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ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

It is our opinion that the wheat
league is to be congratulated on
its approval of a committee pro-
posal to hold an economic confer-
ence about the wheat problem in
Oregon. That it is to be delayed
until February of 1957 seems un-
fortunate. That means that the
information obtained and the
opinions expressed will not be
available in final form at least,
until two sessions of congress
have met and the state legislature
is almost ended for the biennium.
A meeting in October or Novem-
ber would increase the value of
the conference greatly.

If held next fall its findings
would be fresh to both of the
legislative bodies that farmers
certainly hope to influence. The
later date means that whatever
the conference decides time will
have dimmed it before possible
action.

But with the general idea we
agree wholeheartedly. It has been
a long time since a complete
study of wheat in Oregon has
been made and conditions are not
at all similar to those then pre-
vailing.

Information about the extent of
the conference was not made pub-
lic at the meeting of the wheat
men last week in Pendleton. That
it will have committees study-
ing the economics of production,
transportation, export, is certain.
A study of other products from
a wheat farm will not be amiss.
And certainly wheat farmers will
not be satisfied with any study
that does not include taxation
and some thought to rural living
or whatever it may be called. By
that we mean the factors that
make living on a wheat farm de-
sirable or undesirable, both the
physical and spiritual factors.

Before the final report can be
written some group will have to
take the several committee re-
ports coordinate them to resolve
or compromise the resolutions
that will be at odds.

Information about wheat is
more readily obtainable now than
it was back in 1925. It should not
take long to get the basic facts
ready for a conference. Looking
backward is easy; it is the plan-
ning for ahead that will take the
time.

RIGID PRICE SUPPORTS

We do not think that any poli-
tical party will pass a bill to re-
turn to rigid price supports on the
six favored crops that once were
so endowed. It has been a failure.
First to reject the plan should be
those growing those crops be-
cause, if wheat be an example,
they have lost their natural mar-
kets because of them.

There is not a single economist
who favors rigid supports unless
he be more of a politician than
economist.

Only reason for the talk about
returning to such a discredited
program is politics and a hope for
farm votes next fall. It will not be
popular with city voters.

The farmer is entitled to govern-
ment aid as much or more
than any other part of the econ-
omy. There should be laws that
would encourage him to produce
the nation's needs and they should
be liberal enough to protect him
against surpluses that may arise
when nature is bountiful. He is
entitled to aid in export and be-
cause of his value to the country
and unorganized condition he
should have help with marketing
and transportation problems.
That is, the government should
see that he is treated fairly in all
things.

Industry is organized and labor
is organized; the farmer isn't to
any such degree. It is the govern-
ment's duty to see that he does
not lose because of a lack of or-
ganization.

The department of agriculture
is a part of the executive branch
of government, the administrative
branch. Its only function is to
administer the laws made by con-
gress although it is allowed to
recommend laws.

So far no politician has tried
to make a case for rigid price
supports on the basis of reason.
They were a war time measure
and worked then. In peace time
they have disrupted the balance
of production, built up huge sur-
pluses and made the farmer ap-

pear as a supplicant before the
nation.
Rigid price supports are taking
up all the time and space that
should be used for serious re-
search into the farm situation
that would lead toward a newer
and better farm program. Talk
of rigid supports is evidence of
a lack of inventiveness, a lack of
knowledge and perhaps even, a
lack of desire to find a solution
to the farm troubles. It is a beau-
tiful and useful political issue;
why try to settle it.

THE FORD FOUNDATION

Anyone given to philosophiz-
ing about the human scene must
find himself amused over the
Ford Foundation.

Here within memory of a ma-
jority of those living a little un-
educated mechanic built a
motor car in a little woodshed.
It was a good car. Later he de-
vised a system of making them more
efficiently than anyone had done
before and became fabulously
wealthy.

