows them, and that is what a trainer needs must have. Yesterday's triumph with Infinity was a prize. A good thoroughbred in his last effort, Infinity was given somewhat of a chance against Doctor Wilson, Seth's Hope, Sidney Grant and Hey Diddle Diddle in the sloppy mud. The play was all in the machines. The wise money wanted Doctor Wilson. He made comedy of the affair. Sharp as the hound's molar, Apprentice Johnny Redding moved the Eternal colt from the barrier, throttled his foes in a hurry and was never in danger. At the final station Infinity and Redding were slushing along two lengths to the good. Seth's Hope, encountering sliding ground earlier, finally straightened out enough to close some lengths and get up in plenty of time for the place. Doctor Wilson did not seem to get out of one particular stride and wound up third. The big Sunstar colt, Hey Diddle Diddle, attempted to catch Infinity early, but after a time decided to coast along quietly with what remained."

**Standard Theatre Closed**

With the showing of the picture program last Saturday evening, the Standard Theatre was closed to silent pictures and will remain closed indefinitely. The only arrangements that could be made for the presenting silent pictures in competition with sound and dialogue production, at a loss. The Standard has been operating since June 2, 1919, nearly 11 years, and during that time enjoyed the distinction of presenting only pictures of first run quality. Until replaced by sound pictures in the choice of theatregoers, the silent programs given by the Standard were well patronized, and the manager takes this opportunity to thank the patrons of Athena and vicinity for support given the theatre in the past.

**Fish Eggs In Demand**

Salmon eggs or trout eggs are furnished by the state game commission to public schools of the state for nature study. Hardly a week passes but what some teacher writes to Matt Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries, requesting eggs for the nature classes.

**Huge Highway Expenditure**

Bids to be opened this week by the state highway commission are estimated to total around \$1,250,000. No other group of contracts has totaled as high since the state was letting paving jobs under the highway bond program.

## Zero Weather for Umatilla County; 32 Inches of Snow at Grants Pass

The weather man put Umatilla county on cold storage this week and behind a mask of clear sunshine during daytime, at night poked the mercury down below zero. Saturday night Athena thermometers recorded temperature around the zero mark. Sunday night 5 below was the notch reached. Monday night some registrations were reported as low as 12 below, others stopped at 10.

Athena wheat fields are covered with snow and general opinion is that the growing grain is amply protected from freezing. While Eastern Oregon and portions of Western Oregon have felt the brunt of a cold wave, southern sections of the state have experienced rain storms and excessive snowfall.

Wednesday the weather moderated and new snow has fallen to the depth of about five inches, which made a total of nearly seven inches on the ground up to noon yesterday.

The heaviest snow in 40 years has fallen in Grants Pass. A blanket of 32 inches of snow covers everything. Roofs are being shoveled free of snow for the second time in a week. City and county prisoners spent the week in shoveling snow from public buildings and sidewalks. Snow was falling at the rate of one inch an hour Monday afternoon. Rural postmen were unable to finish their routes Monday and snow plows are busy on the highway hills.

Sexton Mountain, north of Grants Pass had two feet of snow in 20 hours. Stages arrived late from the north.

Sunday night the mercury fell to the lowest point in years, one above zero. Snow is frozen in layers in the open country.

**Mrs. Sarah Waldon, Pioneer of Milton, Passes**

Mrs. Sarah Waldon, a pioneer of Umatilla county who has lived in the vicinity of Milton for over fifty years, passed away suddenly at her home one mile east of Milton Wednesday of last week, the end coming without warning as she was sitting in her chair. Mrs. Waldon has been a semi-invalid for a number of years, but has been in her usual health recently, and there was no intimation that the end was near.

Mrs. Waldon was born in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, July 12, 1850. In 1877 she came to Oregon and located on a ranch in Dry creek neighborhood near Weston. She was married to Peter Waldon in 1879 to which union six children were born: John Waldon, deceased; Robert Waldon of Milton; Mrs. Elmer Dale of Helix; Mary, Anna and Arthur of Milton. She is survived also by a son by a former marriage, William Potts of Athena and six grand children and two great grand children.

Brother and sisters of Mrs. Waldon who survive her are Robert Walker of Dufur, Oregon, Mrs. Agnes Thompson of Walla Walla, John Walker of Athena, Mrs. Margaret Vessey of Walla Walla and Mrs. Robert Jamieson of Walla Walla.

**Miss Dorothy Koepke Accepts Important Place**

Miss Dorothy Koepke, of Glendale, California, former Athena girl, has accepted an important position in Berlin, Germany, where she will be assistant to the foreign correspondent for the Consolidated Press of America. Miss Koepke was selected for the position after she had taken a course in one of the preparatory schools in Washington, D. C.

