

Wasco Man Chosen Wheatgrower Head For Ensuing Year

**Paulen Kaseberg
To Head New State
Producer Group**

Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco, will head a new state wheat producers group for the coming year.

The three day meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League adjourned in Condon Saturday, and with adjournment became a new organization—at least in name. Despite considerable opposition to a name change, the wheat league became the Oregon Wheat Growers League as a result of a standing vote in Condon's Memorial hall where all general sessions of the twenty-first annual meeting have been held.

Membership in the new organization is now open to any wheat producer in the state of Oregon. Western and southern Oregon will receive representation on the board of directors by the appointment of two additional directors to represent those areas.

Kaseberg succeeds Ralph McEwen Jr. Haines as president. Other officers for the coming year are: Henry Baker, Heppner, vice-president; LeRoy Wright, Moro, secretary-treasurer; and Roscoe Roberts, The Dalles, assistant secretary.

Heppner Bid Accepted

The wheat growers voted to accept the invitation of Heppner to act as host city for the 1949 annual meeting of the wheat growers league.

Among speakers who appeared before the wheat growers session during the final day of their meeting was F. L. Ballard, associate director, OSC extension service. He commented on developments in Oregon's agriculture during the past 25 years.

He emphasized specifically that the eastern Oregon wheat variety map has changed twice during the past quarter century. He said ranchers are now generally plowing their summerfallow early in comparison to the feeling 25 years ago that the job could be done "any old time."

Ballard also commented on the increased interest that has developed in soil conservation with emphasis on erosion control and maintaining fertility throughout the wheat belt.

Among resolutions considered and rejected by the league this year was the application of two Washington counties, Klickitat and Kittitas, to allow their 4-H club members to participate in the wheat league sponsored 4-H fat stock show at The Dalles, Oregon. FFA participation in the show was considered favorably.

FFA Joins in Stock Show

A committee will be appointed to make recommendations for FFA participation. In the past show facilities in The Dalles have been the bottle neck to inclusion of this senior group in the league sponsored fat stock show and sale.

Dr. C. E. Rist from the Northern Regional USDA research laboratory, Peoria, Ill., said that wheat had occupied a position of some importance in the industrial manufacture of starch during and since the war. Use of wheat is now tapering off, he said.

Rist pointed out that wheat competes with corn for starch manufacture. Corn he said, has a high percentage of oil as a by-product in starch malting. The oil is worth about 40 cents in every bushel processed. Wheat must have new uses developed for the protein and bran by-products if it is to compete.

New Wheat Uses

At the Peoria laboratory, wheat is showing promise as a raw material for use in making industrial alcohol for fuel. Work along this line is being continued, Rist stated.

League members passed a resolution favoring the sponsorship of a bill in the next legislature requiring the enrichment of light bread flour sold in Oregon. They also expressed the desire that property taxes be reserved to local governments for tax purposes.

The federal programs and land use committee endorsed the federal crop insurance program. They also passed a resolution favoring more local farmer committee administrative powers in federal agricultural programs. Lester King, Pendleton, and his conservation and research committee was commended for their work in bringing about the soil conservation research project which is headed up at the Pendleton branch experiment station by Merrill Overson.

The league expressed a wish for re-negotiating an international wheat agreement similar to the one that failed to pass the last congress.

Progress Reported
E. J. Bell, Pendleton, made a report to the convention on pro-

Random Thoughts...

It's too bad that Jarvis Chaffee didn't put an identification tag (perhaps it would be appropriate to call it a frog tag in this instance) on that now world famous "suspended animation" frog that workmen dislodged from the courthouse basement last summer. As keeper of the grounds and buildings on the county's property where the courthouse is located Jarvis would have an opportunity to set up a museum, beginning with the frog. But since there is no identification tag or mark it will be difficult for him to round up the right specimen of the genus Rana.

Since this subject has been brought up it is pertinent to report that this newspaper has received communications from some doubting Thomases in widely separated parts of the county, people who rate prominence in the fields of science, and who want more definite information about Heppner's famous frog. Now, if the prominent specimen can be correlated, or if it can be produced upon demand, it may be possible for the scientists to determine just what makes a frog remain in a state of suspended animation over a period of 46 years and return to a normal life again upon being freed from imprisonment in such close quarters.

