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IN WHICH WE MAKE A SUGGESTION

It seems to us that the benefits of the wheat league are too important to be limited to those who are able to attend. It may be presumed that but few more of the farmers could come to the meetings even if there was greater interest for some of the meetings must be held in small towns where living accommodations are limited, seating space is sometimes small, as well, and the fact that many farmers have work to do at home will always keep a large number away from the meetings.

Therefore we suggest, that a comprehensive report of the meetings be made daily, together with the committee reports and that this be printed immediately while the interest is high and that it be distributed to every farmer who requests it. The cost need not be large, but if it was deemed too great for the wheat league to bear a small charge might be placed on the report. It could be printed in newspaper style on news print, copy could be set up, corrected and distributed within a short time after the sessions were over. We believe that every newspaper and every newspaper man in the seven counties would cooperate with the farmers and their organization in this matter.

One of the reasons for the establishment of the league as the most important farm organization in this part of the state was the publication of the booklet written on the first meeting. For months afterward farmers were able to read of the actions taken and facts presented at the meeting and many concluded that here at last was the sort of an organization they were looking for. Those same men are still the main strength of the league.

No newspaper can adequately cover the league meetings they cover so many subjects, need so much more space than can be given. A moderate sized pamphlet might be written about the Arlington meeting and every bit of it would be interesting to farmers and instructive to everyone connected even remotely with wheat growing in the Columbia basin of Oregon.

Secretary Wallace is a valuable man for any administration. He has just published a book in which he comments on "personal devils" meaning the phobias all of us have against some other class of society than the one to which we belong. There were the railroads, Wall street and now the public utilities that have been blamed for all the evils that beset us. It is most convenient to have such devils to blame for all our troubles, it removes the necessity for very deep thought on economic subjects and provides an ever ready scapegoat. However, Mr. Wallace suggests that we approach our problems more scientifically than by the "devils" method and really try to reform our system of persecuting our devils.

Another way to make the headlines is to die alone on a desert island, but it has its drawbacks.

It's getting cold back east. Let's see, where did we put that overcoat last spring?

The government is gathering up blue eagles in Oregon. Pictures of the bird will only be found in collectors' museums soon at this rate.

Portland is paying its school ma'ams 75 percent of their salary Tut, tut. Is that anyway to celebrate the Christmas spirit?

Among the really funny things in this world is the comments of residents of the United States on the so called "stork sweepstakes" being held in Canada.

Mr. Hedlund, postmaster of Portland, favors changing our place names to more romantic ones, with more advertising value. Now isn't it pleasant that people like Mr. Hedlund still live in this busy and commonplace world where romance is supposedly forgotten in the chase for the practical but unpoetical dollar. It wouldn't do to have our place names all flowery with vowels and give those thirsting for romance nothing to long to correct.

Charles Dawes says the depression will end next June. Everyone has presumed it ended for him when he borrowed \$90,000,000.

This Dr. Defoe must feel a little sheepish over the publicity he is getting. His part in the famous event was merely that of accessory after the fact.

Grass Valley

The Cascadian show truck driver missed the road near Allie Leonards one night last week and ended up in John Engstrom's field with the truck on its side. No one was seriously hurt.

John Bueher has been ill for several days with a recurrence of the ailment that kept him in bed for several weeks a couple of years ago.

Erma Lee Gervais was taken to the hospital Thursday of last week with a bad appendix which was removed.

J. W. Shepard, Fred Krurow, Herman Schilling, T. M. Rolfe and C. R. Baker attended the meeting of the wheat league at Arlington Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Clyde Smith was ill Sunday but is recovering.

L. E. Clark ad the misfortune to cut the end off the second and third fingers of his left hand Tuesday evening. He was splitting wood. Both fingers were cut near the last joint.

Mrs. Vernon Fridley, formerly Ruth Hamilton, sister of Mrs. Karl Eaton visited here last week with her sister and friends at Kent where she was once a teacher.

I. D. Pike, J. W. Shepard, Herman Schilling and Tom Garret attended the meeting of the league of Oregon cities in The Dalles Tuesday.

