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FARRELL EXPLAINS PURPOSES OF AAA

Wheat Section Head Tells League Contracted Acreage Necessary

FOREIGN TRADE UNCERTAIN

Sales Abroad Cannot Be Made At A Profit Now

Three dozen Sherman courtians returned from the wheat league meeting in Arlington last week end with their heads crammed chock full of facts and opinions about many problems of their trade. Practically every phase of the wheat growers' interest was covered by some of the speakers at the session and in the committee discussions that were interspersed during the two days.

Probably the greatest attraction was George E. Ferrell, administrator of the wheat section, which is a part of the AAA that concerns the wheat grower. Mr. Ferrell was scheduled to speak Friday but illness kept him from appearing until Saturday morning. He might have been somewhat upset physically but mentally he was sufficiently alert to answer several dozen questions showered upon him after his talk of an hour or more in which he explained clearly the present outlook for wheat from an international point of view. He is a large man with a massive head, large features, speaks slowly and gives the appearance of being very well informed indeed, about the job he is entrusted with.

After his introduction by A. R. Shumway he began his talk by saying that the wheat program was like that of a 16 year old girl, she may know where she is going today but tomorrow may be something entirely different. The same attitude, to judge from further remarks characterizes the wheat section.

Wheat, said Mr. Ferrell, is an international commodity and is like water in that it seeks to run into places where there is none of it; it is a dominating influence in trade; it licked Germany in the last war and has become more prominent in trade now than new wars are a possibility in Europe. Many huge tariffs are now in effect in Europe because nations there want to develop so important an industry in case of war.

The United States consumes about 500,000,000 bushels of wheat each year in the form of human food, he said, puts 75,000,000 back in the ground and feeds about 50,000,000 to live stock. In the late twenties we produced an average of 860,000,000 bushels and shipped our surplus to European countries. During the war we had paid our debts to Europe and loaned more. Therefore during the twenties we had to loan Europe the money with which to buy our exported wheat. In 1930 we decided we could not do that any longer and following the popular clamor we began the stabilization experiment of the farm board.

This method soon piled up a surplus of 389,000,000 bushels that could not be sold except at a loss because no one wanted it that could pay for it. That brought in the third experiment: the one in vogue at present; that of reducing the supply of wheat in the United States. Through the reduction of wheat and the non-use of contracted acreage the farmers are now able to raise some wheat at a profit. Farmers may now take their choice of continuing to restrict their production or go on a world price basis. They may either raise wheat on a 90 percent of their acreage for the domestic price plus allotment or raise an unlimited quantity and sell at the world price even at about 37 cents.

There are some who advocate that farmers go out and capture the world market and continue to produce but few farmers are among them, said Mr. Ferrell, who said the American standard of living could not be maintained that manner.

The drought in the central part of the United States had kept the production of wheat low and has

Non-High School Board Signs Contracts

The Non High School Board of Sherman county met Monday evening at the superintendent's office and brought the business of the district up to date by approving the several transportation contracts made with the high school districts of the county. The entire membership of the board was present.

made it possible to reduce the surplus much faster than otherwise would have been possible and has raised the price of wheat as well. In 1932 the American farmer raised 760,000,000 bushels of wheat and sold it for \$260,000,000 and in 1934 he has raised 490,000,000 bushels and sold it for \$560,000,000.

The main exporting countries are still desirous of producing to the limit and Argentina, Australia and Canada will not, so far, agree to curtail their wheat acreage making the numerous wheat conferences ineffective to date.

Mr. Ferrell said farmers should not look upon contracted acreage as a penalty on them. Rather it is the thing that makes their existence, economically, possible and should be so regarded. He had a word of implied criticism for farmers of the northwest who were asking a high price for their wheat which was to be used for feed by farmers in the drought area. This area is comparatively prosperous while in the mid west people are watching their stock die or want of feed.

He parried questions expertly or answered them simply to the satisfaction of all who expected farmers to submerge him with less for continuance of the northwest export association. In this regard he released a statement saying that the government would not be moving northwest wheat for feed purposes if the price here became demoralized and if the breads would make low rates to the east. The grain would have to be cracked and washed for smut.

A vote taken showed that a majority was in favor of continuance of the wheat contract which prompted Mr. Ferrell to remark that if that sentiment was general a contract would probably be available. He stated that parity for wheat farmers had been reached already.

Read the ads in the Journal



COURT NEWS

Claims Presented and Allowed Against General Fund. December Term.

