

Klondike Grange Installs New Officers For Year

Business of the Klondike grange December 10, included installation of new officers for the year. They are: C. W. Johnson, master; C. L. Fridley, gate keeper; Fay Boice, lady assistant steward; John McClure, steward; Mae Johnson, Flora; Mary Thomas, Ceres; Daisy Fridley, Pomona; Inez Wallace, chaplain; Katherine Fridley, lecturer; Pres Boice, overseer; Lena Brock, secretary; Charles Wallace, treasurer and Louise Thomas, musician.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace have moved to town occupying the Heyner house near the lumber yard.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brock, Virgil and Clinton of Twin Falls, visited with their parents recently.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brock are now in Salem visiting with their son in law and daughter, Donald Banta and children.

Delta Grey spent a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard. She is teaching school in Wasco county.

Mrs. Hugh Herin was a Portland visitor for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow left for Salem last week to visit with their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw. He returned home Monday and she will continue her stay until after New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scholl visited last week in The Dalles at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Knebel.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Armsworth enjoyed having as their house guests their daughters, Miss Florence of Ontario and Mrs. Norma Tweedy of The Dalles.

Mrs. Robert Evans spent last week visiting in Portland and Beaverton with relatives.

Guests at the George Potter home were Mrs. Potter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norcross of Pendleton.

Miss Sarah Stalcup of Pendleton arrived Tuesday evening of last week to spend a week visiting with relatives.

Jessie Hull of Portland spent several days of last week at the home of her sister Mrs. Andy Shearer.

Clifton Fridley and wife are enjoying themselves riding in a new car. Mrs. Eliza Dingle also has a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin accompanied by Mrs. Maude Akers were dinner guests at the John Foss home in Moro Friday night.

Mrs. Hilling of Portland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Watkins. She is a sister of Mr. Watkins. All had Christmas dinner at the home of A. C. Kaseberg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinney of Heppner spent the week end with Earl's mother, Mrs. Minnie McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hull were here from Portland again spending last week end with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Andrews and family.

A family dinner was held at the Clyde Hearing home last week when their daughters and families were guests. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stuart of The Dalles were there.

The Knights of Pythias held election of officers and installation last week with the following results: Faye Brackett, chancellor; Joe Hilderbrand, outer guard; Bruce Millard, vice chancellor; Arnold Brady, prelate and recorder of seals; Guy Andrews, master of finance; John McClure, master of arms; H. H. Brackett, inner guard; John Robinson, master of works.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wilde were in Pendleton to see the latter's mother who is ill in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Anderson and son Fred visited in Scappoose last last week.

Mrs. Helen Dingle returned from Venice, California, where she had been visiting with relatives.

NO HELP
Mother—When that naughty boy threw stones at you, why did you not come and tell me, instead of throwing them back at him?
Junior—What good would it do to tell you? You couldn't hit the side of a garage.

Oregon Indians of ancient days were also "doodlers" declared Dr. L. S. Cressman, head of the anthropology department of the University of Oregon. Many of their rock writings are meaningless, and apparently were made "just to pass the time away," he says.

T. Lester Johnson
LAWYER
WASCO OREGON

Grass Favored By Wheat Men At Heppner

With foreign demand for wheat still uncertain from year to year, diversion of as much wheat land as possible in eastern Oregon to other feed or cash crops was recommended by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at its annual meeting held recently in Heppner.

As to possibilities, the committee on production recommended careful study of the returns from feeding wheat to livestock, both by growers of wheat and feeders of hogs, sheep and cattle. Experimental results as well as practical experience of a number of feeders have indicated that wheat feed thus will return more than when sold as a sack crop.

Seeding of marginal and scab land to crested wheat grass bulbous blue grass or other permanent forage was recommended, as was the use of Ladak alfalfa and sweet clover on some of the lower sub-irrigated areas subject to washing and where wheat tends to lodge. The growing of canning peas where markets are available and peas for seed in areas distant from green pea production was also recommended. More flax seed production in Wallowa, Union and Baker counties was pointed to as a possibility.

The necessity for maintaining foreign outlets for Pacific northwest wheat was emphasized by speakers at the convention, who pointed to the reciprocal trade agreements and more stabilized currencies as favorable factors. America must buy from abroad in order to sell, it was pointed out. The export problem was recognized also in vigorous action against recent maritime strikes which were reported to have cost northwest wheat producers upwards of 10 million dollars through inability to make use of favorable foreign markets this season. Legislation to make arbitration of such disputes compulsory was advocated.