Officers elected by the Eastern Star lodge of Grass Valley at the last meeting were A. A. Dunlap, W. P. Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, W. M. L. V. Walton, A. P. Mrs. L. V. Walton, A. M., Secretary L. D. Eakin; Treasurer A. C. Eakin.

Grass Valley School Notes by Lawrence Todd

The dance given last Friday by the Literature Club for the Volley Ball Girls turned out very satisfactorily. During the intermission, which came about the middle of the evening, speeches were given by the following people: Mr. Rowe; Mildred Alley, president of the Literature Club; Dorothy Fairchilds, Honorary captain of the volleyball team; Mr. Hughes and Henry Roth. As a feature of the intermission program Coach Hughes presented volleyball letters to the following girls: Dorothy Fairchilds, Charlotte Ruggles, Ellen Cox, Cora Bayer, Ruby Fairchilds, Janet Wilcox, Katherine Burton, Charlotte Beardsley, Greta Russell, Frances Fairchilds, Marjorie Blake and Emma Ellen Fortner.

Katherine Burton has joined the debate squad, enlarging it to six members. For the first debate the following team has been chosen: Marjorie Blake and Elton Eakin affirmative; Katherine Burton and Lawrence Todd negative. No permanent date has yet been set for this debate.

The Public Speaking class has taken up character portrayal and impersonation. On Tuesday the class was majoring in mechanical sounds; barnyard animals and various other interpretations. Nursery rhymes in various dialect also seems to be popular.

Tuesday afternoon a larger percentage of the boys could be found in the gymnasium, down on their knees going through the same motion as an old fashioned scrub woman, only dry cloths were used. The purpose was to polish off the wax and spangles from the recent dance.

Dad—Well, Willie, what did you learn today?
Willie—Not to sass Billy McNut

Agricultural Heads Planning State Aid

How to bring to Oregon throughout the coming year the maximum advantages from state and federal aids to agriculture will be the chief theme of the annual agricultural staff conference at Oregon State college December 17 to 20, inclusive.

This conference, called by W. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, will include all of the regular and emergency members of the county extension staffs, the branch experiment station superintendents, and the resident staff in

extension, experiment station and resident instruction division. While a number of out of state officials will be present to take part in the conference, most of the program is devoted to intensive consideration of Oregon's situation in relation to national and regional programs.

Several members of the staff, including Dean Schoenfeld and F. L. Ballard, vice director of the extension service, have recently returned from conference in Washington D. C. where they were called in connection with the latest agricultural developments. They will relay the information gained to the entire staff here in Oregon.

Among those who take part in the program who are not on the local staff are W. A. Rockie, superintendent of the Pacific Northwest soil erosion station at Pullman; Harry B. Carroll, advisor of the rural rehabilitation program; Clifford L. Smith, director of rural rehabilitation in Oregon, and Clara V. Thompson, assistant director of rural rehabilitation in charge of home economics. Latest information on AAA programs dealing with corn-hog, wheat, dairy disease eradication, and land utilization will be available for those taking part in the conference.

In carrying out its national projects, the U. S. department of agriculture is making more and more use of the extension and research organizations of the various states, says Dean Schoenfeld. Only thru maintaining complete and efficient state organizations can the full benefits of these national projects be obtained for Oregon, he says.

Plans will be discussed at the conference for shaping the general research, extension and teaching programs in agriculture so as to fit it most completely with the present national trends in agriculture. Effort is being made to retain as much as possible of the normal service activities of the organizations throughout the state in the face of greatly increased emergency demands on the time and efforts of the staff.

EROSION

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The students have completed their training they will make an inspection trip over the new Columbia Basin erosion projects.

Some preliminary tests on erosion control are also being carried out on several of the eastern Oregon branch experiment stations. At Moro the use of fall wheat planted in the spring as an erosion prevention measure is being studied. At the Pendleton branch station the planting of certain grasses in draws where washing is likely to occur through wheat fields has been found advantageous. The grass adds to the pasture value of the stubble field following harvest.

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and J. E. Norton and family were dinner guests at the L. V. Walton home Sunday.

