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WHEATMEN TALK ILLS OF INDUSTRY

Conference Keynote Given By Noted Economist; Interest Keen.

ATTENDANCE LARGE

Officers Elected, Resolutions Passed, City Aids in Entertainment; Many Speakers Heard.

"Adversity leads to cooperation," one speaker quoted a noted economist as saying and his truth was borne out by the atmosphere of the very meeting addressed, the third annual conference of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League which ended three-day sessions here Saturday noon. The best attendance at any league conference and an intense interest, resulting in the largest membership sign-up, prevailed throughout. An average of more than 200 persons attended the sessions, representing all wheat growing counties of eastern Oregon with the exception of Jefferson.

Messages by informed men of high standing, of whom Dr. M. L. Wilson, internationally famed economist of Montana State college, shed the limelight, revealed an unsound situation in the wheat industry with possible methods of betterment that served as a basis for recommendations emanating from the five conference divisions.

New Officers Named.

Sessions opened at the school gymnasium at 10 o'clock Thursday morning with call to order by John Withycombe of Arlington, president. A welcome to Heppner was extended by S. E. Notson, district attorney, with response by Harry Pinkerton of Moro. The plan of conference and details of local arrangements were cited by Charles W. Smith, league secretary. Closing Saturday was featured by committee reports and election of officers, Harry Pinkerton, Moro, president; James Hill, Pendleton, vice president; C. W. Smith, Heppner, secretary-treasurer; and county committeemen as follows: Morrow, George Peck; Gilliam, John Withycombe; Sherman, Dewey Thompson; Wal-lowa, A. G. Barnstedt; Wasco, Frank Emerson; Baker, A. V. Swift; Union, Gilbert Courtwright; Umatilla, Jens Tergerson; Jefferson, Ward Farrell.

Special resolutions were adopted thanking Oregon State college for its great assistance, and Heppner for its hospitality with special mention of cooperation by the school and Lions club. Regrets were extended A. R. Shumway, Milton, and Chas. Harth, The Dalles, active members and league leaders since its inception, who were unable to attend, and resolutions of condolence passed in memory of the late W. W. Harrah, who was active in wheat affairs.

An invitation for the 1931 conference was extended by The Dalles. The matter was left in the hands of the executive committee with favorable sentiment prevailing.

Banquet Is Feature.

Special musical numbers featured opening sessions mornings and afternoons of the conference, with appearance of the first grade rhythm band, and boys' and girls' glee clubs of the high school under the direction of Miss Charlotte Woods, music supervisor of the school. The main entertainment attraction was the banquet in the Christian church Friday evening, attended by more than 200 persons, prepared and served by ladies of the church. Ladies of the Episcopal church assisted by the serving of other meals.

The address of Dr. M. L. Wilson Thursday afternoon sounded the keynote of the meeting, when he depicted the world wheat situation and told of different plans, as well as their stages of development, that might aid the United States condition. While Dr. Wilson made no particular recommendations himself, it was largely through information supplied by him that much conference action was taken.

Dr. Wilson made no "bones" about the plight of the wheat farmer, occasioned, he said, by a world surplus production of wheat in which the rapid adoption of labor-saving machinery has played a large part. The real machine age on the farm commenced in 1923 with introduction of the tractor on wheat farms. As a compliment to the progressiveness of Eastern Oregon farmers, he said this section was among the first to adopt the tractor and other modern production equipment. Production costs here are second lowest in the nation, with western Kansas first, and a part of Montana probably ranking third.

Competition Held Factor.

Ramifications of the machine age affect not alone agriculture, but every industry and every phase of life, in a way that Dr. Wilson believes will take many years to readjust. "A strong believer in cooperation, and the benefits to be gained thereby, he cited cooperative movements of merit. However, the problem facing farmers today will not be solved through cooperative acreage reduction, nor tariff or debenture enactment, he said in effect. Competition will eventually drive the

"Believe It or Not" Is Banquet Attraction

A unique memory stunt of A. V. Swift of Baker proved one of the highlights of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League banquet held in the basement of the Christian church Friday evening and attended by a crowd that taxed the capacity of the rooms. The menu featured wheat dishes, and table and room decorations completely carried out the golden grain motif.

