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COUNTY BOYS GO TO LA GRANDE SUNDAY

To Play Ontario Juniors For Championship of Districts 6 and 7.

TWO GAMES SLATED

Baker and La Grande Boys to Play Preliminary; Drum Corps to Take Part; Local Squad All Set.

Whether or not the Morrow County American Legion Junior baseball team will continue its climb toward the state championship will be determined at La Grande Sunday when it meets the Ontario Juniors, winners of the seventh district. Extensive preparations are being made in the Union county city for the staging of this game, to be played on the high school athletic field at 2:30 o'clock. The drum corps of the La Grande Legion post will escort the teams to the playing field, and a preliminary game between the Baker and La Grande junior teams will be played, according to word received from John R. Garrity, in charge of arrangements. It is expected a number of cars will go over from here and J. D. Cash is desirous of getting in touch with all who plan to go. Cars carrying players will leave here at 8 o'clock.

Either Coach Quinn of the Eastern Oregon Normal school or Coach Woodie of La Grande high school will umpire. The admission charge will be 50 cents, and proceeds over expenses will be split evenly between the Morrow county and Ontario teams.

Distance Divided.

Final arrangements for this game to be played at La Grande were made by Hugh E. Brady, commander of district seven, because of the long distance from Heppner to Ontario, 330 miles, and the fact that the Ontario team was considerably tired from its hard tournament at Burns, from which it emerged victorious last Saturday and Sunday. Other contenders in the seventh district were La Grande, Baker and Burns.

Coach Shuirman has been giving the Morrow county lads daily work out this week in preparation for the Ontario clash, and Wednesday evening a team of the older town boys gave them a practice game on the Heppner field.

It is probable that Francis Ely will start the game as pitcher, with Roy Gentry receiving. The coach has been shifting players to different positions in an attempt to determine the most formidable line-up, but it is probable the boys will be started as follows: E. Lundell, first base; Joel Engelman, second; Elwayne Lieualten, third; Earl Akers, short; Curtis Thomson, left field; Dale Lane, center field; Rex Langdon, right field. In reserve will be William and Ray McRoberts, Johnny Farris, Warner and Wright.

District Winners Named.

Sunday is the final date for the playing of inter-district games. Winners in each of the eight districts are:
Western section—District one, Oregon City; two, Salem; three, Eugene; four, Medford.
Eastern section—District five, The Dalles; six, Morrow county; seven, Ontario; eight, East Side Commercial club (Portland).
Winner of the Morrow county-Ontario game will play the following week against the winner of The Dalles-East Portland game being played Sunday also. Eastern and western section champions will play at Corvallis, Aug. 6, 7, 8, for the state championship.

Fire Takes Toll of Wheat In Fields Near Lexington

Fire destroyed 200 acres of grain belonging to W. F. Barnett, 180 acres of Chas. Marquardt wheat, and some wheat already threshed belonging to Harry Schriever, last Thursday afternoon north of Lexington. The fire started from a dust explosion in the combine belonging to Mr. Marquardt. The machine was damaged to the extent of \$100, according to the report given this paper by Lawrence Beach, in town Friday.

A large number of freighters gathered from surrounding farms and from Lexington who fought the fire with sacks. Preparations were made to hitch a plow onto a tractor to plow a furrow around the fire, but the flames were checked, making this unnecessary. The heat was intense, it was said. None of the losses were covered by insurance.

F. B. Nickerson of the Morrow County Abstract company, and family returned home Sunday from their vacation spent in California. They especially enjoyed their visit in San Francisco, their former home, and where Mr. Nickerson was a boy at the time of the historic earthquake and fire disaster. They also enjoyed a visit at the W. V. Crawford home in Oakland.

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LIONS HEAR BOYS' BASEBALL PLANS

Rodeo Action Cited; Start New Feature; Committees Named For Year's Work.

