

**REPORT OF WHEAT LEAGUE
LEGISLATION, TAXATION,
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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der, duly certified, to be immediately filed for record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of said Court and shall immediately forward a copy thereof to the County Clerk of said County.

IV**Advisory Board—Election—Oath—
Annual Meeting of Electors.**

The County Court, within thirty (30) days after the election provided for in Section 2 of this Act, if 66 2-3 per cent of the votes cast shall be for the establishment, organization and operation of an erosion control district, shall cause to be posted in three public places in such erosion control district a written or printed notice notifying the electors thereof to assemble at some convenient place for the purpose of electing six Directors who shall be known as the "Advisory Board," three of whom shall serve for one year and three for two years, and until their successors are chosen and qualified. The ballots shall specify the term for which each Director is elected. When twenty (20) per cent or more of the electors have assembled pursuant to such notice they shall constitute a quorum to do business, and shall have power to elect Directors; provided further that at least ten (10) days' notice shall be given for all meetings called in pursuance of this section. Such meeting shall organize by appointment of a Chairman and Secretary and may then proceed to elect, by ballot, six Directors. The Directors elected at the first meeting shall qualify immediately by taking an oath to support the laws and constitutions of the United States and State of Oregon, and to faithfully discharge the duties of their office to the best of their ability. The Chairman of the meeting, or anyone he may choose, shall administer the oath of office to the directors. Thereafter there shall be held on the fourth Friday in January of each and every year an annual meeting of the electors of such erosion control district, at which time three Directors shall be elected to serve for two years. The Directors shall be electors of the district in which they are elected.

V**Organization—Function and Power
of Advisory Board.**

Part 1: The Advisory Board shall meet not later than ten (10) days after its election to elect from its own membership the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and to elect a Secretary and a Treasurer who may or may not be members of said Board.

Part 2: Any member of the Advisory Board may have access to the land within the district and it shall be the duty of the Advisory Board to investigate reports of farming practices within the district which may be dangerous from the standpoint of erosion, and to direct such changes in operation as, in their judgment, seem best. The Advisory Board shall do nothing on land within the district without the full knowledge of the owner and/or operator except as hereinafter provided; provided that if at any time the Advisory Board is unable to communicate with the owner and/or operator, and a condition exists, which, in the opinion of the Advisory Board, requires immediate action, said Board shall do, or cause to be done, that which in their opinion is necessary to correct the condition, and further provided that in the case of refusal after notice as hereinafter defined on the part of an owner and/or operator to perform the practices directed by the Advisory Board, said Board, its agents or employees, has the right to enter upon such premises for the purpose of performing those practices which, in their opinion, are necessary for the protection of land within the district. Written notice of action directed by the Advisory Board shall be given by personal service to both the owner and operator, or if they cannot be found shall be mailed to them at their last address of record with the Secretary, and a copy of such notice shall be posted on four conspicuous places on the land involved, these notices to bear the date and hour of service and the

practices directed by the Advisory Board. Four hours after posting or personal service of such notice shall be deemed sufficient time for the person or persons so notified to begin work as directed by the Advisory Board.

Part 3: The reasonable cost for any operation ordered by the Advisory Board shall be a charge against the land upon which this operation is ordered by said Board to be performed. An itemized statement of the cost of work ordered by the Advisory Board shall be submitted to and passed upon by the County Court within forty (40) days after completion of the work. The amount approved shall, upon filing with the County Clerk in the Record of Liens upon Real Property, constitute a valid and subsisting lien against the property prior to all other liens except taxes: If said charges and expenses are not paid and said lien discharged within ninety (90) days from the date said lien is docketed, it shall be the duty of the County Clerk to certify the same to the tax collector of said county, who shall extend the amount of the lien upon the current tax roll against the land involved and when so extended the same shall constitute a valid lien against said premises and shall be collected by said tax collector in the same manner as taxes are collected; provided, that all liens so certified by the County Clerk to the tax collector after the twentieth day of September of each year, and before the thirty-first day of December of the same year, shall be extended on the tax roll of the following year.

Part 4: If within ten (10) days from the date of filing and docketing said lien, as provided above, no objections have been filed thereto, the County Court shall pay the amount thereof. Any objector shall have due recourse to courts of law and the District Attorney of said county shall represent the county or erosion control district in such suit.

