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**WHEAT LEAGUE**

There is always some new and pertinent information about wheat at a meeting of the wheat growers who comprise its membership. This year was no exception.

A miller said that the north-west was losing its market because the price of grain here was higher than in Canada or in other parts of this country. A market analyst said we were not growing the kind of wheat millers can mill, that eastern millers are taking our market in the area just east of the Rockies and that western mills are running part time.

A board of trade official said that trading in futures may be brought to the west.

The league itself favors the two price system now called the certificate plan—similar to the McNary-Haugen plan of some 20 years ago. Reports on production were not so pessimistic and other than the misfortunes of erosion, smut and drought we apparently can go on growing wheat as long as we wish. If above statements are true, however, we will be depending more on the government to buy our wheat than ever before.

Some small group of voters were to oppose us or if it seemed politically more profitable to support mid-westerners the north-western wheat growers might well be out of business over night.

By depending on the governments we have let our markets slip. Our governmentally supported price is so high we cannot compete, even in the domestic market for southern Idaho is getting our California business.

Perhaps competition is not dead and that a political price is a dangerous thing to have. It may be that we will come to welcome the board of trade with its possibility of a market for our grain. Maybe the man is right when he says that a market is necessary to any business if it is to be successful, regardless of support and crutches to aid prices.

This is not written to answer any of the questions raised by the speakers at the league meeting; it is written to try to bring them together into one piece so that they might become a whole instead of a number of parts.

It does seem that it would do no harm for farmers to think about the whole wheat program a little for it may be that their future will depend on something they do about their own business.

**SOME TAX FAULTS**

The proposed business tax which is to supersede the personal property tax when and if passed finds some opposition for one reason or another. Some would probably pay more taxes under it and some would pay who now pay nothing at all.

It is at present proposed that there be no exemptions under the new tax. That is done to stop some of the exemptions now permitted under the personal property tax and herewith is listed some of the exemptions that the proposed tax would stop. It might be well to remember that the personal property tax is really a business tax under a different name.

We do not levy a tax on automobiles except for road purposes, the people having written that into the constitution. As long as that is in effect one man can invest \$5000 in a new car, or in a trailer, and pay \$10 in fees or licenses. Another man may invest \$5000 in a house and pay taxes of over a \$100.

A farmer who is engaged in the turkey business buys his poults in April and sells the grown bird in November paying no tax on his business. Another who grows beef cattle is always caught with some stock on his farm the first of the year when assessments are made. But if the beef man went into the raising of hogs he might escape a large part of his taxes.

The property assessment is

made but once a year for both real and personal property. Some merchants have large stocks then; some have very small stocks. A coal dealer, if there are any left usually has most of his stock sold in early winter and pays no taxes on his business and the dealer in oil products never has much on hand so he pays little in personal property taxes. A grocer probably has a fairly steady stock the year around and pays once on his investment. Were he selling farm machinery he would have to pay on his carryover of extras and nothing on his bigger items unless carried an entire year. The automobile dealer seldom has a very large percent of his year's sales on hand January 1.

There are many goods that are assessed the first of the year that do not pay a tax because they are sold by May 1. It is possible to obtain an exemption if feeder cattle, canned goods and similar items are sold by that date.

The business tax would levy a given percentage, not over 2% on net business profits done during the year. Thereby a man would pay on the amount of business done during the year, not on the amount of goods he happened to have at a certain date. It doesn't make any difference what the date is someone always is missed.

It has been reliably reported that firms storing goods in the city find it convenient to move them late in December, the freight to some Washington point being cheaper than the taxes would be. This is particularly true of costly merchandise.

Merchants who are able to turn their stock 12 to 20 times during the year pay no more—and sometimes not as much—as other merchants, perhaps in the same line, who can only turn their stock five or six times.

Methods of assessment of personal property are never very efficient because values are not stationary and estimates are usually given instead of actual inventories. Owners of personal property are now asked to give a complete list of such property to the assessor under heavy penalty if not done. Records indicate that this has improved the matter somewhat but it is still far from perfect. A wheat grower can buy a combine in the spring, cut his crop with it, have it assessed the next year and pay no tax on it until he has cut two crops with it and the machine has been in the state nearly two years. Valuation on the machine is usually much below actual cost.

Professional men pay little money from personal services. There are lots more.

**FOOTBALL SEASON**

The local football boys have laid away their pads for the winter and have been duly feted by the community for their exploits on the gridirons of the district.

It was a pretty good season, not perfect because a single loss can prevent a season from being perfect, no matter how stout the foe in that one game. Football is like that, requiring full and complete success. It was a good season because the locals won all their games in the district. When they stepped into other fields their conquering stopped.