Nell Shuirman, coach of the Morrow county boys' baseball team that will play Ontario at La Grande Sunday for the championship of the sixth and seventh districts, told the Lions Monday of the procedure being followed by the American Legion team to determine the championship team of the United States. Winner of the Ontario-Heppner game will play winner of the East Portland-The Dalles contest, and the winner of this game will represent districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 in a series of games to be played with the winner of districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 at Corvallis, Aug. 6, 7, and 8, to determine the state championship. Regional games between states will then be played and the national championship will be decided at Detroit, Mich., during the national American Legion convention.

W. E. Moore told of the action of business men last Friday evening when they enthusiastically favored staging of the tenth annual Rodeo, September 3, 4, and 5. The Misses Virginia Dix and Jeanette Turner were well received in a piano duet. Earl W. Gordon, program chairman, instituted a regular feature of future meetings known as "The Question Box." Each week members will hand in questions to be answered at the direction of the program committee.

The full list of committees to have charge of the various departments of the club work during the year just started was announced by C. W. Smith, president, as follows:
Membership: E. O. Ferguson, Albert Adkins, F. B. Nickerson; finance: E. R. Huston, Spencer Crawford, W. E. Moore; no drop: W. W. Smead, Chas. Thomson, R. B. Ferguson; city relations: Jasper Crawford, Chas. Swindig, J. J. Nys; public relations: B. R. Patterson, J. O. Peterson, W. C. Cox; roads: Al Rankin, A. R. Reid, G. A. Bleakman; boys: Chas. Thomson, J. D. Cash; schools: Dr. A. D. McMurdo, W. R. Poulson; reception: J. J. Nys; entertainment: F. W. Turner, Paul Marble; fire and police: Gay M. Anderson, J. M. Stewart; public health: Dr. J. H. McCrady, Ed Chinn; Lions education: S. E. Notson, P. W. Mahoney; forest relations: J. W. Hiatt, L. L. Gilliam; program: Earl W. Gordon, P. W. Mahoney, Russell E. Pratt; safety and morals: C. J. D. Bauman, Chas. H. Latourell; attendance: L. L. Gilliam; blind: M. L. Case; publicity: Vawter Crawford.

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JENNIE E. McMURRAY.

Funeral services for Goldie Jane Nelson, wife of Clarence Nelson, who died Wednesday, July 8, at The Dalles, were held Saturday afternoon in the Christian church in Ione and interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Rev. W. O. Livingstone of Silverton, who performed the marriage ceremony uniting Goldie Jane Warren and Clarence Nelson, preached the funeral sermon. The singing was by Mrs. Walter Roberts and Miss Fern Engelman, with Mrs. Cleo Drake at the piano. Pall bearers were Mr. H. Robert Helms, Mrs. Henry Rowell, Mrs. Lee Howell, Miss Lucille Bristol, Mrs. Jane Collins and Mrs. Russell Miller. Many friends and neighbors gathered at the church Saturday and paid a tribute of esteem to the memory of Mrs. Nelson. The casket was covered with beautiful floral pieces and surrounded with a mass of bloom.

Out of town relatives who attended the funeral services were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sargent from Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Warren from Condon, and an aunt of Clarence Nelson, who came from Portland.

A joyful reunion of relatives and friends was had over the 4th and 5th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Timm. On the Fourth a bountiful dinner was spread to those present numbering twenty-one. The feature of the evening was the beautiful fireworks enjoyed by both old and young. The out of town guests were Mrs. H. Crete Bork and sons of La Grande, Mrs. Webke Timm and family, Mrs. Anna Penning and children, George and Emil Zenger and Dr. W. B. Whyte all of Pendleton.

There will be a harvest ball in Ione Saturday, July 18, given by the American Legion. Music by the Night Hawks of Hood River.

Keithley Blake, resident of Klumath Falls, who is here for the harvest season, motored to Bend Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blake, who were in a recent automobile accident. Mr. Blake's injuries were very severe and he will be a patient in the hospital for several weeks. Mrs. Blake has so far recovered that she has left the hospital and is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mobley in Bend. The friend who was riding with the Blakes has returned to his home at Klumath Falls. Keithley returned to Ione Sunday.

