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City All Ready To Entertain Largest Influx In History

Extra Housing, Eating Facilities Listed; Big Banquet Planned

Expectations were being fulfilled this morning as a fast filling Main street presaged one of the largest crowds in history for an Eastern Oregon Wheat league meeting, or any event ever staged here.

More than a hundred visitors arrived at 6:30 this morning in the special seven-Pullman train, cars of which will augment local sleeping facilities. Auto loads of visitors continued to arrive all morning.

Local committees had all arrangements well in hand this morning, with courtesy cars meeting the train passengers and escorting them to various eating places. Courtesy cars will continue to be available at the headquarters in Hotel Heppner, next to lobby entrance, where guides will also be found to take visitors to rooms in homes, more than a hundred of which have been registered.

Registration for the convention sessions may be done here or at the school gym-auditorium where all meetings are being held. In addition to league memberships, visitors' badges, programs and banquet tickets are available at these places, the league membership for a dollar, and banquet tickets a dollar. There is no registration fee.

Banquet tickets are being reserved for visitors first. They will only be made available to townspeople if any of the 600 tickets are left tomorrow afternoon.

The banquet will be staged at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening at the county pavilion on north Main street. "Dusty" Rhodes of Pendleton will prepare the food and it will be served by high school girls. Judge C. L. Sweek of Pendleton, veteran E. O. W. L. banquet toastmaster, will fill this role again, and the principal speaker of the evening will be Dr. U. G. Dubach, dean of men at Oregon State college. Favors have been contributed by Portland firms. H. A. Cohn is banquet chairman, with J. G. Barratt as head of the entertainment.

E. Harvey Miller is head of the local convention committee, with other sub-committee chairmen as follows: J. O. Turner, housing; B. C. Pinckney, meeting place; Kenneth Blake, courtesy cars; L. E. Bergevin, registration; Vawter Parker, window decorations.

Store windows are showing attractive displays in a contest for \$10 and \$5 prizes offered by the chamber of commerce.

AIKEN IN AIR CORPS

Joe E. Aiken, former Central Washington college athlete, is now a member of the first class of cadets in the new Air Corps Replacement center (Aircrew) at Kelly Field, Texas, says a recent Ellensburg, Wn., press clipping. He was in school here from 1939 to 1941. He played football, basketball and baseball and was a boxer. He is from Heppner. Aiken entered the school November 12. He will go through five weeks of preliminary training before being sent to a primary flying school where he will start flight training. Flight training will take another five weeks. Then he will go to an advanced school from where Aiken will be graduated 30 weeks later as an officer in the army.

MAKES FIRST TEAM

Dubby Aiken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken of this city, is numbered among those present on the first basketball team at Central Washington College of Education at Ellensburg, Wash. The team is coached by Leo Nicholson, former Heppner high school athlete and four year basketball letterman at University of Washington.

BANK HEAD SLATED



R. E. Brown, general agent of the Farm Credit administration of Spokane, and president of the Federal Land bank of Spokane, who will speak at the Eastern Oregon Wheat league meeting here tomorrow. His topic will be, "Farm Financing, Present and Future."

Growers Endorse Triple A Program

More than 300 wheat growers from the three Pacific northwest states, plus a group of department of agriculture officials from Washington, D. C., assembled in Heppner this morning for the opening sessions of the fourteenth annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league.

With Governor Charles A. Sprague and N. E. Dodd, of Baker, director of AAA's western division and other officials of AA and the Federal Crop Insurance corporation in attendance, the morning session was devoted to a meeting of the committee on federal agricultural and conservation programs. Will Steen of Milton presided as chairman.

Unanimous endorsement of federal AAA and crop insurance programs, with minor changes, was embodied in resolutions urging their continuance. The group recommended three year marketing quotas with no change in present penalty regulations and 85 percent commodity loans and expressed belief that the wheat surplus problem could best be solved through strict enforcement of marketing quotas without reducing the national wheat allotment below the present 55 million acre minimum.

Bauman Named Head Of State Sheriffs

Another laurel came to Morrow county last week end when the annual convention of state sheriffs elected C. J. D. Bauman, local sheriff, as president of the organization for the coming year. Bauman served as vice-president last year. A former Heppner boy, Bruce Spaulding of Dallas, was elected head of the state association of district attorneys at the same time.

Bauman reports the sessions last week among the livest he has had the privilege to attend.