To keep from paying income
taxes the third generation of
Fords established the Ford Founda-
tion because there was more
money than they had any use for
anyway. Distribution of the funds
is in the hands of professional do-
gooders for they are about the
only ones trained to do such a
job. Already the foundation has
put millions of dollars into pro-
jects that Henry the first would
have condemned during his life.

Oh! Sure, the money will make
the recipients happy and it will
do some good, a half million dol-
lars is a strong medicine that can
not help from having some ben-
eficial value. And Henry didn't
charge too much for the Model T
that built his fortune although it
now appears that he might have
sold it \$100 cheaper.

One lives his life and departs
from it. If he leaves money it
may be spent in ways he wouldn't
approve; if he leaves children
they will live their own life and
a fortune may damage them as
often as it aids. Few realize the
finality of the hammer taps that
nail down the coffin lid and con-
stantly try to project their per-
sonality, their fortune, their am-
bitions into another generations.

The Psalmist said, "He heapeth
up riches, and knoweth not who
shall gather them."

OH-O-O THAT WIND

These last few days, when this
part of the country has had a
cold east wind whistling down
from the Rockies, have been the
kind to test the circulation of
man's blood. It puts a strain on
the family closet too, to provide
clothes enough for an outdoor
trip.

The men come down the street
looking roly-poly wrapped in all
the sweaters, coats and mufflers
they can find. And they hurry.
The women, resolute souls use
speed for warmth and go run-
ning here and there still looking
trim and pretty. No mere cold
wind is going to make a woman
hide her charms in three sweaters
and a great coat.

The thermometer doesn't notice
it so much staying well above
the zero mark most of the time.
Wind doesn't chill a thermometer.
But for humans the wind adds 20
degrees to the cold or takes them
away, whichever way you like to
say it.

A people with such an absolute
faith in government should pass
a law against it.

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

In the older days in these small
towns Christmas was a commu-
nity affair. Early in December
committees were appointed to get
a tree, collect some money, buy
candy and nuts and prepare a
program.

On the night before Christmas
every thing was ready. A huge
tree was hauled in from the tim-
ber and braced stoutly, its top
gauged to nearly reach the high
ceiling of the town hall.

By time for the program it was
surrounded with presents for
everyone in town and decorated
with lights and glistening orna-
ments and with presents tied high
in its thick branches.

Some small boy was chosen to
recite "A Visit from St. Nicholas"
which begins with those well re-
membered words "Twas the night
before Christmas" and the young
ones on the front benches were al-
ways amused to loud laughter at
the description of St. Nick's
"broad face and a little round
belly, that shook when he laughed,
like a bowl full of jelly".

Then with jingling of bells and
simulated stomping of reindeer
hooves Santa Claus appeared on
the stage, portrayed by some of
the extroverted city fathers. He
was always in a hurry and pro-
ceeded to enlist help from will-
ing workers who distributed the
gifts from the tree and carried
the tubs of candy and nuts down
the aisles to see that everyone
had a treat. When the job was
well under way Santa Claus dis-
appeared as suddenly as he had
come, probably to get a breath of
cool air after the moments with

mask and whiskers.
Next day there was great ask-
ing and answering of "What did
you get?" and the answers were
never startling. No one got many
presents. There wasn't much mon-
ey and it wasn't the custom to
spend much money on Christmas
gifts. But Christmas eves were
wonderful.

Rufus Personals

The first card party, of a series,
was held at the Rufus grange hall
Saturday night. The high score
winners in pinochle were Joe
Abraham and Mrs. Harold Baker,
while low went to Charles Blake
and Mrs. Otto Peterson. Winning
high prizes in canasta were Mr.
and Mrs. James Maddox with
Ben Galloway and Mrs. Mae
Fowler receiving consolation. Sup-
per was served late in the even-
ing. Owing to the Christmas holi-
days, the next party for this se-
ries will be Saturday December 17.

