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FARMER CO-OPS IN MEETING HERE

Directors and Managers of Locals Listen to Prom- inent Speakers.

A meeting of directors and managers of Northwest Grain Growers, Inc., locals was held at Masonic hall in Athena, Wednesday afternoon. Locals of LaGrande, Pendleton, Helix, Weston and Athena were represented by their managers, and directors and representatives of the farm board brought the total attendance up to about thirty.

The meeting was more or less informal, tending to general discussion of farm board action and the advancement made during the past year of the co-operative movement resulting from membership in Northwest Grain Growers locals.

The principal speaker at the meeting was Mr. Dorman of LaCrosse, Wash., one of the directors of the farm board, who delivered a splendid address covering the advantages to the marketing of wheat under administrative regulations of that body.

Other speakers were A. M. Shumway of Milton, A. C. Adams of Spokane, C. P. Kaltenban of Portland, Roy Ritner and Chas. M. Cook of Pendleton.

Pendleton was selected as the place for holding an open meeting on Thursday, December 3, at which time prominent wheat growers, farm board officials and representatives of locals from the Northwest Grain Growers, Inc., will assemble.

Armistice Day

While there was no Armistice Day program in Athena, the occasion was observed locally by all stores and many of the business houses closing, so that Pendleton and Walla Walla, where there were appropriate programs, could be visited. At Pendleton Judge Sweek delivered the principal address during the special services that were conducted by the American Legion Post. The services were followed by a parade in which the American Legion and Auxiliary, Spanish-American veterans and National Guard unit participated.

Fiftieth Anniversary

Mark Barthel of Pendleton, Roll Call chairman of the county, calls attention to the fact that this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of Red Cross relief work. The Red Cross chapters in thousands of communities are doing relief work in the ranks of the unemployed of the nation and in no year since the World war has it been more vital than now that every man and woman become a Red Cross member. The county roll call for members started on Armistice day and will end on Thanksgiving day.

Snow Steps Spud Digging

With several inches of snow on the ground, digging the mountain potato crop was temporarily suspended Tuesday. For the most part the potato crop on mountain ranches has been harvested, but there are several growers who are behind with their work. It is expected that the present snow will disappear, when the remainder of the crop will be taken care of.

The Big Game

The radio will hold its own tomorrow afternoon when Oregon State and University of Oregon football teams clash in the annual contest at Eugene. The university will entertain under the homecoming banner and the occasion promises to be a glorious one. The teams are considered to be fairly evenly matched, with perhaps a little edge in favor of Schissler's reserves.

Meier to Return to Salem
Governor Meier will return to Salem Monday, it was announced Tuesday by the executive offices. In a telephone conversation with his office, it was announced, the governor said he would be "back to Salem not later than next Monday." The governor has been absent from his office since August 24 because of illness.

Started Blaze, Is Convicted
Ernest W. Weaver, accused of having set a forest fire last August which burned over approximately 12,000 acres of private and government land in Grant county—all that he might get a job fighting the blaze—was convicted Tuesday afternoon by a jury in Federal Judge McNary's court at Portland.

Man Found on Highway
A tourist picked up an aged man on the highway west of Athena Wednesday morning who was exhausted and suffering from cold. The tourist stopped at Watkins Pharmacy and reported the old man to be in a serious condition, and that he would take him on to Weston, his destination.

Oregon Dairy Leaders Seeking a Wider Market

Seeking widened markets for Oregon dairy products, Oregon dairy leaders are in California headed by Max Gehlar, director of the Oregon department of agriculture. They are conferring with distributors in a state that consumes 40,000,000 pounds of butter a year more than it produces. They are meeting the delegations and viewing the exhibits of 17 states at the noted Pacific Slope Dairy show and Western regional dairy conference in the Oakland municipal auditorium and are attending the sessions of the California dairy council that, under the administration of Sam H. Greene, has become one of the outstanding organizations of its kind in the United States. They are planning immediately upon return the organization of an Oregon dairy council representing all divisions of the industry. Gehlar has asked Greene to come to Oregon to assist.

