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COUNTY WHEAT MEN ASK CONGRESS ACT

More Than 200 Endorse Resolutions at Lex- ington Meeting.

SMOUSE IS DELEGATE

Regional Meeting Stated at Ar- lington Today; Approval Given Senator McNary's Bill.

More than two hundred wheat growers went on record as favoring a production control program to replace the recently abolished AAA program at a mass meeting of wheat farmers held in Lexington Tuesday. This Morrow county meeting was similar to those sponsored in each county by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League. E. H. Miller, president of the league, was chairman of the meeting.

Various plans already suggested as substitute legislation were briefly discussed and senate bill 3596, sponsored by Senator McNary, providing for the completion of payments under existing contracts and honoring the applications for a new contract made prior to January 6 and for which compliance has already started, was discussed and approved.

The group unanimously passed the two following resolutions:

1. Whereas, we feel that control of production is an absolute necessity for long-time farm price stabilization, and

Whereas, we feel that such price stabilization is necessary for the general welfare of the people of the United States;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Morrow county unit of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League do hereby recommend and urge that a substitute plan for the AAA be passed by the congress which will have as its primary purpose the control of agricultural production to conform to domestic consumption of such products.

2. Whereas, we have complied with all provisions of AAA contracts signed to date, and

Whereas, we have already signed applications for a new contract (472 applications representing 96.6 per cent of the wheat produced in Morrow county) which may be terminated by the Secretary of Agriculture after one year, and have already adjusted our wheat acreage to comply with the provisions of this contract;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Morrow county unit of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League go on record as solidly in favor of senate bill 3596.

Eastern Oregon Wheat League is sponsoring a meeting at Arlington today at which representatives from all the wheat growing counties in the Columbia basin will be present. H. V. Smouse was elected official delegate from Morrow county to this meeting. Arrangements have been made in Arlington to accommodate a large group of growers, and undoubtedly Mr. Smouse will be accompanied by a large delegation from Morrow county.

LIBRARY OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Harriet Gemmill was elected president of Heppner Public Library association at its annual meeting at the library room Saturday afternoon. She succeeds Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, whose faithful work for the last several years has been accompanied by much growth and progress. The pressure of other work caused Mrs. Rodgers to decline further duty as library head. Other officers elected were J. Alan Bear, vice-president; Louise Becket, secretary-treasurer, and J. O. Turner, trustee for the next three years.

Frances Case, librarian, reported 157 books were purchased or donated last year, increasing the stock on the shelves to 2,100 volumes.

During the last year 7,611 books were circulated from the library and approximately 99 new borrowers were registered. The treasurer reported receipts for the year to be \$246.14 and disbursements for the year, \$219.68, leaving a balance of \$26.46, which added to the balance January, 1935, gives a total of \$132.86 now on hand.

CATTLE SALE, MARCH 26-27.

Spokane—March 26 and 27 are the dates set for the annual spring breeding cattle sale in Spokane, according to John Napier of Odessa, manager of the Inland Empire combination cattle sale and show. Mr. Napier said that about 120 head of registered shorthorn, Angus and Hereford cattle will be offered.

STORE RENOVATED.

The Curran Ready-to-Wear shop, damaged by fire recently, is undergoing refinishing touches this week. Ed Bucknum, recently returned from John Day, is doing the plastering.

LOCAL CCC'S WIN.

Both the first and second basketball teams of the local CCC camp were victorious in a double-header game played here Saturday with teams from the Higard camp.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH NICHOLS

At the meeting of Lexington Grange Saturday evening E. Harvey Miller, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, discussed the decision of the Supreme Court on the unconstitutionality of the AAA and read an interesting editorial on this subject.

The measures to be voted on at the special election on January 31 were discussed with good arguments presented for each side of some of the questions. The speakers on these measures were Harvey Miller, Orville Cutsforth, H. V. Smouse and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Devine. The Oregon State Grange opposes the bill changing primary elections to September, the sales tax bill and the bill authorizing student activity fees in state higher educational institutions, and favors the compensation of the legislature constitutional amendment.

