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E. O. WHEAT LEAGUE ASKS REBATE OF TAX

Processing Levy on Grain Bags Held Discriminatory, Say Growers.

MEET AT ARLINGTON

Northwest Big User of Jute Bags; Is Outstanding in Cooperation With AAA; Brief Presented.

The executive committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, meeting at Arlington Sunday, entered formal protest against the \$.029145 per pound tax on jute bags being assessed on bags used for grain, describing the tax on grain bags as unjust and discriminatory. A brief of the association's contentions was drawn up and sent to the federal administration at Washington, D. C. The brief follows:

Situation
As a compensating tax for the tax on cotton there has been imposed a tax of \$.29145 per pound on jute on the assumption that the primary tax on cotton might otherwise lead people to substitute jute. Wool bags are exempted from the tax as it is manifestly impossible to use cotton for wool bags. It is equally as impossible to substitute cotton for grain bags. This tax imposes an additional burden upon Pacific Northwest wheat growers because in this territory over 60% of the wheat moves to tidewater points in burlap bags. This is contrary to the custom in other wheat growing areas of the United States and is brought about because of the lack of farm storage, the 100% use of combines and the necessity for moving all of the wheat in one direction—to the Pacific Coast.

The Northwest is Cooperating
This area (Washington, Idaho, and Oregon) is cooperating with the A. A. A. organization to a greater extent than most wheat growing sections. This is evidenced by:

1. An average sign-up of about 83% of the entire wheat growers as compared with Michigan 34%, Ohio 35%, Iowa 39%, Indiana 45%, Illinois 51% and Pennsylvania 9%.
2. Stricter regulations governing the use of contract acres and closer adherence to the purpose of the A. A. A. than is found in most areas.

Tax on Grain Bags Unjust
The Pacific Northwest people are already paying the tax on cotton, the proceeds of which are used for financing the cotton reduction program. We are glad to pay that tax as we realize that people in the cotton producing states are paying a tax on flour which is used to finance wheat reduction which is expected to benefit us. This is a fifty-fifty cooperation on the part of both sections and is eminently fair.

We believe however, that the tax on grain bags is unfair because:

1. It throws a larger burden upon us than is borne by wheat growers elsewhere. The processing tax is thirty cents per bushel. We are paid for 54% of our average annual production. From this two cents is deducted to finance exporting, an average of one cent is deducted for expenses of the local wheat production control association and the burlap tax amounts to approximately one and one-half cents. Therefore out of the thirty cents processing tax we actually will get twenty-two and one-half cents. In other words, approximately 15% of the processing tax goes for other things so far as we are concerned, of which over one-third is for a fund for cotton growers.
2. The tax falls unequally upon different growers. The man so situated that he can bulk his grain escapes it altogether. The young farmer or the one on a rented farm who cannot afford bulk equipment, or the man so far from market or on such rough land that bulking is impossible, must put his grain in sacks. These people are therefore forced to support the cotton program to a greater extent than their more fortunate competitors. There is no justice whatever in this situation.
3. Many of our farmers grow oats and barley. These two crops alone require over 10,000,000 bags yearly. These crops are not benefited at all by the A. A. A. Program. In fact, they will be very severely handicapped by the reduction program of hogs now under way and the proposed program for dairy cows and beef cattle. Why should our farmers pay out \$277,000.00 annually for the privilege of sacking their oats and barley when they have no connection whatever with any of this program except to be hurt by it?

Relation of Export Corporation
The suggestion has come to us from Congressional correspondence that A. A. A. officials believe the burlap tax justified as it applies to the Pacific Northwest because this section is favored by the diversion of two cents of the thirty cents flour tax into an export fund principally used here in the Northwest.

We do not believe these things have any logical connection at all. If the emergency export of wheat is right and just, why impose a tax on burlap? Why not one on candy, shoes or some other unrelated item?

HOME ECONOMICS MEET SET AT CECIL

O. S. C. Specialists and Exhibits to Assist in School; All Women of County Invited.

A county homemakers conference open without charge to all women of Morrow county, is to be held in Cecil grange hall at Cecil on Friday, March 23rd, announces County Agent C. W. Smith. Three members of the Oregon State College extension staff in home economics are to give lectures and demonstrations, while various exhibits, some of which were shown recently at the state home interests conference at Corvallis, will be set up. The program begins promptly at 10:00 o'clock and will continue until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Dillabough, chairman of the county home economics committee of the grange, will preside at the morning session and Mrs. Hilda Timms will be in charge of registration. Mrs. Harriet Deos is chairman of the committee for the noon meal. Miss Lucy A. Case, state nutrition specialist, will demonstrate one dish showing the preparation of vegetables and this will be served at noon, in addition to the meal planned and arranged for by Mrs. Deos.

