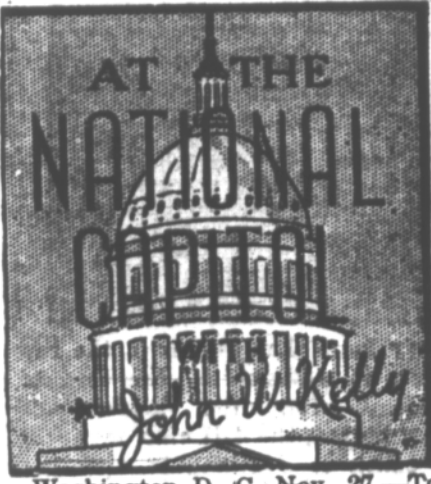


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National Heads Of AAA Will Be At Heppner

Evans and Dodd On Program For Wheat League Conclave

Washington D. C. Nov. 27.—To the White House went Oregon's Senator McNary in response to a call from President Roosevelt. There is now in the house the omnibus rivers and harbors bill, authorizing in excess of one billion dollars for projects. Out in front on the list, which includes everything from development of Yaquina Bay to Umatilla dam, is an item of several hundred millions for the St. Lawrence waterway and power project. What did the senator think of the bill?

If, said Senator McNary, you toss out the St. Lawrence project, the Florida ship canal and the Tombigbee river, the bill would not be bad. As the bill stands, he said, he could not support it. But, hinted the president, the Umatilla dam is included. That, answered McNary, is a project so good that it can stand on its own feet and pass the congress without being tied in with flubdub. Besides, said the senator, what would the people say if a senator who has voted against a St. Lawrence treaty and the Florida canal should suddenly support the omnibus bill because it has Umatilla in it? Wouldn't that look as though it was a sell-out: that a senator had been bought?

Mr. Roosevelt laughed. There are few senators who can talk straight to the chief executive, and he likes the frankness of McNary, leader of the Republicans in the senate, the so-called "loval opposition." What, inquired the president, did McNary suggest? That was easy: all the president has to do is to telephone Speaker Rayburn to have the St. Lawrence and the Florida and Tombigbee items eliminated from the bill. But, said the president, all the projects in the country had been rolled into the omnibus bill for the purpose of getting enough votes to pass it and thus save the St. Lawrence; he was not particular about Florida or Tombigbee, but he must have the waterway and power plant.

If the bill comes to the senate with the St. Lawrence in it, observed the senator, he will endeavor, when it is in committee, to have each item taken up and acted on individually, and he was satisfied that on this procedure he would be able to knock out the St. Lawrence. Anyway, concluded McNary, that is a treaty matter and not an agreement; the senate has defeated it once when presented as a treaty for ratification.

There the matter stands. Other members of the northwest delegation, however, are inclined to support the omnibus bill, fearing that their constituents will be angry if they oppose it when the bill contains such items as Umatilla.

The omnibus bill is an "authorization" measure and carries no appropriation. However, the president can pick out of the list such projects as he deems are for national defense. If the bill passes he plans to bring out the St. Lawrence item and shelve all the rest until after the war and use them as a means of employment on a massive WPA program. Opponents of this assert that the St. Lawrence is not a national defense measure; that, if started, it will take steel, iron and other materials away from sadly pressed industries now engaged in defense production. In this fashion, they insist, the project would interfere with national defense.

In the price fixing bill now in debate in the house, it is estimated that if a ceiling is placed on farm products, based on the complicated method of arriving at a price, the ceiling will be as follows: Wheat, \$1.34 a bushel; butterfat, 44 cents a pound; cheese, 23.25 cents a pound; eggs 41.5 cents a dozen; hogs, \$10.96 a hundred weight; cattle, \$9.18 a hundred weight; wool, 49 cents a pound; hay \$18.02 a ton; butter 45.8 cents a pound.

The farm bloc wants no ceiling, arguing that in 1942 the cost of production for farmers will be so high because of competition with war industries for help and higher

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Once again the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Heppner, December 4 to 6 becomes the wheat center of the west as national and state leaders prepare to take part in the program and as membership committees study recommendations on national policy. Attendance of a considerable number of county AAAA committeemen from Washington and Idaho wheat regions is now assured, adding to the large attendance already expected from Oregon.