The question, "Why should we have an Eastern Oregon Wheat League?" was asked by S. P. Devine in an interesting discussion which was followed by Harvey Miller, Orville Cutsforth, H. V. Smouse and A. H. Nelson.

Orville Cutsforth, master of this grange, appointed the following committees to serve the grange during 1936: agricultural committee, Oral Scott, Ralph Scott, Charles Marquardt and Fred Mankin; legislative, Bert Johnson, Norman Nelson, H. V. Smouse and Louis Marquardt; cooperative, A. H. Nelson, Harvey Miller and Oral Scott; relief, Norma Marquardt; finance, Harvey Miller, Clarence Bauman and Fred Mankin; publicity, Beulah Nichols and Edith Miller; Boy Scouts, Harry Dinges and George Peck; tableaux, Hortense Martin, Laura Rice and Bertha Nelson; home economics, Anne Miller, Beulah Nichols, Pearl Devine, Bertha Nelson and Pearl Marquardt; hall committee, Lawrence Slocum, Paul Smouse and Sam McMillan; musician, Echo Palmateer.

The dance committee reported ninety-four dollars in the treasury to be transferred to the sinking fund for paying the indebtedness on the hall.

Three proposals for membership in the grange were received, five people were elected and Charles Christenson was given the obligations making him a member of the grange.

The grange has announced a pie social and free old-time dance to be given at the hall Saturday night, January 25. Each lady attending is asked to bring a pie and these will be sold at auction to the men. This is to be strictly an old-time dance with no modern music. Everyone is invited to come and have a good time.

The Boardman high school basketball team defeated the Lexington quintet 28-24 at Boardman Friday night. Playing for Lexington were Keith Gentry and LaVerne Wright, forwards; Kenneth Palmer center; Asa Shaw and Lyle Allyn, guards; subs, Woodrow Tucker, Robert Campbell and Lester McMillan. Preceding this game the second teams of the two schools played, Lexington winning with a score of 16-11. Playing for Lexington in this game were Elwynne Peck and Les Shaw, forwards; Lester McMillan, center; Kenneth Peck and Cliff Clayton, guards; subs, Stanley Way and Robert Campbell.

The Lexington Home Economics club met Thursday at the grange hall for an all day meeting. Some of the grange men came also and worked on the improvements which are being made in the dining room of the hall. A delicious chicken dinner was served at noon by the hostesses, Mrs. Myles Martin and Mrs. Charles Marquardt. A business meeting was held in the afternoon. Mrs. S. J. Devine was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Harry Schriever. Those present were Laura Rice, Anne Miller, Trina Parker, Pearl Devine, Martha Wright, Emma White, Bertha Dinges, Nellie Palmer, Freda Slocum, Josephine Peck, Bernice Bauman, Alta Cutsforth, Anna Smouse, Bertha Nelson, Hortense Martin, Norma Marquardt, Lorena Miller, Mabel Cool, Myrtle Schriever and Beulah Nichols. The next meeting will be on Thursday afternoon, February 13 at the home of Bertha Dinges. Mrs. Trina Parker will be assistant hostess.

Believing that a program of agricultural production control is necessary to prevent the exploitation of American farmers by small but powerful groups, the wheat growers of this county met in Lexington Tuesday afternoon and elected H. V. Smouse as a delegate to the regional meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League to be held in Arlington Thursday. A resolution was adopted asking congress to appropriate necessary funds to complete payments on all existing contracts.

Orville Cutsforth, master of the Lexington grange, has announced that there will be no speaker at the grange hall preceding the dance Saturday night as was previously announced. The dance will be held as scheduled with music by Branstetter's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peck spent the week end in Portland where Mr. Peck attended the annual convention of county commissioners.

Earl Warner and Sam McMillan drove to Portland Sunday to take Vernon and Kenneth Warner who went on to San Diego to join the navy.