The program of the day includes an address by Miss Claribel Nye, State Leader of Home Economics Extension, and a lecture by Miss Lucy A. Case on "Can food change a person and his personality." Mrs. Azalea Sager, state clothing specialist, will discuss "Recognizing quality in materials" and will demonstrate the tests for materials. There will be community singing and games and the service available to homemakers of the state through the home economics division of the extension service will be explained. Exhibits of self-help clothing for pre-school children and methods of removing common stains on various materials will be included. The exhibit will also include material that is available for distribution in the state for homemakers.

This is one of the series of 15 county wide conferences being held throughout the state where no home demonstration agents are maintained. The day's program follows:

Staff—Claribel Nye, State Leader of Home Economics Extension; Lucy A. Case, Extension Specialist in Foods and Nutrition; Azalea Sager, Extension Specialist in Clothing and Textiles.

10-11 a. m. Registration.

Introduction by County Agent. Group singing and recreation. Today's homemaker goes to school, Miss Nye.

11-12 Can food change a person and his personality? Miss Case.

12-1:30 Lunch prepared by local organization.

One dish showing preparation of vegetables will be demonstrated by Miss Case.

The homemakers' contribution to the success of the new federal agricultural program, County Agent C. W. Smith.

1:30-1:45 Group singing.

1:45-2:45 Recognizing quality in materials, Mrs. Sager.

2:45-3:30 Other services in home economics, Miss Nye.

(1) Schools for parents (2) Recreation schools (3) Radio clubs (4) Bulletins (5) Information service (6) Grange and P. T. A. programs (7) Home Interests Conference (8) State projects (9) Home Extension Units (10) County committees.

Exhibits—Growth and health photographs of children and animals; photographs illustrating projects in home economics; self-help clothes for pre-school children; stain removal; bulletins and other material helpful to homemakers.

**April 3 Set as Deadline
For Corn-Hog Sign-up**
The final date for sign-up under the AAA corn-hog plan has been set for April 3, announces Chas. W. Smith, county agent. Farmers who wish to come under the plan must have their applications in the hands of the community committee by that date.

J. Ruzek, district administrator of the plan is in Heppner today, meeting with members of the community committees.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.
Notice is hereby given that the first-quarter payment time for taxes has been extended to April 15, 1934. Rebate privileges for the period will be allowed to the extended date. This action was made necessary by complications in bringing up the rolls and making out receipts due to the new tax law.

C. J. D. BAUMAN,
Tax Collector.

The Pacific Northwest surplus is only part of the wheat surplus. It cannot be segregated as a special thing. If not exported it would go to the Atlantic Coast, Southern states and Midwest as it has in the past and act to depress prices of all wheat in the United States.

Conclusion
We, therefore, submit that a tax on grain bags is discriminatory and unjust. We believe that the amount collected for this purpose should be rebated to the original purchaser upon sufficient proof that the bags are to be used for grain. Wheat reduction control associations could easily provide machinery for such rebates with very little expense.

OREGON BEAUTIES INSPIRE SKETCHES BY LOCAL MAN

The recent trip over the state as a member of the forest service "Showboat" by F. F. Wehmer, ranger in charge of the Heppner district of the Umatilla national forest, was Mr. Wehmer's inspiration for a number of geographical sketches which the Gazette Times is pleased to present to its readers. Not only are the articles interesting from their content of geographical information, but spiced with cryptic comment they are entertaining as well. Those readers who have visited the scenes mentioned, too, will recall whimsical fancies, dreams, or opinions inspired by Oregon's natural beauties and development. All the readers may not agree with Mr. Wehmer's opinions, but they will appreciate them, and the more so when it is understood that the writer has a background of travel experience including a "stretch" in Uncle Sam's navy.

There is another motive for devoting a goodly amount of space to the articles at this time. It is to help engender a fuller appreciation of the great state of Oregon in celebration of this year of the diamond jubilee anniversary of the state's birth. And so, with no attempt to alter the author's style of presentation or train of thought, the Gazette Times passes the sketches along as received:

Showboat

Eight years ago the state board of forestry and the forest service

started an educational campaign to acquaint the citizens of Oregon and especially the future citizens as represented in our public grammar and high schools, as to just why the forest organizations were trying to protect the forests.