The program just issued by Charles W. Smith, Corvallis, secretary, shows the general sessions starting Thursday afternoon instead of Friday morning as formerly. The first program session will start at 3 o'clock with the chief item being the president's annual address by S. J. Culley of Weston. N. E. Dodd, director of the western region of the AAA, is first on the program Friday morning, with an address on the international wheat conference and world wheat supplies.

McNaughton Will Talk

Other addresses that will deal with weed control by L. E. Harris of Oregon State college, farm financing by R. E. Browne, FCA, Spokane, and "After Defence What?" by E. B. McNaughten, president of the First National bank of Portland. Joseph K. Carson, former mayor of Portland, will be the banquet speaker that night.

R. M. Evans, administrator of the AAA, who is coming from Washington, D. C., will speak Saturday morning on "Food Needed by Great Britain and What American Farmers Can Do to Help."

The Saturday afternoon program will deal largely with livestock feeding, with D. E. Richards, superintendent of the eastern Oregon branch experiment station, reporting on latest research results and summarizing the outcome of the 4-H club wheat feeding contest. A new feature of the convention this year will be the display of 4-H club pens of lambs fattened on wheat.

The entire program this year has been arranged to give more time for committee sessions and less to public addresses.

Grass Valley Hi To Give Play

When the Grass Valley Student Body of the high school decided to present a mystery play this year, coach Mrs. Potter read dozens of popular published plays. But when she got hold of a copy of "THE HIGH SCHOOL MYSTERY," the others were promptly forgotten. So it is "THE HIGH SCHOOL MYSTERY" that you will see on the evening of November 29 when you go to the Civic Auditorium in Grass Valley.

This play was leased from The Northwestern Press of Minneapolis, who guarantee it as being one of their most novel and exciting mystery comedy dramas, written by Robert St. Clair.

Those taking part in the production are: Emma Eakin, Dorothy Ball, Frieda Bueher, Lila Alley, Betty Payne, Grace Zevely, Duane Lemley, Ross Fields, Hans Bardenhagen, Frank Payne, Herman Ziegler and Robert Ziegler.

The play is directed by Mrs. Potter and the properties and stage effects are being handled by David Bayer and Lloyd Kelley. It's the biggest event of the year, so don't fail to see "THE HIGH SCHOOL MYSTERY."

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars may get in touch with him at this time.

Speakers



R. M. EVANS



N. E. DODD

R. M. Evans is chief of the AAA and N. E. Dodd, former wheat farmer in Baker county, is western director. Both will appear at the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in Heppner next week.

State May Contract For Power From Bonneville Administration

Salem, Ore., Nov. 27.—Announcement that the state board of control is negotiating with the Bonneville administration for the purchase of electricity for use in the several state buildings in the vicinity of Salem was made by Governor Sprague this week. According to the governor's announcement, a study just completed by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner, shows that purchase of Bonneville power at wholesale rates would result in a saving to the state of approximately \$15,000 a year over the price now being paid to the Portland General Electric company.

Seen as a stumbling block in the proposal to substitute Bonneville power for that now supplied by the private utility is the problem of transmission and distribution. Lacking any present authority to construct a power line to serve state buildings, the state would either have to enter into a contract with the private utility for use of its power poles or persuade the Bonneville administration to construct the necessary with its high tension lines in Polk county.

Conscientious objectors who are sent to work camps instead of military training camps will not be protected in their jobs when their term of service expires, Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten has explained. Wooten points out that the reemployment provisions of the selective service act are limited to persons who are inducted into the land or naval forces. Conscientious objectors, except those who are expressly excluded from the benefits of the civilian reemployment provisions of the act.

Small town motorists drew the first four numbers for the new 1942 automobile license plates in the annual drawing conducted by Secretary of State Snell this week. Number 1 goes to Manleton, number 2 to Cave Junction, number three to Fort Stevens and number four to Seneca. Mailing of the new plates will get under way this week but they may not be put into use until December 15.