Responding to his introduction by C. L. Sweek, toastmaster, Mr. Swift offered to name the county seat of any county in the United States, his challenger to pay twenty-five cents into the banquet fund if he was correct, or the banquet fund to pay the challenger a dollar if Mr. Swift missed. There were many challenges and Mr. Swift did not miss, nor did he hesitate in giving the correct name. On agreement of the challenger to forfeit a dollar if Mr. Swift was correct he offered to found any county in the United States by adjoining counties on three sides. This he did correctly on each challenge. Mr. Swift may be said to be a national figure since his stunt was recognized not long ago by Ripley in his "Believe It or Not."

A good-fellowship note prevailed throughout the banquet program and many good after-dinner stories aided farmers to forget for the moment the low price of wheat. Among those responding to toasts were R. A. Thompson, Heppner; Dwight Misner, Ione; A. V. Swift, Baker; Walter Holt, Pendleton; Harry Pinkerton, Moro; Jim Hill, Pendleton; Perry Johnston, Condon; J. Alger Fee, Pendleton; G. R. Hyslop, O. S. C.; Oscar I. Paulson, Portland; Garnet Barratt, Heppner; F. J. Wilmer, Rosalia, Wash.; H. E. Lounsbury, Portland; Gene Courtney, Woodburn; Roy Rittner, Pendleton; John Withycombe, Arlington; E. M. Hulden, Blalock, Miss Helen Falconer gave a musical reading, "Speak Up Ike, 'Spree Yourself.'" Miss Lola Hiatt sang "Saw You Never in the Twilight" and Earl Thomson sang "There Was No Room in the Inn." Miss Charlotte Woods was accompanist for the last two numbers.

The banquet was prepared and served by the ladies of the church.

School Christmas Cantata Scheduled Next Tuesday

"King of Kings" is the Christmas cantata to be presented by the music department of Heppner high school without admission charge, at the auditorium next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Diligent practice has been undergone for the production under the supervision of Miss Charlotte Woods, supervisor of music, and it is expected all who attend will receive a treat.

COMMITTEES NAMED.

Standing committees of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League were named by the executive committee shortly after adjournment of the conference here Saturday, as follows: Wheat handling, S. R. Thompson, Pendleton, chairman; J. W. Shepherd, Moro; L. J. Kelly, The Dalles; A. J. Barnstedt, Enterprise; H. V. Smouse, Ione. Transportation, John Withycombe, Arlington, chairman; F. A. Harrah, Pendleton; D. W. Misner, Ione; H. R. Richards, The Dalles; H. D. Proudfoot, Moro; Carl Engdahl, Pendleton; J. W. Dyer, Mayville. Legislation, Roy Rittner, Pendleton, chairman; Chas. Harth, The Dalles; A. R. Shumway, Milton; Ed Marshall, Arlington; J. O. Turner, Heppner.

Eastern Oregon Wheat League Register Given

Following are the names of those who registered at the third annual conference of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Heppner last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, segregated by towns:

Ione—Louis L. Bergevin, Allen Gordon, Edw. A. Lindken, Harvey Smith, O. E. Peterson, Leonard Carlson, D. M. Ward, Roy W. Lissallen, C. E. Carlson, Ross Smith, Dixon T. Smith, C. F. Troedson, Cole E. Smith, Bert Johnson, Henry Baker, J. O. Kincaid, Chas. McElligott, Fred Mankin, John Troedson, N. Thompson, H. V. Smouse, Fred L. Griffin, Mrs. John Troedson, Carl W. Troedson, C. F. Feldman, Ervin Anderson, Harold Anderson, Dwight Misner, H. J. Biddle, Lee Beckner, A. A. McCabe, Alex. Huber, E. H. Zinter, J. J. Gilman, Claude Denney, J. E. Swanson, Richard McElligott, Paul G. Balsiger, H. D. McCune, Peter Timm, W. A. Hrules, J. A. Williams, A. Engelman, Lexington—Loren Leathers, Karl L. Beach, Lester White, H. M. Bull, Ralph Jackson, Sarah C. White, J. E. Gentry, A. H. Nelson, A. E. Miller, C. M. Melville, R. F. Wigglesworth, Burton H. Peck, Wm. Smithurst, Dr. L. Omohundro, E. Harvey Miller, Geo. R. White, Ben Swagart, S. J. Devine, George N. Peck, Geo. M. Alyn, O. W. Cutsforth, E. E. Rice, Frank Munkers, S. E. Graves, Leo Gorgier, C. W. Valentine, O. G. Hagwood, Dewey C. Gairin, Chas. A. Marquardt, W. F. Barnett, J. J. Miller, E. S. Duvall.

