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## Major Problems To be Discussed By Wheat League

### Two-Day Program for Condon Conclave Dec. 8-9 Released

Condon—A fundamental discussion of current world affairs as related to agriculture will be featured on the program of the twelfth annual convention of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, to be held here December 8 and 9, according to the program just issued by officers of the league.

While most of the program numbers are concerned with eastern Oregon problems, some are of a more general nature, such as the address by Holbrook Working of the food research institute at Stanford university, who will speak on "Influences Likely to be Most Influential in Determining the Course of Prices Generally During the Present War."

Committees will meet Thursday afternoon to draw up preliminary reports for final consideration in the regular meeting. R. M. Evans, administrator of the AAA; D. M. Stevens, now of Washington, D. C., and D. E. Richards of the Union branch experiment station are the first day's speakers, while N. E. Dodd, western AAA director, R. H. Elliott and Warren H. Marple of the Bonneville dam staff, and E. L. Potter of Oregon State college are second day headliners.

Announcement of winners in the National Wheat Acreage Adjustment contest sponsored by the league will be made Friday afternoon when a representative from the winning county will be heard. Nineteen of the 31 major wheat producing states have submitted records for the contest.

The final winners will have been selected from 942 counties, each of which produced 10,000 acres or more of wheat. At least 12 states are sending representatives to the wheat league meeting.

The condensed wheat league program follows:

#### Friday, December 8

Forenoon (9:30)—Welcome by W. L. Hollen, mayor of Condon; response by Carl Engdahl of Umatilla county. President's annual address by H. D. Proudfoot of Wasco; report of the secretary-treasurer, Charles W. Smith. "Cultural Practices for a Permanent Agriculture in the Columbia Basin," D. E. Stephens, bureau of plant industry, Washington, D. C.

Afternoon (1:30)—"Experimental Results of Feeding Wheat to Livestock," by D. E. Richards, superintendent of the Union branch experiment station; "A National Wheat Policy," by R. M. Evans, administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment administration, Washington, D. C.; "Influences Likely to be Most Influential in Determining the Course of Prices Generally During the Present War," by Holbrook Working, food research institute, Stanford university; report of representative from winning county in National Wheat Acreage Adjustment contest.

Evening (6:30)—Banquet with Earl Snell, secretary of state, toastmaster; "Modern Responsibilities," by Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, president of Willamette university.

#### Saturday, December 9

Forenoon (9:00)—"Past and Projected Improvement of the Columbia River and Its Tributaries," R. H. Elliott, corps of engineers, Bonneville dam; "The Economics of Feeding Wheat to Livestock," E. L. Potter, head of division of agricultural economics, O. S. C.; "Wheat Loans and Wheat Prices," N. E. Dodd, director of western division, AAA; report of the committee on federal agricultural and conservation programs by Mac Hoke of Pen-

## 30 Local Elks at The Dalles Meet

Thirty members of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, attended the special meeting of The Dalles lodge Monday evening which honored the visit of Henry C. Warner, grand exalted ruler. Five candidates from the local lodge were inducted with the large class initiated in the grand exalted ruler's honor.

E. Harvey Miller, exalted ruler; Loyal R. Parker, secretary; J. O. Turner, treasurer; V. R. Rynnion, esteemed lecturing knight; P. W. Mahoney, esquire, were among local officers in attendance.

Among local members attending were Sam McMillan Gene Ferguson, Clyde Denny, Hugh Smith, Richard Lundell, Carl Allyn, Bert Mason, Carlton Swanson, E. R. Lundell, Vernon Troedson, Walter Luckman, F. W. Turner, H. A. Duncan, D. M. Ward, O. L. Smith, W. C. Rosewall, Lloyd Burkenbine, Eddie Kenny, L. H. Holboke, Darrell Padberg, Earle Bryant, Logie Richardson, Luke Bibby, O. G. Haguewood.

## Expect Wool Imports Increase; Price Up

Washington, D. C., Nov. 23—Considerable increase in wool imports is predicted before the 1940 domestic clip is available, according to government experts. Stocks in this country are now relatively small and mill consumption is expected to continue at a high level. In the first nine months of this year imports of apparel wool were 61,000,000 pounds compared with 18,000,000 for the same period last year.

Since the war started September 1 wool prices have increased 50 per cent, which, according to the experts, may be the peak, but this depends on what Great Britain does with the wool clip of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Some of the wool controlled by Great Britain will be distributed in the United States. It is expected that 36,000,000 pounds will be imported from Argentina.

## Kinzua Pine Mills Buy More Timberland

Recent transfer of 1080 acres of timberlands in this county to Kinzua Pine Mills is shown by the records at the clerk's office, extending their large holdings in this county.

First National Bank of Portland was grantor of 800 acres in Sections 25 and 26, Tp. 5 S., R. 25, and Esther J. Holmes was grantor of 280 acres in Section 27, Tp. 6S., R. 25.