State officials "view with alarm" the threat to the right of the sev-

Bob King Goes To Chicago To 4-H Congress

Bob King left Wednesday night from Portland for Chicago being one of a group of 4-H club boys and girls making the trip to the International Live Stock show and 4-H Congress. They will spend six days in Chicago.

Bob won the trip by being declared the winner of the market meat animal contest, in which the judges held him to be among the best in club work over the entire nation. He is 20 years old, a freshman at Oregon State college and has spent 11 years in club work principally with market animals.

He has had grand champion steer at the Pacific International and has won prizes at San Francisco and Denver shows and the Oregon State Fair. Bob is a son of Mrs. Frances King.

Wheat Remains In Country Warehouses

Less than half a million bushels of wheat arrived at terminal points for inspection in October, according to the report of the grain division of the state department of agriculture. The 940,196 bushels of wheat inspected in October was less than half the September inspections and 352,494 bushels short of the inspections in the same month a year ago. Sixty per cent of the wheat inspected arrived in bulk shipments.

Only two export shipments of grain were recorded in the month. These were 1,156 bushels of wheat to Hawaii and 1,563 bushels of oats to the West Indies. Six hundred and sixty sacks of rye grass seed were shipped to England.

The intercoastal seed movement picked up considerably, with 1,599 sacks sampled in October and only 600 in September. Sixty-three carloads of corn, 34 carloads of wheat, 4 of flaxseed and 13 of oats were shipped into Oregon in October.

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eral states to control highway traffic contained in the Wheeler bill now before Congress. This measure would vest in the Interstate Commerce commission the right to regulate the sizes and weights of trucks engaged in interstate commerce. The measure would give the ICC authority to set aside the laws or regulations of states or other political subdivisions when these were found to constitute an unreasonable obstruction to the free flow of truck traffic between the several states. The measure is of particular interest to Oregon right now in view of the efforts being made by truck operators to increase the length and weight of trucks to the maximum permitted in the adjoining states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The American Association of Motor Vehicle administrators of which Secretary of State Earl Snell is president is opposing passage of the bill on the ground that it constitutes an unwarranted invasion of states' rights.

Oregon motorists will pay nearly \$15,000,000 in gasoline taxes to the state this year according to Secretary of State Earl Snell. This amount which represents an increase of approximately \$2,000,000 over gasoline taxes paid in 1940 is greater by \$1,000,000 than the state's present outstanding highway bonded debt of \$14,000,000 Snell pointed out.

Considerable confusion appears to exist in the mind of the tax paying public as to just what effect, if any, the change in the tax year, voted by the last legislature, is going to have on their pocketbooks.

Here, then, is an attempt to explain the situation: The tax levy to be made by the various taxing units this fall (state, county, city school district, etc.) will cover only 50 percent of the normal annual levy and will be payable in two quarterly installments, March 15 and June 15. Then next July (and each July thereafter) the annual levy will be promulgated. This levy will be payable in four annual installments—November 15, February 15, May 15 and August 15.

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Wheat League Committees Pass Resolutions

Full Program Covered By Resolutions of Three Committees

Committees named to consider the preliminary program of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League have met this week and gone over the agenda submitted to them.

The taxation, legislation and transportation group met Monday and made resolutions to be submitted to the league committee Thursday night of the Heppner meeting.

They include one against any exemption of real property from taxation. The committee was emphatic in meaning just that; no exemptions of any kind.

It was also against any tax exempt bonds or securities. It opposed a lowering of the income tax rates and believed that any surplus derived from that source should be sent back to the counties in proportion to the amounts paid by the counties when state taxes are levied.

The committee recommended that a tax limitation law be passed to limit urban taxes to 40 mills and rural taxes to 25 mills and that now prevalent assessment ratios be used.

It favored a 2 percent sales tax on tangible property with the income derived being used to cut property taxes. It favored the county manager plan, ask that a study be made of the method of gas tax return to counties, ask that federal land pay its share of taxes to counties.