After recovering from an illness which resulted in an operation for appendicitis, Miss Koepke was able to sail for Berlin Thursday of last week, taking passage on the Steamship George Washington, on which the members of the American delegates to the naval conference were passengers.

**County Nurses' Report**

From county nurses' report for the month, we learn that the following schools were visited: Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Ukiah, Adams, Helix, Reith, Hermiston, Echo, Freewater, Athena, Thornhill, Weston, Milton, Pleasant View, Ferndale, Fruitvale, Umatilla, Tumalum, Dry Creek, East Side, Walla Walla and school district No. 2 and No. 43. Total number of investigations, 56; total number of instructive visits, 74; total number of miscellaneous and other visits, 94; total number of letters written, 91; total number of office calls, 39; total number of phone calls, 81.

**Round-Up Dates Changed**

Dates for holding the Pendleton Round-Up have been changed from the third week in September to August 28, 29 and 30. Several reasons are given for the change, the principal ones being that generally better weather prevails during the latter part of August than in September, tourist travel is heavier and schools have not entered upon the year's work.

## NATION'S WEEKLIES EXERT INFLUENCE

### Town With No Community Paper Is Barren Spot, College Man Says

Oregon State College.—The 11,000 weekly newspapers published in the United States exert a more powerful influence in community life year in and year out than any other factor, believes Charles D. Byrne, head of the department of industrial journalism at Oregon State college. Professor Byrne is discussing the community newspaper with special emphasis on the work of country correspondents in a series of radio lectures over station KOAC each Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

"In the aggregate the country weekly determines the outcome of more elections, exerts a greater influence for constructive community progress, is read longer by more members of the family, and with its combined circulation of 15 million constitutes one of the greatest reading mediums in the nation," he said in his address.

"It has been charged that the country weekly is provincial in that it deals only in small local affairs. Of course it is! So, too, are the New York papers provincial in relation to the size of the city and the number of people they serve.

"From no other source than the weekly paper can one obtain the intimate, personal and business news of the small town and community," he pointed out. "The large city dailies cannot devote space to matters of immediate interest to the small town and surrounding country.

"The town which has no medium for local news of the community, or which has no correspondent for the home town paper is indeed a barren spot. I pity it. Every community feels the need of a good level-headed newspaper and it is in the making of such a newspaper that the rural correspondents play such an important part," he explained.

Professor Byrne says that although the number of weekly papers is decreasing just as are the dailies, it is a matter of consolidation with a bettering of the remaining papers.

**New Books Received At the County Library**

The county librarian sends to The Press the following list of new books that have recently been received at the county library:

**New Sturgis Books**

Amundsen, My life as an explorer, and South Pole—Bowers, Tragic era—Carr, Education for world citizenship—Charters, Teaching of ideals—Gordon, Two vagabonds in the Balkans—Graves, History of education in modern times—Hackett, Henry the 8th—Hayes, Rural sociology—Justin, Problems in home living—Knoblock, Kismet—Latane, A history of American foreign policy—Lawes, Life and death in Sing Sing—Lawton, Schumann—Heink, last of the Titans—Mohony, Realms of gold in children's books—Mann, Buddenbrooks; translated from the German, and Magic mountain, translated from the German—Mason, Parents and teachers—Nearing, Dollar diplomacy—Noyes, Course of instruction in the qualitative chemical analysis—Peabody, Wolf of Gubbio—Sanborn, Prima Donna—Stefansson, Adventure of Wrangel Island—Thorpe, Qualitative chemical analysis and laboratory practice.

**New Books—Fiction**

Buchan, Courts of the morning—Carlisle, See how they run—Cobb Red likker—Gollomb, Subtle trail—Green, Dark journey—Lee, It's a great war—Norris, Red silence—Ostenso Young May moon—Tarkington, Penrod Jashber.

**New books for children**

Barton, Great, good man—Bryant, Children's book of celebrated sculpture—Dombrowski, Boga the elephant, and Fairy shoemaker and other fairy poems—Gregor, Running fox, and White wolf—Irwin, Short sword—Katibah, Other Arabian nights—Lindsay, Johnny Appleseed and other poems—Rolt, Baby's life of Jesus Christ—Salomon, Book of Indian crafts—Schultz, In enemy country—Seaman, Sally Simms adventures.

**Is To Patent Weeder**

George Sheard has applied for a patent on a revolving blade weeder. The new weeder, a working model of which has recently been constructed at Jensen's shop, is the result of unqualified successful operation of a weeder made by Mr. Sheard embodying a basic principle, and used by him on his farm last year, successfully. Mr. Sheard contemplates putting a number of the machines on the market this year.