STANLEY MINOR INJURED

Stanley Minor suffered lacerations and bruises which required first aid when he was struck by a motorcycle Saturday evening on Main street. Stanley was just passing by as Spencer Fox of Stanfield stopped the gas cycle at the curb and dismounted, and the cycle continued on to the sidewalk, striking Minor. Fox rushed the injured man to a doctor immediately where his injuries were attended to, and, fortunately, none proved serious.

Apartment, oil heat, automatic hot water. A. Q. Thomson. 1tp.

AAA Community Elections In Week Start New Year

'Food for Defense' to Play Important Part In New Program

Approximately 500 farmers, members of the Morrow County Agricultural conservation association, are eligible to vote next week at the annual AAA community elections, Henry Baker, county AAA chairman, announced yesterday.

Community committees and delegates to the county conventions will be chosen at the community election meetings, which have been scheduled as follows:

Alpine, Eightmile, Lexington, Morgan, Ione, North Heppner, South Heppner-Hardman—1:30 p. m., Tuesday, December 9, at the I. O. O. F. hall, Heppner.

Irrigon—9:30 a. m., Wednesday, December 10 at the Water Office.

Boardman—1:30 p. m., Wednesday, December 10, at the FFA Room in the Boardman High school.

Following the community elections, delegates to the county convention will meet to review the business of the association during the past program year, and to elect county committeemen for 1942.

"Triple A's role in the all-important food for defense program will place added responsibilities on all AAA committeemen during the coming year," Mr. Baker said. "I believe that this is all the more reason why everyone who has a vote should attend his community meeting and help name the men who will handle this increased responsibility," the chairman added.

Fox Hunting, New Sport, in Which Horse Proves Superior

(Contributed)

Last week one of Sheriff Bauman's silver foxes escaped from its pen and led a free life for a few hours.

Deputy Earle Bryant was notified and he quickly organized a posse of a score or more and gave chase. The fox retired to the side of the hill east of town and proceeded to lead the posse on until he finally gave them the slip.

Frank Tousley, the horse trainer at the Rodeo grounds, seeing the chase, decided the proper method to catch the fox was to rope it from horseback.

Members of the posse told him where the fox had last been seen and he soon found him and gave chase. The horse, a palomino stallion named Sundancer and owned by Chuck Oswald of dude ranch fame, fell into the spirit of the game and quickly put Mr. Tousley within roping distance at a downhill run, and Tousley made his catch on the first loop.

The then defeated fox was wrapped in a blanket and taken back to his pen much the wiser about cow horses and ropes.

Mr. Tousley said all credit was due the horse, and Sundancer, who is also trained to do tricks, bowed and nodded his head.

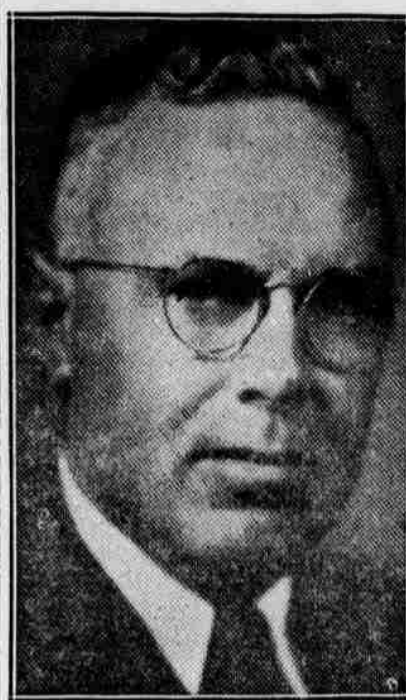
TRAFFIC LANES PAINTED

As Heppner's main thoroughfare and other parts of the Oregon-Washington highway in town were treated to renovation of the center yellow line this week, city officials cooperated to mark off pedestrian lanes at intersections, augmenting traffic regulation as the big Eastern Oregon Wheat league meeting approached.

PARTY GIVEN

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Patterson were hosts Monday evening at a party given in honor of Peggy Aiken who is leaving shortly for Vancouver, Wash. A number of lady friends were invited guests, and Mrs. Aiken was presented with two traveling cases.

HIS MESSAGE HOT



People of Heppner and Morrow county have an exceptional opportunity to hear a first hand message from Europe, and one that will make national news, when R. M. Evans, chief of AAA nationally speaks before the Eastern Oregon Wheat league meeting Saturday morning. Mr. Evans has just returned from England where he learned first-hand the food needs of that country. He will tell what he learned there and what America farmers can do to help. School children especially will find his address the source of up-to-the-minute information, as well as to see a man who has a major part in controlling the agricultural destinies of the country and of the world.