The group held that if a special session be held the surplus in the state's treasury be returned to the counties, that uniform assessments ratios be used. It asked that if and when more money is needed for welfare work it be raised from some other source than property.

Closed Shop Opposed

It opposed the closed shop. The federal program committee met Tuesday morning and passed resolutions asking that the quota votes be held every two years instead of every year, that 100 per cent loan on wheat be given with no conservation payments, that a floor of 55 million acres be made.

This group also favored the continuance of the AAA, the expansion of the crop insurance program, the continuance of crop loans but at least an appropriation high enough to keep the price to parity.

This county has accumulated \$14,000 from fees from the half cent and cent loan charge which the committee felt should be retained by the county board. No change was asked in the method of checking compliance.

The land use and weed control committee resolved that they would work for the seeding of problem areas to grass as a permanent crop, that land producing 8 to 10 bushels can profitably grow grass if stock are kept and that poorer land should be seeded to grass.

It held that grass plantings should be rotated every 3 to 5 years, that trashy fallow studies should be continued. It recognized that trashy fallow and grass seedings do not always control erosion and some strip cropping is necessary. Saving of crop residue is good and burning is not favored.

Good seed cleaning and treatment is necessary and all should become acquainted with flag smut. No substitute crops were recommended. It was asked that farmers do not move tillage tools through noxious weed patches and that air cleaning of threshing equipment be done before it is moved from one field to another.

DEFENSE STAMPS SELL

Washington D. C.—Sales of Defense Saving Stamps for October reached a total of \$5,935,934.50, establishing the highest monthly total since the Stamps were placed on sale last May 1, the Treasury Department announced today (Friday, November 14.)

This figure, compared with the \$4,978,000 worth of Defense Stamps sold in September, shows an increase of 19.2 percent. It marks the fourth straight month that the sale of Stamps has risen.

Farmers Promise County Will Have No Tax First Half of '42

Goals Asked By Government

The goal set for this county by the state board has been well received by Sherman county farmers according to a compilation of estimates for 1942 production made and released this week.

In 1941 there were 692 milch cows in the county and 846 are promised for next year. Production of milk was 4,321,276 pounds and 4,754,510 are expected.

The county had 520 bred sows and will have 737. It marketed 4401 hogs and will sell 5903 in 1942. This year it is estimated that 132,589 dozen eggs were produced and in 1942 it is expected that we will have 165,117 dozen.

We sold 2742 beeves and will have 3322 for sale in 1942. No increase was asked in sheep and this item shows the only decline. Whereas the farmers sold 7292 sheep in 1941 only 7031 will be marketed in 1942.

Women's Club Talk About Home

The American home department of the Moro Woman's club had charge of the program at the regular meeting at the club house Friday. Mrs. Ray Blake was chairman. Included in the program were talks on good grooming by Mrs. Ted Thompson, on good manners by Mrs. Tom Fraser, on interior decoration by Mrs. Orlo Martin and on the new standardized labels for canned goods by Mrs. Orval Thompson. Mrs. Clarence Sparling read Henry Morgenthau Jr.'s recent speech on inflation, and a group of girls from the high school sang two patriotic songs. A paper on rayon, its manufacture, use and care, was read by Mrs. Gladys Morrison and Mrs. James Kenney.

The club is sponsoring a doll and toy sale at their meeting December 5th. Each member is to bring a doll or other small toy to that meeting and after the program the sale will be held. Any one interested is welcome to attend. The sale will begin at about 4 p. m.

Miss G. J. Hulse Buried In Astoria

Miss Jennie Hulse, 76, died in The Dalles Monday having been taken there a day or two previously. She had been staying here with her niece, Mrs. W. A. Ruggles for several weeks.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hulse who settled in Sherman county in early days. She had taught school for over forty years serving a large part of that time in Astoria.

Funeral services were held in The Dalles Wednesday with Zells in charge and Rev. Frank Cunningham officiating. Interment was made in Astoria where further services were held.