A large delegation of farmers from this community went to Pendleton Saturday to attend the Jack-

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Alonzo Markham Passes At Home in Freewater

Alonzo Markham, former Morrow county resident, died at his home in Freewater last Thursday and funeral services were held from the First Baptist church of Milton Sunday afternoon, with Elder Hughett of Yakima officiating. Interment was in I. O. O. F. cemetery at Milton with the Masonic order of Freewater having charge at the grave.

Alonzo Martin Markham was born at Albany, Ore., June 6, 1859, being aged 76 years, 7 months and 3 days. He came to Morrow county in 1884 and was engaged in farming and stockraising near Heppner until he moved with his family near Whitman Station, Wash., in 1905, where they lived for nine years before going to Freewater. He married Miss Octavia Baker of Ione, March 6, 1887, and to this union nine children were born, six of whom with the widow survive. They are Elmer of Lowden, Wash., Newton of Toppenish, Wash., Fred and Walter of Portland, Floyd who is a student at Oregon State college, and Mrs. Pearl Devine of Lowden, Wash. Surviving also are nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was a member of A. F. & A. M. lodge for 47 years and, having his membership at one time in Heppner lodge No. 69, and was known as one of the few native Oregonians over 75 years of age.

Mrs. V. C. Belknap Dies; Was Native This County

Funeral services are being held at Nampa, Idaho, today for Mrs. V. C. Belknap, formerly Mrs. Anna Spencer of this city, who died Tuesday from an attack of blood poisoning, according to word received Tuesday evening by relatives and friends here. She was the wife of Dr. V. C. Belknap of this city.

Mrs. Belknap, nee Anna F. Ayers, was a native Morrow county girl, the daughter of William and Matilda (Boord) Ayers. She was married to S. W. Spencer of this city May 9, 1893, and the family home was made here until Mr. Spencer's death June 23, 1923. She later married Dr. Belknap and had resided at Nampa since. Besides the husband, she is survived by a brother, A. L. Ayers of Portland, and a sister, Mrs. R. Y. Currin of Idaho. She was a member of Ruth chapter, Eastern Star, of this city for many years, and leaves a wide circle of friends here.

Hardman Student Makes High Record in Studies

Believed to be the outstanding grade record for any student in the county is that of Roland Farrens, junior in Hardman high school, who completed the semester just ended with I grade in geometry, English III, American history, world history, and typing. Roland is 15 years of age and has 12 1/2 high school credits.

Mrs. Iri Clary is his teacher.

NEIGHBORS INSTALL.

Neighbors of Woodcraft held public installation of officers at I. O. O. F. hall Monday evening. Potluck supper was enjoyed at 6:30, followed by installation and initiation for three candidates, with a large attendance. Rose Howell, past guardian neighbor, installed the following officers: Thomas Wells, past guardian neighbor; Guy Shaw, guardian neighbor; Ray Coblantz, adviser; Rose Howell, clerk; Clara Sprinkel, banker; Nettie Flower, magician; Roy Quackenbush, attendant; Doris Hiatt Gally, captain of the guard; Mabel French, flag bearer; Ronald Coblantz, inner sentinel; J. C. Owen, outer sentinel; Ada Coblantz, musician; Elma Hiatt, correspondent; A. J. Westoff, Jack Coblantz, Pearl Shaw, managers; Ada Coblantz, senior guardian.

WATER PROSPECT IMPROVES.

Orve Rasmus, watermaster, is a little worried just at present, he fear the new ditch from Ditch creek to Willow creek will not be large enough to carry the spring run-off of water. More than a week ago some 39 inches of snow on the north slopes was reported, and there has been snow since. He thinks prospects of the city water supply holding up through the coming summer are very favorable.

ACQUITTED OF CHARGE.

V. F. Larse, with the local soil conservation service, was acquitted in justice court of J. Fred Lucas, Saturday, on charge of hunting with illegal license. He was represented by J. O. Turner, attorney. On the jury were Olive Fry, Harriet Gemmill, May Gilliam, James Archer and Eph Eskelson.

MORE BOYS COMING.

Captain W. R. Reynolds, commander of the local CCC camp, has received word that 18 more Massachusetts boys will arrive here either today or tomorrow to swell the camp personnel. They will bring the total enrollment to 215.