Governor Lauds Defense Efforts

The patriotism of the people of Oregon cannot be beat, Governor Charles A. Sprague told a group of county defense councilmen, county and city officials who met at the courthouse following noon luncheon at the Lucas Place today.

Oregon has led the nation in filling its quota for the enlarged militia (and here he paid tribute to the late George A. White, commander of the 41st division), it has been first in buying defense bonds, it led in an inventory of workers to prevent disruption of labor in industrial centers, its agriculture is cooperating in the food for defense program, and now an inventory of industrial plants in the state is being taken that Oregon can the most effectively prosecute her part in the defense efforts.

While Governor Sprague admitted to different party affiliation, he emphasized that the people of America must present a united front behind the national administration's policies, especially those related to foreign relations.

The governor commended Oregon's labor leaders for this state's good record of strikes and lock-outs in defense industries. There have been no major strikes in Oregon in the last two years, he averred.

While declaring his candidacy to succeed to the state's highest office at the next general election, the governor said "I am not now on a political mission. I came only to attend the wheat league." He said it is too early to do any campaigning.

Declaring the state's budget now balanced with money in the treasury, due largely to receipts from income tax, he announced himself in favor of "little change" in the present income tax laws. Especially did he protest expending income tax money in ways other than now provided. He hoped that excess income tax funds would always be used to relieve the property tax, as it did this year by paying the elementary school tax which counties were not required to levy.

The governor said he expected to go further into the tax situation in his address before the wheat league this afternoon.

Governor Sprague Among Visitors At Meeting Today

National Triple A Chief, Regional Director Also Noted

Governor Charles A. Sprague, for whom a special luncheon is being given at Lucas Place this noon, is among distinguished visitors who arrived this morning to greet the Eastern Oregon Wheat league. He expected to go on to Pendleton this afternoon. The governor is a wheat grower himself, owning a farm in eastern Washington.

Bringing national as well as state attention to the sessions today, tomorrow and Saturday will be R. M. Evans, chief of AAA from Washington, D. C., and N. E. Dodd, director of the western region, AAA. R. E. Brown, chief of the Farm Credit administration of Spokane, is another high official who will appear on the speaking program.

A meeting of the Federal Agricultural and Conservation Programs committee this morning started the convention grind.

The first general session was set for 3:30 this afternoon with the address of welcome by Mayor J. O. Turner, response by J. L. Stagg; address of the president, S. J. Culley, and annual report of the secretary, C. W. Smith. Committee meetings were to follow at 4:30 and 7:30.

A second general session will start tomorrow's program at 9:30 a. m. Musical selection will be followed by the feature address of N. E. Dodd on "Report on International Wheat Conference and World Wheat Supplies." L. E. Harris, associate professor of farm crops, O. S. C., will speak on "Experimental Results in Weed Control" with Walter Holt, Umatilla county agent leading the discussion on this subject.

At 1:30 tomorrow afternoon the session will open with a musical selection, followed by report of Land Use, Weed Control, Production, Handling, and Marketing Committee; address by Mr. Brown of FCA, Spokane, "Farm Financing, Present and Future"; address by E. B. McNaughton, president First National Bank of Portland, "After Defense, What?"

Saturday at 9 a. m. will come the report of the auditing committee, report of nominating and place of meeting committee, election of officers, and the address of Mr. Evans on "Food Needed by Great Britain and What American Farmers Can Do to Help." The address will be followed by report of Taxation, Legislation, and Transportation committee.

At 1:30 Saturday afternoon, summarization of the 4-H club wheat lamb feeding contest will be given by H. A. Lindgren, extension animal husbandman, O. S. C.; D. E. Richards will tell of "Fattening Livestock on Oregon Grown Feeds" and reports of the Federal Agricultural and Conservation Programs committee, and general resolutions committee will be given. A meeting of the league executive committee is called for 3:30 Saturday afternoon as the program finale.

INJURED BY HORSE

Miss Colleen Kilkenny, attendant to the queen at Heppner's last Rodeo and Heppner high school student, received painful injuries Saturday when a horse she was riding fell upon her. She had just reached the surfaced highway at the end of the lane leading from the farm house on Hinton creek, in chase of horses, when her horse slipped an fell on top of her. Her brother Bobby saw the accident from the house and rushed to her. Mrs. Kilkenny took her to Pendleton immediately for first aid and returned there with her Sunday for further treatment. Miss Kilkenny has since been confined at home, but no complications such as were feared have developed.