Survivors are a brother, O. P. Hulse in The Dalles, a sister, Mrs. Lillie Taylor in Iowa, Ray, a nephew in Camas, C. G. a nephew in Portland, Clarence, a nephew in Moro and niece, Mrs. W. A. Ruggles of Grass Valley, Mrs. Tom Peugh of Wasco and Mrs. Margaret Pillsbury of Vancouver, Washington.

Stock Market Remains Stable

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Wednesday's trading:

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.00 to 12.35. Good grass steers \$9.50 to 10.75. Good grain fed heifers \$9.50 to 10.50. Good grass heifers \$8.50 to 9.50. Good beef cows \$7.50 to 8.25, medium \$6.75 to 7.50, common \$5.75 to 6.75, canners \$4.25 to 5.50. Bulls medium to good \$7.50 to 8.75, common \$6.50 to 7.50. Vealers, good to choice \$11.50 to 13.00.

HOGS: 170 to 215 lb truckins \$10.85 to 11.00; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$9.75 to 10.35; lightweight butchers \$9.75 to 10.50; packing sows \$7.00 to 8.00. Feeder pigs \$9.50 to 10.00.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$9.75 to 10.50; medium to good, \$9.00 to 9.50; common \$7.00 to 9.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$4.50 to 5.25. Feeder lambs good to choice \$8.00 to 9.00. Shorn lambs \$8.75 to 9.50.

Cash on Hand Sufficient For Needs of County, Roads For Six Months

The county court, sitting as the county levying board, decided early this week to levy no tax for county or road purposes for the first half of 1942.

Taxpayers will receive a tax bill for city taxes and for special school taxes if their district levies a special tax. Those living outside of a high school district will have to pay the non-high school tax also. Nearly everyone will receive a tax bill of some kind but nothing will have to be paid for county or road purposes until November 1942.

There is one group of residents who may not have to pay any taxes at all. These are the property owners in the Kent school district. That district is levying no tax, the district is not in the non-high school district and there will be no city taxes.

The action was taken after the regularly appointed day for the hearing of the budget, Friday, November 21, when members of the Sherman County Taxpayer's Federation, led by J. B. Adams and H. D. Proudfoot appeared to talk over the proposed budget.

Taxpayers Protest

Their protests about budget items were unavailing as the court upheld the budget. On the matter of unexpended balances the Federation representatives insisted that more cash was on hand than the budget indicated and the court increased the cash on hand item to balance the proposed expenditures. Therefore no levy is necessary.

The county budget will remain as published except for an item of \$100 for aerial maps, which cannot be purchased. Total is \$64,012.00 which is offset by cash on hand, \$38,527.33 as published and \$25,484.67 additional.

The county will have some \$14,000 remaining in cash above the budget items but this cannot be expended until budgeted in May.

Another reason for taking enough cash on hand to completely balance the budget is that some \$40,000 was taken last year and if a large sum had been left until the next budget the county's tax base would have been lowered seriously which might have handicapped county financing for years.

Local Youths Win Honors

Jack Sather of Kent, who is attending Oregon State college received one of the highest honors conferred on a college student recently, when he was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society.

Jack, a senior majoring in Farm Crops, has been prominent in many ways since attending college and has had several other honors bestowed on him. He is president of his living group, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity; president of the Agricultural Club; a member of Blue Key, national service society for senior men; and a member of Alpha Zeta, national honor society for students in Agriculture.

William Ball of Grass Valley, who is attending Oregon State college, recently pledged Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. "Bill" is a sophomore at OSC, majoring in Agricultural engineering. In his high school days at Grass Valley he was prominent in student affairs and at college has demonstrated ability along those same lines.

WE RUN ON AIR

Fuels on which tests were run included propane, n-butane, iso-pentane, iso-octane, and gasoline. With these lighter fuels leaner mixtures than used with gasoline will result in maximum economy, the report shows. Propane, for example, was found to give greatest power at 15.5 pounds of air per pound of fuel, though greatest economy at 17.9 pounds of air per pound of fuel. Gasoline, on the other hand, gave maximum power at the proportion of 13 to 1 and maximum economy at 16 to 1.