Moro—W. S. Powell, Carrill Savra, Dewey Thompson, Harry B. Pinkerton, W. H. Ragsdale, W. A. McDonald, Wesley C. Fuller, D. E. Stephens, J. C. McKean, W. T. Balsiger, James B. Adams.

Pendleton—Otis Jordan, Charles E. Burnett, O. L. Babcock, B. W. Bowman, E. B. Ains, E. E. Akley, Lemoy E. Davis, G. E. Foster, G. A. Mitchell, Charles M. Look, Walter A. Holt, A. N. Hanna, James Alger Fee, J. I. Purdy, L. L. Rogers, Joseph N. Scott, Harold

C. C. PATTERSON FUNERAL HELD

Former County Judge Passes After Long Illness; Lived Here For Many Years.

Clair Cornelius Patterson passed away at his home in this city on Friday, Dec. 12. He had been sinking quite rapidly during the week and his death was not unexpected by the family and relatives. For some 13 or 14 years Mr. Patterson had been a sufferer from a lingering malady, and in a helpless condition, though all that was humanly possible was done to bring about his recovery and to cheer him on his way. Funeral services were held at Masonic temple on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 under the auspices of Heppner lodge 69 of which he had long been a member. Rev. B. Stanley Moore assisted and delivered the funeral address, and a choir consisting of Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, Mrs. L. E. Bisbee, Mrs. G. M. Anderson, Mrs. C. W. Smith, M. D. Clark, Gay Anderson, D. T. Goodman and W. O. Dix sang appropriate hymns, with Mrs. C. L. Sweek at the piano. There was a large gathering of friends of the family and brother Masons, and the floral offerings were many and beautiful. Commitment services were at the grave in charge of the lodge. Funeral arrangements were in the care of Case mortuary.

Mr. Patterson was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Beaver county, and at the time of his death was aged 58 years, 2 months and 16 days. He came west some 35 years ago, spending some three years at Heppner and engaging in the lumber business. He then returned to his native state and on February 11, 1901, at Newcastle he was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Baird. During that year they returned to Heppner and the family home was in this city since. He engaged in the retail lumber business in this city for several years, being associated part of the time with the late R. C. Wills. Upon disposing of this business, Mr. Patterson followed insurance and real estate for a time, then was elected county judge, which position he held for eight years with credit to himself and the county.

He is survived by his widow, Blanche Patterson; one daughter, Mary Patterson of this city, and one son, Andrew Patterson of Helix, and a grandson, Baird Patterson; his mother, Mrs. D. F. Patterson and two brothers residing in Pennsylvania.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the Masons and the many kind friends who assisted us in the hour of our bereavement, for the kind expressions of sympathy, and the many beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. C. C. Patterson and family.

JOINT INSTALLATION SET.

Joint installation of officers will be held by Heppner Masonic bodies on Saturday evening, Dec. 20. Those participating will be Ruth chapter No. 32, O. E. S., Heppner chapter No. 28, R. A. M., and Heppner lodge 69, A. F. & A. M. A turkey banquet will be served, beginning promptly at 6 o'clock.

STORES OPEN EVENINGS.

Following the usual holiday custom, merchants of Heppner will have their places of business open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings before Christmas for the accommodation of shoppers.

HELP FOR JOBLESS, ROAD WORK TOPICS

Lions Thanked for Aid Given Conference; Said Best Yet.

SERVICE MADE ISSUE

Paul Marble Tells Difficulty Encountered on Power Line; Betterment Sought.