S. E. Sorenson and family of Hood River have moved into the Margaret Low house on Second street. They are here for the harvest season.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith and children spent Sunday in the mountains above Heppner, visiting the

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BUSINESSES UNITE TO SPONSOR RODEO

Enthusiasm Rife as Men Lay Plans for Tenth Show Sept. 3-4-5.

TO STRESS PARADES

Special Prizes Offered for Friday, Saturday Features; Preliminary Committees Are Named.

Representatives from more than twenty Heppner business houses enthusiastically laid plans at the council chambers Friday evening for the staging of the tenth annual Heppner Rodeo, September 3-4-5. The meeting was presided over by C. W. McNamer, president of the Rodeo association, who was pledged one hundred per cent cooperation of the men present.

Special committees to look after preliminaries for the show included the appointment of the finance, decorating, parade and advertising committees. Obtaining of the Geo. T. Scott's Greater shows, with its array of rides, concessions and shows, was announced by W. W. Smead, who declared this to be probably the cleanest, largest and best company ever to come to Heppner in connection with the rodeo.

Special Prizes Given.

The parades on Friday and Saturday this year will be a real worthwhile feature if plans discussed are successfully carried out. Many of the men present were desirous of seeing this feature stressed, and special prizes were offered by many to encourage people to participate. Dr. C. W. Barr offers \$5 for the best decorated car, with the Sanitary Bakery giving \$2.50 for the second best. Wilson's will give \$5 in merchandise for the best-dressed cowboy, and J. C. Penney company, \$5 in merchandise for the best dressed cowgirl. Gordon's will give a kodak and roll of film to first prize winner in the pet parade. C. W. Smith is chairman of the parade committee with Pat Molohan, John Anglin, Bert Kans, Vinton Howell, D. T. Goodman and R. B. Ferguson, members. This committee is working on further details which will be announced later.

It was decided that all the business houses will do their own decorating this year, giving more local color than has been the case in past years. Money that heretofore has gone to transient decorators will be turned over to the association to help defray preliminary expenses. The committee having decorations in charge is John Hiatt, chairman, H. A. Duncan, Art McAtee, Frank Connor, Paul Marble and Leonard Schwarz.

No Grandstand Charge.

General admission charge to the show will remain the same as last year, \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children, but there will be no extra charge for the grandstand—first come, first served, will be the order there.

Rain Spoiled Hay Not Total Loss, Says O.S.C.

Although practically all of the hay cut in Oregon previous to the recent rains is now unfit for livestock feed, it is not necessarily a total loss, says C. V. Ruzek, associate soil scientist of the Oregon Experiment station. It can be turned over to good account as "food" for the soil.

If this partially rotted hay is stacked or composted and then applied to the soil previous to the next seeding, more organic matter will go back into the soil than if the hay had been saved and fed to livestock, Ruzek says. In addition to the organic matter, hay and other bulky crop residues contain all of the essential plant nutrients which are ordinarily replaced in the soils by the use of commercial fertilizer. The commercial fertilizer value of a ton of alfalfa hay, for instance, is about \$8.25 per ton, Ruzek says. A mixture of oats and vetch will run slightly less, but is equal to red clover hay in nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. In some sections of the state, orchardists are using alfalfa hay and discing it in their orchard soils for its organic matter and fertilizer value.

Henry Schwarz motored over to Wapato, Wash., on Saturday after Mrs. Schwarz and Billy, who had been visiting at the home of E. R. Merritt. Mrs. Stanley Reavis accompanied Mr. Schwarz as far as Outlook where she visited her parents, and returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz, and Henry Merritt also came with them for a visit in Heppner.

Some wheat is beginning to come to Heppner warehouses, but the grand rush is not on yet, farmers just beginning to get real busy with the threshing.

MRS. N. E. WINNARD FATALLY INJURED

Auto Accident Near Cottage Grove Results in Death of Former Heppner Resident.

