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Agriculture Held Outstanding Hope In State's Growth

Beck Cites Way to Increased Income in Address to Lions

That the greatest hope for future development in Oregon lies with agriculture, and some of the steps to bring about that development were indicated by J. R. Beck, rural service representative with the U. S. D. A. extension service, before the Monday noon Lions luncheon.

Basis for the assertion that agriculture contains the greatest hope for future development lies in the fact that 75 percent of the basic wealth of the state is in agriculture, with timber second in importance, according to Beck's figures.

However, the proportion does not hold in cash income of the state last year. Of the \$600,000,000 income only 26.9 percent was received by agriculture. Mining and fishing took .8 percent, timber 22.3, while the remainder was received by the class known to economists as service industries.

The proportion of the consumer's dollar received by the producer has constantly decreased, indicated by figures quoted for 1923 and 1935. In 1923 the producer received on the average of 52 percent of the consumer's dollar spent for finished products over the retail counter. In 1935 he received an average of only 43 percent. This, Beck said, is accounted for partly by the consumer demand to have things "wrapped in cellophane." The proportion varies with different commodities from as high as 66 percent for eggs to 9 percent for soda crackers.

In this connection, agriculture has a vital interest in the labor situation, as the hour wage rate accounts for a large part of the spread between what the producer receives and the consumer spends.

Beck said he was a little tired of hearing how far Washington and California are ahead of Oregon. In agricultural development they are not ahead of Oregon at all. They were favored by a head start on Oregon from the standpoint of population because both experienced gold rushes of major importance while Oregon had none. Statistics during the recent depression showed California second among states sending farm settlers into Oregon.

Oregon's agricultural products must of necessity be mainly exported, and because of this fact the hope for better returns in the future lies in lower transportation costs and in bettering quality. In a few instances, as in the case of filberts, hairy vetch seed and crested wheat grass seed, Oregon has had little outside competition, and there is some chance of expansion in other lines outside of competition.

One of the largest factors in bettering Oregon's situation as an exporting state has been the adoption of grading standards. Oregon's butter grade improved the export standard two points and resulted in an

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Grain Certification Inspection Made

Thomas Caldwell, from Oregon State college, made an inspection of wheat fields for seed certification in company with Joe Belanger, Tuesday.

A hundred acre field of fortyfold and federation cross was certified on the Newt O'Hara farm, and 840 acres of Oro passed inspection on the Oscar Peterson and Chas. McElligott farms. Oro is an exceptionally hardy Turkey strain, strongly smut resistant, developed by D. E. Stephens at the Moro experiment station, and is in considerable demand in Columbia basin counties.

MISS KILKENNY KEEPS QUEEN LEAD

Lena Candidate Tops Field Again for Rodeo Ruler; Willows Grange to be Hosts Next

For the third consecutive dance in the series for selection of queen of Rodeo, Miss Peggy Kilkenny, Lena grange candidate, proved the favorite. At Rhea Creek grange hall Saturday night she polled 7700 votes to bring her total up to 16,500, with Miss Betty Bergevin, Willows candidate, in second place with 10,200. Miss Marjorie Parker, the Rhea Creek candidate, came in second last Saturday night with 4900. The standings now are:

Peggy Kilkenny, Lena, 16,500
Betty Bergevin, Willows, 10,200
Marjorie Parker, Rhea Creek, 8000
Bernice Martin, Lexington, 6200
(These are corrected totals, as totals given last week were in error by the total vote being taken as the evening's vote at Lexington and added to previous totals.)

Willows grange will be host next Saturday night, and the following week the finale with naming of the queen will be staged in Heppner. Elmer Steele and His Swing band of Pendleton were retained this week to play for the final dance as well as to play for the Rodeo dances.

An exceptionally large crowd attended the Rhea Creek dance.

GILMAN ALLOWS HONKERS 3 HITS

Heppner's Hustling Youngsters Beat Arlington, 9-4, to Retain Unbeaten Record for Year

Heppner's hustling youngsters, aided and abetted by the three-hit pitching of Len Gilman and home run by first-sacker Dean, took the Arlington Honkers into camp on the latter's ball grounds Sunday afternoon, 9-4. Thus was added one more victory to their unbroken season's record as a preliminary to the clash with the Kinzua Loggers here the last day of Rodeo.

A shortage of material caused Manager Fred Hoskins to get into the harness and give the youngsters a hand. Fred knocked a home run himself but was forced to stop on third base when he ran out of wind. He also parked himself under a sky-scraper in left field and prevented what might have been a home run for the opponents.