In carrying the thanks of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League to the Lions club for its part in helping to put across the league conference here last week end, C. W. Smith, league secretary, told the club Monday that the conference here was the largest and best yet, and that expressions from outside visitors on every hand were to the effect that they were well pleased with the city's hospitality. As general chairman of local arrangements for the club, Mr. Smith thanked members for the wholehearted cooperation received.

The 47 members in attendance interested themselves in a measure to aid unemployment sponsored by the state, a report of the state highway commission and bureau of public roads meetings, held in Portland last week, and in a discussion of improvement of the local electric service.

County to Register Jobless.

The plan to aid unemployment as outlined by the state unemployment commission headed by Governor Norblad, was embodied in a letter read by President C. L. Sweek. It asked for cooperation of the counties in registering unemployed laborers, with a view to using as many as possible on state road work which it is expected will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Registration blanks are being furnished the county by the state commission, and duplicate copies will be sent to it.

R. L. Benge, county judge, reported on the convention of county judges and commissioners in Portland last week end, as well as meetings of the state highway commission and bureau of public roads. The convention, he said, was filled with interest with every county in the state represented, and resolutions passed are of much importance to the state. The bureau of public roads voted \$75,000 for 4.4 miles of grading on the Heppner-Spray road the coming year, and both the bureau and highway commission gave the road favorable consideration. G. A. Bleakman, county commissioner, who also attended the meetings, said it is the intention of the forest people to put a right-of-way clearing crew to work on the road just as soon as weather conditions permit.

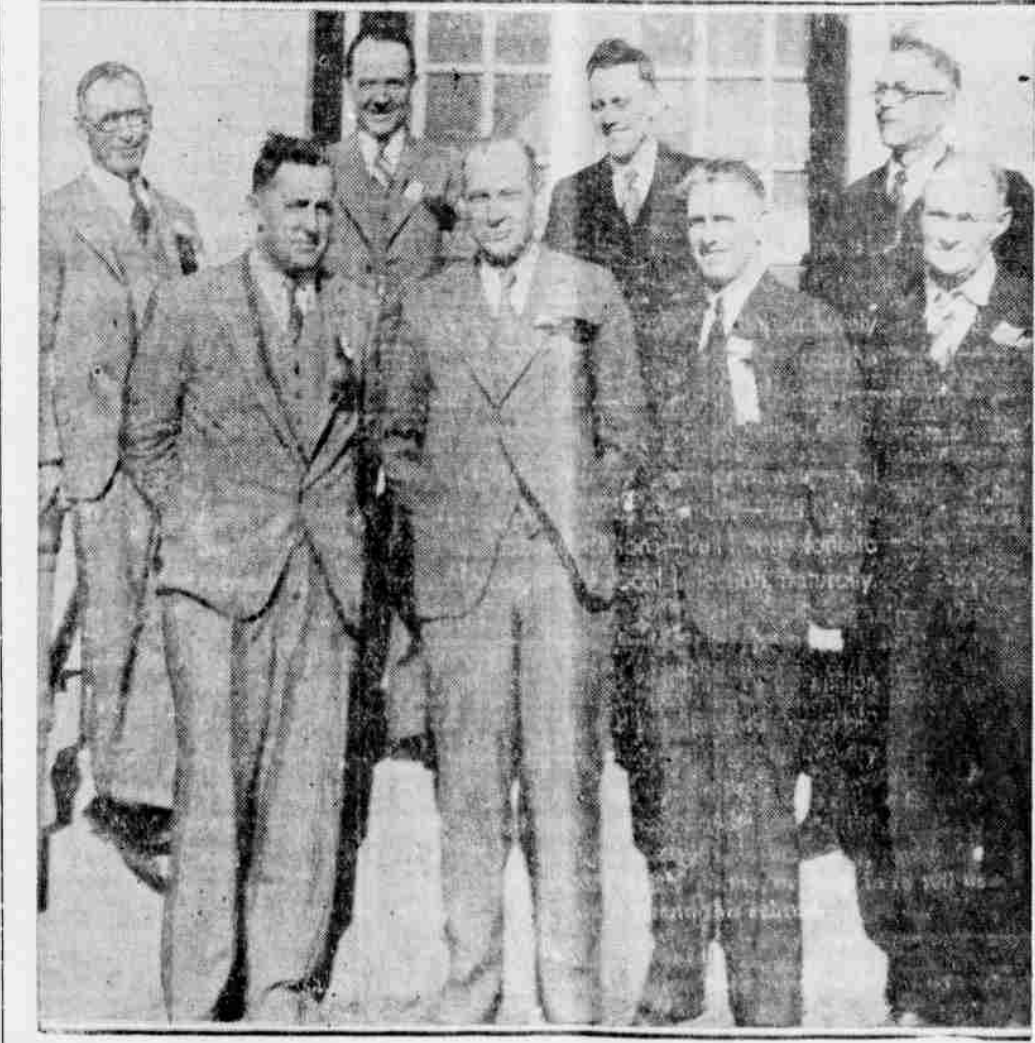
Freezing Causes Trouble.

