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Officers of EOWL Arrange Program By "Headliners"

"High Powered"
Line-Up Set for
Opening Session

Pendleton.—An unusually "high powered" program has been arranged for the thirteenth annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League here December 5 to 7, according to the detailed list of topics received from officers of the league.

After Thursday's sessions devoted entirely to committee meetings, the league will begin its general two-day meeting on Friday morning. Following is a condensed outline of the program as now arranged:

Friday, December 6

Forenoon—Opening musical selection at 9:30 o'clock; address of welcome, C. L. Lieualen, mayor of Pendleton; response by Harvey Miller, Heppner; president's annual address by C. K. Barker, Condon; report of Charles W. Smith, secretary-treasurer; "Trends in Livestock and Crop Production in the United States," by Orlo H. Maughn, director of research, Farm Credit administration, Spokane; "The World Wheat Situation and Outlook," Gordon P. Boals, federal economist, Washington, D. C.

Afternoon—"Experimental Results of Feeding Wheat to Livestock," by D. E. Richards, superintendent of the Union branch experiment station; "Desirable Land Use Adjustments in Oregon," Wm. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, O.S.C.; "Some Aspects and Implications of American Foreign Policies in the Present World Situation," R. L. Edminister, assistant to the secretary of state, Washington, D. C. Evening banquet and entertainment at 6:30 o'clock.

Saturday, December 7

Forenoon—"Plans for Distributing Bonneville Power," Paul J. Raver, administrator; "Agriculture and Defense," Grover C. Hill assistant secretary of agriculture, Washington, D. C.; "Farmers' Programs for Meeting Wheat Problems," N. E. Dodd, director of western region, AAA, Washington, D. C.; reports of federal agricultural and conservation programs committee, and transportation committee.

Afternoon—"Modern Millers' Problems Meeting Changing World Conditions," A. M. Scott, president of the North Pacific Millers' association; reports of committees on production, handling, marketing and weed control; taxation, legislation, and rural electrification and land use; business session and election of officers.

Firemen's Ball Set For December 21

Heppner's volunteer firemen have set December 21 as the date for their annual ball, always one of the highlight social events of the winter season. This year's event will be semi-formal and will be held at the Elks hall with The Men About Town playing the music.

Proceeds of the ball go into the firemen's fund from which each year is taken part of the money to defray expenses of the community Christmas tree and treat. A pre-sale of tickets will be made and the ball committee, headed by Blaine Isom, extends the hope that the public will respond in its usual generous manner.

MARRIED IN RENO

Report has reached friends here of the recent marriage of Mrs. Muriel Van Marter and Dr. R. M. Rice at Reno, Nevada. They have established residence on a small tract near Oakland, Cal.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

The President of the United States having designated Thursday, the twenty-first day of November next, as a day of national Thanksgiving, now therefore, I, Charles A. Sprague, Governor of Oregon, in conformity with the law of the state and with honorable custom, do proclaim said Thursday, the twenty-first day of November, 1940, as Thanksgiving Day in Oregon, to be observed as a public holiday.

Thanksgiving comes as the circle of the year curves in its closing arc. The burnished shield of the hunter's moon hangs in the sky. Deer forsake the parks of high mountains and geese point their echelons southward with unerring instinct. The fields which have yielded in liberal response to the farmers' discipline lie brown or fallow in their period of refreshment. Massing clouds herald winter rains and snows which provide, in the endless cycle of the seasons, moisture for the summer to follow.

As in ancient times religious rites marked the seedtime and the ingathering, so in the modern age the vernal awakening and the autumnal harvest inspire holy festivals of invocation and thanksgiving. Accordingly, with humility and true gratitude let our people assemble on the day herein appointed, at their several places of worship, and there offer thanks to Almighty God for the blessings we as a people enjoy. His hand has stayed at our gates War and Famine and Pestilence. Here schools and churches and libraries remain free; the arts flourish. Age is respected; youth is privileged; those who toil are protected. A sharp political campaign has ended on a common note of unity as a vigilant citizenship sets guards to preserve the nation's security.