Part 5: For transacting any of its business a quorum of the Advisory Board shall be deemed present if four (4) members are present, and presence at a meeting shall be deemed evidence of notice. For determining any action to be taken by the Committee a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary; provided, however, no official business may be conducted by the Advisory Board without the presence of a quorum as previously defined. The Advisory Board shall have full charge of all business of the erosion control district and may purchase such equipment and incur such expense as may be authorized by the electors resident within said district at any regular or special meeting. Assessment shall be made only by vote of a majority of the electors present at a regular or special meeting of the association, and the general purposes for which any moneys so collected will be spent must be determined by a majority vote of the electors present at a regular meeting. No levy in any one year shall exceed one (1) mill. The manner of collection of said levied amount shall be third class as now provided by law. All moneys collected and equipment or material purchased as hereinbefore provided shall be used only to further the purposes of this Act.

By-Law

By-laws for the erosion control district may be adopted by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the erosion control district at which a quorum is present; provided that such by-laws shall not conflict with any provisions of the Act nor extend or limit the powers and functions of the Advisory Board.

VII

If any part or section of this Act is decided by the Courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Act as a whole, or any part thereof, which can be given effect without the part so decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.

VIII

If, at any time, an erosion control district be dissolved, as provided in Section II of this Act, any funds remaining in the Treasury shall be turned into the general funds of the County and any property belonging to the erosion control district shall

be turned over to the County Court.

IX

Special meetings may be called by the Advisory Board at any time upon ten (10) days' notice. Such notice shall be mailed to all the Electors in the district at their last address of record with the Secretary. It shall be mandatory for the directors to call such special meeting within seven (7) days after petition, signed by twenty (20) per cent of the electors of the district so requesting, shall be filed with the Secretary.

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In the event that any proposed district shall include land lying in more than one county the petitions, as specified in Article II of this Act, shall be filed with the county courts of each county involved, and the county courts of such counties shall act jointly as an Erosion Control Board as outlined in Article II of this Act. Any claims against any land within any erosion control district which may arise from the operation of this Act shall be filed only in the county in which the property so affected may lay.

**Vitamin A Needs
Of Cattle Studied**

Corvallis—An investigation to determine the vitamin A requirements for normal growth, prevention of body infections and normal reproduction in dairy cattle has been started by I. R. Jones, associate professor of dairy husbandry at Oregon State college.

Thirty purebred females between six and 16 months of age are being used, all receiving the same ration except that half of them are being given three-fourths to 1½ ounces of salmon oil daily in addition. The basal ration consists of a poor quality of oats and vetch hay, and a grain mixture made up of 200 pounds of ground barley, 100 pounds ground oats, 100 pounds wheat bran, 100 pounds peanut meal, 5 pounds salt, and 5 pounds bone flour. All the animals are also receiving potassium iodide.

No definite information is available as to the amount of vitamin A necessary for normal reproduction in dairy cattle, Professor Jones says. Calves on rations deficient in vitamin A usually die at four to six months of age from some type of infection, such as intestinal disorders.

**Oregon Increases
Use of Air Mail**

The increasing use being made by Oregon citizens of their air mail facilities was revealed today in figures showing that they sent out a total of 186,311 pounds of sky correspondence in the first ten months of this year. The poundage is equivalent to almost seven and a half million letters, according to Postmaster C. B. Cox.

In the corresponding period of last year, 178,296 pounds of air mail was dispatched from Oregon points. Increasingly large gains are being shown each month, with faster schedules, the current rate of only six cents an ounce and a growing knowledge of the service offered as principal factors, Postmaster Cox said.

Under existing schedules, air mail from Oregon reaches California points overnight, and the Atlantic coast with a loss if only one business day.

BANK TO REPEAT PARTY.

C. B. Stephenon, vice-president First National Bank of Portland, announced through the office of the county school superintendent this week that his institution will repeat the Pacific International Livestock exposition party for 4-H club boys and girls in counties in which it operates branches. Again next year the outstanding boy and the outstanding girl member in each of these counties will be awarded a free trip to the exposition and enjoy other entertainment at the bank's expense, giving added incentive for every 4-H enrollee in Morrow county to do his or her level best.

D. J. Hudson who has been assisting Uncle Sam's forest service for the last two years, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

**Grange Calls Weed
Conference at O. S. C.**

What is said to be a serious statewide menace to agriculture from spread of noxious perennial weeds will be the subject of an all-day conference which the Oregon State grange is sponsoring on the state college campus in Corvallis, Saturday, December 19. Ray Gill, master of the grange, has issued a general invitation to farmers, members of county courts, county agents and grange agricultural committeemen to attend. The extension service of the college is cooperating in the conference and will have a number of specialists on hand to take part in the program.

The grange agricultural committees have had weed control as a major project for two years and it is now believed that the situation is such that state-wide action is necessary, according to Mr. Gill.

The committee on weed control at the recent eastern Oregon Wheat league convention reported that the extent of weed infestation has reached a point where the possibility of widespread control measures is definitely beyond the reach of the individual farmer. In the 11 counties covered by this organization, it was reported that there are between 25,000 and 30,000 acres of land infested by noxious weeds.