News of the death of Mrs. N. E. Winnard, who died as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday, came as a shock to Heppner friends. Mrs. Winnard, with Dr. Winnard and Miss Charlotte Winnard, had just started south from their home at Eugene on an automobile trip. South of Cottage Grove, the car skidded in loose gravel and crashed into a fence beside the road, it is said. Dr. Winnard, who was driving, and Miss Charlotte escaped uninjured.

Mrs. Winnard was rushed to the Eugene hospital where she died shortly after arrival, the report said. The Winnards had planned to visit Grants Pass, the Oregon Caves and California.

Dr. and Mrs. Winnard with their two children, Norton and Charlotte, moved to Eugene from Heppner in 1919. Dr. Winnard having been a practicing physician in this city for many years, and the family made a wide circle of friends here.

Norton graduated from Heppner high school with the class of 1918, and with removal of the family to Eugene the following year, entered the University of Oregon. He died from typhoid fever at Eugene after just completing medical course at Harvard university with honors.

Funeral services for Mrs. Winnard were held in Eugene with interment in the Eugene cemetery.

LEXINGTON NEWS

By RUTH DINGES.

Lee Reaney of Salem is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. Reaney.

It is thought that chaff collected on the exhaust pipe of the tractor belonging to Charles Marquardt caused a fire last week which burned about one hundred seventy acres of Mr. Marquardt's wheat, one hundred eighty acres of wheat belonging to W. F. Barnett, and two hundred sacks of threshed wheat belonging to Harry Schriever. None of the wheat carried fire insurance.

Miss Lorraine Thompson of College Place, Wash., has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Elsie Beach.

FOOD SALE.

Cakes, pies, candy, cookies—Case Apts. block, Saturday, July 18, 10 o'clock. Proceeds to send Heppner delegation to Epworth League summer camp.

A DAY ON MAIN

By OLDTIMER.

I don't like these dust storms. . . Wonder if Charley Cox ever goes bear hunting any more. . . Once we put him on the front page of the Oregonian because he killed a whooper. That was a long time ago—before Charley's whiskers had turned to silver. . . There goes Bill Eckett, many years a county commissioner, but now a land lord who lives down Portland way, and Theodore Anderson in to get a dish of ice cream. . . Henry Gay, Rhea creek pioneer, now a city dweller, is coming up street and Anson Wright is getting his mustache trimmed—these pioneers holding their age. . . Jim Luper goes trudging along the street thumping the pavement with his cane and Ed Huston drops in to his favorite soft drink stand for ice cream for luncheon desert for he and Mrs. Huston. . . Hope these Morrow county kids win the championship in this Legion contest—some mighty nice little ball tossers in this gang. . . There's Art Clark, now doctor, stepping a lively pace in the direction of Heppner Hotel. Those were the happy days when Doc ran his watch repair shop here, coached and played football, produced minstrel shows, helped to swipe turkeys and played the snare drum in the Heppner Symphony band. . . Gosh! Weren't the girls pretty with their small waists, large sleeves and little hats perched on the crowns of their heads—some gals, I'll say. . . Oh boy, here comes a pajama parade—Shades of our grandmothers and their trousseaus. . . Johnny Kenney almost in a trot to get supplies for harvest and Frank S. Parker, the city farmer, coming from the eye specialist. . . Banker Mahoney leaning on his favorite posts telling a taxpayer how to reduce taxes and a group with Assessor Jake Wells in their midst telling him how the cow ate the cabbage—Jake smiling. . . Shaver Bub Clark, once a famous ball heaver, comes to town to clip and polish the lads and there goes Ed Burchell of the team of Ed and Charley, pitcher and catcher when baseball games in this county meant fights and plenty of them. . . Remember when these brothers formed the battery that went over to Pendleton and showed those city slickers something about the great American game—not pasture. . . The sun is past meridian and the dinner bell tolls off mess call. . . Gee! I'm busy.