Our prayers of thanksgiving for these manifold benefits should be joined with petitions for grace to sustain us. Let not our prosperity be dissipated with indulgence; and may sympathy with suffering kinfolk in motherlands drive out the vice of arrogance. Above all, in forging instruments of force, let us not forsake old standards of justice and righteousness and brotherhood. They must remain the constant goals of humankind.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed.

Done in the City of Salem this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty.

CHARLES A. SPRAGUE,

(SEAL)

Governor.

ATTEST:

EARL SNELL,

Secretary of State.

AAA Election Plans Laid at Meeting

Plans were made for the election of 1941 AAA community and county committeemen at a meeting of present committeemen in the county agent's office Monday, November 18.

There will be some changes in the 1941 program and the allowances and specifications will be in printed form at the time the elections are held during the third week of December for this reason, it was decided by the committeemen that an educational meeting should be held in conjunction with the elections.

A definite date for the election has not been set but will probably be December 17, 18 or 19. Arrangements are being made for a member of the state committee to be present to discuss with the farmers the AAA program and various phases of it.

Any farmer intending to participate in the 1941 farm or range program is eligible to vote for community committeemen and having this opportunity to elect by popular vote members of their association to administer the program in the county should take advantage of it.

According to C. D. Conrad, secretary of the county association, the administrators of the farm program look to the farmers for suggestions in setting up conservation practices and at the December meeting or any other meeting farmers should feel free to make suggestions regarding the program. A record is kept of such suggestions and are considered by the state committee and western region directors in setting up the following year's program.

Governor to Urge Early Labor Sign-Up

Salem, Nov. 20.—Early completion of Oregon's skilled labor inventory as a vital step in the national defense program will be urged by Governor Sprague in a radio address over KOIN at 6:15 Friday evening, November 22, 1940.

With defense plants being speeded up all over the country, the governor is expected to ask that employers and employees co-operate in making prompt reports to the Board for the Mobilization of Labor.

Registration of independent business men, farmers and others who may have been missed in the first batch of 350,000 forms will start this week in every part of the state.

In Portland, skilled men can secure the occupational blanks at 2,000 filling stations, grocery and drug stores. Registration points in other towns are being designated by 500 members of representative local committees.

Already returns from about a third of Oregon's 10,000 principal concerns have disclosed thousands of workers employed in other lines but anxious to return to primary trades in helping speed up defense production. Tabulation of the inventory, expected to start soon, will show experienced men in all of the 370 listed defense occupations.

C. W. Barlow county clerk, returned home Saturday from Portland where he went on Wednesday previous in company with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Akers who had been visiting at the Barlow home.

Thanks Day Arrives Ahead of Time for Thin-Haired Pooch

It was a couple of days before Thanksgiving—but there's one little thin-haired pup had a real day of thanks.

His name was not learned, but the little canine belonging to Frank Roberts, was shivering and whining from the cold as Frank went out to feed him in the morning. His hair was so thin that the blue skin showed through.

Mr. Roberts took pity, and soon rustled the pooch a little wool shirt. The gift proved most welcome, as the little doggie wagged his tail in appreciation and took care to keep the garment in place all day long.

Knox, Thompson Are Lions Speakers

Coach Bob Knox reported the high school grid season just past, and viewed prospects for the coming basketball season before the Monday Lions luncheon at Camp Heppner, CCC. Also a featured speaker was Earl Thompson, farmer field representative for AAA, in the city to meet with community committeemen that day to plan for the coming AAA elections in December.

The meeting was largely attended by the members and Conley Latham and Rhea Luper were introduced as guests.

Knox cited that while Heppner's record of wins in the season just past might not be impressive, he considered it his most successful year of coaching from the standpoint of team advancement and general cooperative spirit. He said he believed boys on a team who lost occasionally got something more out of the game than those who always win; and that is "how to take it."