The discussion of the power service, which at intervals recently has caused inconvenience to residents, was carried on with the best of humor between Paul L. Marble, local manager of the Pacific Power and Light company, and other members. Mr. Marble explained that trouble had been caused by freezing of fog on the lines which at times accumu-

FIRST GAME SLATED.

The boys basketball team of Heppner high school will play their first game of the season when they meet Arlington high here Saturday evening. It is scheduled as a practice game.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE EASTERN OREGON WHEAT LEAGUE



From left, front row—C. W. Smith, Heppner, secretary and treasurer; James Hill, Pendleton, vice president; Harry Pinkerton, Moro, president; A. V. Swift, Baker. Rear row—John Withycombe, Arlington; Frank Emerson, The Dalles; Dewey Thompson, Moro; A. G. Barnstedt, Enterprise. The last five named are county committeemen. —Photo by courtesy of the Morning Oregonian.

'ARE YOU MASON' PROVIDES LAUGHS

Members of Junior Class Play Roles in Comedy Production Last Evening.

Amos Bloodgood had pretended he was a Mason for twenty years as a blind for occasional solo games to which he knew his wife would take exception. Frank Perry, his son-in-law, got the same idea to conceal from his wife the true object of his keeping late hours while she was away on a visit, not knowing of Mr. Bloodgood's deception. George Fisher, in love with Annie Bloodgood, also pretended he was a Mason to help out his friend Perry. Hamilton Travers, doortender at a cabaret, had the "goods" on Perry and pretended he was a Mason for blackmail purposes. John Halton, a farmer and friend of the family, wanted to be a Mason. Ernest Morrison, a young architect in love with Lulu Bloodgood, was a Mason and served as mediator to avert what threatened to be a grand family split-up when the misrepresentations began to come to light.

Such is the state of affairs in "Are You a Mason?" that served to keep the audience in an uproar last evening when the play was presented by the junior class of Heppner high school. Many of the comedy situations were developed by participation in the plot by Mrs. Caroline Bloodgood, and Perry's wife, Eva, Lottie, cook and maid of the Perry's, was a thorn in Mr. Perry's side. Fisher added to the complications, when he resorted to his old profession of actor and impersonated Fanchon Armitage, a cloak model at Mme. Joliet's. A great stigma on the name of Mr. Bloodgood was erased with the revelation that Mrs. Halton was Angelina, an old sweetheart of Mr. Bloodgood's who was supposed to have committed suicide on his account.

Parts were aptly taken by the students under the direction of Paul Menegat, coach, as follows: George Fisher, Theodore Thomson; Frank Perry, John Franzen; Amos Bloodgood, Claude Hill; John Halton, Gene Mikese; Hamilton Travers, Billy Cox; Ernest Morrison, Eddie Kenny; Policeman; Lee Vinson; Mrs. Caroline Bloodgood, Florence French; Eva, Mrs. Frank Perry, Lola Hiatt; Annie Bloodgood, Lucille Hall; Lulu Bloodgood, Ruth Turner; Mrs. Halton, Louise Moyer; Lottie, Vallis Jones; Fanchon Armitage, Adele Nickerson. Setting of the play was in Perry's apartment in New York. Music between acts was furnished by the Jazz Pirates orchestra.