"The outlook is encouraging for widened market for Oregon dairy products in California," said Greene. "The reason is that the big California markets, Los Angeles and San Francisco, know that quality of Oregon butter has recently improved and is going still farther in this direction. Oregon could always have marketed more of its products in California by sticking to a high standard of quality."

"Another recognition is that these Western states are a natural economic as well as geological unit. They are not only our production region, but our marketing area. Our standards and our regulations should be uniform throughout this area. Our marketing plans should consider first this zone. Oregon's chance in California is better than it ever was."

"Oregon will move into a more and more important marketing relationship to California," Gehlar said. "We have now a better branding law that will help to put a premium on uniform high quality. The Oregon department of agriculture is directing its efforts toward standardization of all the major agricultural products because we realize that standards in foods from the farm are imperative in this modern day as standards in automobiles or other manufactured articles."

Doctor and Wife Win Two Grand Prizes in Contest

In a guessing contest at Salem, involving football predictions, first and second prizes were won by Dr. and Mrs. Blatchford, respectively. The prizes were awarded by the Salem Capital Journal-Warner Bros., theatre. The doctor won tickets to the theatre for all performances given during the month, and Mrs. Blatchford's prize was the award of tickets to the theatre for three weeks.

Dr. Blatchford won on his prediction of the outcome of ten selected games played on Saturday, October 31. Dr. Blatchford predicted the score of Salem high school exactly and was the closest in his forecasts of three other games, Michigan - Syracuse, Yale-Dartmouth and Minnesota-Wisconsin.

Mrs. Blatchford forecast the 13 to 0 score by which Willamette defeated Puget Sound, came within one point of guessing the score on the Notre Dame-Carnegie Tech contest, and was one of the four guessing high enough to qualify as "experts" on 41 to 6 Pittsburgh drubbing handed to Penn State.

If possible, Dr. Blatchford will attend the Whitman-Willamette game on Thanksgiving Day and he informs The Press that he may drop in to see his Athena friends.

Young People's Class

The Young People's Sunday school class of the Christian church is entertaining a large group of friends in the parlors of the church tonight. Decorations of autumn leaves and flowers are being used and many clever games are planned for entertainment. Refreshments will be served.

Will Seed in Spring

McBride Bros., have moved their caterpillar and machinery home from the Edith Lumsden place on Dry Creek, where they completed seeding. The McBride Bros., will not sow grain this fall on their farm southeast of Athena, but will do some plowing and seed Federation in the spring.

Completes Basement

Ralph Singer has completed pouring concrete in the foundation and basement of his residence property on Jefferson street. He is now doing inside carpenter work and the improvements to the home will be completed with installation of a heating furnace.

Senator King announced at Washington that he was drafting a bill to abolish the farm board, but its chairman, James C. Stone, said such a movement would not get very far.

Uncle Sam Has Money to Burn



Here's how Uncle Sam throws away old money—tosses millions in bills into an incinerator. Each year the government destroys about 2,000,000,000 bills, totalling about \$10,000,000,000 in value. They are those which have been called in because of wear and tear.

TO RULE CANADA



The earl of Bessborough, a commanding figure in the British business world, who has been appointed governor general of Canada to succeed Earl Willingdon, the new viceroy of India. Bessborough is chairman of the gigantic Unilever Margarine corporation, deputy chairman of De Beers Consolidated Mines and chairman of the Sao Paulo (Brazil) railway.

Decrepit Cars May Be Denied Highway

Members of the Washington state highway patrol gathered at Olympia Sunday for their annual convention. The force of 58 officers was greeted by Chief William Cole.