The spirit of the team was excellent and in some games that is what made them win. For a team to watch and a team that gives best training a team with spirit best one that has technical knowledge. There has been no criticism of the team from other towns where they went to play. They have not baited the referee nor abused their privileges as guests in schools. These are indications of good training at home and at school.

Some of the boys have probably advanced toward learning the important lesson which one must know before he becomes mature: that one achieves in direct relation to his effort with very few exceptions.

**SCHOOL CHILDREN SING**

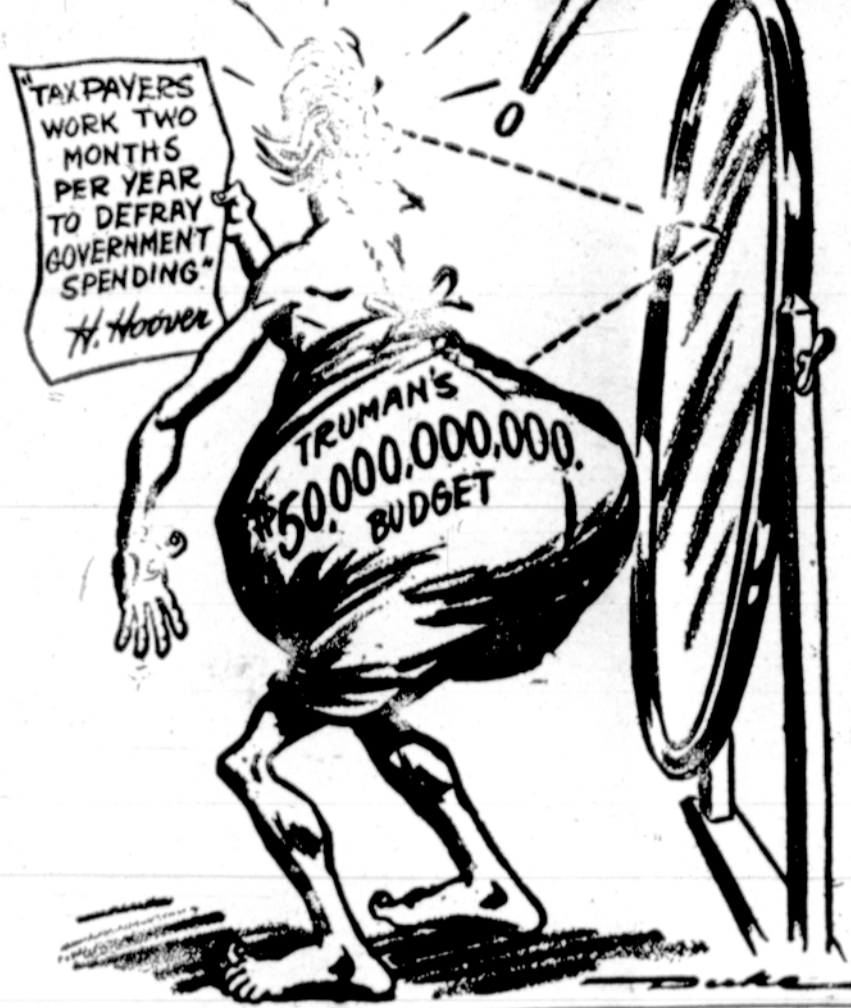
High school children presented their recital last Friday night to an audience of well pleased parents and friends who found the performance good.

The mixed chorus sang eight numbers varying from Sigmund Romberg to some popular numbers. The girls' glee club appeared for four numbers mostly of light opera songs.

Singing solos were Marie Balzer who sang "Mother Machree" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"; Helen Simon who sang "Pianissimo" and "Embraceable You" and Leone Moore who sang "What'll I Do" and "Ramona".

Martha Bardenhagen was pianist and Gorman Rose, director. A total of 54 students participated in the evening's singing.

**TIME TO REDUCE THE WASTE LINE!**



**Want Ads**

**FOR SALE:** 8 room modern house, oil furnace, 3 lots, garage, woodshed, barn. Price: \$3500. Ora Workman, Wasco. 6-7p

**WANTED:** 24 to 30 feet of second hand springtooth with or without hitch and one second-hand five bottom tractor plow. Van Rietmann, Condon, Or. 6-7p

**FOR SALE:** A live Christmas gift can be a source of unusual satisfaction. We have available several choice purebred Arabian colts of top breeding for \$300 and up. Also a number of registered females of various ages, modestly priced. Desirable registered part bred Arabians \$100 and up. Visit us soon for an inspection. Mays-Dodd Ranch, Tygh Valley, Ore. 6-7c

**FOR SALE:** The City of Moro will sell 100 sheets of 4x8 Fir-tex; 42 sheets 4x12 Fir-tex; and 10 sheets 4x8 half inch plywood.