State Grand Master Charles Poole, of Eugene, visited the Kent I. O. O. F. lodge Saturday night while on his rounds of the lodges of the state. At the meeting officers for 1935 were elected as follows: L. V. Walton, N. G.; A. von Borstel, V. G.; Frank Haynes, sec. A. A. Dunlap, Treasurer.

I. O. O. F. lodge No. 185 was visited by Charles A. Poole State grand master of Odd-Fellows, at their regular meeting Saturday evening December 8th. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Corliss Andrews, A. A. Dunlap and R. P. Barnett were in attendance at the wheat league meeting at Arlington Friday from Kent.

Bill Dugan of Antelope is visiting friends here a few days. J. E. Norton and W. S. Hall were Moro visitors Wednesday.

J. R. Dellinger, who has been ill since Wednesday was taken to The Dalles hospital Sunday suffering from what is thought to be pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Darby were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie and Carl Lyons were dinner guests Sunday at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckman jr.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis Monday evening were Misses Martha Hendrickson, Cecil Cothran, Harriet Fredrickson and Mrs. Ida Davis.

R. A. Twiss of The Dalles was a business caller at Kent Monday.

Friends of Miss Irene Pottratz gave her a pleasant surprise Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Max Pluemke, in honor of her birthday anniversary. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Darby, Misses Cecil Cothran, Phyllis Haynes, Martha Hendrickson, Harriet Fredrickson, Margaret and Anita Dunlap, Maxine Pluemke, Mrs. Vi Haynes, Arnold Dellinger, Harley McKay, Fern Mobley, Karl Pluemke, R. Abell, George Witter, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Pluemke. Refreshments were served.

Kent Grange No. 688 held its regular meeting Saturday evening December 8, with 28 members present.

KENT SCHOOL NOTES by Margaret Dunlap

In the first basketball games of the 1934-35 season played last Friday night with the Maupin teams the Kent girls were defeated and the boys were victorious. The girls lost by a large margin, 25-2. They do not feel discouraged however, because they have had only one weeks practice and are not yet well organized.

The boys' game was very exciting throughout. The final score was 19-17 which speaks for itself as the scores were close during the entire game. The final winning scores were made by several spectacular long shots which brought cheers even from the opponents.

The teams will travel to Wapinitia this Friday night. The next home game will not be until January 4 when we play Grass Valley.

The second copy of the "Krier" was distributed on December 10. This copy was much improved over the last issue and contains many interesting articles such as the basket ball schedule and items concerning school activities.

The high school students have begun work on a Christmas play "The Christmas Gimme." Miss Frederickson is the coach. The Christmas program will be given next Friday night, December 21 in the school auditorium at 8:00 p. m. A pleasing evening is promised.

The boys and girls elected the

captains for their respective teams last Friday. Myrtle Helyer and Paul Schilling were the chosen ones.

The chest which was bought by the girls league for the cloak room has been delivered. The money which was made by selling candy was used to pay for it.

Mrs. Vern Fridley, the former Miss Hamilton, visited school on Monday of this week. She was a teacher in the primary grades a few years ago.

Eugene Norton and Mary Hoskinson were absent from school Monday and Tuesday.

The 7th and 8th grade room is all decorated for Christmas. The name of the play they are giving as their part of the program is "Children of the Inn." The pupils who are: Aileen Greag, Luther Davis, Margaret Holmes, Donald Borstel, Geardine Norton, Eugene Barnett, Hugh Hoskinson, Carl

Lyons and Merrill Sather. The 3rd grade dramatized a Chinese story in their reading class Friday. They enjoyed the opportunity of talking aloud.

The intermediate room is all "dolled up" for Christmas. Santa should certainly come if yards of crepe paper, icicles, and pictures will bring him.

The 4th grade geography class have an attractive Arabian sand table. Everything in it is original. The camels, of course, are quite appropriate for the time of year.

The intermediate room is having several numbers for the Christmas program, a dialogue entitled, "A Christmas Dream"; and three recitations by Catherine von Borstel, Robert Holmes, Leason Gregg, and Carl Barnett.

The first grade pupils are making booklets to illustrate the days of the week.



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