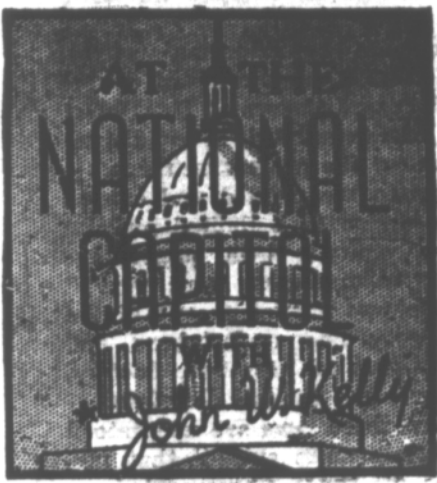


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U.S.D.A. Aide To Talk To Wheat League

Program Made For Wheat Men's Meeting Early Next Month

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—Little publicity has been given to the worry the administration is having over the prospect of inflation, of prices going sky high and the cost of living soaring beyond the ability of the consumer to pay. Secret meetings have been held by high officials seeking methods of preventing boom prices without the drastic step of price fixing. Prices can be pegged by the government, but such a step would be unpopular, although possibly not with the purchasers.

At one of the executive meetings behind closed doors officials studied how commodity prices can be indirectly regulated. They decided a brake on rising prices can be applied by the government releasing its immense stock of wheat, corn, cotton and other commodities which it owns or on which it has made loans. These officials also considering lowering tariffs which would permit the importation of such commodities as were going too high. The Latin American countries, whose friendship the United States courts, produce many commodities competing with farmers of the United States. It would be possible to curb prices on beef, turkeys, cotton, grains, etc., by allowing these items to come in from South America.

First step toward curbing a commodity price is the war department's announcement that Australian, New Zealand and South American wool can be used in uniforms and blankets. Heretofore only domestic wool could be used. War department is admitting foreign wool to prevent the price of American wool from going too high.

If automobile prices get out of line, the officials believe the situation can be met by imposing a tariff tax. Same with radio sets and refrigeration appliances—factories making these articles are producing certain gadgets for national defense and reducing their output of ice boxes and radios.

For meeting inflation in real estate, the officials believe this can be handled by HOLC and Farm Credit Administration tightening their credit requirements and the Federal Housing Administration increasing requirements on insured mortgages. As for bank loans, which might contribute to inflation, bank examiners under the controller of currency are in position to drop a few gentle hints.

The administration does not want a repetition of the exorbitant prices which prevailed during the first world war. Officials are aware that the 17 billion dollars already appropriated for national defense may well cause a boom, and they recognize that a boom will cause increased distress among the nine million unemployed. A paradox is that while administration officials are looking for a boom, other officials are planning to ask congress in January for more millions of dollars for relief.

Henry Ford makes parts of his automobiles from soybeans. Nylon hose comes from an industrial by-product. These and other developments have come from private research. Now the government intends investigating the industrial possibilities of apples, wheat, alfalfa, spuds, vegetables, and poultry by-products, such as egg white. A laboratory will be opened within a few months across the bay from San Francisco in the town of Albany. Waste from fruit canneries may, as a result of investigation and experimentation, prove more valuable than the canned product. Think of a complete bicycle made from a vegetable garden; it is now almost possible (except for tires) from soybeans, and there is a synthetic rubber made principally from alcohol extracted from prunes, apples and pears.

Farm boys who have trap lines in the northwest may soon find the business more profitable. The army is in the market, or will be soon, for minkas to be worn by troops

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Condon.—Grover C. Hill, assistant secretary of agriculture, will come from Washington, D. C., to make one of the principal addresses at the thirteenth annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in Pendleton, December 5-7, announces C. K. Barker of this city, president of the league. Hill, formerly a Texas farmer, will speak Friday afternoon, December 6, on the general subject of the long-time outlook for the American wheat farmer.

The entire program for the annual meeting is now practically completed, says President Barker. Acceptances of invitations received recently insure those who attend the session of hearing a program unexcelled in previous years, he believes. Other speakers on the program who will discuss the general future of the wheat trade include Gordon P. Boals, federal economist of Washington, D. C., and N. E. Dodd, director of the western region of the AAA.

Another angle of the problem of world trade in agricultural products will be discussed Friday afternoon by R. L. Edminster, special assistant to the secretary of state in Washington, D. C.

Orlo H. Maughan, director of research for the Farm Security Administration in Spokane, will discuss trends in livestock and crop production in the United States as one of the opening features on the program. A more local application of this subject will be given by D. E. Richards, superintendent of the Union branch station, who will report on experimental results of feeding wheat to livestock.

The educational program will continue through Saturday, with a talk on the distribution of Bonneville power by Paul J. Raver, administrator, and a discussion of desirable land use adjustments in Oregon by William A. Schoenfeld, dean of agriculture at OSC.