Relic of "Times," April 1903, Gives Glimpse Local History

Mrs. L. W. Briggs brought to the office of the Gazette Times this week the front page of the Heppner Times, dated April 30, 1903. This paper was published a trifle more than a month prior to the flood of June 14, which wrecked this community and took the lives of considerably more than 200 of our citizens. The paper was wrapped about a silk waist belonging to a sister of Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. D. C. Gurdane, who lost her life in the flood, and had been resting in a chest in the Briggs home all these years. The paper is of more than usual moment, as all the old "Times" files were destroyed in the fire of 1918.

Theodore Roosevelt was president of the United States at that time. John E. Mitchell and Chas. W. Fulton were senators from Oregon and J. N. Williamson and John H. Tongue were the congressmen. George E. Chamberlain was governor and A. M. Crawford was attorney general. W. R. Ellis was district judge for Umatilla and Morrow counties and T. G. Halley was prosecuting attorney. Walter Pierce was joint representative and G. W. Phelps was representative from this county. The county officials were A. G. Bartholomew, Judge; F. M. Griffin and E. C. Ashbaugh, commissioners; Vawter Crawford, clerk; E. M. Shutt, sheriff; M. Litchenthal, treasurer; W. L. Saling, assessor. The city officials were Frank Gilliam, mayor; J. J. Roberts, E. G. Noble, Waldron Rhea, Phil Cobb, Tom Sprad and O. E. Farnsworth, councilmen; Joe Williams, recorder and L. W. Briggs, treasurer. Joe P. Williams was justice of the peace and Gid B. Hatt, constable.

The Times was then edited and owned by A. J. Hicks and with Hicks, S. E. Notson was dealer in Morrow county real estate with offices in Heppner and Lexington. J. J. Roberts was a contractor and builder, according to a small two-column advertisement. The advertising columns further show that Stewart & Kirk were operating the Red Front Livery, Feed and Sale stable; The First National bank boldly proclaimed to the world that it transacted a general banking business, with a surplus and undivided profits of \$35,000. C. A. Rhea was president; T. A. Rhea, vice president; Geo. W. Conser, cashier, and E. L. Freeland, assistant cashier. Boyd & Kitzley operated the Liberty Meat market and J. M. Kernan was O. R. N. agent. C. E. Redfield, G. W. Phelps, G. W. Rhea and C. E. Woodson had shingles out for the practice of law. Doctors McSwerts & Kistner and A. K. Higgs, in dignified cards told the world that they were practicing physicians and Dr. J. W. Vogie boldly admitted he was an "eye specialist." Gentry & Jackson and J. L. Gibson advertised they were tonorial artists and A. Abrahamsonick

in bold faced type proclaimed he was a "Merchant Tailor."

In a sizeable ad The Fair wanted to sell Texas Eye Shields, children's muslin wear, new silks and dress goods at their best, dinner sets and glassware, millinery, toilet soap, chiffon ruffs and sun bonnets. Gilliam & Bisbee carried Baine wagon, galvanized buckets, carpenter's tools, heavy hardware, hardwood lumber, blacksmiths supplies and farm machinery. The Slocum Drug company wanted the populace to know that it had Hindoo Corn Cure to remove corns at 25c a box. W. A. Andrews, just south of Slocum's Drug store and Binns Bros., on the corner of Main and Willow streets, were dealers in staple and fancy groceries. Phil Metschan, Jr., was proprietor and manager of the Palace Hotel and Jones & Ashbaugh ran the Hotel Heppner. The Palace modestly admitted being the "best appointed hotel in Eastern Oregon," with modern conveniences, lighted by electricity and serving the best meals in the city. The Hotel Heppner had "everything neat and homelike" and employed white labor throughout. Rev. F. C. Adkins was pastor of the M. E. Church, South, and H. L. Beightol filled the pulpit at the North church. Rev. J. V. Crawford of the First Christian officiated at the wedding of William E. Walton and Miss Katie I. Paul. These young people were drowned in the flood.

