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**WHEAT LEAGUE PROGRESS**

Teams of solicitors for the Oregon Wheat Growers league that have been interviewing farmers in Sherman county to obtain members for the league, report excellent success. It appears that nearly 90 percent of the wheat growers will belong to the league at the end of the drive.

This condition, we are reliably informed, applies to the other wheat growing counties in the Columbia basin also.

The campaign is an excellent move on the part of the officers of the league which has long been subject to just criticism that it did not represent a majority of the wheat producers. Criticism of the league's actions was made pertinent thereby.

With a large percentage of wheat grower membership, especially if it is active membership, the criticism will be directed to wheat growers as well as the league. They will be one entity instead of two. And even the much debated wheat commission may achieve greater acceptance, along with its half cent tax, if nearly all the wheat men have a hand in making policy instead of a comparative few.

It now devolves on the wheat league to hold enough meetings in enough places that the opinions of all members can be obtained. For if there ever was a time when the wheat growers needed an organization that represented them it is now. A high percentage of membership, adequate information and informed opinion will make the league a potent force in getting a program that might retain for bonafide wheat growers the place they must have to continue in business.

**DAVIS ON OREGON**

Harold L. Davis, onetime resident of these parts, who showed complete lack of understanding in his well publicized "Honey in the Horn" is the author of an article in the current Holiday about Oregon.

He doesn't write about the most settled portions of the state which he entered from the south, spent

**Synopsis of Annual Statement**

For the year ended December 31, 1952

OF THE AMERICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY of 1 Liberty Street, New York, in the State of New York, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to Law:

ADMITTED ASSETS	
Bonds	\$ 7,476,321.06
Stocks	15,379,369.00
Cash and bank deposits	1,331,219.73
Agents' balances or uncollected premiums	947,549.01
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued	\$3,101.00
Total admitted assets	\$25,287,568.76

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS**

Losses	\$ 1,996,106.00
Loss adjustment expenses	141,662.00
Unearned premiums	9,217,287.03
All other liabilities	736,000.00
Total liabilities, except capital	\$12,131,055.03
Capital paid up	\$ 3,660,000.00
Special surplus funds	107,000.00
Unassigned funds (surplus)	\$10,066,867.73
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$13,173,873.73
Total	\$25,287,568.76

**STATEMENT OF INCOME**

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OF THE MASSACHUSETTS FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY of 4 Liberty Square, Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to Law:

ADMITTED ASSETS	
Bonds	\$ 2,637,921.00
Stocks	5,581,462.00
Cash and bank deposits	896,492.00
Agents' balances or uncollected premiums	382,449.25
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued	16,575.00
Total admitted assets	\$ 9,218,919.25

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS**

Losses	\$ 678,067.00
Loss adjustment expenses	54,364.00
Unearned premiums	\$ 794,171.61
All other liabilities	274,700.00
Total liabilities, except capital	\$ 1,747,302.61
Capital paid up	\$1,000,000.00
Special surplus funds	\$ 677.00
Unassigned funds (surplus)	\$ 3,771,622.64
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$ 4,422,399.64
Total	\$ 9,218,919.25

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Premiums earned	\$ 8,901,908.85
Losses incurred	\$ 4,226,755.10
Loss expenses incurred	413,948.25
Other underwriting expenses	3,260,515.66
Total underwriting deductions	8,311,219.01
Net underwriting gain or loss	590,689.84
Investment income	892,252.47
Other income	— 817.93
Total, before federal income taxes	1,473,124.38
Federal income taxes incurred	312,454.58
Net income	\$ 1,160,669.80
Dividends to stockholders	\$ 430,000.00
Other items affecting surplus (net)	703,526.60
Total capital and surplus	253,526.60
Ignon (net)	—
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders	1,215,466.40

**Grain Insurance FIRE**

15% Dividend off Regular Price of 45 cents per hundred making cost 38 1/4 cents

Eugene Courtney Insurance  
 The Dalles, Oregon, Phone 2015

some time around his old haunts in the valleys of the southern section before driving down the Willamette valley to Salem and across the mountains to skip through the Warm Springs reservation to Cello. He drove south through Sherman county to Antelope, to Bend, Lakeview and ended his story with some remarks about Steens mountains. Anyone might have difficulty making a perfect appraisal of the state from such a trip. It must be said for Davis that he apparently made no attempt at a complete story. He merely wrote about the things that he wanted to see in his visit, which was for personal reasons it seems. He reports talks with an old friend who was watching an abandoned timber camp, a couple sheepherders and a stray Indian or so.

He shows no knowledge of Oregon, nor understanding of its people and their problems. He does not try. He merely tells about what interested him on a trip back to his home state. He writes rather well about it if writing can be defined as putting words together without clashing. He may even express the ideas he has competently enough. But the ideas he has are not very descriptive of Oregon.

**BETTER GRASS**

No one can drive about Sherman county with an observant and remembering eye without noting the excellent stand of bunch grass on untilled land. The past dozen years of moisture two inches above normal have had an effect and there looks to be twice as much feed from the grass as there was in the drier 1930s.

Perhaps there has also been extra care of the grass as stockmen learned that grass was a crop and had to be allowed to come to maturity before being pastured, but old timers knew that ages ago. Conditions might have prevented their practice of the best methods for they often had too many cattle for dry years.

It is quite likely that the next dozen years will see a return of drier years and a decrease in the quantity of grass. That is, unless nature has turned a new page entirely and forgotten the law of averages.

Men, especially those whose information has not been tempered by experience, are wont to say that the big crops of recent times have been because of better farming, better wheats, fertilizers and chemical sprays. It is true that these have been factors in the bountiful growth of grass. That has come from the Almighty, who might well be given some credit for wheat crops as well.

**Rufus Personals**

Donal Brislain, principal, presented the awards. Al Blake won the athletic award. Dottie Steward the typing award; George Fox jr. the editor pin. Lola Johnson won a pin for her art work. Vaneta Peck won the attendance pin. Elaine Eaton a cooperation award, Donna Wilson won best all around

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**BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR**

Net premiums received \$ 96,060.56  
 Net losses paid 19,397.08

student pin and a scholarship to Oregon State college.

William Macnab, chairman of the school board, presented the diploma. The Girls Glee club sang, "Whispering Hope". Graduation ended with Rev. Roberts giving the benediction.

Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Roberts motored to Hood River Sunday where he preached. Services in Rufus were dismissed for the evening.

A group of Rufus church people went to Arlington Wednesday evening to hear a special speaker at the Nazarene church there, Miss

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Sec. 111-908, O.C.L.A., to the legal voters of School District No. 17, of Sherman County, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at the schoolhouse, to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. on the third Monday of June, being the 15th day of June, A. D. 1953.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director for a three year term of office and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1953.

Lloyd V. Henrichs  
 Chr., Board of Directors

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT**

Estate No. 568

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 from our machines in this area.

No selling! To qualify for work  
 you must have a car, reference,  
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 a week to business your end on  
 percentage of collections could  
 net up to \$400 monthly with  
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Leila Dell Miller from Georgia, a well known evangelist.

Plans are under way at the Rufus church for a daily vacation Bible school. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Fay Brackett are on a committee to select and order supplies. The date will be announced later.

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