The Saturday afternoon program will be devoted to reports of the five committees which are already at work gathering facts for consideration at the session. These committees will meet Thursday in advance of the opening of the general public session.

E. C. Rogers was here Thursday afternoon of this week to talk to interested farmers about the possibility of growing commercial mustard in this county.

Thanksgiving Cantata To Be Given On November 17

1. Chorus and Baritone Solo "Praise Ye the Lord" Tom Fraser
2. Contralto and Tenor Duet "O Lord, Our God" Mary Williams and Russell Belshie
3. Baritone Solo and Chorus "Thanksgiving and Praise" Tom Fraser
4. Prayer Hymn with Solo "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Claudine Thompson
5. Contralto Solo "My Hope is in Thee" Mrs. Reba Nye
6. Chorus "The Lord is my Shepard" Mrs. Irving Hart
7. Mezzo Soprano Solo and Chorus "Hear us for our Native Land" Mrs. Irving Hart
8. Congregation and Choir Scripture and Prayer Offortory
9. Chorale "We Give Thanks"
10. Soprano Solo "Sing to the Lord" Mrs. Kenneth McKean
11. Baritone Recitative and Chorus "The Mighty God" Tom Fraser
12. Men's Chorus "Onward Christian Soldiers"
13. Contralto Solo and Chorus "Break Forth into Joy" Mrs. Harry Pinkerton
14. Chorus "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Choir Personnel: Soprano, Mrs. J. K. McKean, Mrs. Irving Hart, Mrs. Carl Melzer, Claudine Thompson, Gene Brisbane, Mrs. A. M. Nelson. Alto: Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton, Mrs. Reba Nye, Mrs. Wilford Belshie, Miss Mary Williams. Tenor: H. B. Pinkerton, Donald Thompson, Russell Belshie. Bass: Tom Fraser, Dean Pinkerton, Mac Hall, Sereno Hall, Wm. McCune. Pianist: Mrs. Martin Melzer.

Inventor and His 'Diatonic Torpedo'



J. Robert Fish, well-known inventor of Springfield, Mass., is shown at his New York hotel with drawings of his "Diatonic torpedo." The sketches show that when used as a mine the torpedo sinks to the bottom and stands upright, at an angle, depending upon currents. Friendly vessels may pass over the mine field safely by using a secret timber.

Legislature To Consider Budget In The January Session

—By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Or., Nov. 14.—When the state legislature convenes in January it will have before it a budget calling for appropriations out of the general fund totalling \$15,790,698.

According to Budget Director Eccles the amount which is approximately \$1,450,000 greater than appropriations approved by the last session, is still well within estimated revenues for the biennium.

Eccles explained that the budget as approved by the governor provides for an appropriation of \$2,500,000 out of the general fund for relief purposes, this amount to be in addition to profits from the state's liquor monopoly. The last relief budget included only \$600,000 from the general fund of the current biennium although there was a carryover of \$1,500,000 in an untouched appropriation from the previous biennium. There is also provision in the 1941-42 budget for an appropriation of \$3,943,500 from general fund revenues within the six per cent constitutional limitation for support of the state's institutions of higher education. This sum will be in addition to special millage levies calculated to bring the

state's contribution to higher learning up to a total of \$5,782,088, a reduction of \$421,000 from budget requests presented by the board of higher education.

Institution budgets approved by the governor call for appropriations totalling \$4,558,211, which is a small increase over appropriations for the current biennium.

Nineteen Oregon counties shared in the distribution of \$14,364.37 in Taylor Grazing fees this week, representing the state's share of revenues realized through leasing these federal lands for grazing purposes. Apportionment of the fund, made on the basis of the acreage of grazing lands contained in each county, ranged from a minimum of \$3.82 to Curry county to a maximum of \$4,757.35 to Malheur county. Other counties participating in the distribution of this fund included: Deschutes, \$408.13; Sherman, \$212.36; Harney, \$3,593.20; Wasco, \$186.02.

More than 250 Oregon men between the ages of 21 and 36 years have already applied to their local boards for a chance to enlist for a year of military training in the regular army, according to Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. Oregon's quota of 83 men for the first contingent to be called into service this month will be selected from this list of volunteers. Wooten said, making it unnecessary to "draft" any Oregon men in the first call. Questionnaires have been sent to all of these volunteers and physical examinations are being conducted to determine their fitness for military service.

Oregon's presidential electors, chosen by the voters in the general election, will meet in Salem on December 16 to cast this state's five votes for Franklin D. Roosevelt and Henry Wallace as the state's choice for president and vice president. The result of the vote will be sent to the president of the United States senate by registered air-mail, the custom of having this information to Washington by a special messenger having been discontinued back in 1913.