Gilman was invincible, though he eased up a few innings to give the infield a workout. On which occasion Riley Munkers at short turned in some sparkling plays.

The Honkers had many former Wheatland league champs in their line-up. Stevenson started the chugging, but retired after the Hill-billies had glommed six runs. West, who relieved him, allowed three more.

In the local line-up were Banister, catcher; Gilman, pitcher; Dean, first base; Harlan McCurdy, Jr., second base; Riley Munkers, short; Bill McRoberts, third base; Hoskins, left field; Crowley, center field; Williams, right field.

DELIVERS FIRST WHEAT

B. O. Anderson delivered the first wheat of the new crop at Heppner yesterday to the Interior Warehouse company, reports Cornett Green, manager. Harvest has been underway at the Anderson farm for several days. Norton King is driving the truck delivering the wheat.

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Matlock, old-time residents who left Heppner about thirty years ago, were visiting relatives and friends in the city yesterday from their home at Salmon, Idaho.

Wilbur Tucker received a painful injury this morning while sewing sacks when he ran a hook point deep into his hand between the thumb and first finger. He received treatment at a local doctor's office.

City Dads Start Survey of Menaces Inside Fire Zone

Bids Asked for Repairing Reservoir; Parking Plan Out

Increased effort toward eliminating fire hazards within the city was sponsored by the council Monday evening when a committee was instructed to make a careful survey of old buildings which provide menaces within the fire zone and to report back with recommendations for eliminating the hazards.

Serving as a reminder for the action was the start of a fire in the row of wooden sheds beside the postoffice which caused an alarm to be turned in a little earlier that evening. The fire, believed to have been caused by children playing with matches, was doused before the fire truck arrived on the scene, but the council was reminded again of a hazardous situation.

The fire and water situation brot forth action also in the form of authorizing advertisement for bids for repairing the old reservoir which it is expected to put in shape for use if satisfactory bids can be obtained. Two bids are being called for, one for the repair and the other for pipe. This reservoir has not been used since completion of the newest, 300,000-gal. capacity reservoir several years ago, but its repair will provide an additional 100,000-gal. storage capacity.

Frank Hayes, Pendleton engineer, was represented by his son in presenting plans and specifications on the reservoir job.

The council voted to give the use of the city lot next to the Standard Oil service station for the Rodeo carnival mid-way.

The matter of renting space in the rear of the city building for use of the Smith-Hughes students in shop work until a shop can be constructed on the school grounds was left in the hands of a committee.

Conversion of the vacant lot between Thomson Bros. and the Masonic building into a parking lot was reported adversely by the committee, due to expense of working over curbing and the increased hazard to pedestrians which would result.

Lions Stage Show Tomorrow for Plunge

"The Broadcaster," stage show attraction, and five big-time vaudeville acts are slated for presentation at the school auditorium tomorrow evening by the Donella Dramatic company of Portland, sponsored by the Lions club as a swimming pool benefit. Admission prices are 40 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

This show has proved popular with eastern Oregon audiences in a several weeks' tour, and the company plans a regular itinerary to bring Heppner audiences and others of eastern Oregon the best in legitimate stage and vaudeville attractions. Two hours of clean, enjoyable entertainment is promised all who attend tomorrow evening's performance.

33 Carloads Sheep Shipped East Today

Lyman Miller, Tom Boylen, Culp and Son, and Clark were buyers shipping 33 carloads of market sheep from the local yards this morning destined for Denver and Chicago.

R. A. Thompson and Frank Wilkinson were among local growers making deliveries.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Green of Eight Mile at the home of Mrs. Corda Saling in this city last evening, a 9-pound son.

VACANCIES FILLED IN TEACHING STAFF

Shirlee Smith, Lorena Wilson Elected; Buhman Starts Band Practice for Rodeo

The roster of teachers for the coming school year was completed again this week when two positions left vacant by recent resignations were filled.

Miss Shirlee Smith of Hillsboro, who taught two years ago at Lexington, was elected to the position of commercial instructor in the high school to succeed Miss Katherine Mitchell, and Miss Lorena Wilson of this city, recently graduated from Eastern Oregon Normal school at La Grande, was elected to succeed Miss Mae Doherty as fourth grade teacher.

The elections were made at the end of the week while Alden Blankenship, superintendent, was in the city from Seattle where he has been attending summer school.