#### BALDWIN LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baldwin and children left this week to make their home at Salem. Mrs. Baldwin and children left Sunday and Mr. Baldwin followed on Tuesday. The well wishes of a host of friends accompany them to their new location.

#### ENLISTS IN AIR CORPS

Enlistment of Bobbie E. Morgan of Albany and formerly of this county, in the U. S. army air corps, was announced recently by Lt. Col. H. D. Bagnall, recruiting officer at Portland, according to a dispatch in the Baker Democrat-Herald.

#### SELL RESIDENCE

Record of deed was made this week transferring the Andrew Baldwin residence property near the school to Harold W. Buhman.

Judge C. L. Sweek was in the city Tuesday, holding order day in circuit court.

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Afternoon (1:15)—"Plans for Distributing Bonneville Power," Warren H. Marple, rural marketing specialist, Bonneville project; report of committee on production, handling, marketing, transportation and weed control by O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington, chairman; report of the committee on taxation, legislation, and rural electrification by Millard Eakin, Grass Valley, chairman; election of officers.

## Property Tax Aid, Help on Relief Load Courts' Proposals

### Taxes on Gross Income, Sales, Cited at State Meet

Some form of relief for taxes on property and outside assistance for counties in handling the relief burden were two essentials in obtaining more equitable county government recognized by members of county courts who convened in state sessions at Portland last week, reports Judge Bert Johnson.

Judge Johnson served as a member of the state committee handling relief, while Commissioner George Peck chaired the committee on taxation. Commissioner L. D. Neill also attended, and Hary Tamblyn, county engineer, attended sessions of the state convention of county engineers, held coincidentally. One joint meeting of the engineers and county courts was held.

Court members proposed two means of relieving property taxes, said the judge, though definite recommendation was given neither. One proposal was for a gross income tax, the other for a sales tax, each with property tax offset.

Answering a need in handling county charges at eleemosynary institutions which require county donations, the courts' convention recommended that \$5 a month for each charge at such institutions be paid quarterly to the institution caring for the charge. This system was believed generally more equitable than making a lump donation to any institution which may or may not care for charges from the county making the donation, Judge Johnson said. Adoption of this recommendation in Morrow county would revise a practice heretofore followed of singling out certain institutions for assistance.

Thorough discussion in committees was had of all problems jointly affecting the several counties with view to standardizing practices in the most efficient way possible. Judge Johnson believed this year's meeting to have been very fruitful.

Governor Sprague and Secretary of State Snell were among headline speakers.

## Asa B. Thomson Rites Held at Echo

Funeral services were held from Echo Tuesday afternoon for Asa B. Thomson, 69, long-time resident of Butter creek and one time state legislator from Umatilla county. Mr. Thomson took his own life in Portland last Friday, despondency as result of ill health given as the cause. L. D. Neill, county commissioner and old-time friend of the deceased, had visited with him in Portland the day before and was given no idea that such an act was contemplated.

Mr. Thomson was born in Pendleton, July 15, 1870, the son of the late Oscar F. Thomson. Reared on Butter creek, he operated a ranch there for many years. He was elected to the legislature from Umatilla county in 1900, appointed receiver of federal land office at La Grande in 1903, and in 1920 took the office of treasurer of Federal Land Bank of Spokane. He married Carrie A. Stanfield in 1897 and she passed away last spring. A daughter, Elna, in California, survives this union, and he is survived also by two brothers and three sisters: Mrs. E. P. Jarmon of California; Mrs. Rilla Allen of Idaho, and Mrs. Phoebe Bartholomew, Sloan Thomson and Allen Thomson, all of Echo. He recently remarried to Mrs. Nita Stanfield, who also survives. They made their home at Pacific City.

Mrs. E. R. Lundell of Ione was a business visitor in the city Monday.

## Audience Won by Senior Class Play

"House of Horrors," senior class play, horrified, terrified, startled and amused a large audience at the high school gym-auditorium last Friday evening.

Shrieks of terror pierced the stage darkness, revolver shots flashed and the cracking reports caused shivers to trickle along spines. All of which brought concurrent opinion that it was one of the best school plays ever presented before a local audience. Norbert Peavy directed the production.

Exceptionally well chosen cast with natural attributes of players drawn out in the various roles, included Norma Prock as Janice Cantrell, Shirley Wilson as Chloe Clark, Harold Armstrong as Guppy, Juanita Phelps as Mrs. Shump, Dorothy Howell as Maryan, Jack Merrill as Dick, Don Jones as Singh, Wilbur Worden as Cantrell, Bill Blake as Herbie Hipper, Lois Jones as Wanda Wilde, Margaret Doolittle as Pansy, Howard Wray as Variloff.

Thoroughness and reality of make-up, which in several instances completely concealed recognizability of actors, was a tribute to behind-stage assistants.