Oregon lays claim to one fifth of the remaining timber within the United States and the sale of forest products more than equals the combined sales of wool, wheat and fisheries, in fact it is 65% of our normal industrial payroll. In 1929, the peak year of the lumber industry in Oregon, over 90 million dollars were paid out as wages to the workers of our state.

During the past eight years there has hardly been a school in the state that has not been visited by a member of the federal or state forestry organizations with the showboat.

The showboat consists of a light truck, fitted with a light plant and equipped with two projectors and a telephoto. They carry eight or ten reels for the showing of silent motion pictures and also several sets of colored lantern slides.

Since the start of the C. C. C. program the work has been confined to their camps, however, during April and May the boat will be on a cruise among eastern Oregon schools and is scheduled to visit Heppner some time during April.

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Regulations for Planting Contracted Land Adopted

Full regulations governing the seeding of crops on contracted acreage under the AAA wheat production control program have been prepared by the Morrow County Allotment committee, and copies will be mailed to all cooperatives soon. These regulations were compiled from suggestions made by the Agricultural Adjustment administration, and cover all details regarding the planting of wheat and other crops on contracted land. They cite how hay grown on the contracted land must be handled, and how all other crops taken off this land must be utilized.

It is essential that all cooperators acquaint themselves with the full details and govern themselves accordingly as full responsibility for compliance is placed upon the individual operator.

Every farm covered by a contract will be inspected before harvest and the inspection report must be approved by the wheat section of the AAA before the grower can receive his 1934 payment. If growers are not sure of proper compliance they should get in touch with their allotment committee at once. Responsibility rests with the grower, and any irregularity may result in forfeiture of all payments.

Local Nimrods Score 74; Latourell Wins Prizes

Three Heppner men, Glen Hayes, Adam Knoblock and Dr. A. D. McMurdo, composed the three-man team for Heppner-Pilot Rock gun clubs in the second round of the Oregonian telegraphic trapshooting tournament Sunday. Local nimrods shot over the home traps with fine weather prevailing. Hayes and Knoblock shot perfect strings of 25, while McMurdo dropped one bird for a 24, making a team score of 74.

Bend with a perfect 75 topped the locals, while Salem was tied and Bob Miller's team was defeated in the day's matches, said Chas. H. Latourell, president of the local club. Mr. Latourell was in Portland for the Hy Evering Birthday shooting tournament Sunday, and while he fell down to a 23 on the first string counted in the Oregonian shoot, he had the honor of winning more prizes than any other contestant in the birthday event, bringing home a case and a half of shotgun shells and a pair of love birds. He placed third in the handicap performance, and won first place in the class B skeet shoot with a 21.

The Heppner-Pilot Rock opponents next Sunday will be Pullman, Eugene and Klamath.

High School "H" Club Plans Smoker for 17th

Nine hair-raising bouts with Matt Kenny vs. Virgil Smith, Morrow county champion from Lexington, in the main event, is the program scheduled for the St. Patrick's Day smoker arranged by the high school lettermen's club at the gymnasium Saturday night. The fighters in all of these bouts are well matched and will provide an hour and a half of thrilling entertainment. The proceeds of the smoker will be used to purchase sweaters and letters for the graduating members of the "H" club.

The curtain raiser will start at 8:15. Coach Mabee will referee. The bouts arranged are as follows:

J. Barratt vs. D. Ferguson (box); Pettyjohn vs. Pettyjohn (box); Don Turner vs. Richard Hayes (box); Ray Pettyjohn vs. S. Wehmer (mixed); Billy Cochell vs. J. Green (box); Butch McMurdo vs. Willcat Shoun (box); J. Hann vs. O. Bleakman (wrestle); M. Kenny vs. V. Smith (box).

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The personal appearance of "The Arizona Wranglers" at Hermiston last Sunday caused more or less of an exodus from town that day. Among Ione folks who enjoyed the privilege of seeing as well as hearing the Wranglers were Mr. and Mrs. Edson Morgan, T. E. Grabbill, Mr. and Mrs. John Troedson, Carl W. Troedson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timm, Mr. and Mrs. Vernice Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heliker, Ralph and Walter Gibson, Richard Lundell, Harvey Smith, Hazel Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christopherson, Mrs. Elmer Ball, Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder, Mrs. Ethel Feller and Jack Farris.

The regular business meeting of Willows grange at their hall in Cecil on the evening of March 24 promises to be an interesting one. Members of the grange who are teachers are preparing the program for the evening. The H. E. club chairman requests that ladies bring pie for lunch.

