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## Parity Payments For 1939 Wheat Not Endangered

### E. O. League Finds 942 Counties in 35 States Grow Wheat

Failure of the House of Representatives at Washington to pass all of the proposed appropriations for farm parity payments will have no effect on wheat parity payments for 1939, N. E. Dodd, director of the western division of the AAA, has assured state officials at Corvallis.

The appropriation passed by the House the last week in March provides \$500,000,000 for conservation payments in 1939, as authorized in the act. The additional \$212,000,000 to be used in making parity payments on wheat and similar surplus crops in 1939 was definitely appropriated last year, hence, the recent action has no effect on the current program, Dodd explains.

Dodd, formerly chairman of the Oregon State AAA committee, and since January 1, assistant director of the western division, has recently been appointed director, replacing the late C. C. Conser, who died suddenly of a heart attack.

The extent of commercial wheat growing in the United States is indicated by the fact that 942 counties in 35 states have 1939 wheat acreage allotments of ten thousand acres or more. This information was obtained by the Eastern Oregon Wheat league in connection with its recent announcement of a nation-wide contest to encourage compliance with the 1939 wheat acreage allotments.

Contrary to much popular belief as to the location of principal wheat growing areas, the greatest number of counties with ten thousand acres or more are located in the North Central region, consisting of the states Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Nebraska, and South Dakota. These states together have 439 counties on the list.

Texas and Oklahoma, in the southern region, have 93 counties that classify as commercial wheat producers, while the western region, consisting of 12 states, has 318 counties.

Kansas, with 104, has more counties with large wheat acreage allotments than any other state. Oregon and Washington each have 17 counties on the list, Idaho 24, and California 22.

## "Resurrection Story" To be Given Sunday

"The Resurrection Story" by Carrie B. Adams is the cantata to be presented Easter Sunday evening at the Methodist church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, by combined church choirs under direction of Russell McNeill.

Kathryn Parker, Lucille Barlow and Mrs. McNeill will take solo parts with incidental solos by Mrs. Neva Cochell, Mrs. F. W. Turner, Marie Barlow, Chas. Barlow, Lewerence Lehman and J. O. Turner. Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Virginia Dix and Frank Alfred will sing in trio. Numbers will include double quartet, women's chorus, men's chorus and mixed chorus. Singing besides those named will be Rachel Forsythe, Margaret Browning, Mrs. John Hiatt, Mrs. E. R. Huston, Frank Turner and Glen Tonnesson.

The cantata is a beautiful composition of Easter theme, and the public is warmly invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Warren and children were visiting in the city yesterday from the farm in Dry Fork. They reported the grain getting a good start, but that moisture would be welcome any time.

## John W. Kelly To Write for Gazette Times



John W. Kelly

John W. Kelly, whose column from Washington, D. C., is known to every reader in the northwest, will be a contributor to the Heppner Gazette Times commencing May 4.

Informative, educational and reliable, the column of John W. Kelly was for years the most popular reader-interest feature in the Oregonian. A native of the northwest, he understands its people, problems and aspirations from intimate association. His news interpretations and comments at the national capital are from the viewpoint of a far westerner.

In Washington, D. C., Kelly knows the statesmen and the stuffed shirts and his sources of information enable him to foretell events weeks before they are carried in the news columns.

From the White House to the halls of congress; from the cloakroom gossip to the cosmopolitan society, Kelly paints the picture of the Washington scene as it is—accurately, objectively, impartially as an ace reporter.

There is an intimate touch in Kelly's writings which distinguish his column from all other columns originating in the federal city. He sees through the eyes of a west coast observer and is alert to legislation or administration policies affecting this region.

To learn "what's going on" at the seat of government, read John W. Kelly's column in the Gazette Times.

## WPA Discontinued; Reaction Immediate

Four applications for work were presented to the county court yesterday from the WPA enrollees whose jobs with the federal agency ended with cessation of WPA in the county Monday night. Fifteen men were on the rolls whose chances for immediate employment appeared slight as seasonal work on farms is slackening.