KIDDIES TO GET TREAT.

The community Christmas being jointly sponsored by the Elks lodge and Lions club of Heppner will be given at Elks temple on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock. All children under the age of 14 years who attend will be remembered by Santa Claus, who is expected to be there with "bells on," and greet the kiddies in person. The occasion will doubtless be one that will create a lot of merriment and cheer for the youngsters.

TOWN TEAM ACTIVE.

Heppner's town basketball team has been playing a full schedule. Last Thursday the boys journeyed to Arlington and won 25-23. Saturday they played at Ione and lost 24-13. Their next game is scheduled at home with Hermiston tomorrow evening. Neil Shuirman, hard-working forward, was missed from the line-up in the last two games, but is hoped will be in action again tomorrow.

JOIN STATE HOOK-UP.

Acceptance for membership in the State Federation of Womens Clubs was recently received by the Bookworms of Heppner. The local club was organized two years ago by a group of women particularly interested in literary discussion. Miss Lillie Allinger is president of the 12 members.

GRAND JURY CHOSEN.

Before the adjournment of circuit court on Thursday, the following grand jury was chosen to serve for the year: D. T. Goodman, foreman, R. H. Zinter, Lewis Cason, Emil Groshens, A. E. Johnson, J. O. Hager, P. S. Griffin.

SCHOOL OUT WEDNESDAY.

Heppner public schools will be dismissed next Wednesday for the Christmas vacation, to reconvene Monday, Jan. 5. Outside teachers on the faculty are planning to spend the vacation at their respective homes.

The home economics class of Heppner high school entertained members of the school board and Mrs. Rodgers, county superintendent, at a three course luncheon on Tuesday afternoon, as a demonstration of the work being done by the members of the class under the instruction of Miss Palmiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lotus Robison of Hardman were visitors here on Wednesday. They recently lost their house and contents by fire, and are now busy rehabilitating themselves.

Auxiliary Chairman Speaks to Grade Pupils

Mrs. Paul M. Gemmill, Americanism chairman, spoke to the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Heppner schools on Friday last regarding two contests which the American Legion auxiliary is conducting this year in these grades. One is the school medal award for the girls of the eighth grade, being presented for the sixth consecutive year, and having been won in previous years by Katherine Bisbee, Jeanette Turner, Phyllis Jane Jones, Anabel Turner and Beatrice Thomson. This award is a bronze medal to be presented by the auxiliary to the girl averaging the highest in the following points: scholarship, honor, service, courage, leadership and an essay entitled "Privileges of American Citizenship."

In addition to the medal, a gift will be presented the girl winning second place, and a roll of honor will be placed in the eighth grade room upon which will be inscribed the name of the winner of the medal award each year. There are ten girls in the eighth grade, and it is hoped to have ten essays handed in. The second contest is for the boys of the seventh and eighth grades, based on answers to fifty questions regarding the flag code adopted by the National Flag conference at Washington, D. C., June 14-15, 1923. These questions will be printed, ten at a time, in the five January issues of the Gazette Times. The auxiliary will give a cash prize to the boy averaging highest in each grade, and also some appropriate gift to the room turning in the highest average. Both contests close on the last Saturday in January, when both the girls' essays and the boys' questionnaires are to be handed in to Mrs. Gemmill at the Legion hall. The auxiliary wishes to thank Mr. Poulson and Mr. Buhman for their kind cooperation in this matter.

Visitors Attend Legion Meeting; '31 Quota Made

Visitors from Hermiston, Arlington and Ione swelled the attendance at the regular American Legion meeting here Monday evening to 60. The meeting was featured by announcement that Heppner post had gone over the top in the recent membership contest by reaching its quota of 85 paid-up members. Because of the large attendance the meeting was taken to the I. O. O. F. hall.

