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The League Speaks

SOUNDNESS of its program in the last 13 years has caused the Eastern Oregon Wheat league to be looked upon with respect by state and national law-making bodies and the public generally.

The program emanating from sessions of the league at Pendleton last week end retains evidence of the same balanced judgment of former years and will have its effect in bettering conditions for eastern Oregon's large wheat industry.

Space here does not allow a detailed account of the proceedings. These will be published in book form later by the league and sent to all its members, as has been the past custom. When the book is received it should have the close scrutiny and study of recipients, and others interested in wheat men's problems should make it a point to look it over carefully.

Next year the league conference is coming to Heppner again, and plans should be laid immediately to make this meeting an outstanding success. Heppner has had a good record in entertaining the league in the past. But each year the organization has grown larger and stronger and it will take concerted and united effort to do the job right next year.

The general picture of the wheat industry as brought out at the Pendleton conference is not overly bright as to prospects in the immediate future and it behooves all who are in any way dependent upon it to lend a hand in doing what may be done to improve the situation.

The industry is still confronted by a large surplus, which, while beneficial so far as meeting national emergencies is concerned, has a bearish effect upon returns to the producer. At the same time possibility of exporting a large amount has been obviated by the European war situation, and the restricted trading possibilities in the world generally.

The new national defense program is stimulating consumption at home to some extent, and certain beneficial effects may be obtained through the trade agreements with other American countries, as pointed out by Mr. Edminster. Still, as those who spoke at Pendleton say, there is no immediate prospect of higher prices except as may be obtained through managed production.

AAA program needs to be self-supporting, it was pointed out; and possibility of outright government price control to stabilize the farmer's dollar at 90 percent of parity was given some thought.

It was emphasized that no change in general production practices need be considered, as the welfare of the industry is best served by each farmer following cultivation and general production practices that have brought highest yields in the past. There is some opportunity for tak-

INSPECTOR VISITS

J. E. Fitzgerald of Seattle, inspector of Uncle Sam's postoffices, gave Heppner's new building and equipment a big recommendation on his visit here Tuesday. It is one of the finest plants of its kind n any town of the size in his territory, and the quality throughout is on a par with federal buildings in larger communities, he said. He gave the plant his wholehearted approval.

EXAMINER HERE 19TH

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, will be in Heppner next Thursday, Dec. 19, at the city hall between the hours of 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

HAND HURT IN WRINGER

Mrs. Lillie Aiken sustained a painful injury when one of her hands was caught in the wringer of her electric washing machine at home last Friday. Fourteen stitches were required to close the wounds, but she has been making fine progress.

U-O DEAN HONORED

Dean Theodore Kratt of the University of Oregon music school has been re-elected for a three-year term on the executive board of the National Association of Schools of Music and has been elected as the examiner of Pacific coast schools for the organization, it was announced here upon his return from Chicago where he attended the association's meeting of the committee on curriculum.

ing clear out of wheat production lands which do not produce enough to pay for working them; in making transportation, taxation and other savings through more equitable processes, and in finding new uses for wheat.

All of these things need to be considered, and the league has pointed out the direction which considered judgment, after full debate, dictates. That is the only wise course.

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319 Auto Fatalities In State Year to Date

A total of 319 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents in Oregon during the first eleven months of this year, figures compiled by the traffic safety division of the state department revealed today.

Of this total, 120 persons, or 37.6 percent, were pedestrians, most of whom were elderly persons struck by cars driven by younger drivers after dark.

During the month of November, 39 persons were killed in accidents, 13 of them being pedestrians. The November toll was the heaviest for any month of the year, October coming second with 37 deaths and June third with 36 fatalities.

"The severe traffic death tolls during the months of October and November follow the general trend of increased fatalities during the winter season," a statement released by the safety division shows. "Unless every pedestrian and driver in Oregon will make a conscious effort to avoid actions which may result in accidents, the December toll will be correspondingly high because throughout the nation, December is the worst month, so far as traffic fatalities are concerned."

A get-together meeting of county Oddfellows was held Tuesday evening at Lexington with 55 members present from Lexington, Heppner, Ione and Morgan lodges. Many old-timers were present and interesting talks were given. A big dinner was served at the close of the regular lodge session.

MAKES GOOD SEAL SALE

Leonard Carlson, chairman of the Eight Mile and Gooseberry communities in the Christmas seal sale, wishes to thank its many patrons for their kind support in this drive. A total of \$31.50 was collected.

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