

DATE CHOSEN FOR THE LEAGUE MEET

Wheat Growers To Gather for Big Annual Conference in Heppner.

Oregon State College. — Wheat growers of the Columbia basin will gather at Heppner, December 11 to 13 for their annual session of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, according to announcement by John Withycombe, Arlington, president of the league.

A wheat authority in great demand throughout the country has been billed for the session in the person of Dr. M. L. Wilson, head of the economics department at Montana State college who recently returned from a year's study of the wheat situation in Russia. He will give an illustrated lecture on this subject which is said to contain more information than can be had through months of reading.

Dr. Wilson will also give his views on the subject of reduction of wheat acreage, a subject very much in the public eye just now as a result of

the policies of the federal farm board. He will tell where and how such reduction may be expected to take place and what effect it will likely to have on wheat prices.

The annual meeting of the Wheat League has been attracting increasing state-wide attention from year to year as representing the sentiments of representatives of one of the state's leading industries. Heretofore the meetings have always been held early in the new year and invariably were handicapped by extreme cold weather.

Railway Conductors Are Fighting the Stage Lines

Klamath Falls. — Klamath Falls railway conductors are out to help the railroads fight the truck freight lines and as an opening gun in the campaign Crater Lake lodge No. 133, Order of Railway Conductors, has passed a resolution asking merchants to ship and receive goods only by rail freight. The resolution points out that the conductors and other trainmen have purchased homes here, spend their money here and deserve the co-operation of the merchants in combating the truck lines.

The members of the union will confer with merchants of the city in an effort to obtain the aid of these business men in stopping the steadily increasing number of jobless trainmen, laid off by the railroads because of lack of traffic.

SPECIAL SESSION MAY BE NECESSARY

Enactment Of a Legal Intangibles Tax Law Before End of Year, Proposed.

A special from Salem to the Morning Oregonian says:

Enactment of a constitutional state intangibles tax law, including a retroactive clause, at a special session of the Oregon legislature prior to January 1, is the only way in which the state can save the million dollars already paid under the unconstitutional act and at the same time protect the financial structure of the state.

This was announced by Governor Norblad, who has conducted a careful study of the various phases of the intangibles tax law and the effect of the supreme court's opinion on the financial condition of the state.

The previous state intangibles tax law, which was enacted at the 1929 legislature, recently was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court on the grounds that it was discriminatory in that it applied only to individuals and not to corporations. Norblad said that at the time the suits were filed attacking the constitutionality of the state intangibles tax law and state tax commission issued a number of statements urging the people to pay the tax with the understanding that the money would be refunded in event the law was declared unconstitutional. The records show that approximately \$1,000,000 was collected.

One statement issued by the state tax commission under date of February 21, 1930, read:

"Intangibles taxpayers, in order to protect themselves against heavy penalties and interest in case the law is sustained, should file their returns and pay their tax within the time required by law.

"If, by any chance, the intangibles tax law should be declared invalid, it will not be the attitude of the commission to retain any money which the court may determine was collected illegally."

Another statement issued by the state tax commission under date of February 21 read in part:

"In event the courts should find certain clauses of the intangibles tax law unconstitutional, the commission would refund taxes collected under these clauses."

Under date of March 1 the state tax commission issued another statement, which read in part:

"The tax commission has announced that in case the intangibles tax law is held unconstitutional, all taxes will be refunded."

Inferences also were made by the tax commission that the money collected under the intangibles tax law would be kept in a separate fund until such time as the supreme court had handed down its opinion.

"It has now developed," said Governor Norblad, "that the money collected can be repaid only through a legislative enactment. There is no doubt but that the money was collected illegally, and the state is morally bound to refund it. The records show that approximately 20,000 taxpayers were affected by the law."

Norblad pointed out that the suit did not ask for a refund of the taxes collected, and that none of the plaintiffs in the suits paid any tax under the act. As a result of this, the supreme court did not specifically set out in its opinion that the money should be refunded. Norblad declared that real property already was overburdened with taxes, and that it would not be fair to make up the deficit of a million dollars through an additional levy of that amount on property.

Governor Norblad said that a study of the laws had convinced him that it would not be legal to enact a retroactive tax statute except in case the valid law was enacted during the same year that the invalid statute was declared unconstitutional.

"This means," said Governor Norblad, "that in case it is desired to enact a constitutional intangibles tax law and save to the state the million dollars already paid, it would be necessary to pass such valid law before January 1 of next year. This would necessitate a special session of the legislature."