Inspiring talks were heard from J. M. Biggs of Hermiston, state commander; C. W. Smith of Heppner, district commander; post commanders Todd of Hermiston, Crowder of Arlington and Beckner of Ione, and district membership chairman Hallyburton of Hermiston. Commander Biggs stated that the 1932 national convention is practically assured for Portland. Refreshments were served in charge of Harold Cohn and W. R. Poulson of Heppner post.

SELECTED FOR DRAMATICS.

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 17.—Robert Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Turner of Heppner, has been selected for membership in the Whitman Dramatic club, after intensive tryouts conducted this week. Membership in the club includes the privilege of participating in the productions which the club sponsors. The first play of the year, "The Truth About Gladys," by A. A. Milne, has been invited to Spokane by the Little Theater club of that city. Mr. Turner is a junior in the departments of mathematics and physics.

Cooperative Work Backed.

Continued endorsement of the North Pacific Grain growers was asked by the cooperative marketing committee, which urged local associations to arrange as quickly as conditions permit for the ownership and operation of their own elevators, warehouses, or other local handling and operating facilities. Strengthening of present cooperative organizations giving adequate service was recommended rather than the establishment of competing cooperatives. Much information for members concerning the national cooperative marketing hook-up was asked in order that members may have a better understanding of its operation and be able to defend it when attacked. Increased membership and perfection of the cooperative organizations as originally planned was asked.

The wheat handling committee

recommended that Governor Meier retain the present personnel of the state grain inspection department, whom they believe have done excellent work. They recommended revision of smutting charges at terminals due to the change in processing methods, which has decreased the expense of this phase of wheat handling. Appointment of an interim committee to study the grade basis for market quotations was asked. They recommended a readjustment of discounts as to grade and sacks, and asked that the sack differential be expressed as a premium in the grower's favor. Protein testing was recognized as a part of the work of the Federal Grain Grading department. The secretary of agriculture was asked to establish two new sub classes of white wheat, one containing 90 per cent or more white cut varieties, and one for soft white of the common soft white wheats which meet the requirements of millers of this class of wheats.

GROWERS SUBMIT RELIEF MEASURES

Debenture Asked; Rapids Project, River Work Given O. K.

TOUCH ALL ANGLES

Further Delay of Rate Cut Order Protested; Reports of Five Divisions Adopted.

Taking cognizance of the fact that the plight of eastern Oregon wheatgrowers is such as to demand immediate relief, and that this section is particularly adapted to cheap production of wheat, as sounded in the keynote address of Dr. M. L. Wilson, eminent economist, and borne out by other speakers, the third annual conference of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Heppner last week end made such recommendations as it believed appropriate and feasible. Each of the five conference divisions, production, handling, transportation, cooperative marketing and legislation, made reports that were unanimously adopted with little discussion.

In asking that congress immediately pass the debenture plan, the legislative report recommended that plans be studied and developed in connection with it to provide for acreage control. Recommendation was made to members that they study the Black plan which comprehends such acreage control. Endorsement was made of the Christ-gton bill, providing for a study of agricultural regions to determine the most profitable crops for each to raise, and sanction was given Senator Capper's plan for reducing the wheat surplus by using the grain held by the grain stabilization corporation for relief purposes.

Would Cut Tax Levy.

State legislative proposals asked that sellers of seed grain be given a first crop lien to encourage seed grain loans, that the original 1-cent gas tax be refunded where gasoline was used on the farm, and that market road money be used for maintenance purposes for a few years in order to cut the tax levy. Report of the production committee touched the best tillage and other production practices for the section, and being of a technical nature and of prime importance to individual producers, it will be published in full in the next issue of the Gazette Times.

Urging of the interstate

commerce commission to refuse further requests for postponement of its freight rate reduction order on grain beyond April 1, featured the recommendations on transportation. Senator McNary's proposal for the senate to order a brief prepared in rebuttal to the one filed by the American Association of Railway Executives was endorsed, as was Senator Steiwer's proposal for deepening the channel in the Columbia river for shipping purposes. Endorsement was given the Umatilla Rapids project, urging immediate passage of the bill now before congress. The report also urged members of the wheat league to impress upon their respective county courts the importance of improving roads to boat landings on the Columbia river, with instructions to the executive committee to appoint one member from each county to take charge of this work.

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