Mrs. Perry Bartlemay and children have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Bartlemay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Morgan, for several days.

Clarence Cruse of Portland accompanied by Miss Pearl Padberg, Mrs. Wrex Hickok and Miss Emerald Padberg, drove up from that city on Friday. Miss Emerald Padberg returns home from a visit of several weeks in Portland with friends and relatives. Miss Pearl Padberg who has been employed in Portland for some time will remain here with her mother, Mrs. Lana Padberg, who has been in poor health for the past month or more. Mrs. Hickok returned to Portland with Mr. Cruse after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Hara of Kinzua spent the week end at the home of Mrs. O'Hara's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Ernest and Frank Lundell drove to Wasco on business last Wednesday.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hatch have been transferred from Condon to Walla Walla recently. Mr. Hatch had charge of the Standard Oil plant here a year or so ago and was sent from here to Condon. However, since going to Condon Mr. Hatch has had trouble with his back that for him and he has been transferred to a point where he can have office work entirely.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin were

WATERWAYS DRIVE SET.

The Inland Waterways association organized for the purpose of developing the Columbia river for transportation has launched a membership drive throughout the Inland Empire. Memberships at the rate of \$1 for individuals, \$5 for firms and \$10 for corporations are being solicited. Lawrence Beach of Lexington was named chairman of the campaign for Morrow county. C. L. Sweek of Pendleton is president of the association. Mr. Sweek was in Heppner Saturday. He reported that at a recent meeting at The Dalles plans were laid for preparation of an extensive brief, and believed that the case of obtaining sealsacks at Bonneville is not yet lost. The sealsacks are one of the objectives of the association's seven-point program through which it is hoped to bring lower freight rates for the Inland Empire.

FIRST CANDIDATE FILES.

Leon W. Briggs, county treasurer, who this week filed his nominating petition at the office of the county clerk to succeed himself in his present position, is the first candidate to appear for any of this year's elections. Mr. Briggs has served the county faithfully as treasurer for several terms. His name will appear on the republican primary ballot, May 18.

Painting the front of the city hall was completed this week, and the building was neatly signed. The number is 13 West Willow St.

OL' MAN RIVER, HE JUST ROLLS AND ROLLS ALONG

S. E. Notson recalls that yesterday was the anniversary of his first interest in navigation on the Columbia river. It was on March 14, 1886, that he first saw the Columbia. He was on his first trip to Oregon in company with his father, journeying from the family home in Iowa.

His father had for some time been interested in navigation on the Missouri river, and the then 19-year-old Samuel had already become somewhat river-minded through the interests of his father.

The initial view of the river came at Umatilla, where it was necessary to change cars. The stop was made at night, and as the moon shown brightly upon the river, it was an impressive sight. Mr. Notson recalls saying to his father at the time that the Columbia appeared to be almost as large as the Missouri and should be a good stream for navigation.

The navigation feature of the river was still further impressed upon his mind as they reached Cascade Locks where the locks were then in course of construction. Navigation of the Columbia was then uppermost in minds of the people of Oregon and high hopes were being held for its development.

Since that time, Mr. Notson has held the navigation feature to be the most important feature in development of the Columbia. He contended for it when the Umatilla Rapids association was organized. But the association proceeded on the theory of the major importance of reclamation in working for the construction of a large dam at Umatilla.

There was a twinkle of satisfaction in his eye as he related the present trend of events which is bringing the navigation angle of river development once more to the fore—with the Inland Waterways association leading the movement. Recognition of the fact that lower freight rates and freer accessibility of world markets must be had if the Inland Empire is to hold its own, and to progress, is now becoming widespread, he believed.

Francis Wade, assistant district attorney for Oregon, and a native of Sherman county, had a part in the conversation in Mr. Notson's office at the court house. He had just recalled the circumstance of his first interest in shipping on the Columbia.

As a young lad it was his duty at one time to drive a cow from Wasco to Rufus, a distance of ten miles, and put her aboard a river boat for shipment to Portland. He recalled how mighty convenient it was to have a boat at Rufus to pick up the cow, rather than have to drive her all the way to Portland.

He also recalled attending the celebration held at the completion of the Celilo canal. While few boats have passed through the locks in the years since, they have been more than paid for through the savings effected from resultant lower railroad freight rates, was Mr. Wade's opinion. Mr. Notson heartily concurred, saying that Roy Ritter of Pendleton has the figures to show where the savings have paid for the canal several times over.

