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THRESHING OUT THE WHEAT LEAGUE CONFERENCE

One Condon resident was heard to remark that the wheat league wasn't going to convene in the smaller towns in future. The attendance is increasing beyond their capacity. . . . It may have taxed the capacity of Condon to entertain the estimated six hundred visitors. One thing sure, however, that little city did a fine job. If the wheat league quits meeting in Condon, Heppner, Moro, et als, it is going to miss something. That something is the intimacy into which visitors are thrown. Meetings in larger cities do not promote as close fellowship, one of the attributes of past conferences that has tended to enjoyability and deeper seated understanding of the human element involved in any group undertaking.

Through its eleven years of existence, the wheat league has been fathered by a conscientious group of men. Many of these have risen to its presidency. Each year they are on hand, helping to guide the league's destinies. The common effort has thrown these men into close friendship, renewed at least once each year at conference time. . . . Those who are past presidents got together at dinner Thursday evening. It was good to see the glow of warmth that rose from hearts to faces of these men as old friends were greeted.

No Heppnerite is a stranger in Condon. Such a liberal spattering of former Heppnerites is found in Condon's business element, and, a tribute to earlier training, taking a lead in things, that one from here is bound to feel right at home. Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Furlong, Harlan Devin, James Farley, Jr., Frank Mercer and Hollis Bull, all are former residents here who are doing a good job in the neighbor city. . . . Certain it is that the brand of hospitality Condon exemplified, engendered in no little part by former Heppnerites, left a good feeling in the hearts of visitors.

No comment on the conference would be complete without emphasizing the sincerity and hard work shown by leaders and growers, generally. A non-grower visitor was heard to remark that it was the first convention he ever attended where business was irrefutably paramount.

All eastern Oregon loves Earl Snell, and presiding at the banquet as he did in his old balliwick, he brought a personal touch from high office of state's secretary that was deeply felt. High inspiration, indeed, was gained from him and the principal banquet speaker, Bruce Baxter, whose offering caused a buzz of comment as diners arose from seats, in which was oft repeated, "greatest."

Harry Proudfoot, who a visitor from Indiana thought upon first seeing the name might be one of those native Americans like Chief Rain-in-the-Face, did win recognition for himself as an original American. His tireless efforts in sponsoring the contest that drew attendance of wheat men from 14 states may well be the step to eventually result in organization of wheat men throughout the entire country. That would be a long step

in permanently securing wheatmen's interests in the broad industrial picture of empire.

Bergstroms Observe 50th Anniversary

Relatives and friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Bergstrom in Ione last Friday evening to honor Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bergstrom of Gooseberry on their 50th wedding anniversary. Married in Heppner, December 8, 1889, Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom have been continuous residents of the Gooseberry section where they have a comfortable home and have for many years enjoyed the fruits of their labors.

Immediate members of the family present at the celebration were Oscar Bergstrom and family of Portland, William Bergstrom and Carl F. Bergstrom and families of Ione, and a grandson, Robert B. Cochran of Yakima. Outside guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Chalstrom and daughter Marie, and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. H. Chalstrom and her two children, all of Portland, and Mrs. Opal Holman of Yakima. Mr. and Mrs. Chalstrom are life-long friends of the Bergstroms.

A large wedding cake trimmed with golden bells formed the centerpiece for the elaborate buffet luncheon. Prior to serving, the guests were entertained with vocal solos by Mrs. A. N. Chalstrom and congratulatory talks were made by Mrs. Claude Huston and John Chalstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom were recipients of many beautiful gifts.

Besides the guests named above, the following Morrow county friends were present to felicitate Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee, Mrs. Mary Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Drake, Mrs. Hilma Anderson, Miss Louise Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson, Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lundell, Mrs. Carl Allyn, Maxine Allyn, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Long, Mrs. Harley Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom, Marilyn Bergstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Huston, Mrs. Olaf Bergstrom, Miss Florence Bergstrom, Miss Esther Bergstrom, Alfred Bergstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Warfield, Mrs. Henry Peterson, Herbert Peterson, Mrs. Henry Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Carlson.

Past Matrons Hold Annual Banquet

Honoring the incoming matron of Ruth chapter No. 32, Mrs. Madge Thomson, the Past Matrons club of the local chapter held their annual banquet in the dining room of Hotel Heppner Wednesday evening. The dining room was tastefully decorated in holiday attire, with holly predominating. Turkey and all the accompaniments were the offering for the feast.