Officers elected for the coming year are Charles Nish, Mikkaloo, president; J. D. Woodell, LaGrande, vice president; and Charles Smith, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer. New county executive committeemen are Fred Eppinger, Baker; Hugh Wilson, Wallowa; Gilbert Courtwright, Union; Jim Hill, Umatilla; A. H. Nelson, Morrow; Lloyd Smith Gilliam; T. M. Rolfe, Sherman; Emil Shanno, Wasco; and A. D. Anderson, Jefferson.

LaGrande was added to the list of convention cities and will be the meeting place next year.

Farm Prices Moving Upward At Years End

Market prices at mid-December indicated that the general level of farm prices in Oregon has advanced somewhat during the past month, according to a review of the agricultural situation just released by the OSC agricultural extension service. This trend is similar to that of farm prices in the country as a whole, and in line with recent trends in consumer purchasing power as indicated by industrial payrolls and business activity.

Compared with a year previous, the Oregon farm price index for November, at 84 per cent of the 1926-1930 average, was up twelve points, or approximately 16 per cent. This compares with a gain of 16 points, or 19 per cent in factory payrolls in the United States, and 15 points, or 17 per cent in general business activity, from October 1935 to October 1936. Drought-made scarcity of some farm products has been a factor giving additional strength to markets and prices for farm products.

In respect to farm costs, the report shows a 5-point advance in prices paid by farmers for commodities used in production and living, compared with a year ago. The purchasing power of farm products in exchange for commodities usually bought by farmers is estimated to be 94 per cent of the pre-war average. This is 5 points higher than a year ago and the most favorable relationship for agriculture that has existed since the year 1929, except from August to October this year when the relationship was even more favorable

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to farmers than at present.

The report, which is available from county agricultural agents, contains farm price data and other information on a large number of farm products of importance in agriculture of Oregon, showing the relative position of each compared with the general average and conditions which have existed during other years and periods.

PLANNING CONFERENCE

(Continued from page one) formulate a future program for the state and county planning boards.

Governor Martin will deliver the main address, at the all-county luncheon to be held on the first day of the conference. Other speakers will be Mayor Joseph K. Carsen, Portland, who will deliver the address of welcome, and Fred Fiske, county judge of Lane county. An "All-Oregon" dinner will be held in the evening of this day, with outstanding citizens of the state as speakers.

The conference is regarded as one of the most important to be held in Oregon for some time, and several hundred citizens are expected to be present for the two day session, planning board officials stated.

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CHRONOLOGY

(Continued from page one) June 16. School elections draw small votes and few changes made. Farmers and soldiers receive government checks.

June 26: Grass Valley ready for celebration of Fourth. Change made in organization of CCC camps. Deschutes railroad abandoned cutting valuation.

July 3: Good crowd out to see field day at experiment station. J. C. Freeman becomes postmaster. Wheat ripening rapidly. Tom Garrett made head of relief committee.

July 10: George Hennagin buried in Moro. Co-operatives buy warehouse facilities from national. Twenty even new CCCs arrive.

July 17: Crested wheat grass in demand as soil conservation program gets under way. John Stephens tells of drought damage in North Dakota.

July 24: Dr. Nicholas Cornatenu comes from Rumania to learn of American agriculture. Peter Quick colts being trained for first Sherman county futurity.

July 31: Low test weight expected on Federation. Rules for soil conservation changed again. Aged brown eagle killed.

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Oct. 16: Larger registration of voters ready for election. Non-high school levy is reduced. Carroll Sayrs elected school director.

Oct. 23: Dry weather hampers seeding of crested wheat grass seed. County budget made a bit higher. CCC crews come home from Bandon fire.

Oct. 30: Weed control program starts. Wasco bank pays 20% Spring wheat proven best in dry years.

Nov. 6. Sherman county follows nation and state in voting record. Children takes tuberculosis test.

Nov. 13: Preparations being made for wheat league meeting. Farmers consider weed problem.

Nov. 20: Budget passed with minor additions. Railroad levy reduced for Sherman county.

Nov. 27: Fred Blau buried in Wasco. Big dams being constructed by SC Service in Grass Valley canyon. 4-H clubs forming.

Dec. 4: Wheat league meeting well attended by Sherman county men. Waterways association lays out new program.

Dec. 11: Safes blown at Grass Valley and Kent. Moisture conditions bad. Fourteen school districts levy no tax.