Gets 100 Lambs a Day; Noted Writers to Visit

Lambing operations are now well under way at the J. G. Barratt farm just east of town with the woolly babes arriving at the rate of 100 a day, says Mr. Barratt. Crews are kept busy day and night, with ideal conditions prevailing.

Mr. Barratt expects to be honored in two weeks with a visit from E. P. Hoyt, managing editor of the Portland Oregonian, and Ernest Haycock, noted writer of western stories, who will obtain a little local color on the sheep industry. Mrs. Hoyt, nee Cecile DeVore, a former Heppner girl, and Mrs. Haycock will accompany their husbands.

FISHING SEASON OPENS 10TH.

Some local fishermen are finding a little consolation in announcement of the state game commission that opening of the fishing season has been set ahead ten days to April 10. The consolation is slight, however, as they eye the perfect fishing weather now prevailing and nervously repair and replenish their tackle kits. "Sure's a lot of good fishing weather going to waste," is the opinion of more than one follower of Izaak Walton.

WM. MORRIS PASSES.

Mr. Morris, husband of Mrs. Helene (Groshens McCullough) Morris, formerly of this city, and a long-time personal friend of George Schwarz of this city, died last Friday in Portland. Funeral rites were held in the city on Saturday with interment in Rose City cemetery. Mr. Morris had been run over by a car about two months ago, sustaining injuries which hastened his death. News of his friend's passing came as a shock to Mr. Schwarz.

RECORD BOOKS RECEIVED.

A limited supply of record books for members of the Morrow County Wheat Production Control association have been received by Chas. W. Smith, who announces that as soon as enough of the books are on hand they will be sent out to all farm operators who have signed for them. Application forms for planting anything on contracted acres are being prepared this week and will be placed in the hands of all cooperators next week.

LIVESTOCK ASSN. WILL OPEN SOON

Set-Up to Serve Northwest to Start At Portland; W. E. Williams Named Manager.

The Northwest Livestock Production Credit association, recently organized at Portland, will be open within a few days and will serve the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho north of the Salmon river, for livestock loans only over \$7500. Headquarters will be in the Pacific building and it is expected loans will be made almost immediately following application.

W. E. Williams, vice-president of the Production Credit corporation of Spokane, is secretary-treasurer and manager. J. K. Fox, chief examiner of the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation in Portland, will be Mr. Williams' assistant.

The president of the association is Mac Hoke. Tom Drumheller and C. E. Dralle are vice-presidents. Williams and Fox will be the active officers in charge of making loans and carrying on the business of the association.

The diversified nature of much of the territory covered by this association lessens the need for purely range livestock loans of over \$7500 and justifies the large area covered.

The many production credit associations established throughout this same area will take care of the smaller type of loans for general agricultural purposes, including the production and harvesting of crops, the breeding, raising, and fattening of livestock, and the production of livestock and poultry products.

Buzzing Baseball Bugs Make Merrill Manager

Spring's early advent has started the baseball bugs to buzzing. A swarm of them gazed at the Elks club last evening and decided it was time to do something about all the nice weather that has been going to waste. The main concern was getting an aggregation launched to represent Heppner in the Wheatland league series this season. Mark Merrill was named playing manager and Raymond Ferguson, business manager, and affiliation with the Wheatland league, if any, was sanctioned.

So far nothing has been heard from Frank Hollen of Condon, league president, but he is expected to be bitten by the bug soon. Arlington has become aroused with the fever, but whether it has taken hold of Ione, Fossil, Condon and Bialock, the other teams holding league franchises, has not yet been heard.

Manager Merrill has asked for a turnout of all team aspirants and other bugs at the Rodeo field at 5 o'clock this evening, when the warming up process will start. Some home practice games are anticipated in which it is expected to give everyone an opportunity to play. A benefit dance is contemplated shortly.

\$8,921 More in Allotment Checks Being Distributed

Forty-one additional checks totaling \$8,921 were received this week by the Morrow County Wheat Production Control association for distribution to as many members to cover their share of the first benefit payment under the AAA wheat control plan. The checks are now being distributed. There are still 21 more checks to come, when all of the first benefit payment due this county will be completed, announced Chas. W. Smith, county agent.

With the \$163,899 received February first, the latest payment brings the total received by Morrow county up to \$172,820.

FORMER RESIDENT VISITS.