C. T. Crooks of Pierce county chose "The Right of the State to Rule Out Vehicles" as his text.

Crooks advanced eight reasons for banishing worn-out machines. Among them were: Because of increased speed limits, because they are not insurable, haven't four-wheel brakes and can't be driven 40 miles an hour with safety, and because their owners are financially irresponsible.

The patrolmen recommended that all motor vehicles not having a blue book rating of more than \$100, and not insurable, be barred from the highways by refusal of state officials to license them.

Chas. Dickey Recovers

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickey were in Athena Saturday from their home in John Day. Mr. Dickey was compelled several months ago to dispose of his hotel property at John Day and go to Portland for cancer treatment. The growth which affected his mouth and left jaw has been completely cured, but Charley still feels the effects of the severe radium treatment he underwent.

Come Out of John Day

After two years spent in the John Day stock country in partnership with Glenn Arbogast, Herman Geissel has entered the employment of Omer Stephens in his Luncheonette at Pendleton. Herman came out from Ukiah Sunday in company with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Barrett, who spent the day in that district.

Spinach Harvest Held Up

Frost and rain in the mornings has held up the spinach harvesting in the Walla Walla valley according to produce men, who state that work can't be done until later in the day. Some spinach which has been long in storage shows some mildew, but generally it is of good quality.

Near Zero Point

Thermometers dropped to 10 degrees above zero at Davenport, Wash., Monday night. A dense fog slowed up motor traffic.

Favor Inspection Auto Camps and Oppose \$3 License

Sanitary inspection of automobile camps in Oregon by the state rather than the county health departments, and opposition to the proposed \$3 automobile license fee, were outstanding among the action taken at Portland Tuesday by the Oregon Auto Camp association at the concluding session of a two-day convention.

The action looking toward uniform sanitary inspection was prompted by the failure of some county health officers to inspect camps in their counties, it was stated. The recommendation was that the state auto camp law be changed, placing this work under Dr. Frederick Stricker, state health officer. The present \$10 annual inspection fee now given the counties would in this event revert to the state.

The association asked also that the law be enlarged to include beach resort camps, operating on the same basis as auto camps, declaring that at some resorts the drinking water is not properly inspected and other health matters not attended to.

Not only did the association oppose the \$3 auto license plan, but any other plan that would rob the state highway commission of any of its present revenue. No opposition to a license reduction would be voiced, it was said, if a corresponding increase in revenue was provided through gasoline tax. The body felt the whole matter should be left in the hands of the legislature and that the matter of highway revenue should not be allowed to drift into the hands of selfish politicians.

There are 609 auto camps in Oregon this year as against 587 last, an increase smaller than any for the past five years. Tendency toward cabin camps also was noted.

First Touch of Winter Felt in the Coast States

Lapping over into Northern California, the first touch of winter affected the Pacific coast states Monday and Tuesday.

Rain fell in torrents west of the Cascade mountains, turning to flurries of snow on the eastern side. McKenzie Pass was negotiated by motor cars following caterpillar snowplows. Bend had snow and several inches covered the high plateaus of that district.

Streams to near flood stage were on rampage in the Sound country and east to Spokane colder weather and light snowfall prevailed.

The rain and cold wave caught farmers in the Athena-Weston district practically mid-way in their fall seeding operations. Owing to the lateness of the season, some growers are said to be contemplating postponement of seeding operations until spring.

A soaking rain fell here the fore part of Saturday night, while snow was falling in the Blue Mountains and covering the foothills. The higher ranches are covered with approximately seven inches of snow at this writing, Wednesday.

Suffers Paralytic Stroke; In a Serious Condition

Vic Harris is in a serious condition at his home on west Current street as the result of a paralytic stroke suffered some time Monday afternoon. Mr. Harris was found Monday evening at 6 o'clock lying on the floor of the basement by Charles McFarland.

Mr. Harris was shoveling dirt from the basement when he felt the attack coming on. He fell to the floor and was considerably bruised. His left side is affected, but he can talk. He was unconscious when found by Mr. McFarland. He does not believe he was on the basement floor more than an hour before McFarland came.