VALENTINE DANCE SET.

Business and Professional Women's club have announced their annual St. Valentine's dance for February 15, with music by The Dalles Rhythm Kings.

COUNCIL MEETS FEB. 2.

Morrow County Grange council will meet the first Sunday in February, Feb. 2, at Rhea Creek, at which time the council will elect its officers for 1936.

RHEA CREEK ROAD NEARS COMPLETION

North-End Route to Tim- ber to be Near Speed- way; WPA Helps.

COW TRAIL PASSING

Improved Alignment Eliminates Curves; Social Ridge - Rhea Creek Road Under Way.

Another month should see completion of hard-surfacing of the Rhea Creek market road, work on which is now being pushed by the county with assistance of WPA funds, believes Harry Tamblin, county engineer. Half of the surfacing has been laid on the six mile stretch included in the project, the alignment and right-of-way are secured and grading is almost completed.

When the road is finished it will provide almost a speedway to the mountains for north-end residents. The road joins the Oregon-Washington highway at Jordan Siding, and the Heppner-Spray, or Heppner-Condon, road at Rhea Creek store.

New alignment of the road between the Rugg place and the end of the former macadamized stretch has eliminated many bad curves and mudholes. Where the road was little more than a cow trail before, it has been widened throughout to 16 feet, and many cuts and fills have been made to keep the alignment straight.

The recently acquired portable rock crusher has been placed on the job, grinding out macadam at the rate of 120 yards a day. WPA workers are assisting with ditching, bank sloping, removing boulders from grade and such other labor as can be profitably done by hand. In addition one caterpillar tractor-drawn grader, and one horse-drawn rock spreader are in use.

Also underway is grading of 9 miles of the market road between Social ridge and Rhea creek, to be followed by two miles of surfacing to complete the hard surface between the Clarks canyon market road and the Rhea creek road at the R. A. Thompson farm. Rock for this surfacing has already been crushed. The new grade has improved the alignment, and will make a serviceable road for an outlet for wheat in the Social ridge section.

WPA is assisting also with the latter road, as well as four miles of grade on Willow creek between Heppner and the Frank Wilkinson farm. Outside of the WPA assistance most of the work is being done by Morrow county alone.

Mr. Tamblin says the county still has 75 miles of market road for construction and maintenance on which it receives no state help. At the convention of county courts in Portland last week end, discussion of this matter led to adoption of a resolution asking the state to return a portion of the heavy truck tax to the counties. It was the opinion of the courts that much damage is done to market roads by this type of traffic, and that the counties are entitled to some of the revenue.

The engineer estimates that WPA assistance is lessening the cost to the county of present construction by 30 percent.

County sponsored projects at Boardman and Irrigon include clearing rights-of-way of weeds and brush, ditching for drainage and improving grade on project roads.

One WPA project, recently completed, eliminated a bad curve on the Boardman end of the Inone-Boardman road. This was done at small cost to the county, and a bad hazard to traffic was eliminated.

TOWNSEND CLUB MEETS.

The local Townsend club met Tuesday evening in the Methodist church basement with a large attendance. Marie Barlow gave an interesting reading on "Youth Movement in Townsend Plan." The club plans to have a speaker from the outside once each month with some form of entertainment and light refreshments. Joseph Whitman, local CCC, was authorized to proceed with his proposed poll of the camp to ascertain how the boys and officers stand on the Townsend plan. Mrs. Chris Brown, local leader, reports an increasing number of young people becoming interested in the plan.

HOLD QUILTING MEET.

Ladies of the Christian church held an all-day quilting meeting Tuesday at the church. Potluck dinner was enjoyed. Present were Mrs. Lou Miller, Mrs. Jeff French, Mrs. J. H. Gemmill, Mrs. Chas. Huston, Mrs. S. P. Devin, Mrs. Alvin Kleinfield, Mrs. W. G. McCarty, Mrs. Eph Eskelson, Mrs. Etta Parker, Mrs. A. J. Chaffee, Mrs. Lester Doolittle, Mrs. E. R. Huston, Mrs. W. L. McCaleb, Mrs. R. W. Turner, Mrs. F. E. Parker, Mrs. Jeff Jones, Mrs. Cora Crawford, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Robert Leap, Mrs. Luella Osteen, Mrs. Sarah Parker, Mrs. Jas. Furlong, Miss Leta Humphreys.