Grove M. Smith, formerly a resident of Heppner and graduate of the local high school when Prof. Wier was superintendent, was renewing old friendships in this city over the week end. Mr. Smith is district manager for the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho for Factory-to-You-Service and his home is in Hoquiam, Wash. As a small boy he came to Heppner in 1888 and lived here until 1898, and this was his second visit to the old home town in 36 years. He was here five years ago and in that time he notes many changes in the appearance of the little city. Mr. Smith at one time conducted a small business here, having his shop on May street, which thoroughfare was then lined with business houses on both sides.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Frank Fraters of Eight Mile was bound over to the grand jury the first of the week charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. The charge arose as the result of an altercation between Fraters and his son-in-law, Kenneth Burnside, at a dance at Rhea creek Saturday night. Fraters is said to have stabbed Burnside several times with a pocket knife. Family difficulties were given as the cause of trouble.

GRAND OFFICER TO VISIT.

Frank Sloan of Stanfield, district deputy grand master of A. F. & M. of Oregon, will make an official visit to Heppner Lodge No. 69, Saturday evening at Masonic hall. A full turnout of members is requested by Earle E. Gilliam, W. M.

CONFIDENCE THEME OF JOINT BANQUET

B. P. W. and Lions Clubs Observe National Week With Speeches, Music.

SOCIAL EVILS TOLD

Rev. A. G. Pearson of Pendleton Gives Stirring Address on Patriotism; Home Support Need.

A scintillating address on patriotism by Rev. Arthur G. Pearson of Pendleton featured a joint banquet of the Business and Professional Woman's and Lions clubs at the Episcopal parish house Monday evening. The banquet, held in observance of National Business and Professional Woman's Club week, was largely attended by members of the two clubs and their escorts. Guests of honor besides the speaker included Francis Wade of Salem, assistant attorney general for Oregon, and N. H. Martin of The Dalles, district deputy governor of Lions International for Oregon.

Miss Evelyn Humphreys, president of the women's organization, told briefly of observance of the national week in which it was intended to impress "confidence," the week's motto, upon the general public. Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Lions club president, responded with an appreciation of the joint festivities. Mr. Wade, a native of eastern Oregon, paid tribute to the land of sagebrush and incomparable hospitality, and Mr. Martin offered felicitations from the state Lions association and The Dalles Lions club, also drumming up enthusiasm to bring the state Lions convention to his city in 1935. Vocal solos by Mrs. James H. Williams and Laurel Beach, accompanied by Miss Eula McMillan, all of Lexington, and group singing under the leadership of Miss Juanita Leathers and Fay E. Moore, song leaders of the service organizations, rounded out a program of enjoyable entertainment. Spencer Crawford presided as toastmaster, and recognition was made of the recent birthday of John Anglin, Lions club secretary, who contributed daffodils for the table decorations. The dinner was prepared by Mrs. Ada Cason and was served by girls of the high school. Chas. W. Smith filled the office of Lions taitwister.

A native of Scotland who chose to become a citizen of the United States "because it is the best country on earth," Mr. Pearson quickly won his audience with humor spiced with Scotch dialect. Anecdotes from a life packed with interesting experiences gained from travel over a goodly portion of the world and in personal contact with world figures such as J. Pierpont Morgan and William Jennings Bryan, made the speaker's message especially forceful and appealing.

As minister of the Presbyterian faith—Mr. Pearson has been in charge of the church at Pendleton for seven years—and as a close student of world history, the speaker emphasized the importance of American home life in developing that brand of patriotism essential in upholding American principles of government, and in fostering confidence among the people of the land. He lauded President Roosevelt for his honesty and sincerity in attempting to put across a drastic program to correct past mistakes which were fast leading America into a state of complete communism.

He was not a supporter of Mr. Roosevelt in the campaign, "but I pray for him daily," said Mr. Pearson. "Our president is entitled to our confidence and support, for had not drastic steps been taken America would today be overcome by communism."

While himself a naturalized citizen, the speaker blamed laxity of immigration laws for much of the lawlessness existing in the United States, citing this lawlessness as one of the greatest offenses against true patriotism; for law abidance is the first principle of patriotism. "A majority of the lawlessness in the country is among the gangster element coming to this country from the Latin-European countries," cited the speaker. "I am proud to say that the north European immigrants on the whole are self-respecting and law-abiding citizens."

He blamed a complex of institutionalism for inroads upon the home. Actually, with children largely turned over to the public schools at six years of age, and the demands upon it to defend justice who will attempt to defend justice so long as his client has a dime remaining," the speaker asserted.

"Patriotism may be found in every country, but there is a vast difference between the patriotism of the

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