The Community Card club met
for its second meeting this fall
at the home of Mrs. Tom Macnab
Monday night. Holding high score
in pinochle was Mrs. Chet Coats
while Mrs. Don Macnab held low.
Mrs. Pete Macnab was a guest of
the club. This was the Christmas
party and the members exchanged
gifts. Mrs. Elton Medler was given
a baby gift for her new son. The
next meeting will be January 9,
when the club will entertain their
husbands at the Rufus grange hall
with Mrs. George Fox as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker and
daughters, Maryln and Margaret
sons spent the weekend in the
valley. Hascall attended a school
meeting in Eugene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson
attended a grange meeting in Lex-
ington last weekend.

A half inch of rain was mea-
sured on a home made rain gauge
during the storm Saturday night.
This heavy rain did a bit of wash-
ing in the roads and fields.

The stiff winds of Monday and
Tuesday did a good job of dry-
ing up the puddles. However, it
brought frost to the area Monday
night freezing the water stand-

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"EVERYTHING'S CHANGING!"
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Some of the farmers in the
middle of the county are making
preparations to reseed their
wheat crop which was lost due to
the low temperatures of Novem-
ber. It seems wherever snow lay
on the fields making a blanket,
the wheat came through in fine
shape, but the wheat in the bare
fields couldn't take it.

The members of this area be-
longing to St. Mary's Catholic

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church in Wasco worked hard to
make the bazaar a financial suc-
cess. The bazaar was held Fri-
day night in the little Legion
hall at Wasco with people coming
from Antelope, Grass Valley, Mau-
pin and Dufur, all helping to make
money to support the new church
and living quarters in Wasco.

The 48 and 75 telephone lines
recently held a meeting at the
grange hall to discuss means of
building a new line. They have
gathered up material and are
working to make this a good line
in time for the change in the
phone system January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDona-
ld and Mrs. Joe Morris were hos-
tesses at the McDonald home to
the Home Ec. club for its Christ-
mas party Thursday afternoon.
The party began with a delicious
luncheon of chess pies with whip-
ped cream and coffee served by
the hostesses.

Mrs. Harland McDonald, chair-
man, opened the meeting which
followed. During the afternoon
Mrs. Byrd was installed and pre-
sented the gavel for the year. Roll
call was on famous quotations. A
letter was read from Camp Col-
umbia saying they can use cloth-

ing and food. The members will
take their donations to the grange
hall at the Christmas party Thurs-
day night, and Mrs. McDonald will
see that they arrive at the proper
place in The Dalles to be taken
to the camp.

The January meeting will be
a 6:30 p. m. pot luck dinner and
afterwards the club will have a
short business meeting and a
social evening with the men as
guests.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned has filed in the
County Court of the State of Ore-
gon for Sherman County, her Fin-
al Account as Executrix of the
Estate of Charles J. Bullard, de-
ceased, and that Monday, Janu-
ary 9, 1956, at ten o'clock A. M.,
of said day in the court room of
the County Court in Moro, Sher-
man County, Oregon, have been
fixed by the Court as the time
and place for hearing objections
to said Final Account and for
the settlement of said estate.
Luceeta Adlard
Executrix
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executrix 6-9c

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
New Light
on an Old Subject
Mr. Evans from the Lighting
Company gave an interesting talk
at the Community Hall last night
—on how farmers can cut electric
bills. For those who missed it,
here's a short recap.
Don't try to light up the cob-
webs in the rafters. Use a reflect-
or and a smaller bulb will prob-
ably do the job. Too many farm-
ers use naked bulbs that waste
50% of the light.
Try using moveable projector
bulbs that beam light the way a
searchlight does. A couple of
these "spots" will often give you
better illumination than a gang
of juice-wasting overhead lamps.
From where I sit, it's amazing
how often we misuse the things
we have... like electricity. We
also make a mistake if we misuse
our right of personal choice—
about which candidate to vote for,
say, or whether beer or coffee
makes the ideal mealtime drink—
by trying to force our opinions on
others. Respect for the other fel-
low's point of view should be our
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