Claimant	Account of Amount
Mrs. Chas. Gollher, county poor aid for Nov. Dec.	\$40.00
J. W. Wilde, county poor	20.00
Mrs. R. G. Garrett, county needy	20.00
Mrs. S. L. Coats, county charge	15.00
Mrs. Peter Fleck, county charge	20.00
Mrs. Margaret Clarke, county charge	8.00
Mrs. Mary Jane Young, old age pension	10.00
Julius Ruhburg, old age pension	15.00
Mrs. Ella Vanlandingham, old age pension	15.00
Mrs. Albertine Whiting, Old age pension	10.00
John H. Henderson, Old age pension	10.00
David Aaron Fields, Old age pension	15.00
Mrs. Flora B. Eakin, Old age pension	15.00
W. J. Brownlee, Old age pension	15.00
William S. Hall, Old age pension	15.00
W. C. Rutledge, Old age pension	10.00
Tel. and Tel. Co., Total telephone bills	15.75
R. A. Stow, J. of P. fees—State vs. Peterson	2.00
R. Abel, Deputy Sheriff at Kent precinct	5.00
Fred Hennagin, rent and taking care of L. G. precinct	5.00
J. F. Noonan, Installing and removing Moro election booths	1.00
Chas. Everett, Deputy Sheriff at Wasco precinct and mileage	6.00
J. B. Coon, Rent of G. V. voting hall	5.00
Clyde Smith, Cleaning and preparing Rutledge election hall	5.00

Mrs. James Dennis Severely Burned

Mrs. James Dennis of Grass Valley was severely burned last Tuesday morning at her home when her clothing caught on fire as she stood by the stove. She ran to the back porch where a tub of clothes were soaking and put out the fire and then returned to the house to extinguish the blaze that had been started there on her quilting.

Mrs. Dennis lives alone and had to call help after putting out the fire. She is badly burned about the back and legs and is under the care of Dr. Poley and Miss Holmes.

CITY OFFICIALS PLAN LEGISLATIVE CHANCES

Revenue Wanted From Liquor Sales

Representatives of all the towns in Sherman county were in The Dalles Tuesday to attend luncheon and a meeting with other city officers of the north central area of Oregon at the invitation of the League of Oregon cities.

Purpose of the gathering was to determine the trend of thought on several matters of importance to cities and to instruct the legislative committee of the league as to the wishes of the municipal officers.

Almost unanimous support was given to the proposal that cities be allowed to share in the revenues from the sale of liquor in Oregon. It was shown that the largest share of law enforcement falls upon the cities and that no part of the resultant revenues is given them.

The meeting also voted to request that any raise in liquor revenues be granted to the cities of the state and that no licenses be given by the commission without the recommendation of the city in which the licensee is to operate.

Favorable action was taken on the proposal that cities be exempt from the gasoline sales tax on gas used in building or maintaining city streets.

Slightly outside of strictly municipal affairs, but timely nevertheless, was the suggestion that steps

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WHEAT LEAGUE HEARS INFORMING SPEECHES

Big Program Successfully Put On In Two Days

EROSION CONTROL NEEDED

Mac Roke Elected President for '35 Pendleton Chosen

Election of Mac Roke of Pendleton as president, E. Harvey Smith of Lexington as vice-president and Chas. W. Smith as secretary was the concluding action of the 1934 meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League which concluded its session Saturday evening at the Arlington high school gymnasium. Pendleton was selected as the meeting place for 1935.

Many splendid talks were given during the two days and it is unfortunate that all of the farmers of the wheat sections of the state could not have heard them. Arthur Geary, attorney or the farm rate council gave some important facts regarding the income of the railroad companies and opposed the suggestion of rail administrator Joseph Eastman that the trucks and also the water carriers be placed under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He said that before this is done the country should judge on the success that body has made in handling the rail roads for the past years.

J. B. Adams, president of the wheat league, reviewed the actions of the past year and concluded that the league had saved thousands of dollars for farmers of the state. He asked a parity price that would permit the farmers to buy as much as during the 1909-14 period and briefly mentioned the strike conditions that gravely restricted trade in farm commodities last spring and summer, saying that such methods of settling disputes should be avoided if possible.

A. R. Shumway, president of the North-Pacific Grain Growers, made a strong plea for the continuance of the export association saying that northwest farmers were not being accorded as favorable treatment as those in other parts of the country. He said that coordination among governmental bodies was lacking and that the AAA, FERA and others should adopt a policy regarding purchases of wheat for drought sufferers. He said the bill that established the AAA states that parity for grain used in home consumption was to be achieved if possible and that the administrators had interpreted this to mean that grain used for human home consumption was to be raised to a parity price which made considerable difference to grain growers.

W. A. Rockie, head of the northwest erosion station gave some very interesting facts regarding erosion on steep lands in the Palouse country. Cultivated lands in all the world are rapidly wasting away and many millions of acres will never produce profitably again, he said. In the east already 38,000,000 acres are abandoned as useless for farming purposes.