## Progress Report Given in Roll Call

Going into the final week of the Red Cross roll call, Russell McNeill, county chairman, reports a total of 280 memberships turned in to date toward the allotted goal of 400. The 280 memberships represent total cash received of \$300.

About 200 of the memberships so far reported are from Heppner, which is ahead of the number obtained here last year, said McNeill. Most of the outside districts are unreported. Anyone not contacted who wishes to join may leave the required dollar with Mr. McNeill at the local bank and official receipt and pin will be issued.

## State Speaker Set For Elks Safety Meet

Hugh Rosson, safety director from the office of Earl W. Snell, secretary of state, will address a safety meeting slated by Heppner lodge 358 B. P. O. Elks for the evening of December 14.

In addition to his address, Mr. Rosson will exhibit movies of safety work. The lodge is extending an invitation to the public to hear Mr. Rosson, and the exact time of evening he will appear will be announced later.

#### CASTEEL-DOHERTY

Father Richard J. Healy solemnized nuptials which joined Miss Mary Jane Casteel in holy wedlock to Mr. Bernard Doherty, at the Catholic rectory last Friday. Francis J. Doherty and Mrs. Gertrude Applegate, brother and sister of the bridegroom, accompanied the young couple. A large group of friends received the newlyweds following the ceremony. Mrs. Doherty is the daughter of Doyle Casteel of Arizona, who has made her home in Heppner for some time with her aunt, Mrs. George Cason. Mr. Doherty is the son of Mrs. Catherine Doherty of this city and graduate of Heppner high school. The young couple will make their home on the Doherty farm in Blackhorse, following a wedding trip to Portland and Seattle. Both are popular young people who are accorded felicitations of a host of friends.

#### LICENSE ISSUED

License to wed was issued at the clerk's office on the 15th to Raymond K. Drake, Jr., and Miss Maude Parmenter, the latter of Benton county.

"What do women talk about when they're alone?" THE WOMEN, coming to the Star Theater Sunday and Monday may be the answer—it certainly does tell on the ladies! And it's all about men!

## Boy Scouts to be Fully Launched At Dec. 4 Meeting

### Public Cooperation Asked by Leader at Lions

Final organization of the new Boy Scout troop in Heppner will occur the evening of Monday, Dec. 4, when Scout Executive Hoover of the Blue Mountain council will be present to help give the boys a good send-off. This announcement was made by Martin B. Clark, scoutmaster, in a message on scout work brought to the Monday Lions luncheon.

Emphasizing importance of the uniform as a means of creating public consciousness of scout work, Mr. Clark said the leaders will endeavor to have every scout so outfitted, so that when they assist in public functions—one of the aims of helpfulness that the organization promulgates—the public may be aware of the organization. According to ritual each scout is expected to earn his own uniform, and Mr. Clark said that business houses and residents of the city generally could assist the boys by giving them such odd jobs as may be available.

Twenty-eight boys so far have signified their intention of joining the troop, and the scoutmaster believed it significant that the majority of these had no previous scout work. This, he believed, reflects the favorable reputation of scout work generally.

Citing the scout oath, in which each scout pledges to do his best to keep himself mentally alert, physically strong and morally clean, the leader emphasized importance of public consciousness of these ideals that the scouts might be surrounded by a type of citizenry that commands respect and serves as example to inspire the scouts in their work.

Co-operation of parents and townspeople generally is required for successful scout work, he said.

Walter Depew, guest at the meeting, outlined before the club a Christmas season opening plan that had been used successfully for two years at Pomeroy, Wash., adoption of which in Heppner was favorably considered.

## Mrs. Alice Cochran Long Ione Resident

Funeral services were held from Phelps Funeral home here Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Minnie Alice Cochran, long-time resident of Ione, who died at Morrow General hospital, Sunday. Rev. Clifford W. Noble, Pentecostal minister, officiated, and a large number of relatives and friends paid respects at the chapel service and at the interment in Masonic cemetery. All surviving children were present at the services.

Mrs. Cochran was the widow of the late Oscar Cochran, and the family was long prominent in the Ione community. Surviving are two sons, Elmer of Portland and George of Salem, two daughters, Mrs. Eunice Warfield of this county, and Mrs. Venice Ahalt of Salem; two brothers, Charles Ritchie of Heppner and George Ritchie of Portland, and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Rolfsen and Mrs. Rose Miller, both of Portland.

Minnie Alice Ritchie was born in Cherokee county, Kansas, Oct. 17, 1875, to Alexandra and Barbara (Habern) Ritchie. She was married to Oscar Cochran at Ione when quite young and had been a resident of that city til the last two years when she resided here. She was a member of the Pentecostal church.

E. B. Wattenburger, Pine City honey dispenser, was transacting business in the city Monday. He reports finding a lucrative outlet for his fine honey in this city.