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Bob Meets Bob and Old-Time Rivalry Takes Friendly Turn

It was a case of "when Bob meets Bob," instead of "when Greek meets Greek," when Bob Thompson and Bob Murray, two old-time friendly football rivals, met in The Dalles last week end.

Bob Thompson of Heppner was in The Dalles to attend the wheat league meeting, and he was sitting at one of the city's lunch counters eating a late snack before retiring when a gentleman in a blue uniform, readily distinguishable as that of a city police, came in the front door. Heppner's Bob immediately started heckling the officer, all in a friendly vein, as the officer was immediately recognized as Bob Murray, maker of many famous Dalles athletes as long-time high school coach.

It so happened that Bob Thompson was back in his own bailiwick at The Dalles. As a young man he resided at Wasco, and at one time was a stalwart on a famous early day football team at Goldendale. At the same time Bob Murray was helping carry the ball for The Dalles.

So it was, an old-time friendly rivalry was renewed, with just a little of the "Greek vs. Greek" injected into the meeting of Bob and Bob.

Future Farmers To Fete Parents

Heppner chapter, Future Farmers of America, has scheduled its annual parent and son banquet for Saturday. At that time parents and invited guests will be assembled to get acquainted with and be a part of the Future Farmers for the evening.

The banquet will be brought to order in the high school banquet hall with the regular opening ceremonies of FFA meetings. This will be followed by the address of welcome by Omer McCaleb, chapter president.

High school home economics club will serve the banquet and remarks are expected from Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent; A. H. Blankenship, superintendent; Spencer Crawford, member of school board; W. S. Bennett, vocational agriculture instructor, and officers of neighboring chapters who have been invited. Two persons, as yet unnamed, will be presented with honorary membership certificates to the organization.

HEARING SET

A hearing of the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon has been set for Pendleton at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning before Marshall E. Nauman, examiner, to receive testimony on the supplemental application of John W. Hiatt of this city, holder of local and John Day stage franchises. The lines, known as Gray Rock Lines, seek to discontinue service between Heppner and Pendleton, and Fossil and Canyon City during the period December first to June first.

Have your name printed on your Christmas Greeting Cards. See the Gazette Times at once.

Spirit of Wheat Leaguers Big Organization Factor

The Eastern Oregon Wheat league has just ended its annual conference at The Dalles. Probably more significant of the league's effect upon the future well being of this section's wheat growing industry than the resolutions adopted is the spirit pervading the league's personnel.

In spite of the doleful note of no immediate prospect for relief from the world surplus situation that is depressing the wheat price, league members voted an increase in dues upon themselves from \$1 to \$2 a year to become effective at the beginning of next year. Largely the same men who have taken the lead in trying to better the status of the eastern Oregon wheat raiser since inception of the league took this action. They realized that finances have been inadequate in the past to do as effective work as the league has proved itself capable of doing.

A case in point is dissemination of full information about the league's actions. Through its various committees, the league analyzes all phases of the section's wheat growing business and evolves in its resolutions such measures as the balanced judgment of its members determines to be needed to bring about a general betterment of conditions. These resolutions, embodying as they do a rather large volume of detail, cannot be disseminated without considerable expense. Still if they are to have the greatest effect they must be read and studied by everyone interested in wheat growing in this section. The league funds seemed insufficient to stand the cost of publication of the proceedings in full this year, and it was decided to attempt to finance the publication through solicitation of advertising.

This means that too few people vitally interested in bettering wheat growing conditions are standing the burden of organization; that they do not have the ready money themselves to carry on the work, but are willing to donate services to bring about realization of a work they find needful. It is but an indication of how others who should be sharing the burden could make the load lighter for those carrying it, as well as hasten the fruits of concerted action, by lending financial, and also moral, assistance.

While eastern Oregon is becoming more fully awakened to effectiveness of efficient organization of its growers, other sections are taking

notice. A group of Montana growers have retained the services of George N. Peck, retiring league president, to assist with a similar organization for that section. Eastern Washington growers also are taking notice. Eventually, when growers of all sections become thus organized and work sympathetically in the interests of all, wheat raising will gain the status it deserves as the fountain for the "staff of life."

The result of such organization has already been felt deeply in determining the course of national legislation. As one well advised leaguer said, "It is almost fantastic how the 1938 AAA program, of which the league had no previous knowledge, followed last year's league recommendations."

How this may well be was at least twice evidenced at the recent conference. Once when Harry Brown, assistant secretary of agriculture, sat on the front row and listened with both ears to F. L. Ballard, vice-director of agricultural extension in Oregon, summarize the reports of county land use committees evolved at last year's farm economic conferences held over the state. And a second time as Rufus C. Holman, U. S. senator-elect, dittoed Mr. Brown when Arthur M. Geary, attorney who has taken the lead in fighting for lower transportation costs on wheat, gave an earful of how congress is permitting various governmental boards and commissions to forestall, bringing about justice to growers' interests.

This direct contact with men in high places, and driving home of messages in so effective a manner, cannot help but cause cognizance to

be taken of growers' needs. It is but another of the fruits of effective organization as evidenced in the league set-up.

While a serious tempo beat through conference sessions generally, it was also highly encouraging to note that members tempered all with a wholesome sense of humor. Wheatgrowers are not accustomed to arising as early now as when the industry was in the pioneering stage, at least not at this time of year. But they got a big kick out of being roused from their slumbers at an early hour Saturday morning by The Dalles German band (not a Nazi band, we hope), and from many other features of lighter vein. After all, a sense of humor is a saving grace at a time when the wheat price is below level of production costs.

G. T. Want Ads bring results.

Len Gilman Gets High Grid Honors

Pacific University, Forest Grove.—Leonard Gilman added another honor to his growing list of grid laurels when Willamette university chose him as the left halfback on their all-opponent team. A week ago Len took every vote for the left half post on the all-Northwest conference team.

Gilman and George Racette, Badger end, were the greatest passing combination in the Northwest conference for many years. They clicked out five touchdown passes in seven games besides paving the way to several more. Racette and Gilman tied for scoring honors in the Northwest conference.

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