Leon W. Briggs, Nelle Syron, Mollie E. Brown, Marvin Garner, Emma Hale, Anna F. Spencer, Katie I. Paul, William P. Scribner, Oliver S. Andrews, all of Heppner, were serving notice of their desire to buy from the government certain tracts of timber lands lying and situated in Morrow county.

I.O.O.F., Rebekahs Hold Installation of Officers

Willow lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., and San Souci Rebekah lodge No. 33, held joint installation of officers Wednesday, July 8, J. J. Wightman, master, and Alice Rasmus, president, were installing officers, assisted by the following grand officers: I. O. O. F.: S. E. Notson, warden; A. J. Chaffee, secretary; A. J. Knoblock, treasurer; R. L. Bengt, chaplain. Rebekahs: Charlotte Gordon, warden; Millie R. Doolittle, secretary; Ruby F. Corrigan, treasurer; Anna Brown, guardian; Florence Bugh, chaplain; Millie R. Doolittle, musician.

Following the installation a kitchen shower was given for Miss Lucila Bengt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bengt, a bride-elect. Officers installed were:
Odd Fellows: R. C. Phelps, N. G.; F. E. Parker, V. G.; E. Ayers, sec.; J. L. Yeager, treas.; A. J. Chaffee, Warden; A. J. Knoblock, conductor; Sherman Shaw, I. G.; J. J. Wightman, R. S. N. G.; W. E. Mikesell, L. S. N. G.; Earl Hunt, chaplain; Chas. Swindig, R. S. V. G.; H. G. Hayes, L. S. V. G.; Retiring noble grand, Roy Brown.

Rebekahs: Margaret Phelps, N. G.; Kate Swindig, V. G.; Lillian C. Turner, sec.; Opal Ayers, treas.; Olive L. Fry, warden; Tacie Parker, conductor; Hattie Wightman, I. G.; Mable Chaffee, R. S. N. G.; Ella Bengt, L. S. N. G.; Elizabeth Campbell, chaplain; Verna Hayes, musician; Sadie Sigbee, R. S. V. G.; Alice Gentry, L. S. V. G.; Retiring noble grand, Daisy Shively. Visitor, Mrs. Ada Eskelson, Holly No. 39.

A letter received by friends here from A. M. Phelps the first of the week states that his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Phelps is now recovering from a major operation and will soon be able to return to their home at Bend. Miss Phelps has been in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland for the past six weeks.

J. G. Thomson and son James are spending this week vacationing and recuperating at Hidaway springs.

Screenland's most charming lovers, Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor, in THE MAN WHO CAME BACK, Star theater, Sunday and Monday.

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REGIONAL GROWERS GIVEN INTEREST CUT

Directors of North Pacific Endorse Farm Board Plan for Surplus.

PROFITS ARE CITED

Encourage Owning of Handling Facilities by Locals; O. K. Debenature, McNary-Haugen Plan.

Spokane, Wash., July 13.—Reduction of 1 per cent in interest rates charged by North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., on loans on member wheat, bringing the new rate down to 5 per cent, was voted here today by North Pacific's directors at their regular monthly meeting.

Net profits available for surplus and dividends of \$117,500, or 3 1/2 per cent, for the first year's operation of North Pacific was announced to the directors by A. C. Adams, treasurer.

Endorsement of the federal farm board policy in handling the 200,000,000 bushel wheat surplus in the hands of the Grain Stabilization corporation was given a 12 to 1 approval by directors, while a further resolution adopted unanimously, placed the regional cooperative on record as against the 15 per cent freight rate increase asked by railroads of the country.

An aggressive campaign among local cooperatives in the North Pacific area encouraging all locals to lay plans and make every effort to own their own warehouse facilities was urged by A. R. Shumway of Milton, Ore., president of North Pacific, and seconded by Henry W. Collins of Pendleton, assistant western manager of Farmers National Grain corporation.

Survey Service Backed.

Strong, consistent membership and organization work among locals also was approved by the directors, as was President Shumway's program for inaugurating by North Pacific of an auditing and business survey service for all locals, the cost to be borne by the regional.