PAPERS WANTED.

This office is in need of several copies of the Gazette Times of December 26, 1935. It would be appreciated if subscribers having their copies of that date would bring them in.

Pie Sale—By Aid Society of the Methodist church in Dick's display room, formerly occupied by county agent, Saturday, Jan. 18, beginning at 10 a. m.

Fresh Farm Eggs—Direct from farm to you. Be sure of fresh eggs and give the producer the middleman's profit. Mrs. Chris Brown. 45-47

Lions Move to Clear Spray Road of Snow

A move to clear the Heppner-Spray road of snow was made by the Lions club Monday when its road committee was instructed to contact the highway commission on the matter. G. A. Bleakman, Hardman stage operator and father of the Spray road, presented the matter to the club, saying that the road is now blocked by snow which could be removed at small expense to the state. Acting on the club's instructions, H. O. Tenney, road committee chairman, prepared a resolution immediately and forwarded it to E. E. Aldrich, eastern Oregon member of the commission. Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, newly elected vice-president of Oregon State Teachers' association, and Garnet Barratt, re-elected president of Oregon Wool Growers' at Baker last week end, were club guests and each spoke regarding the programs being carried on by their associations. Ray P. Kinne, club vice-president, presided.

President's Birthday To be Observed Here

The third annual birthday ball in honor of President Roosevelt's birthday will be held at the Elks hall in Heppner, January 31, coincident with similar affairs over the entire nation, proceeds of which will aid sufferers from infantile paralysis.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo is serving as chairman of the local affair for the third year and has announced the general committee in charge as follows: E. L. Morton, R. B. Ferguson, Chas. E. Cox, Bert Mason, Lawrence Beach.

This year 70 percent of the proceeds from the local ball stays at home to go into a fund to aid infantile paralysis sufferers in this vicinity, with 30 percent going to the Warm Springs endowment fund. Warm Springs is the national infantile paralysis sanitarium at Warm Springs, Ga.

Adult Education Classes Start; Enrollment Open

Regularly scheduled classes of the adult school were set at a meeting in the high school Friday evening and started Monday evening with Gordon Bucknum as instructor. Classes are held from 7 to 9 o'clock each evening in room 3 of the high school.

English and public speaking class meets Mondays and Thursdays, gymnasium on Tuesdays, and psychology on Wednesdays and Fridays. Eighteen are enrolled in English and public speaking, 13 in gym, and 13 in psychology. Since the classes are started, Mr. Bucknum expects an increased interest, and opportunity is extended to others to enroll. No textbooks need be purchased, but all should have materials for note-taking.

RECALLS WINTER OF ARRIVAL

Bruce B. Kelley recalls the winter his family came to the county 58 years ago as being similar to the present one, with little cold weather after the first of January. The family landed in Portland from Vermont, Mr. Kelley's birth state. His father suffered from asthma and had intended locating at Roseburg, where he had been advised the climate would be beneficial. A doctor in Portland advised eastern Oregon instead; so his mind was changed. No railroad had then been built into The Dalles, which point was reached by boat. There they met Lou Trainer and he was persuaded to bring them up to Heppner in his hack. Through Mr. Trainer, Mr. Kelley secured employment the first year with French and Howard, stock operators on Willow creek.

The next year, Mr. Kelley purchased the place further up the creek where the family home was made and where Bruce still resides.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE.

The farm on Rhea creek operated by A. K. McMurdo and family presents a becoming appearance through improvements to the house and addition of a new windmill. The house was recently renovated and repainted, reflecting a progressive spirit on the part of the owners. The new windmill is installed over a recently drilled well.

TOWN PROPERTIES SOLD.