**WANTED:** Carpenter work, good references. Ben Maxfield, Kent.

**OPPORTUNITY:** Additional man wanted for Rawleigh business. Your own boss. Need car. Good profits. Rawleigh's Dept. Oakland 7, Calif. ORK-81-252.

**AVAILABLE:** The best one-man business in Sherman county. We provide capital. Car required. Write J. R. Watkios Co., 137 Dexter Avenue, Seattle, Wash. 1-6c

**CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING** — Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Bring them in any day but Sunday. C & C Food Store, Grass Valley, Oregon. 21tc

**FOR SALE**— Now available for immediate delivery Willys Jeeps and four-wheel drive pick-ups. Complete Willys Overland line of panels, station wagons and Jeeps now sensationally reduced in price. Contact Willis Motor Co., Third and Lincoln Sts., The Dalles, Oregon. 22tc

**Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F.**  
 Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

**Leo Watkins, N. G.**  
**John DeMoss, Secretary**

**Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.**  
 Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

**L. V. Henrichs, W. M.**  
**H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary**

**Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116**  
 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

**Sallie Martin, N. G.**  
**Clara Houston, Sec.**

**Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S.**  
 Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon.

**Elsie Jones, W. M.**  
**Edna Melzer, Secretary**

**GO TO BLUM'S**

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| 2 1/2 Gallons | \$4.00 |
| One Gallon    | 1.60   |
| Half Gallon   | .95    |
| Quart         | .50    |
| Pint          | .25    |

ORDER PIES, CAKES, MAPLE BARS, DOUGHNUTS FRESH EVERY DAY

TELEPHONE 301 FIVE CENTS

**Adams Paint Store**

Third & Union St.  
 The Dalles Oregon

Paint - Wallpaper - Venetian Blinds

GENERAL PAINT PRODUCTS  
 Heavy Kote - one coat finish  
 Flex - Colorful decorator

Rayonite, washable smooth finish ALL POP FIVE CENTS

**Winter Wonderland**

# Dance

**MORO HIGH SCHOOL**

**Saturday, December 10**

Coronation Ceremony Supper Served  
 Dancing 9 to 12 Adm. \$1.20

appointed as the new sergeant at arms. The 1000 poppies ordered were received and counted. Patty Welk was appointed Poppy chairman. Any good used children's clothing and gifts to be sent to the Child Welfare store in the next few days so they can be sent away soon. The committee handling the food sale held last month reported \$26.25 was taken in. There will be another food sale December 10 at the same place. Food to be in by noon if possible. A letter and \$3 from Mrs. Casha Yates was received and read at the meeting. The money to be spent for gifts for the gift shop. Casha's wishes were carried out and the gifts sent along with the others. The membership is going to try to memorize the Preamble to the Constitution. Refreshments were served by the hostesses at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers plans on leaving Monday to spend the rest of the week in Portland visiting her niece, Mrs. Clara White. Mrs. Kuypers expects to take in the Ice Follies while in Portland.

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T. 2 S., R. 18 E., W. M., Oregon, sec. 10, SW1/4 NE1/4 and SE1/4 NW1/4.

Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally at the sale or by mail.

Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at this office prior to the hour fixed for the sale. These bids must be accompanied by certified checks or post-office money orders for the amounts of the bids and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes. The envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner substantially as follows: "Public sale bid, Serial No. Oregon 01280, Sale 10:00 a. m., January 31, 1950."

The person making the highest bid will be required to pay immediately the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

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the undersigned, Jas. T. Brown, Robt. B. Brown and Max H. Brown, as joint Executors of the Last Will and Testament of the Estate of Belle B. Brown deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present same to said Executors, at the law office of Roy J. Baker in Grass Valley, Sherman County, Oregon, with the proper vouchers annexed within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

First Publication being November 25, 1949.

James T. Brown  
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, OREGON DISTRICT, LAND OFFICE Portland 18,**  
 November 10, 1949

NOTICE is hereby given that under provisions of section 2455, R. S., as amended by section 14 of the act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat., 1274), and pursuant to the application of Ernest E. Shull, Moro, Oregon, Serial No. Oregon 0470, there will be offered, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$3.00 per acre, at a public sale to be held at 11 o'clock A. M., on the 10th day of January, 1950 next, at this office, the following tract of land:

SW1/4 NW1/4, sec. 32, T. 1 N., R. 18 E., W. M., Oregon, 40 acres.

Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally at the sale or by mail.

Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at this office prior to the hour fixed for the sale.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

Any person entitled to claim a preference right under the first proviso to said section 14 as an owner of contiguous land must assert his claim within 30 days from the date of public offering and conditional sale to the highest bidder and at the expiration of said preference right period, if no such right has been asserted, the highest bidder will be declared the purchaser of the land.

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