Eight out of every ten "foreign" cars entering Oregon this year came from one of the ten western states, according to a report compiled by Secretary of State Snell. Washington, Idaho, and California accounted for three-fourths of the state's tourist travel this year. The 120,445 out-of-state cars registered in Oregon this year represents a drop of 13 per cent in tourist travel as compared with the record for 1939.

The election is over but the post-mortems continue. About the only consolation the Republicans of Oregon can glean from the result of the presidential contest is to be found in the fact that Roosevelt's

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4-H Clubbers Feted By Club For Year's Work

Dwight Davis Shows Value of Definite Objectives In Life; Awards Given

Four H clubbers of Sherman county thirty five strong were entertained last Saturday night at the Moro hotel with the sixth annual banquet in honor of the children who had won first prizes at county and state fairs during the year recently closed.

With LeRoy Wright, county agent, acting as toastmaster, a program honoring the club children of the county was given. George Updegraff, president of the Moro Breakfast club, the sponsoring organization, gave the welcome to which Shelton Fritts, father of three club workers, responded.

The club workers were introduced and were inducted to sing by Wil Knighten who led them and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs who played for them.

Awards won during the year were given out to the boys and girls along with checks that had been won and not previously presented. The total earnings of the club workers in this county for 1940 was \$3500, the final part of which was given out Saturday night.

Gene Courtney, who feels in a fatherly position toward the county's club work, spoke briefly, and Anjan Knighten gave a pianologue.

Dwight Davis, teacher of social sciences at Eastern Oregon College of Education at LaGrande, gave the principal address of the evening and pointed to historical examples of success attained through intelligent work toward a well defined goal.

Scholarships to the 4-H summer school for 1941 were given to the following, the first named being the winner and the second the alternate. For best quality of work for girls: Margherita von Borstel, Cassie von Borstel; Best quality work, boys: Shelton Fritts, El Fritts; Showmanship, Ed Fritts; Jack von Borstel; Style Revue: Betty Juhnke, Vivian Fritts; Cookery: Vera Jean Henrichs, Helen von Borstel; (prize given by Alex Marshall.) Clothing: Cassie von Borstel, Vivian Fritts; Canning: Anjan Knighten, Margherita von Borstel; Sheep: Clyde Fridley, Jr., John Buether (Harland View Grange); Pig: Merrill Sather, Glen Sather, (U. S. National Bank); Beef: Jerry Wilson Jr., John Hildebrand, (First National Bank); Poultry: Bobby Huck; Shorthorn scholarship: Lloyd Kelly, Dick Wilson, (Millard Eakin); Sheep: Leland Barnett, John Buether, (O. G. Sayrs); Most deserving individual: Jack von Borstel, Claudine Thompson, (Breakfast club); Outstanding club member, all activities considered: Claudine Thompson, (Pomona Grange).

Attending in addition to the above named were Bob King, Carl von Borstel, Marie von Borstel, Harry Hartley, Don King, Lee Barnett, Phyllis Medler, Gordon Hildebrand, Philip von Borstel, Carsten von Borstel, Dick Oveson, Bob Hoskinson, Henry Richdeler, David Moore, James Hartley, Everett Cantrall and George von Borstel.

Grass Valley Auxiliary Holds Meeting

George Bell unit, American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting this week with Mrs. Alfred Kock at Grass Valley. A check has been sent to the Veterans hospital for Christmas cheer for the sick and for the wives of those hospitalized. School programs for national education week were given at Kent and Grass Valley.

AIDES APPOINTED

T. Lester Johnson, draft registrant advisor, announced this week that he had appointed men in each town to aid registrants make up their questionnaires and has empowered them to make affidavits as to the authenticity of them. Appointed were J. E. Norton, Kent; A. A. Dunlap, Grass Valley; S. W. Searcy, and Kenneth Walker, Moro; Hal White, Wasco.

Local Group Give Play For Lodge Benefit

A group of players presented "Graham Crackers" at the school auditorium Friday night and amused their fellow townsmen for a couple of hours thereby.

It concerned the Grahame family, a mother (Dorothy Moore) a busy person who did nothing and didn't worry about it; a daughter, Jane (Betty Powell) who earned the living; son Gardiner (Bob Christianson) whose youthful ideas changed so often he needed no ambition; Lisa (Jean Brisbane) and Drusilla (Margaret Caldwell) a pair of young daughters who found nothing to be serious about.

The family lack of responsibility and economy brought the family to bankruptcy which no one realized except Jane and Aunt Augusta (Helen Sayrs) who had money and kept it. Rescue, however, came from several sources. From Katie (Naomi Van Gilder) an Irish maid who sewed her savings to her person; from Peter (Wayne Thompson) a successful author who posed as a hitch-hiker; and might have come from Aunt Augusta, who finally found something to admire about the family. Emmet Brett (Bob Hoskinson) refused to help after a trying scene and Sammy (Charles Ruggles) was interested only in Lisa.