Judge Bert Johnson received a reply to his protest from E. J. Griffith, state administrator, this week, in which Griffith emphasized the desire that those taken off WPA work would use their best efforts to find employment for themselves. Griffith said that reduced appropriation made it necessary to take 1420 persons from WPA rolls in the state in April, and that discontinuance was being put into effect in counties with light enrollment because an average reduction over the entire state would make administrative costs excessive in light-enrollment counties.

Griffith advised keeping his office informed of the situation existing after the shut-down, and Judge Johnson said this would be done. The county court is not lying down on the job, he said.

Harold Cohn departed the end of the week for San Francisco on a business trip and expected to take in the world's fair while there.

## State Game Head Brings Story of Commission's Work

### Appearances Made at Lions and Hunters - Anglers Meet

In two public appearances here Monday, Frank Wire, chairman Oregon state game commission, told in words and moving pictures of what is being done to accomplish his objective as chairman, "to leave the wild life of Oregon is an good state of preservation for posterity as it was when he arrived upon the scene."

Speaking before the Lions luncheon Monday noon, Mr. Wire stressed particularly the work of fish propagation. While scientists have found that only one or two per cent of fertilized eggs of rainbow trout materialize into full grown fish, he said that the commission has obtained almost a 50 per cent survival in the state-owned hatcheries. There is a large mortality rate after the fish are planted, however, which largely explains a common criticism of the commission that it plants only a fraction of the number of fish which it claims to plant.

Large fish are all cannibalistic, giving the greatest loss of small fish. Other under water enemies, such as snakes, crayfish, etc., take another toll, while the enemies from the air are also destructive. The blue heron, standing soulfully in the water and occasionally dipping its head, gets many fish as shown by examination of the contents of one such fellow taken on the coast. Inside the stomach were 240 identifiable small fish, while a partly digested mass was estimated to contain the bodies of some fifty more.

Fingerling trout such as have been planted in the past have less opportunity to survive against natural enemies in the smaller streams, and it is for this reason that the commission is working on the policy of stocking streams such as those in Morrow county with larger fish, said Mr. Wire.

He said that while the game birds had gone down hill for a few years, they are now on the increase again and there is promise of better hunting in seasons to come. As for deer and elk, the problem is not so much one of propagation as it is of distribution. Pennsylvania, Vermont and Maine all have more deer than Oregon through artificial measures of stimulating reproduction, he said. More than two hundred people attended the meeting at the Elks hall in the evening when movies, many of which were taken by Mr. Wire, himself, augmented the word picture of the game situation in the state. The meeting was sponsored by Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club which reported addition of fifty members at the meeting's close.

In addition to Mr. Wire's address at the luncheon meeting, Gene Normoyle of Lone sang two songs, accompanied by Virginia Dix.

## Firemen's Smoker To Benefit Band

Heppner firemen will stage their next smoker April 22, and will give half the net proceeds to the school band. This decision was made at their meeting last night.

Though no announcement was made of the matches to be presented, it was said a number of new prospects are being interviewed who know what ring generalship is all about.

Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet Tuesday, April 11, at 2:30 in the afternoon in the basement of the church.

## Mayor Bleakman Proclaims Week For City Clean-Up

As it comes within the province of your city government to protect the peace, health and safety of the people, and as cleanliness of surroundings is one of the biggest factors in promoting these interests, it has become an annual custom for the city mayor to proclaim a time each spring when special effort is made to dispose of garbage, rubbish and accumulations of trash generally.

Therefore, in accordance with custom, and in the interests of a cleaner, safer and better city, I hereby proclaim the week of April 17 to 24, Clean-Up Week in Heppner, and urge the earnest cooperation of everyone in making the week successful in its purpose.

During this week the city government will cause to be removed, without charge, all trash, rubbish, garbage or other refuse, which is placed at the street curb in proper containers. Containers should be such as can be readily handled.

By order of the Common Council of the City of Heppner.

G. A. BLEAKMAN, Mayor.

## Home Owners May Get Lower Water Rate

Heppner home owners will be induced to use more water in raising lawns and gardens this summer if a proposed ordinance to be presented at the next council meeting meets favorable consideration. At last night's meeting, postponed from Monday, it was proposed to give 37,000 gallons of water free to each user taking a minimum of 13,000 gallons, the cost of which is \$4. In other words each user would be entitled to up to 50,000 gallons on payment of \$4. For each thousand gallons over 50,000, 10 cents a thousand would be charged.

The ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting, April 17, taking two meetings for passage. The rates if adopted will be effective from May 1 to October 1.

Council's proposal for this lower rate bracket was based largely upon anticipation of more water with installation of the new pump which arrived on the grounds Monday. The watermaster has been busy this week building the concrete foundation.

## "CHILD" EVANGELISTS



Because of their extreme youth, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Brown, who open evangelistic services at Pentecostal mission next Tuesday, are known as "child" evangelists. They are said to be experienced for their age, and come to Heppner highly recommended from fields in eastern Oregon, Idaho and route south where they have recently been working.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Wehmeyer left for Wenatchee, Wash., Monday in answer to word of the critical illness of Mrs. Wehmeyer's mother, Mrs. Lena Boesel.

## "Purple Towers" to Make Appearance Next Saturday

### Band to Appear Afternoon, Evening to Aid Benefit

When the curtain goes up at the gym-auditorium at 8 o'clock next Saturday night, a capacity house will greet the opening of "Purple Towers," Elks-sponsored musical comedy benefitting the school band's trip to the state contest. That fact is practically assured by the call for reserved seat tickets which went on sale at Gordon's drug store last week end.

Another fact, now well assured, is that those attending will get their money's worth of entertainment. The operetta has rounded into fine fettle in rehearsals the last week, say reports from the rehearsal hall. Lead characters have their parts well in hand and the melodious tunes are said to have the chorus singing with real enthusiasm.

The band will take part in Saturday's activities with an appearance on the streets at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. That night they will play their contest numbers at the dance at the Elks hall following the operetta, at intermission, about 11:30 o'clock. Proceeds of the dance will be added to those from the operetta to help finance the contest trip. Numbers to be played are "The Field Artillery March," "Lutespiel" and "Overture Militaire." This will be the band's last public appearance before it goes to La Grande the following week end. They are scheduled to appear in the district contest at 7:30 in the evening, April 14. Winners of this contest will go to Portland, May 12-13, to compete in a regional contest including Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

"Purple Towers" will be presented in two acts, preceded by the opening overture. Time of playing will be about two hours. Cast in character roles are Hank Huckleberry, Frank Alfred; Mike Murphy, Clarence Bauman; Earl Parker, Hubert Gaily; Red Nichols, Dr. R. C. Lawrence; Tillie, Mary White; Urseba Applegate, Virginia Dix; Helen Trumbull, Betty Lawrence; Mary Marble, Rachel Forsythe; Phil Bradley, Gene Normoyle; Snowball, Bob Runnion.

The chorus includes Jeanette Blakely, Carolyn Vaughn, Shirley Wilson, Dorothy Howell, Norma Prock, Harry O'Donnell, Norval Osborne, Donald Bennett, Buddy Blakely, Jack Merrill, F. W. Turner, J. O. Turner, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Mrs. Alden Blankenship, Mrs. Philip Mahoney and Mrs. Clarence Carmichael.

Musical direction has been in charge of Miss Forsythe and Norbert Peavy. Mrs. H. A. Cohn has coached dances, and Miss Marjorie Parker is piano accompanist. A soft shoe tap dancing number will be presented by Yvonne Bleakman and Teddy Ferguson between acts.

## ELKS INSTALL TONIGHT

Installation of officers for the new year will be held by Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, at the regular meeting tonight. E. Harvey Miller will succeed P. W. Mahoney as exalted ruler, and other officers to be installed are Hubert Gaily, esteemed leading knight; Kenneth Akers, esteemed loyal knight; V. R. Runnion, esteemed lecturing knight; Loyal R. Parker, secretary; J. O. Turner, treasurer; Chas. B. Cox, trustee; Thomas J. Wells, tiler; D. A. Wilson, alternate delegate to grand lodge.

Dance at Lexington grange hall, Saturday, April 15. Merrill's orchestra. 75c the couple. Supper will be served.