Mrs. Lillian Downs Dobson was in Athena Saturday, from her school at South Yonkum. Mrs. Dobson was driving a new Studebaker car, which she has recently purchased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Reed Hill, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present such claims duly verified, and with proper vouchers attached, to the undersigned at the office of Raley, Raley & Warner, in the First National Bank Building, in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice, the same being dated and published the first time this 7th day of November, 1930.

MARY I. HILL, As Administratrix of the Estate of Reed Hill, deceased.
Raley, Raley & Warner, John F. Kilkenny & Alfred F. Cunha, Pendleton, Oregon, Attorneys for Administratrix. N7D5

High School Notes

Editorial (Mildred Hansell)

In the W. S. C.-O. A. C. football game last Saturday at Portland, there was one break after another. The teams were so evenly matched that the game would probably have been a tie if it had not been for a lucky break for W. S. C. No scores would have been made if they had not known how to take advantage of the breaks.

People are much like this game. They may have many opportunities to do things, but if they don't take advantage of these they don't help themselves much.

Some people call a streak of luck a break. But opportunities are really breaks, so if one takes advantage of opportunities they really have luck. If everyone would take advantage of the opportunities he could "buck the line" for a lot of "yardage."

Music

The following are the members of the Glee Club: sopranos, Marjorie Montague, Valerie Cannon, Mary Jane Miller, Mary Tompkins, Dorothy Burke, Bernice Wilson, Bonnie Alkire, Esther Berlin, Goldie Miller, Myrtle Campbell, Laura Ross; altos, Hene McBride, Mildred Hansell, Marjorie Douglas, Arleen Myrick, Georgie Green, Velma Ross; baritone, George Miller, Stafford Hansell, Harold Kirk, Walter Huffman, Walter Baldwin, Lester Towne, Glenn McCullough, Jim Wilson, Garth Pinkerton, Fred Singer, Jack Moore, Arthur Crowley, Ben Marquis, Wayne Banister, Nate McBride, Ralph Moore, George Pittman, Robert Lee, Fred McKinley. Betty Eager is the accompanist. Walter Baldwin is singing the second verse in "The Road to Mandalay" as a solo. The Glee club is also working on a novelty number.

Society News

Girls' League met Tuesday afternoon and voted on and accepted the constitution, which was read by Esther Berlin. Following this a short skit entitled "Mickey McQuire" was given by the following girls: Arleen Myrick, Marjorie Douglas, Mildred Hansell, Georgie Green, Myrtle Campbell. These five girls sang "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree" for their encore.

Athletics

The football game between Pilot Rock and Athena ended in a scoreless tie last Friday. It was a hard fought and well played game. The boys on both teams showed that they had been practicing hard. The goal posts were decorated with the colors of the two schools. The south goal was draped with orange and black crepe paper, Athena's colors. The north goal was draped with gold and blue, the Pilot Rock colors.

Student Body

A short assembly for yell practice was held last Friday before the Pilot Rock game which was played in the afternoon. A few songs were sung. Mr. Bloom gave a short talk.

Girls' Athletics

About fourteen girls met with Mrs. Bloom last Friday and planned for the coming sport, basketball. A promising year is ahead of them as there seems to be a lot of new material who are very anxious for the coming season. Practices started Monday.

Alumni

Edwin McEwen was in Milton Monday. Marjorie Wilson and Helen Foster attended the Carnival at Weston Friday night. Eldon Myrick accompanied the Whitman football squad to Portland Friday.

Personals

Emery Rogers, Mildred Hansell and Roland Wilson attended the high school carnival at Weston last Friday evening.

Robert Campbell, Myrtle Campbell and Lowell Jenkins spent Sunday in Helix.

Howard Reeder and Herbert Reeder attended the football game between Pendleton and The Dalles, Saturday at Pendleton.

Walter Baldwin, Bernice Wilson and Ralph Moore were in Pendleton Sunday.

Fred McKinley entered school last Monday. He is from Granger, Washington.

Coyotes Kill Turkeys

The Freewater Times reports that Joe Baker of Umapine had the misfortune to lose 70 fine turkeys Sunday night when coyotes got into his flock and killed 20 birds outright. The remainder were smothered when the birds in their fright huddled together. This was quite a loss to Mr. Baker as many of the birds weighed from 18 to 20 pounds and were practically ready for eastern shipment.

Buys Helix Bank

The Inland Empire bank of Pendleton has purchased the Bank of Helix, organized in 1904 with a capitalization of \$25,000, surplus and profits aggregating \$38,000 and with deposits of \$150,000 and total resources listed at \$250,000. E. E. Tate and Mrs. Lyla Rice, cashier and assistant cashier of the Bank of Helix, will be connected with the Inland Empire bank, handling the Helix district business.

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