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Lions Back Wheat Marketing Move; Warns of Plague

Peck Tells Plan to Aid Wheatmen; Bubonic Work Told

Morrow county farmers, along with other wheat farmers of the Pacific northwest, will receive an additional cash payment from the government of 12 cents a bushel on contracted acres, if a move started by Eastern Oregon Wheat league and backed by farmers of Oregon, Washington and Idaho reaches fruition. In a resolution adopted at Walla Walla last Friday by a tri-state meeting of farmers representing 43,000,000 bushels of wheat, it was proposed that such additional cash payment be made to wheat farmers of this region in exchange for a reduction of a similar amount in the commodity loan rate applicable to the region.

In gaining endorsement of the Heppner Lions club for the move, George N. Peck, president of the E. O. Wheat league, told the Lions at their Monday noon luncheon that such a concession to Pacific Northwest farmers si necessary to assist in disposing of this section's always large exportable surplus while at the same time making it possible for its wheat growers to stay in business.

With the local market price quoted at 56 cents a bushel and the proposed commodity loan at the existing parity basis of wheat to be not less than 60 cents a bushel it is plain to be seen that this county's wheat crop will not readily move, Peck said.

By giving the farmer an additional 12-cent direct payment, however, he would be assured protection of the intended purpose of the farm act —a parity price for his wheat, while by reducing the amount of the commodity loan 12 cents, addition of freight and warehouse charges would still leave the value of the wheat under the existing market price to permit its free movement.

The 12-cent payment would be made only to farmers cooperating with the crop control program and would be on the same basis as the payment for diverting land from soil depleting to soil conserving crops, 88 percent of the farmer's normal average.

Communications were read from Senators McNary and Pope indicating that their cooperation would be given in working for the appropriation necessary to put the plan into effect.

Actually the plan is a trade sought by Northwest farmers to assist them in receiving a parity price for their wheat while at the same time preventing an accumulation from one year's crop of wheat adding to the surplus the ensuing year, to escape the disastrous price result which would naturally occur, Mr. Peck emphasized.

He cited that the Farm Act of 1938 permits the Secretary of Agriculture to make commodity loans of from 52 to 75 percent of the parity price. As parity price on wheat is now approximately $1.15 a bushel, a 52 percent commodity loan would mean a loan of 60 cents a bushel. To get the wheat to terminal costs 12 cents a bushel, freight and warehouse charges, making the value of the wheat on the 60-cent loan basis, 72 cents. At the moment the Portland price was 68 cents, hence little movement could be expected unless the commodity loan rate is reduced, he pointed out.

The farmers' resolution reads: "Resolved, that we favor the principle of commodity loans on northwest wheat on such basis as will encourage the marketward movement of our wheat, such loans to be made at the discretion of the secretary of agriculture, and

"Be it further resolved, that we

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Ione Lodge Fetes Heppner Visitors

Twenty-one Heppner Masons responded to the invitation of Ione Masons to attend their annual strawberry dinner last evening. Word of the invitation went through the local membership like water through a sieve as past gastronomic experiences at this event started an anticipatory flow from the salivary glands. Frank Sloan, Stanfield, D. D. G. M., a number of Arlington Masons and Ione Masons with families swelled attendance to over the hundred mark. Reports indicate that the event is more indelibly established than ever as one of the spotlight social events of the county's fraternal calendar. Following the dinner, members of the two lodges joined in a regular lodge session.

Members of the local lodge attending included L. W. Briggs, W. O. Dix, C. R. McAlister, J. J. Wightman, R. C. Wightman, C. J. D. Bauman, Thos. J. Wells, James L. Leach, LeGrand Guild, M. D. Rodman, Wm. Harmon, W. W. Luckman, Vawter Parker, J. O. Turner, E. R. Huston, Earl W. Gordon, David Hynd, Earl E. Gilliam, W. E. Pruyn, Harry Tamblyn, Spencer Crawford.

Ten-Year Wheat Average 12½ Bushels

The average per acre production of wheat in Morrow county for the ten-year period, 1928-1937, is 12½ bushels, according to adjusted figures just released from the office of N. C. Donaldson, administrator of the farm adjustment program in Oregon. Production by years is given as follows:

1928, 17.5; 1929, 12.8; 1930, 16.4; 1931, 11.2; 1932, 16.2; 1933, 10.7; 1934, 7.6; 1935, 4.9; 1936, 10.7; 1937, 13.5.

A. J. Chaffee to Run For County Assessor

First development in the local political situation since the recent primary nominating election was the announcement this week of A. J. Chaffee that he would be an independent candidate for county assessor at the November 8 general election. Thos. J. Wells is the regularly nominated candidate on both republican and democratic tickets.