**Oregon Tax Study
Shows 25-Year Trend**

The most comprehensive study on record of public expenditures in Oregon based on property tax collections for the various spending units has just been completed by Dr. W. H. Dreesen, agricultural economist of the O. S. C. experiment station, and has been published as a 144-page station bulletin, No. 346.

Dr. Dreesen has worked for several years in his "spare moments" gathering and compiling the information from county and state sources. It covers the 25-year period 1910 to 1934, inclusive, and as completed, it lists the tax levies for both rural and urban properties in every county for all purposes, including state, county, school, roads, debt service and miscellaneous.

Although the study is intended primarily to afford a permanent source of reference for tax bodies and lawmakers, Dr. Dreesen has drawn some general conclusions from his findings. He reports that rural taxes reached their peak in 1928 and urban taxes in 1930, but that in terms of actual purchasing power the peak of payments was reached in 1932 for both classes.

Three major trends during the period pointed out by Dr. Dreesen are a steady rise in "public standard of living," increased centralization in the administration of public functions, and a narrowing of the property tax base through the removal of certain classes of property or its classification for special taxes.

**Farmers Determined
To Get Out of Debt**

Indicating both a return to more normal farm conditions and desire on the part of farmers to get out of debt as rapidly as possible, Land bank borrowers of the northwest have applied almost \$2,000,000 on the principal of their indebtedness during the past nine months of the current year, according to E. M. Ehrhardt, president of this cooperative mortgage institution which serves many local producers.

"This wholesome record is particularly creditable because in a majority of cases borrowers have had the privilege of deferring the principal portion of their installments," Mr. Ehrhardt points out, "meeting only interest, at a temporarily reduced rate. Notwithstanding this privilege, principal payments have been kept up with admirable persistence by many of our borrowers, with the result that they are shortening the time when they will own their own farms free of indebtedness—a major aim of the Farm Credit administration."

Although land bank loans are written on the amortization plan to be paid off a little at a time over a long period of years, mortgage notes totalling nearly \$700,000 have been

completely liquidated during the past nine months and an additional million and a third dollars have been applied to cut down the principal of outstanding loans.

With farm income up this year and interest charges down, the land bank has urged farmer-borrowers to seize this favorable opportunity to get loans in good current standing and make payments in advance whenever possible, for which a special discount is allowed.

**Average 10-Year Prices
Listed for Farm Crops**

Relative average prices received by farmers in Oregon by counties and districts for more than 40 animal and crops products have been compiled by means of a WPA project supervised by L. R. Breithaupt, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college. The results have just been published as a station circular of information No. 161.

Most of the data was obtained from records gathered during the period by the division of crops and livestock estimates of the U. S. department of agriculture, and are actual reports made monthly by voluntary farm price reporters.

Interesting information brought out includes such items as a direct comparison of prices for fat and feeder lambs and fat and feeder steers during the 10-year period. Many other comparisons between products and prices in different counties are also shown.

PINE CITY

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

Mrs. Marion Finch and children and Mrs. John Harrison and son Johnny were callers at the E. B. Wattenburger home Thursday evening. They are working on the program for the basket social Friday evening, December 18.

Mrs. T. J. O'Brien was home over the week end from The Dalles. Mr. O'Brien's condition is just the same. He is undergoing an operation this week.

Pendleton callers Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Miss Dora E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Moore have gone to Seattle and California for a two-months' vacation. They are visiting their four daughters.

O. F. Bartholomew arrived Sunday from Salt Lake City, Utah, to spend Christmas with his home folks, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Pinson were Heppner callers Saturday. Mrs. Pinson attended the teachers' meeting.

Other Heppner callers Saturday were Jim. Ayers, Mrs. Gladys Corrigall, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison and son Johnny spent Sunday afternoon at the George Curran home.

Russell Moore is on the jury in Heppner this week.

Frank Carlson is spending a few days at the A. E. Wattenburger home. He says his father and mother are both well.

Blaine Noble and George Shockley were callers Sunday at the Jim Daly home.

A Yankee in King Edward's Court.

By Jack Vaughn and Hugh Crawford King Edward loved a lady,

A thrice-wed belle was she.

He signed the abdication treaty

In order to be free.

Stan Baldwin has a solution,

As every statesman must.

It may develop revolution.

Would that be right and just?

This Wally must be charming,

As all divorcees are—

To be so seriously harming

His kingdom near and far.

They sang, "God Save the King,"

As all loyal subjects should—

When they heard the wedding bells

ring,

They wondered if all was well and

good.

Now Baldwin has said his word;

The king has made his choice;

The world the verdict has heard—

It is destiny's voice!