Two houses belonging to the John E. Johnson estate were sold Tuesday through Frank W. Turner, local realtor. One in north Heppner was purchased by Homer Tucker, and the other in south Heppner was purchased by Kenneth Akers.

COLD EPIDEMIC STRIKES.

A number of children suffering from colds, were dismissed from school Monday as general affliction had reached almost epidemic proportions. Several cases of influenza were reported among the victims.

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By MARGARET BLAKE

The January meeting of the Ione Union Missionary society was held in the parlor of the Congregational church last Thursday afternoon. Following the general program of mission study for all churches, Miss Emmet Maynard gave an interesting introduction to the study of mission work in South America. Mrs. Harvey Ring gave the current missionary news. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Emil Swanson and Mrs. Minnie Forbes. The following are the officers for the new year: Mrs. Edward Keller, president; Mrs. Minnie Forbes, vice-president; Mrs. Wallace Mathews, secretary; Mrs. J. E. Swanson, treasurer; Miss Emmet Maynard, devotional leader; Mrs. Jennie McMurray and Mrs. Harvey Ring, current missionary news reporters.

H. D. McCurdy went to Baker last Thursday to attend a meeting of the Oregon Woolgrowers association. He returned home Sunday.

The silver tea given by the Women's Topic club at the library last Saturday afternoon was well attended and a nice sum received which will be used for expenses entailed by the library. Quite a number of used books were brought by those who attended and they will be used as a nucleus for a permanent library after the travelling library has been returned. Much interest has been shown in the library and the club appreciates and thanks the public for its interest and help.

Mr. and Mrs. French Burroughs departed Thursday for Kirksville, Mo., where they will visit with their son Glenn and his family for several weeks. They went by car from here to Pendleton where they boarded a train. Mr. and Mrs. Cole Smith are taking care of things at their ranch while they are away.

The old-time dance at Cecil last Saturday night was very well attended and everyone reports a good time. The dance was given by Willows grange and that organization is planning a leap year dance to which will be given on the evening of their social meeting, Feb. 15.

The Home Economics club of Willows grange will meet at the home of Mrs. James Lindsay Friday afternoon, Jan. 17. New officers who took their places January first are chairman, Bertha Cool; vice-chairman, Mary Lindsay; secretary, Etta Bristow, and treasurer, Stella O'Meara.

Miss Lucy Spittle of Astoria and Mr. Ture Peterson of this city were married January 8 at the parsonage of the Lutheran church in Pendleton. The bride taught in the local school the past two years. The young couple returned on Thursday and will make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howk and family of Condon came over on Saturday night and spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Linn.

Garland Swanson spent Sunday at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore have returned from Portland where they spent the holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wrex Hickok.

E. J. Blake and Keithley Blake were here from Kinzua Sunday. Miss Joanne Blake returned with them from spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Blake.

Mrs. Mary Weddle who has been at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Eubanks, convalescing from an operation for goitre, became seriously ill with heart trouble on Friday and was taken to the hospital at The Dalles where she is reported to show little improvement. Mrs. Eubanks and Louis Halvorsen went with her and her son and daughter, Henry Halvorsen and Mrs. Letha Buschke of Pendleton have gone to be with her, also.

Allan Ely, the small son of Elvin Ely, fell from a chair last Monday morning at their home and cut his head so severely that it was necessary to take him to Heppner to have the wound closed by a physician.

Mrs. Elmer Baldwin of Salem who taught here for several years past and was forced to resign following an accident last summer when she was struck by an automobile, was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Harriet Brown Saturday. She was on her way home to Salem from Walla Walla where she had gone for medical treatment for her injury from which she has not entirely recovered.

Miss Mildred Smith who is employed by the port commission of The Dalles was chosen to break a bottle of wine on the first pling driven on the terminal project at The Dalles. A ceremony for that purpose was held there last Wednesday. Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cole E. Smith of this city.

Mrs. Wallace Mathews gave a birthday dinner for her father, H. O. Ely, last Friday evening. Guests were Franklin and Elvin Ely with their families, George Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ely, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ely and Margaret.