The incoming matron was welcomed by the junior past matron, Mrs. Faye Ferguson. Other members expressed words of welcome and pleasure, and a card of remembrance was signed and sent to Mrs. Effie Gilliam, a charter member and one of the first matrons of Ruth chapter, who is now confined to her home by illness.

Included in the group attending the banquet were Past Matrons Rebecca Patterson, Jessie Pruyon, Eppa Ward, Hazel Vaughn, Florence Hughes, Ealor Huston, Blanche Patterson, Charlotte Gordon, Anna Bayliss, Virginia Turner, Elizabeth Dix, Gertrude Parker, Faye Ferguson, of Ruth Chapter, and Martha Dick and Margaret Blake of Locust chapter, Ione.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Announcements are out for the forthcoming marriage of Miss Alma Van Winkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van Winkle of Lexington, and Mr. Herman Green, Heppner business man and son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green. The ceremony will be performed at 8 o'clock Christmas night in the Heppner Methodist church. Following the ceremony a reception will be held in the church parlors. Friends of the young people have been extended an invitation to attend both functions.

Eight Mile Folks Visit in Chicago

Mrs. Guy Huston and son Milo are expected home this week from Chicago where they have been attending the International Livestock exposition.

The annual Christmas tree of the Rhea Creek grange will be held at the hall at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., December 22. Adults as well as children will exchange gifts. The adults are asked to bring useful gifts not to exceed 25 cents in value.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mason and daughter of Monmouth have been guests for the last two weeks at the home of Mrs. Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Akers.

Week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Olaf Bergstrom were Mr. and Mrs. John Chalstrom and daughter, Marle, and Mrs. Algott Chalstrom and children, Bobby and Lois, all of Portland. They were here to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bergstrom.

Several Eight Mile people attended the wheat league convention in Condon last week end.

Kenneth Batty returned Saturday evening from a business trip to Portland.

Grange meeting, postponed from last week, will be held Friday night, Dec. 15, with potluck supper at 6 o'clock.

RUTH CHAPTER ELECTS

Ruth chapter No. 32, O. E. S. held election of officers last Friday night when the following were elected:

Madge Thomson, worthy matron; Robert Wightman, worthy patron; Etta Parker, associate matron; Archie Ball, associate patron; Ella Benge conductress; Annie Schaffer, associate conductress; Daisy Shively, secretary and Rose Liebbrand, treasurer. Plans are under way for the annual Christmas dinner of Maons and Eastern Star members which will be held on the evening of Dec. 20 in the Masonic hall. The dinner will be served at 5:30 p. m. and will be followed by intallation of officers. A call has been issued for all old and new officers to report for practice Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p. m.

Auxiliary Busy With Holiday Activities

Holiday activities are claiming the attention of the American Legion auxiliary these last two weeks before Christmas. At Monday night's meeting at the home of Mrs. Anna Bayliss 20 members were present. Mrs. Lera Crawford, Americanism chairman, reported a visit to the school in company with Mrs. Ruth Tamblin, Popy Poster chairman, where the essay contest, flag code and poppy poster contests were discussed with the teachers.

Mrs. Etta Parker, hospital chairman, read a card of thanks for the pillow covers and bound stories which were sent to the veterans' hospital by this unit. Mrs. Millie Evans, membership chairman, reported that the unit's quota for the year had been filled. One dollar's worth of Christmas health seals were bought

and one dollar will be sent to the gift shop at the veterans' hospital. Gifts for local child welfare Christmas cheer were brought to this meeting. There will be a collection of food and toys for two Christmas baskets.

The next meeting will be January 8 at the home of Mrs. Faye Ferguson. Initiation will be held at this meeting.


Morrow Youths Join Uncle Sam's Navy

Within the past week two young men from Morrow county joined the forces of Uncle Sam's first line of defense, the navy. On Dec. 7, Norval Andrew Shannon of Boardman left Portland with 25 other young men for the naval training station at San Diego, Cal. Monday of that week, John Rolland Berry, Jr., of Heppner joined another group from Seattle and Portland headed for the same point.

During the month of December, 4200 men will be accepted for enlistment in the navy throughout the nation. Of this number, 106 will be enlisted from the Portland recruiting district which includes the state of Oregon, northeast Washington and northern Idaho.

Luckman brothers are constructing a new sheep shed and building an addition to the old shed at their ranch in the Lena section. J. S. Baldwin and Carl Oviatt are the workmen on the job.

Pigs for sale by George Evans.



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