A. C. Adams, spoke on the credit facilities offered the farmer by the government. Orris Dorman talked of the export association and its benefits. H. G. West of the Columbia Valley Association pled for farmers aid for the river use program. D. E. Stephens gave some important facts regarding tillage, smut control and the new grasses. B. W. Whitlock explained the new grades of wheat barley and oats. Dean W. A. Schoenfeld reviewed the economic situation of wheat for the past fifteen years. W. H. Dreesen spoke of the relationship of local, state and national taxes. Rex Willard told of government plans for the utilization in the northwest and Ray W. Gill, state grange master and A. C. Spencer, council for the U. P. railroad finished the program with talks for their organizations.

Harlandview Grange is presenting Three One Act Plays at their hall on Saturday evening at 8:00 p. m. A small door charge will be made.

Two Wrecks Occur; Riders All Lucky

Two auto wrecks have happened near Moro this week with no serious injuries to the six persons who were in the cars at the time. Sunday night Clarence Morrison and daughter, Doris, were returning from Grass Valley when they met a car near the Collis Moore house. The road was slick and the cars slid off the road and smashed radiators together to cause considerable damage to both. Clarence was slightly skinned and bruised about the face and Doris had a cut on her face that required a doctor's attention. Occupants of the other car were Judge King and the deputy sheriff of Jefferson county. Tuesday afternoon J. L. Davis and Bob Wallman of Kent started from Moro to The Dalles via the saw tooth road, but failed to make the steep turn near the Amidon place and rolled down the embankment to the bottom of DeMoss canyon. Wallman was uninjured, but Luther had a cut in his forehead and a twisted knee when they picked themselves out of the wreckage. The car was twisted and broken somewhat but was driven on to The Dalles anyway.

WOMAN'S CLUBS VISIT MORO FOR CONFERENCE

District President Makes Call On Sherman Countians

A large crowd attended the meeting of the Woman's Club Friday, November 7 at the church. Other clubs in the county represented were Grass Valley Woman's Club, Klondike Club and The Tuesday Afternoon Club of Wasco.

The meeting was opened by singing America the Beautiful. The president Mrs. Anna Moore took charge of the business meeting.

Mrs. T. C. Reese, director, was in charge of the program. Mrs. A. H. Barnum gave the address of welcome. Following this an interesting book review was given by Mrs. Walter Bruckert who is a member of the Klondike Club and also the Tuesday Afternoon Club.

Two lovely songs were rendered by Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin of The Wasco club and a Christmas piece was spoken by her small daughter Sharon Rae.

Mrs. Bowersox of the Moro Club read "Bits of Advice". A lesson on how to be happy the rich was given by Mrs. C. L. Poley in one of her splendid readings.

A review of the Woman's Club work of the past year was outlined by Mrs. Merrifield of The Dalles. Mrs. Merrifield is president of the fourth district.

The club has accomplished much good in the past year. During her talk Mrs. Merrifield introduced Mrs. R. W. French of the Sorosis Club of The Dalles. She told of the organization of a Junior Club in The Dalles and suggested that we encourage the younger women to do likewise here.

Mrs. Reese asked Miss Gillis the health nurse to give a report of conditions as she had found them in the schools of our county. According to Miss Gillis our youngsters generally speaking are a healthy lot. She stated that more corrective work was being done in this county than any where else she had visited. Club was dismissed and Mrs. Anna Moore, president of the Moro club asked that the presidents of all clubs present would act as joint hostesses in introducing the members of their clubs to others that all might become acquainted. After a social hour tea was served. Mrs. T. E. Strong and Mrs. Howard Conlee club.

The next club meeting will be a Christmas party December 20 at the home of Mrs. J. C. McKean. Each one is to bring a small gift to exchange at the party.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 12

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
DEC. 6	32	26	.00
" 7	30	27	.00
" 8	30	27	.04
" 9	28	25	.00
" 10	27	25	.00
" 11	30	25	.00
" 12	31	27	.00
Total for week			.04

Final Allotment Checks Arrive; Farmers Smile

Farmers have been visiting the happy hunting grounds this week in large numbers and before the week is out nearly everyone will have called at the county agent's for their final 1934 installment on the wheat allotment. Some few will be disappointed because a few checks are always delayed to judge from past experiences.

This fortunate condition has arisen because the expected \$91,000 arrived Monday morning. This sum was in addition to the \$40,000 that was here last week so treasurer Herb Root is kept busy distributing the blue, holy bits of tough paper that signifies that the government has filled its part of the allotment contract. As stated last week this swells the allotment payments to about half a million for Sherman county.

Scout Master Visits Sherman County

A boy scout representative visited Moro Wednesday and conferred with local scout leader Clyde Gilman. As Sherman county is now in the Portland area instead of a local Mid-Columbia area it is thought that participation in scout activities will be less expensive than formerly with practically the same benefits and aid from headquarters. Mr. Wells also visited Grass Valley.

Pensions Cost Less Than Budget Estimate

Old age pensions paid in Sherman county during the 11 months of the year already figured total \$1440. The average number of recipients per month has been 10 although the number is increasing. The budget allowance for this item was \$4000.

