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**WHEAT LEAGUE**

A visitor at the 31st meeting of the Oregon wheat league might easily have obtained the impression that wheat growers have begun to realize the facts of economic life, or at least, to have read the newspapers and magazines.

There was an attitude of willingness to accept some of the responsibility for the ever-growing surplus and consider ways and means of reducing it instead of holding it a sole concern of the federal government.

That is a definite improvement. Wheat growers are in a bad way. There is too much wheat and far too large an acreage sown to that crop. The surplus is growing. It is high time the growers themselves took steps to slow the process for if it goes on long enough it will end violently which may bring disaster to many farmers. Their future is their business, directly and personally, and it is only incidentally the business of government for government must be concerned with all citizens and wheat growers are a small part of the whole.

The acreage in wheat must be curtailed and although the wheat league opposed that it did consider it. Whether it is to be curtailed through direct action, limiting the 55 million acres or by price reduction is a matter to be decided. We think big wheat farmers would be better off by a price reduction than by other means for they can feed livestock.

A means must be found to with hold the surplus from the market while the wheat business is being adjusted. Research to find more uses for wheat is more important than research to grow more. Markets must be kept open and active. In a few years we will need all the food production we can get which means that the problem is temporary from the point of history.

The theory of two prices for wheat, one for food and one for feed, is a good one. The problem is in making it politically possible. Feeding wheat would soon eliminate the surplus, especially in the northwest which doesn't produce nearly enough livestock.

Main trouble is the government payments which are so large that they cause over production and limit use. They cause concentration on a few crops until they are produced far beyond the need of the nation. Thus, our

agriculture is out of balance. Many farms are not used for the crops to which they are best adapted although that is not often the case in this country which is peculiarly suited to wheat. But we should grow more livestock.

We don't know what wheat farmers will do or whether they will do anything. We hope they do not sit perched on a rock until some political upheaval knocks them flat and unproductive. The fact that the Oregon wheat leaguers seemed to think the problem was personal instead of governmental is encouraging.

**MORE GOVERNMENT**

We were somewhat appalled, but not particularly surprised, at the attitude of certain politicians and newspapers over the mere threat of some state economy. "Of course," said these advocates of higher taxes, "taxes should not be high, but services must be continued—and expanded."

What appals us is the weakness and cowardice that pervades the group that consistently runs to government for every improvement. A new dam, a better school, improved housing, are all subjects that demand government aid, not individual performance by citizens. America was not built by men who ran to the government for aid.

It is not only the money, although that is important; it is the independence of the citizen that is at stake. There are few things government can do as well as individuals and many it cannot do nearly as well.

Let us have smaller taxes and bigger citizens.

**JUNIOR LADIES HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Junior Ladies club brought a busy and successful year to a close Tuesday night when they met for their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Keith Thompson. There were thirteen ladies present.

Mrs. E. C. Goodenberger presented the program which included devotions by Mrs. Glenn Virtue, the reading of Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" by Mrs. Goodenberger and the singing of Christmas songs by the group with Mrs. Goodenberger accompanying on the piano.

Gifts were exchanged by the members. Refreshments were served by the hostess and co-hostess, Mrs. Lester Gray.

**Wasco News**

The Wasco Study club met recently at the home of Mrs. Estrella Hailey with Mrs. T. Lester Johnson and Mrs. Pearl Grosscup as co-hostesses, and Mrs. Kenneth Dimmick and Mrs. Tom Moore as guests. Members voted to contribute to the Sadie Orr Dunbar

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scholarship fund. Gifts were brought to send to the Chemawa Indian school. During the program Mrs. Tom Moore sang "Suddenly There's a Valley" and "God's Little Candles." Mrs. Earl Richelderfer read "Song in the Air" and Mrs. Lloyd Royse read "An Old Time Iowa Christmas." Mary Lou Griffith played two piano solos, "Melody of Love" and "Shubert's Day." Mrs. Vinton Watkins read "But Only They Showed a Radiant Star," and Mrs. Royse read a poem and a prayer as a closing. The program was followed by exchange of gifts among the members.

Sunday dinner guests invited for Stanley Boice at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand were Jeannette Beishe, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Miller of Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neville and children of Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. Harry VanGilder were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sargent on Thanksgiving day.

**4-H NOTES**

**4th Year 4-H Cooking**  
 The club will meet with leader, Mrs. Clarence Spencer to make candy for sale this Saturday. Proceeds will be used to help pay for supplies for cooking this year.

Carolyn Pearson

**THE SEWING SOCIETY**

Emma Jean Smith, leader and Florine Crews, junior leader, met with the club at the school house Nov. 10 and elected officers: Nancy Crews, president; Carol Owens, vice-president; Joy von Borstel, secretary; Ruth Alley, reporter; Katy Reckman, Mona Eakin and Virginia Todd, game leaders; Carol Todd and Sandra Wilson, song leaders. Nov. 24 at the second meeting Peggy Reckman, Carol Armstrong, Mrs. J. Reckman, Mrs. Cecil Eakin, Mrs. Betty Owens and Mrs. Ethel Alley were guests. Margaret Stark's group came in to watch what Carol Armstrong had to show and tell. She showed how to find out what color would look best on us. Also what style would look best. Cookies were served. We plan to get out

**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.

Floyd Haines, N. G.  
 Leo Watkins, Secretary

**Taylor LODGE A. F. & A. M.**

Wasco, Oregon  
 Meets each First and Third Tuesdays.  
 Doug Shull, W. M.  
 Carl Tuggles, Sec.

**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.

Joe Heater, W. M.  
 Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

**HARLANDVIEW GRANGE**

Meets First and Third Saturdays each month at 8:00 p. m.

Helen Bruckert, Master  
 Florence Bruckert, Secretary

**Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.**

Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Ore.

Annabelle Kelso, W. M.  
 Dorothy Heater, Secretary

**Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116**

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Ann Miller, N. G.  
 Helen Martin, Secretary

material and patterns.  
 Ruth Alley

**GOLDEN THREAD**  
 Mrs. Stark, leader, met with the girls Dec. 8 at the school library. Carolyn Johnson led the pledge. Sheri Rolfe was absent. Mrs. Stark brought 4-H notebooks. We tried stitching on cloth and paper with sewing machines and learned to thread the machines.

Janice Lemley

**DIZZY NEEDLES**

Knitting club met at the Masonic hall December 8. Jacque Bucholtz was absent. Janie McKean and Nancy Conlee served refreshments. Next meeting will be January 8.

Pat Alsop

**HIL-YU HORSE CLUB**

First meeting was held Dec. 7 at the home of leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Watkins. Officers elected were president, John Fields; vice-president, Marilyn Smith;

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secretary, Shirley Watkins; reporter, Sharon Coelsch; song leader, John DeMoss; game leader, Fred Hall.

Next business was the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. Janice DeMoss, Donald and Doug Dutton were welcomed as new members. Next meeting will be Jan. 25 at the John DeMoss home.

Sharon Coelsch

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account as Administrator of the Estate of Jennie K. Foss, deceased, and that Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1958, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman 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.

John A. Foss  
 Administrator

T. Lester Johnson 3-6c  
 Attorney for Administrator

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