The patient is under care of Miss Mildred Stanton, nurse, and John Benson. In event that Mr. Harris does not grow worse, he will remain at his home here and not go to a hospital.

Aurora Borealis

A display of northern lights was witnessed late Saturday night by several Athena people. A striking glow was noticed in the north which spreading, formed into brilliant fan like rays. The manifestation was of short duration, fading shortly after its appearance.

Carl Calvert Here

Carl Calvert, former Athena high school boy, has been here this week, visiting friends. Carl is employed in the tuberculosis hospital at Lakeview, Washington.

Has Chevrolet Truck

The Farmers Grain Elevator company has purchased a Chevrolet truck which will be used for company hauling and general delivery purposes.

Northwest Mines Stock Advancing Lead-Silver Price

Spokane—Silver, lead and zinc, climbing fast during the last 30 days, boosted the value of Pacific Northwest mining stocks on the exchange here by \$11,222,376.

Shares of mines in Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington, Western Montana and British Columbia, including some gold and coal properties, boomed again Tuesday, and the volume of trading shot up, cheering stockholders and mine operators all over this center of Northwest mining.

Mines affected include some of the most profitable silver-lead-zinc holdings in the world, which have been on a curtailed production basis for a long time. Their ascent of several rungs on the ladder of prosperity is expected to benefit the whole financial situation in this territory.

Speeding up of production on a big scale was not expected here until still higher prices come, but mine experts felt that confidence and optimism climbed on heels of share prices.

The price of one of these metals affects the others, for they are mined together.

Bunker Hill-Sullivan stock advanced \$7 a share, bringing a profit of \$2,289,000 on its 327,000 shares since October 9. Heckla's profit was \$1.85 per share or \$1,850,000 on outstanding stock.

Premier Gold shot up \$1,300,000 and Sunshine \$1,035,000. Pend Oreille Mines went up 60 cents to the tune of \$1,800,000 on outstanding stock, and Dayrock 35 cents, adding \$700,000.

Many stocks listed have been held down because their owners refused to start production in these mines until ores in the previous working properties were disposed of, and until prices were right. Further advances in prices would not only increase the value of "old" mine stocks, but would cause great activity in "new" mines and would bring production in these idle properties, some of which have millions of dollars' worth of ore blocked out and ready to be mined when the owners feel the market is ready.

The School Play Will Swell Unemployment Fund

From the net proceeds of the school play, "Second Childhood," which is to be presented at school auditorium Thursday and Friday evenings of next week, November 19 and 20, twenty-five per cent will be turned over to E. C. Rogers, chairman of the local committee for relief of the unemployed.

A general admission price of 25 cents will be charged adults, and children 10 cents. On Friday night children will be admitted free. The play is one that will please and a large attendance for both nights is expected. Players in the cast are: Professor Relyea.....Ralph Moore Sylvia Relyea.....Mildred Hansell "Auntie".....Marjorie Douglas Philip Stanton.....Fred Singer General Burbeck.....Wayne Banister Marcella Burbeck.....Helen Barrett Sheriff Johnson.....Leland Jenkins Mrs. Vivert.....Velma Ross Mrs. Henderson.....Goldie Miller Judge Sanderson.....Lowell Jenkins

Kill Kare Club Meets

Members of the Jolly Twenty club motored to Adams Friday afternoon where they were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. James Lieuallen. Mrs. Matt Johnson and Mrs. Harry Saulsberry were guests. The afternoon was spent with needlework and chat and Mrs. Ruby Payne entertained with several vocal solos which were much enjoyed. Sixteen were present and at the tea hour the hostess served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Gross Friday afternoon, November 20.

Jolly Twenty at Adams

The Kill Kare Pinochle club was charmingly entertained Thursday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rosberry. The usual three tables were in play, Mrs. Dick Swift and Lee Johnson being awarded prizes for high score. Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Lowe received consolation prizes. The hostess served dainty refreshments before adjournment.