All this claptrap was prompted by an article in the American magazine section in Sunday's Morning Oregonian. No doubt millions of readers of that magazine have hunted up Heppner on their maps since the American Weekly got into circulation the past week end. Heretofore Texas has had a corner on stories of frogs coming to life after being imprisoned in church corners and other public buildings, and people in all sections of the United States and perhaps a large part of Canada will want to know where this upstart place is that dares horn in on the Lone Star state's specialty line.

A release of "Current Business Trends in Oregon" taken from "Oregon Business Review" treats on the population growth of Oregon during the 12 months from July 1947 to July 1948. During that time an additional 81,000 persons were added to the population of Oregon. This is at the rate of almost 7,000 a month, or 10 for each hour of the day. The Bureau of the Census now estimates Oregon's population to be 1,626,000. Two counties rate over 100,000—Multnomah with 570,291 and Lane 114,507.

Morrow county shows some gain in population since the war days. During the OPA period the count was estimated at 4,142 (this may not be correct, but is close) based on the rationing registration. Present figure is 4,770, or approximately 600 more than along in 1944 and 1945. Most of this increase has been in the towns, since the tendency is still toward bigger land holdings in the rural areas.

This column would like to see more citizen participation in civic affairs. Take the chamber of commerce, for instance. There are some 60 active businesses in the town and approximately 25 of these places are represented in an active way. It behooves the stay-aways to frequently repeat the question, "Why doesn't the chamber of commerce do something about it?"—"It" referring to any one of many things that come up from time to time having a bearing on community activities, when they are not willing to devote a little of their time towards helping to make the wheels turn. After all, chamber of commerce, service clubs and other organized groups are effective to the extent that their memberships are willing to work.

Somewhat illustrative of the foregoing paragraph is an incident of days gone by. It was about 2:30 a.m. and the firebell roused a sleeping populace into feverish action. From the light on upper Main street it looked like all of the south part of town was on fire. Members of the volunteer fire department had responded quickly and had dragged the two fire fighting hose carts to the scene where the late O. E. Farnsworth's barn was rapidly going up in flames. There was a call for more water and this meant there had to be more hose. Three stalwart young citizens

gress made during the last year by the Oregon Wheat commission. He said the commission, by contributing \$22,497.55 of its funds, has started the ball rolling on more than \$125,000 worth of projects designed to alleviate the northwest wheat problem. These projects, according to Bell, include research on wheat quality, assembling basic statistics, freight rate adjustments and educational activities to show the value of Oregon wheat. Bell made known that his discussion was taken from the commission's first biennial report to Governor-elect Douglas McKay. Jens Terjeson, Pendleton, is chairman of the Oregon Wheat commission. Most expenditures, Bell reported, are being spent for research, education and publicity—areas of

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Remember Those Good Old Days?



Rosewall Motor Co. Growth Plans Underway To Recognized By Ford Motors



An event of unusual significance is scheduled to take place in Heppner Friday evening of this week when a representative of the Ford Motor company will present a Four Letter Award to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall, owners of the Rosewall Motor company, Morrow county Ford dealers.

For this special event, Mr. and Mrs. Rosewall have arranged a dinner for their entire working organization at the Elkhorn restaurant, to be served at 7 p.m. During the course of the dinner hour, J. R. Davis, vice president in charge of sales will, through his representative, Chester Cook, Ford zone manager for this district, present to the local dealers the special award, the significance of which is explained in a release from the Ford news bureau:

The Four Letter Award, a new form of recognition recently developed by Ford, signifies that two of whom weighed in around 125 pounds and the other about 135, seized the ribbons on the racing cart and started for the fire. The going was easy from the "engine house," then located on the corner now occupied by the Terrel Bengel residence, but when the upgrade on Main street was encountered the young heroes began to lose their heroic ambitions, for that old racing cart with its six-foot wheels was not built for such light motive power. But we received great encouragement when the middle of the block was reached for there in front of one of the saloons were five or six gamblers who took time off from their labors to come outside and urge us to speed up.

The late Sheriff E. M. Shutt was the fire chief. He had no liking for the soft handed card sharks. As he approached the slow moving cart to lend a hand he took time out to dress off the curstome Johnnies with some choice terms usually associated with mule drivers, following which the knights of the green cloth meekly returned to the task of dealing the pasteboards.