The equalization fee embodied in McNary-Haugenism, the debenture plan or similar legislation now approved in a resolution directing Mr. Shumway to contact all other wheat regional in the country in an effort to secure united support for a definite program of further relief for the farmer.

The private grain trade came in for a slap in the face following refusal of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers association to give any consideration to reduced discounts asked by North Pacific representatives when the grain dealers met last month at Walla Walla.

The reduction in the interest rate charged on wheat loans to members was unanimous approval by the board. The motion adopted called for North Pacific to charge not more than 1 per cent above the current rate of the Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Spokane. This rate is now 4 per cent, which will make the rate on 1931-32 loans to farmer-members only 5 per cent instead of the 6 per cent charged last season.

Wide satisfaction was expressed by directors over the financial report of Mr. Adams.

Finance Record Good.

North Pacific has but \$350,000 of capital stock outstanding, and net earnings for no year of \$117,500 on that capital was regarded as an exceptional record. Although no action was taken during the day, it is expected a portion of this amount will be put in surplus and the balance declared in dividends to the 59 local cooperatives affiliated with North Pacific.

Any dividend will not be paid in cash, but will be credited to the stock subscription notes of the locals due North Pacific. Should practically all of the \$117,500 be distributed, local units would be credited with a sum sufficient to pay off more than half the balance due on stock subscription notes held by the regional.

"In other words, North Pacific has earned for the farmers of the territory in one year a full third of the sum they pledged to set up the regional," said Mr. Adams. "The locals have five years to pay off their stock subscription notes. At this rate, they will be paid up in half that time."

Of the \$117,500 profits, \$48,564 came to North Pacific in patronage dividends from Farmers National Grain corporation, chief wheat operating unit of the federal farm board. This is practically a 100 per cent dividend on North Pacific's \$50,000 stock ownership in Farmers National.

North Pacific itself earned a net of approximately \$69,000 since organization. Mr. Adams pointed out that North Pacific's dividend from Farmers National reached such a high percentage due to the fact that the regional here had handled so large a volume of wheat, dividends being based on volume and not on cash investment. Any dividend declared by North Pacific also will be distributed on a patronage or volume basis, according to cooperative policy.

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FREIGHT RATE CUT TO HELP FARMERS

Inland Empire Wheat Growers Will Save \$1,500,000, Says North Pacific Treasurer.

Spokane, Wash., July 14.—Annual saving to grain growers of the area included in the jurisdiction of the North Pacific Grain Growers by the new freight rates ordered effective August 1 by the interstate commerce commission will total more than \$1,500,000, according to A. C. Adams, treasurer.

Wheat farmers of the Palouse country will save 1.8 cents a bushel under the new tariffs. Walla Walla and Umatilla growers will profit by a cut of 6-10ths of a cent a bushel. Grain growers in the Spokane and Colville regions will get a cut of about 2 cents a bushel, while Camas prairie growers will effect a saving of 4.8 cents a bushel, explained Mr. Adams.

These reductions all are on shipments to Coast terminals, but traffic experts here say the new rates also will apply to shipments between inland points.

"Naturally, we welcome these new rates," said Mr. Adams, "though I had hoped the commission would make its order retroactive to June 1. This fight for reduced freight rates has been in progress since 1928. The new rates first were granted to go into effect October 1, 1930. One delay after another brought the date down to June 1, this year."

"Then, the railroads took the case to court and secured an injunction from a Chicago federal court that caused another postponement. I am sorry to see the carriers profit by that move. Nevertheless, it will be possible for the farmer to benefit from the new rates on his entire 1931 crop."

Arthur M. Geary of Portland, rate expert, conducted the fight for the lower rates for North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc.

B. R. Patterson returned Sunday after spending several days with Mrs. Patterson who is undergoing treatment in a hospital in the city for neuritis.

THE MAN WHO CAME BACK, with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, Star theater, Sunday-Monday.