To Solicit Wheat

A new committee to aid in the relief campaign during the winter has been appointed at Pendleton to handle wheat donations, with George Strand as chairman. The committee will seek donations of 100 sacks of wheat, which will be traded to mills for flour at 4 1/2 bushels for one barrel of flour.

Installs Flamo Plant

Jack Calder has completed installation of a Flamo gas plant at the Seth Hyatt farm home east of Weston. The Hyatt home is now equipped with a Flamo gas cooking plate and gas light.

GOLD SPIKE UNITES TWO BIG RAILROADS

Great Northern and West- ern Pacific Joined at Bieber, California.

Arthur James, chairman of the board of the Western Pacific, member of the Great Northern board and largest individual stockholder in that company; Ralph Budd; president of the Great Northern, and Harry M. Adams, president of the Western Pacific, took turns in swinging a railroad hammer on the golden spike at Bieber, Cal., Tuesday afternoon, driving it home in the tie that bound the Great Northern and the Western Pacific into another great transcontinental railroad system; signaled the entry of the Hill railroads into the California territory and brought to fruition the work begun by James J. Hill, the "Empire Builder," almost 25 years ago.

The "golden spike" is one furnished by the Oroville Rotary club, plated with gold from historic mines in the Feather River canyon. The spike was presented to Adams at a dinner in honor of Western Pacific officials September 8, 1930, soon after the company started work on its line north from Keddies to meet the Great Northern extension south from Klamath Falls.

Great Northern and Western Pacific locomotives met over the spike as soon as it was placed, and the new line was declared officially open to freight traffic.

The Western Pacific was represented at Bieber by four excursion trains, carrying 40 Pullman cars and more than 1000 persons, including a party of 60 newspapermen, photographers and news-reel representatives from its territory.

The Great Northern did not run excursions from its territory because of the extensive improvements still under way on the Shevlin-Hixson unit of its new line south of Bend, but special trains carrying executives from the East, newspapermen from the Northwest and W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, and his party from Portland were on the scene.

A special trainload of 40 cars of furniture from the Doernbecher plant at Portland, followed by regular freight trains, all duly placarded in compliment to opening of the new line inaugurated freight service.

"The line will be ready for passenger train service about May 1, next year. "Hanging in my office in New York is a lithograph which has been used by the Great Northern as a background for its annual calendar," said James as he gripped the sledge. "In a small inset at the bottom is an excellent picture of James J. Hill, and beside him is one of the little locomotives of about 1889 and discernible in the mist and haze in the background is one of the mammoth locomotives of the present day."

This illustrates the dream of James J. Hill, the empire builder. Today we are here to celebrate the fruition of Mr. Hill's dream and in loving reverence for his memory it is my pleasant duty to drive this golden spike symbolizing the dream which has required more than two generations to accomplish.

"We of this generation pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to carry out the dreams of our fathers to make this highway of commerce an efficient aid in helping to develop this great country which we all love so well."

Managing Local Oil Plant

Leon Kretzer, who has been with the Union Oil company at Pendleton for over a year has been transferred to Athena, where he will be manager of the Union plant here. Mr. Kretzer takes the place of H. H. Lawrence, former manager of the local plant, who had to give up the position on account of ill health, and is now residing in Pendleton.

Hoover Is Invited

President Herbert Hoover may stop in Salem, scene of his boyhood days, when and if he comes to the Pacific Coast next year to attend the Olympic games. An invitation was extended the president by the Salem Chamber of Commerce through United States Senator Charles L. McNary.

Eight Convicts Released

Eight prisoners arrived at the Washington state prison Tuesday, bringing the population to 1290. The prisoners came from the northeastern tier of counties.

Big Gladioli Bulbs

The first straight carload of jumbo gladioli bulbs, which include only bulbs of two inches or more in diameter, left Grants Pass for Chicago this week.