Wendell Balsiger directed the play which returned a tidy sum to the lodge on whose behalf it was given.

Adams Enters Wheat In National Show

Chicago, Nov. 8.—James B. Adams of Moro, Sherman county, has listed entries for the wheat classes of the International Grain and Hay Show, world's largest farm crops show which is held annually in connection with the live stock exposition. His exhibits include hard red winter, soft red winter, white winter, and white spring wheat, harvested this year.

His samples of wheat were high ranking prize winners at the recent Pacific International show at Portland.

Oregon is the 35th state from which entries have been received for the 1940 International Live Stock Exposition, to be held at the Chicago Stock Yards November 30 to December 7.

More than \$100,000 will be paid in cash prizes to exhibitors in the combined live stock and crops show at Chicago this year.

Cold Wind Stops Rain

A chilly east wind put an end to the rainy spell that had brought an excess of moisture the last two weeks. Temperatures dropped to a low of 16 degrees above zero Wednesday night and clear skies gave assurance that there will be no more rain soon.

The change in weather, however, came too late to stop the county from having more moisture to date than is normal for the first three months of the crop year. The normal rainfall for September, October and November is 3.28 inches. To date 3.43 inches have been received at the experiment station with half a month to go.

This week's weather report contains notice of .25 inch on the 7th, .29 on the 8th and .10 (which was snow) on the 11th.

The thermometer fell gradually from the 41 degrees of last week to 16 Wednesday night. No damage was done to crops but the trees, which had been in full leaf until the frost were denuded of foliage within a day.

QUESTIONNAIRES BACK

A hundred fourteen questionnaires have been sent out to the men who registered for the draft in this county. Of this number fifty have been returned duly filled out and classification is now going on at the board's headquarters. Another fifty are being turned in. Dr. Poley will be able to examine the men as soon as it is necessary which will not be until a call is made on this county for draftees.

Electrification Meeting Held Saturday In Moro

Lines To Cover County According To Statements Of Advocates Here

Nearly fifty farmers met at the court house Saturday afternoon to hear an explanation of Rural Electrification Administration officers and agents of Bonneville administration regarding the possibility of bringing public power to this county.

Eric Johnson, manager of the Wasco Electrical association, a REA organization, Emory Davis, president and Carl Izett of the Bonneville administration were present.

An explanation of the Wasco county plans was made, and hopes for Sherman county participation as a unit of that set-up expressed.

The REA is a national administration organized for the purpose of bringing electricity to farms. No cities are incorporated in REA districts except by special permission.

REA loans money to farmer co-operatives at a low rate of interest for the purpose of building power lines. In fact the government, through REA, builds the lines and charges the farmer enough for his electricity and service to pay for the line in a 20 year period. That is the theory of REA.

It was estimated at the meeting that a line could be built through this county that would serve 180 farmers and be not over 140 miles long. This probably includes several branch lines which are to be built by the farmers themselves except for the first 1000 feet which are included in the main line cost.

Reports are that committees working on the plan have signed up a large number of potential users along the projected line. It is not known at present where the lines will run. A plan will be made, and sent in to Washington where the decision will be made as to its feasibility.

The statement was made that each mile of the line must produce a revenue of \$12 per month to be successful. From the schedule set for Wasco county this means that each mile of line must have users of around 800 kilowatts per month or pay a surplus charge sufficient to bring the income up to the requirements.

Ir Wasco county, according to the application, each member pays a five dollar fee to join. He agrees to buy all electricity used from the co-operative. The minimum charge will be \$3.50 per month. The applicant will cause his premises to be wired. He will be bound by the rules of the co-operative. He assumes no personal liability or responsibility for debts. The contract for power is for one year and may after that be terminated on 30 days notice.

Woman's Club To Give Benefit Tea

A benefit tea will be given at the Woman's club building Friday afternoon, November 15, starting at 2 o'clock. The proceeds will be divided between Doernbecher hospital and the Children's Farm Home near Corvallis. Miss Grace Phelps, superintendent of nurses at Doernbecher hospital will be the speaker. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

CALVES BRIGHT

LeRoy Wright, and William Marshall and Dan McFarlane of Gilliam county, made a trip to Washington last week and returned after buying some purebred Shorthorn calves for club workers in the two counties. The calves were bought from Jack Napier, Henry Gettmann and Elmer Cobb, three Shorthorn breeders who have won many prizes at the PI. Shelton, Ed and Scott Fritts, Jack von Borstel, Kenneth Karnes and Dean Fuller will take the calves when they arrive.

MRS. SEARCY INJURED

Mrs. Lena Searcy suffered several broken ribs Wednesday of last week while riding between Reedman and Prineville with her son, Chester who was also slightly injured.