Chaffee has been a county road boss for many years.

VISITS FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. J. A. Troedson has had as her guest this week Miss Esther Woodcock of Guys Mills, Pa. Being raised in the same community they are old time friends, but have not seen each other for over thirty years. Miss Woodcock is a deaconess in the Methodist church and has been in that work for 23 years. Last October she was called to Portland and has been working there in the interest of the Centenary Wilbur Methodist church. She expects to make a visit to her old home in Pennsylvania this summer, but may return to Portland for another year's work.

DOUBLE WEDDING TODAY

O. T. Fergsuon and Lee Slocum of this city are taking sisters as brides today at a double wedding ceremony at The Dalles. Mr. Slocum is marrying Mrs. Ida Harlow and Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Elva Roberts. The ladies formerly resided at Monument.

INJURED BOY GETS AID

Gerald Buell who injured a hand by a glass cut at Irrigon this week received assistance from the crippled children's fund of the Social Security administration in receiving treatment at The Dalles.

J. Logie Richardson made a business trip to Seattle the first of the week and returning Tuesday by way of Cle Elum, he called on Dr. J. H. McCrady there. Dr. McCrady, local dentist for several years, was recently forced to close an office just opened by him at Eugene because of ill effects still being suffered as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident several months ago.

Locals Drop Bucks With Errorless Play; Echo Takes Lead

Squaw Creek Drops Out; Pendleton at Ione Next Sunday

League Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Echo	4	1	.800
Heppner	4	2	.667
Pendleton	4	2	.667
Indians	2	2	.500
Ione	1	5	.167

Last Sunday's Results

Pendleton 5 at Heppner 6, Ione 6 at Echo 7.

Next Sunday's Games

Heppner at Mission, Pendleton at Ione.

Echo's defeat of Ione in Sunday's round of the Blue Mountain league play put them out in the lead, while Heppner's upsetting Pendleton put these two teams into a second place tie just one game behind Echo. Squaw Creek CCC's have dropped out of the league and their game scheduled with Mission Indians was not played.

Next Sunday Heppner journeys to Mission to play the Indians while Pendleton plays at Ione. Echo will be quiet for the day because of the CCC's dropping out.

Rod Thomson's five-hit chucking, backed by errorless play of his teammates resulted in Heppner's unsetting the league-leading Pendleton Bucks, 6-5, on the local ball lot Sunday afternoon.

It was a sad beginning for the locals as Pendleton scored four times in the first inning on a walk and four hits, two of them two-base blows by Cook and D. Heathman. But only once after that did more than three batsmen face Thomson in any inning. Cook walked in the sixth, took second on a pasesd ball and scored on a single by D. Heathman. Thomson struck out 11 batsmen and threw out five more at first

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McNeill's Gang (No Not Convicts) in Lead

Team Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct.
McNeill	5	1	.833
Kleinfeldt	3	3	.500
FFA-CCC	3	3	.500
Richardson	1	4	.200

Remaining Games

June 3, McNeill-Richardson
June 3, McNeill-Richardson (postponed game)

McNeill's gang (not to be confused with those forced inhabitants of Uncle Sam's prison island, but the local kitty ball team of the same name) now definitely at the top of the heap, seems at this point assured of winning the series. However, they have to beat the Richardson gang at least once in the two remaining games, one a postponed contest, if they keep out of a three-way tie with Kleinfeldt and CCC.

Under the system of play Richardson's gang may spring a surprise, and, as the cellar aggregation, bring the leaders off their perch. This system is the playing of such players as show up whether they are signed with a certain aggregation or not. This may be a hint for the pick of the Kleinfeldt and CCC players to drop around and give the Richardson tomcats a hand.

Anyway, it has been a lot of fun, say participants, and no matter who wins everyone will feel good about it for there are few players who have not played with most every aggregation at different times.

In the two games this week, McNeill won over Kleinfeldt, 6-5, Friday evening, and the CCC lads dropped Kleinfeldt, 9-8, last evening. The one point margins of wins are truly indicative of the hotness of the contests.

Lee Sprinkel, Mr. and Mrs. Blahm Injured

Lee Sprinkel, local barber, received lacerations on the head requiring eight stitches to close; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Adam Blahm, was severely bruised, and his father-in-law, Mr. Blahm, received three broken ribs when the Blahm car in which they were riding went into the ditch on Skinner creek Sunday afternoon. All three were knocked unconscious for a time and the car was a total wreck.

Coming down from the Blahm place the car struck a rock on the narrow grade causing it to hurtle into the canyon below. Mrs. Blahm first recovered and returned to the ranch from where she phoned the Ralph Thompson ranch at the mouth of the creek for assistance, and they were brought to town immediately for attention of a physician. All are reported to be making good progress toward recovery.