Erosion Control Course To Be Given

Popular interest in soil erosion and the demand for trained workers in this field has resulted in one of the junior courses in the school of agriculture at Oregon State college being devoted almost exclusively to this subject for the coming term, announces W. L. Powers, head of the soils department.

The course deals with climate, vegetation and topography, the causes of erosion, and the various types and means of control. After (Continued on page three)

CONFESSIONS TO THEFT SIGNED BY PRISONERS

Robbery of Potter Store Cleared Up By Officers

STOLEN GOODS RECOVERED

Cache In Section House Used To Hide Goods

Lee Russum, 30, alias Robert Guthrie and Ira Higginbottom, 24, alias Jack Hilton, have separately confessed to burglarizing the Geo. Potter store on the night of November 12 and to storing the goods in the section house near by. These confessions clear up the case of the stolen merchandise that looked puzzling and was held a hopeless case at the time it was perpetrated.

As reconstructed the story is as follows: The two men with Russum as the most experienced and daring, planned to steal some food and clothing if possible. The night before the robbery they scouted the premises. The night of the 12th they returned and watched around until the Potters were settled in their houses with the lights out. Then the store was broken into, the goods unpacked and carried out to the section house. The men then repaired to a cave near Klondike where they attempted to cook some of the food stolen but were smoked out. They then went to the "jungles" below Wasco and remained there until that night when they went on to Wishram (Fallbridge) via Maryhill.

There some of the stolen goods was sold. On the night of the 17th they came back to Klondike and picked up more of the stolen goods. Later they went on to Grass Valley where they were caught and arrested on suspicion because of the sale of knives at bargain prices.

All of the merchandise that was still stored has been recovered and some of the clothing that was sold at Wishram has been found by state policemen and returned to Mr. Potter.

Russum is a native of Warranburg, Missouri. He is under indictment at McCall, Nebraska on a narcotics charge and he may be returned there. Higginbottom is from Atlanta, Georgia, although born in Stockton, California.

Items That Were News 39, 29 and 19 Years In The Past

From the Observer Dec. 17, 1915. S. W. Babcock, principle of the Grass Valley schools, left this week for a short visit to McMinnville expecting to return after New Years to resume his school work. Mrs. Julius J. Martin, who attended the Martin family reunion dinner last Tuesday, is a sister to Mrs. E. A. Hoskinson at Kent, and expects to visit at that place before returning to her Idaho home. Chas. O. Bennett and Miss Mildred L. Boyer, of Grass Valley, Oregon, were married at the M. E. parsonage in Moro Friday evening, December 10, Rev. Robertson officiating.

W. B. Terrey, formerly of Bend is visiting with his ward, little Miss Levon Moore, during the holidays.

W. H. Strong won the 1st prize of \$50 and the \$75 grand champion prize for car load lots on his Shropshire lambs at the Live Stock Show at North Portland last week.

From the Observer Dec. 19, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Thompson, parents of Elwood, Richard, and Vincent F. and Mrs. Niel McDonald of this county, are enjoying their visit in the wild and woolly west very much indeed. The visit seems very much like a family reunion, as it is many years since they were all so closely together. G. F. Boyd's team made a dash up main street on the 12th, piling the hack up in great shape for repairs in front of Dingle and Huntling's shop.

J. M. Hansen has a choice orchard now in this upland region, but this only proves that fruit raising will pay up here, and he is preparing to plant more trees.

Quite a number of the young people gathered at the residence of S. Ornduff's on Wednesday last, to celebrate the birthday of Arthur Molesworth. A regular old fashioned taffy pull was indulged in, and all left at a late hour wishing that birthdays came twice instead of once a year. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. Ornduff, Mr. and Mrs. James Engberg, Misses May Johnson, Wynona Osburn, Esther Hinman, Viola Peddicord, Messrs Arthur Molesworth, Ed Froebe, Pearl, Joe and Ross Ornduff, Dick and Sidney Johnson.

From the Observer Dec. 15, 1905. S. S. Hayes is fitting up the room next to the Gordon Bank, late ly vacated by Uncle Sam, and will soon open a first class banking establishment there.

Lillie Martin of Morrow county returned to her home Tuesday after a short visit with Moro relatives and friends.

Hon. Jas. Shearer has sold his famous hotel, bridge, and water rights on Deschutes, to a syndicate that will convert the power, now wasted, to electrical uses at no distant date, doing wonders in the way of development of the hidden resources of this part of the Inland Empire, resources that an Oregonian, with only a small fortune never could see, but which open and expand like the century plant to the keen eyed representative of the phalanx of multi-millionaires from the land where \$20 gold pieces sprout, and produce like wheat on the moist soil of Sherman county. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer will make their home on the Finnegan ranch.