Mrs. R. W. Brown of Portland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Lieualen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lundell returned Monday from Milton-Freewater where they were called by the death of A. M. Markham, an uncle of Mrs. Lundell. Mr. Markham was an early settler in Morrow county, settling on a farm near Clarks canyon. He still held this farm at the time of his death but had made his home near Freewater since 1904.

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SHEEP INDUSTRY FACES GOOD YEAR

30-Cent Offers on Wool Received, Pres. Bar- ratt Tells Growers.

BAKER MEET LIVELY

Local Man Retained as President; Authorities Speak; Resolutions Touch Variety of Subjects.

Improved prospects for the wool industry this year were pictured before Oregon Wool Growers' convention at Baker Friday by J. G. Barratt of this city, president for last year and re-elected to the post. The highly successful two-day convention closed Saturday evening. Heppner people who attended gave commendation of the fine hospitality of the host city.

Growers have already received offers as high as 30 cents a pound for the 1936 wool clip, Mr. Barratt said. More than 700,000,000 pounds was consumed last year, including most of all of the 225,000,000-pound carryover from the year before. The consumption was almost double that of 1934. While government purchase of woolen materials was a factor in the increased consumption, President Barratt attributed most of the increase to replenishing the family wardrobes.

Growers may expect 30 cents a pound or better for their wool and at least 8 cents for lambs, he predicted. Benefits of the Taylor Grazing act and production credit associations were cited, though effectiveness of the latter has been hampered by rules of the Intermediate Credit bank including the requirement from some growers that they release grazing allotments as additional security on loans. He believed local managers of branch banks should be given more authority in making loans.

Approval was given of the Canadian reciprocal trade agreement, though he expressed alarm that such agreements might be extended too far. Representation of growers on the state game commission was sanctioned to protect rights in forests. He objected to the stand of the state grange legislative committee as not representing the best interests of eastern Oregon agriculture. Compromise with union shearers with announced intention of obtaining ends through boycott, was advised, though he left shearing prices as a matter to be determined by individual growers.

Resolutions of the convention closely followed President Barratt's recommendations, though he was forced to take the floor personally in effecting endorsement of the pending sales tax measure rather than stand for an increase in property taxes for old age assistance. All 1935 officers of the association were re-elected.

Up-to-the-minute discussion of problems vital to the industry were led by authorities in various fields. Warren Drew of the Associated Wood Industries, New York, explained the work of that organization which is supported by wool manufacturers, dealers and grower, and which has been remarkably successful in increasing use of woolen products. The program includes publicity, fashion promotion and improved merchandising of woolen products. Newspapers played an important part by publishing millions of copies of fashioning featuring wool in the last year. Increasing the wool dress buying season from four to six months, and influencing men to purchase one additional suit every five years would greatly affect wool consumption, the speaker pointed out.

F. R. Marshall, Salt Lake, national association secretary, told of the national program, and E. M. Ehrhardt, president Federal Land bank of Spokane, outlined the government agency financing set-up whose policy is to keep the industry on a long-time substantial footing.

D. E. Richards, Union experiment station superintendent, stressed alfalfa as being the best lamb feed in discussing latest developments in his field. Clayton Fox, Imbler, state champion in 4-H club work, made a favorable impression with an enlightening address in which he gave valuable pointers to oldsters.

Harry Lindgren, O. S. C., gave results obtained in feeding sheep on cut-over land of western Oregon. E. N. Kavanaugh of the district forest office, Portland, gave enlightening weather records showing that the present period of decreasing moisture, starting in 1917, is not unusual and that return of wetter years may be expected. He also told of range and timber conditions in the national forests.

Dr. P. N. Shaw, O. S. C., told of experiments in lamb scour. Success of a specially prepared sour milk remedy, which may be obtained from the college, was told. Mrs. Herman Oliver, auxiliary president, told of that organization's work in assisting promotion of lamb and wool consumption, reporting increase from 73 to 223 paid up members in the last two years.

Mrs. Azalea Sager, O. S. C., gave four requisites for increasing use of wool as an adequate product in

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