Oliver J. Cox Passes After Long Illness

Oliver J. Cox, 79, for many years a farmer on Rhea creek and for the last several years a resident of Lexington, died at Pendleton yesterday following a prolonged illness, according to word received just before press time. He was a native of Missouri, born October 30, 1858.

Funeral arrangements are being delayed pending word from members of the family located at distant points. Phelps Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Ione and Echo to Cross Bats on Fourth

Ione launched plans for a Fourth of July celebration this week by slating a baseball game with the Echo team which beat them by one point last Sunday.

Manager Fred Hoskins announced that he would enlist some of the outstanding ball talent from over the county to make the celebration game plenty tough for the invaders.

Rodeo Dates, Aug. 26-27-28, for Sure

In making reference to the coming Rodeo last week, this paper inadvertantly gave the dates a feek earlier than those set.

The dates are very definitely set August 26-27-28, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and no mistake.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Miss Dora Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bailey of this city, and who served as secretary of the city superintendent of schools last year, will become the bride of Jack Parsons, recently affiliated with the county agent's office, at ceremonies to be performed Sunday at the Lucas Place, according to announcement. The license was issued at the clerk's office Tuesday.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET

A meeting of the Morrow County Republican club has been called by Frank C. Alfred, president, for 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, June 11. All republicans of the county who are interested in the success of the party ticket in November are urged to attend. The meeting is for the specific purpose of completing the club organization in the various districts of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ridings were expected to arrive yesterday from New York for a visit at the home of Mrs. Ridings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark. They spent the school year in the eastern metropolis where they held teaching positions.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright and Mrs. Lutie Young, former Heppner residents now residing in the San Francisco bay region, are expected to arrive Sunday as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee.

Joe Snyder was called to Seaside this week by the illness of his sister, Mrs. Bessie Leutweiler.

16 4-H Clubbers Leave for Summer School Next Monday

Many Earn Scholarships; Eight Girls, Eight Boys Going

Sixteen Morrow county 4-H club workers, eight boys and eight girls, will board the summer school special train bound for Corvallis Monday morning. Boardman and Irrigon contingents will get aboard at Boardman and those from other points in the county will make connections at Heppner Junction.

Most of the 16 will attend on scholarships earned in active club work the last year in recognition of meritorious achievement. Seven of the scholarships are sponsored by Morrow county. Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary is donor of two, one an unused scholarship held over from the previous year. Willows and Lexington granges each are giving one, Heppner branch First National Bank of Portland one, and Heppner lodge of Elks one. The latter was voted at the last lodge meeting.

Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent and county leader for the girls, and Joseph Belanger, county agent and boys' leader, announce those attending as follows:

On scholarships: Dick Edmondson, Eugene Majeske, Irvin Rauch, Lexington; Marion Krebs, Cecil; Alex Thompson, Claudine Drake, Margaret Tamblyn, Heppner; Pat O'Brien, Cecelia Healy, Betty Finch, Pine City; Joy Markham, Marjorie Williams, Lucille Jones, Irrigon; Eleanore Skoubo, Boardman.

Others: Guy Moore and Ralph Neill, Pine City.

May Rainfall Short; Hope Held for June

Rainfall of only .28 inch was reported at Heppner for May by L. L. Gilliam, government weather observer, one of the shortest months since May last year.

While May was short on moisture and farmers are praying for rain, Mr. Gilliam is hopeful that June may respond as it did last year with more than three inches.

SHEEP TO MONTANA

The second train load of J. G. Barratt and Krebs brothers sheep were loaded out of yards at Heppner and Cecil yesterday destined for summer range in the Browning, Mont., district. The first train load was taken there last week with special running orders on both Union Pacific and Northern Pacific railroads taking them through in just thirty hours. Both Mr. Barratt and Mr. Krebs accompanied the shipment, Mr. Barratt returning home Sunday and Mr. Krebs on Monday. Mr. Krebs was in the city Tuesday from Cecil while making arrangements for the second shipment. Excellent range conditions prevail in the Browning district, the men reported, with effects of the recent snow storm gone except for the added moisture.

PARTY SLATED

The Episcopal auxiliary will have their annual birthday party at the home of Mrs. Fred Lucas on Thursday, June 9, at 1:45 o'clock. Members are asked to bring as many pennies as they are years old. Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. W. O. Dix and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee will be hostesses for dessert bridge. Members and friends are invited.

HEALTH CLINICS SOON

Health clinics for infants and preschool children will be scheduled soon, announces Miss Althea Stoneman, county health nurse. She said the recent prevalence of scarlet fever, because of which the clinics were postponed, appears to be subsiding.