Harold Buhman, who has been attending U. of O. summer school in Portland, also arrived the end of the week and yesterday started putting the school band through their paces in preparation for their Rodeo appearance.

Work of putting the school plant in condition has been progressing well. This week work of replacing one flight of stairs in the main school building was started by Truman Babb. The old stairs were found to be in a sad state of repair, and the board ordered installation of concrete steps to replace the wooden ones.

Thornburg brothers of Lexington have the work of repainting rooms and halls well in hand, and Harold Hill is finishing up wiring installation which will result in considerably better lighting.

EXPECTS APPROVAL REA PLANS TODAY

North End People Will Have Cooperative Electricity by End of Year Under Schedule

Progress in the Umatilla Electric Cooperative association project of Hermiston which will have lines in the north end of Morrow county was reported this week with appointment of J. E. Saylor as superintendent and expectation that plans and specifications would be completed by August 5. Baar and Cunningham, engineers, are preparing the plans and specifications.

A REA field engineer was expected to be in the territory today to approve the plans and when this is done the project can be released for bids.

Mortgage for the project, totalling \$129,000 and to include 120 miles of line and 492 customers, has been recorded locally by the sponsors and regulatory approvals have been obtained from the various public bodies involved in the building of the lines, such as state and county authorities. The work of obtaining necessary easements on private property should be completed in the immediate future. This action clears the way for the building of the lines and will permit the contractor to begin work immediately upon his selection.

Adherence to the REA normal progress schedule will enable these Oregon farmers to begin using electricity before the end of the year, states a REA bulletin released July 29th.

PURCHASES LAND

A. H. Nelson recently purchased land adjoining his place from W. L. Copenhaver, and his son Alfred, r., purchased 1000 acres of land from Laxton McMurray in what was known as the old Petteys place. In announcing the purchases while in the city Tuesday, Mr. Nelson said he felt that Morrow county real estate is a good investment at this time. With his harvest well along, he estimated his yield would probably average between 12 and 15 bushels.

Youthful Workers Take Hand Toward Successful Rodeo

Start Band Practice; Dance Music Set; Premiums Coming

An injection of new blood into the Rodeo was started at a meeting of the executive committee last night which is expected to give new impetus to the coming show, August 26-27-28. It was the preliminary set-up for a juvenile organization composed of older high school boys who will assist in work at the grounds, taking tickets and in other ways. With uncovering of this willing group of workers, it is expected relief will be given business men of the town as well as result in more efficiency in handling various odd jobs which have added to the strain on older men of the town at Rodeo time.

This is but one more step in the direction of adding snap and ginger to Rodeo, which in its sixteenth year gives promise of a revitalization which bids well toward satisfying the popular entertainment demand.

Guarantee to lovers of good music was given by the committee this week when Elmer Steele and His Swing band of Pendleton were contracted to play for dancing each evening of Rodeo as well as to provide music for the final queen's dance here the 14th.

Another popular Rodeo feature was started into the polishing-off stage yesterday when Harold Buhman called the band youngsters together for concerted practice to last until the opening day. The school bandsters responded readily and their part of the show will be well in hand.

Mrs. Alta Brown started work this week preparing for the picnic of pioneers scheduled for the morning of opening day, and an enjoyable program with facilities for a real old-time reunion are assured for the occasion. The word is for all pioneers to plan to be on hand.

A liberal premium list, now in course of preparation, will await all participants in the grand parade Saturday, with cash and merchandise prizes to cover every kind of entry. This is the people's own parade and its enjoyability will be determined largely by the interest manifested generally. That this interest is getting hot is indicated by news from organizations of plans to enter floats.

In addition to the grand parade this year, a daily parade will be staged to the grounds each afternoon with Rodeo stock and performers participating.

Premium lists for the 4-H club fair and wool and grain show are also in preparation, and Joe Belanger, county agent, has plans for these events well in hand. Greater interest than ever is being evidenced in the 4-H exhibits and demon-

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Mark Merrill to Open New Restaurant

Mark Merrill, who for several years has operated the lunch counter in the O'Donnell pastime, has announced the lease of quarters in the new Dick building where he expects to have a modern and up-to-date restaurant in operation by Rodeo time.

He was in Portland this week ordering refrigeration and other equipment which will put the new establishment in position to serve the public with the best in foods. The quarters are in the north side of the building immediately next door to the old stand. Erection of the new building has progressed to the stage of tacking the metal lath onto outside walls and construction is expected to be completed about the 20th of the month.