Dec. 18: Final payment on 1936 AAA contracts being made. Change made in soil conservation program.

Dec. 25: Rain brings relief to sown wheat. New farm program announced.

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NOBEL PRIZE WINNER



Eugene O'Neill, playwright, who has been awarded the 1936 Nobel prize in literature. O'Neill's most famous plays are: "The Emperor Jones," "Anna Christie," and "Strange Interlude." Mr. O'Neill is a native New Yorker and noted for blunt realism with which he portrays the lives of his characters.

Permanent Farm Policy Hoped For

The 1937 agricultural adjustment program will place added emphasis on permanent rather than temporary soil conserving uses of the land and will pay at higher rates for such types of soil uses as establishment of perennial grasses and legumes.

This much advance information on the nature of the new program was given by Dr. E. J. Bell, assistant to the director of the western region of the AAA, in an address at the Eastern Oregon Wheat League annual convention in Heppner last week. Dr. Bell came to the meeting directly from Washington where conferences on details of the new program have been in progress for several weeks.

"The program under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment act has as its objectives more than merely control of soil washing and soil blowing," said Dr. Bell. "The program embodies the economic use of the land, sound farming practice, and restoration of the income of farmers."

Dr. Bell added that estimates indicate that about 30 million more acres than desirable are being devoted to soil depleting and export crops. It is the purpose of the program to help the market situation and the future welfare of the country from a land resources standpoint by encouraging the increasing of soil conserving crops to this extent.

"In accordance with these objectives the 1937 program is being designed to make a permanent rather than a temporary adjustment in the use of the land. The general principles of longtime adjustment from soil depleting crops to permanent conserving uses of the land have been adopted as a national policy."

"The rate of payment for establishing permanent stands of perennials this year will be somewhat higher than it was a year ago, and considerably higher than the payment of such practices as fallow, plowing under green manure or other more short-time uses of the land."

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Recipes For Winter Foods Sound Alluring

With the ravages of Thanksgiving barely cleared away we are completely engrossed in plans for Christmas—the jolliest, the most colorful, the most festive of all holidays.

Everyone enjoys Christmas. Children get up at dawn eager to see what surprises have been stored away in their stockings. Grown folks delight in the music, the friendliness of relatives and neighbors, and above all the pleasure of the children. And grandparents recall old memories and marvel at life repeating itself. "Tommy likes noisy toys just like big Tom did when he was that age. Twenty five years ago—it doesn't seem possible! We always had a big tree like that and these same cookies. Grandma taught Ethel to make them, like as not."

And we are reminded that cookies and cakes are as essential to the celebration of Christmas as any other traditional activity. A plate of these goodies beside a pitcher of grape juice ready to be served immediately that the tree is trimmed. Cookies ready to be served when guests drop in unexpectedly with a cheery word of Christmas greeting.

We are suggesting two cookie recipes that will probably be new to you.

Butterscotch Cookies
With Burnt Butter Icing
One half cup butter
One and a half cups brown sugar
Two eggs
Two and a half cups flour
Two thirds cup walnuts
One teaspoon baking powder
One half teaspoon soda
One half tsp salt
One cup cream
One teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar gradually, and cream thoroughly. Blend in well beaten eggs. Sift flour once before measuring. Sift flour, baking powder, soda and salt together and add to creamed mixture alternately with cream. Blend in vanilla and nuts.

Chill until dough is firm. Drop by teaspoonfuls on lightly buttered baking sheet. Leave space of at least 2 inches between each cookie to allow for spreading. Bake 10 to 15 minutes in moderate oven (400 deg.) When cookies are cool spread with Burnt Butter Icing. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

Burnt Butter Icing
Three fourths cup butter
Three cups confectioners' sugar
Two tsp vanilla
One fourth cup hot water
Melt butter, keeping over heat until it is golden brown. Blend in confectioners' sugar. Add vanilla. Stir in hot water by spoonfuls until icing is right consistency to spread smooth. Sufficient icing for about 60 cookies.

Mince-meat Cookies
One and a third cups mince-meat
One cup butter
Three eggs
Three and a fourth cups flour
One half tsp salt
One tsp soda
One cup chopped nuts if desired

Cream butter and sugar. Add beaten eggs, then sifted dry ingredients and the mince-meat. One cup of chopped nuts may be added if desired. Drop by spoonfuls on a buttered cookie sheet. Bake in 400 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes.

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