Thompson pointed to the AAA set-up as an efficient organization with which to control farm production under the national defense program, told of the excellent record of cooperation by Morrow county, and extended the belief that town business men and farmers need to get together more often in discussing mutual problems. He recalled the farmer-business man dinner held in Heppner last year under sponsorship of AAA, and thought it probable that another such meeting might be arranged this year.

Mustangs Starting Basketball Season

Basketball practice got under way Monday at the high school with 23 boys turning out. Experienced Mustang hoopers back from last year are Claude Snow, Hugh Crawford, James Barratt, Don Bennett, Dub Aiken, Bill Scrivner, Buddy Blakely and Bob Pinckney. The other boys that are turning out are new to the game.

League play does not open until after the Christmas holidays but a number of games are being scheduled with other schools before that time. The first game will be with Ione, Nov. 29.

Three first team men from last year's squad have been lost by the "19 year rule," but their loss is going to be less of a blow than it was in football, said Coach Bob Knox. The situation is helped by the large number of experienced reserves who are turning out.

40 Elk Checked Through Heppner

With the elk season just closed the total animals checked through the Heppner station was 40, between 20 and 25 of which were killed in the local forest district, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger.

A number of local nimrods bagged their game, including Chas. B. Cox, Gene Ferguson, Logie Richardson, Len and Earl Gilliam and Ray Drake.

Christmas Plans, Roads, Telephones Talked by Chamber

Dinner With Farmers
to Return Last
Year's Get-Together

Santa Claus will have the biggest reception ever in Heppner this year if the desires expressed at Monday evening's chamber of commerce dinner take effect. It was left in the hands of the committee, George Howard and J. O. Peterson to contact churches, lodges and other organizations of the city to coordinate efforts in staging one large community Christmas party.

Fire Chief Ralph Beamer was present and reported plans of the fire boys to provide tree, Santa Claus and a treat. They have been allotted \$25 by the city to put up the tree, and while not asking assistance from anyone, they were accorded the expression of chamber members that it would be a good idea if all organizations would join in making it a huge community party—probably to be held the last days of school before the holidays.

Two road matters—fixing the two severe curves on the Jones hill road, and grading of 3¼ miles of the Condon-Heppner road to the Gilliam county line—were backed by chamber of commerce action. The Jones hill curves were held to be extremely hazardous, and especially so to movement of logging trucks. Several logging trucks were reported to have already lost their loads on these curves and innumerable car accidents have happened at the spots. H. D. McCurdy spoke for the grading on the sector of the Heppner-Condon road to be abandoned for the new survey when the road is finally completed. How soon the new survey will be put through has not been determined, Mr. McCurdy contended, and meantime the sector to be abandoned remains as a ditch, with water draining into instead of from the road, and practically impassable in the wet season. Importance of the road justifies its being graded until the new sector is completed, he said, and it was the opinion of chamber members present that the state highway commission should be urged to give it their attention as the state is obliged to maintain the road as a secondary highway.

A dinner with farmers of the county as special guests was favored by club members to return the dinner tendered business men by the farmers last winter. Details were left in the hands of Chas. B. Cox as chairman of the agricultural committee, and it was tentatively planned to stake the dinner sometime in January.

A round table discussion of policy of chamber meetings favored bringing in an outside speaker occasionally who would be qualified to discuss matters of vital importance to the membership.

Harlan McCurdy was scheduled to bring a special message at the next meeting on taxation problems as related to the livestock industry.

ANOTHER PIONEER

This newspaper started something when it cited Jason Biddle of Rhea creek as a real pioneer, Mr. Biddle having come to the county in '89. Lotus Robison wishes to go Mr. Biddle one better. He says he came to the county in 1883, 57 years ago and has lived in the county continuously since. The first home of Mr. Robison was in Eight Mile on land now being farmed by "Slim" Emert. There wasn't a fence in the country at the time.

Dance at Rhea Creek grange to the music of the Men About Town on Saturday, Nov. 23. Supper served.