Tragedy struck the Gazette Times office Wednesday evening when Koko, the family dog, became violently ill and had to be relieved of his suffering in a final manner. It was painful to the family to see him suffer and was equally painful to have to reach a decision to give him up, but it was for the best and all are resigned to his fate. Although Koko belonged to Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Dunham, he had lived almost as much with Mrs. Dunham's parents and was as much at home one place as the other. His rare brown coat and neatly marcelled cut set him aside from the regular run of cocker spaniels and his gentle and friendly disposition made him a favorite with the family and most of those with whom he came in

the dealer has done an outstanding job during the past year in complying with the four principles of automobile dealership operation which the Ford Motor company considers most important to good "Industrial citizenship" and proper service to customers and community. These four principles are: Financial stability, progressive management, competitive spirit and adequate facilities. All of these key management aims are intended to insure the finest type of automotive sales operation and to offer customers dependable and courteous service.

In his wire to Mr. Rosewall announcing the award of the certificate, Arthur S. Hatch, manager of the Western Region of the Ford Motor company, emphasized that the new program is part of the Ford Motor company's national plan for leadership in the automotive industry. "The fact that you have achieved this outstanding recognition," he stated, "is indication that we at Ford know we can depend on you to keep 'Ford Out Front' in your community."

The certificate will be mounted on a plaque for display in the Rosewall Motor company's showrooms and leadership in all principles of the Ford Four Letter program must be maintained to have it renewed on an annual basis.

The local dealership is the first in Eastern Oregon to be given the Four Letter Award, and one of 20 to gain this recognition in the northwest. Of the 6400 Ford dealers in the United States, 1500 have received the award and the aim of the Ford Motor company is to get all of the dealers on the award basis.

Christmas Spirit Pervades Program

The holiday motif prevailed in the program presented at the monthly meeting of the Heppner Parent-Teacher association at the school house Wednesday evening. Due to illness, some of the numbers had to be omitted, those of the school instrumental group coached by Robert Collins band director.

John Runyan pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ, was the principal speaker, and Mrs. C. C. Dunham sang two numbers, Brahms Lullaby, and Silent Night, accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Carmichael.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson is in Pendleton today to be near her daughter, Mrs. Richard Hayes of Arlington, who was scheduled to undergo a major surgical operation.

contact. He will be missed by patrons of the Gazette Times because of his habit of always being on the wrong side of the door, causing a repetition numerous times daily of the question, "Do you want your dog to go out—or is it alright to let this dog in?" as the case might be.

Miss Leta Humphreys is also grieving over having to be separated from her wonderful old Collie, Mac by name. He was given the name of MacDuff, which naturally became Mac as time went on. Mac had attained the ripe old age of 14, which in dog life is the equivalent of about 98 human years, and his infirmities became so acute that it was necessary to have him sent to the happy hunting ground. Miss Humphreys at first said she would never have another dog, but after a few days changed her mind and will probably be training another younger one along the lines that made Mac such a fine old canine gentleman.

Heppner Merchants Well Prepared To Meet Holiday Trade Demands



Additional Storage Space Planned By M. C. Graingrowers

Plans have been completed by the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., for the construction of a new elevator at Heppner. Space just north of the present elevator will be utilized according to Ted Smith general manager. The new structure will be 26 feet square and attain a height of 55 feet, being of the crib type, and will have a storage capacity of approximately 23,000 bushels. Estimated cost of the improvement is \$25,000.

Bangs' Tests To Start In County Monday Morning

Veterinarians are ready to begin testing cattle of the county for Bangs disease, according to announcement from the office of Nelson Anderson, county agricultural agent. The work will continue until all cattle are tested, he states.

This work is the result of a meeting held last June conducted by the county court for the purpose of determining the need for Bangs testing in the county. After hearing the opinions of livestockmen on the subject the court declared Morrow county as a compulsory Bangs test area.

The disease control committee appointed by the Morrow County Stockgrowers association is working on the program to make schedules for the testing. They are asking that all livestockmen cooperate in the program and each livestock grower is asked to contact the county agent's office and arrange for a date to have his cattle tested. There will be two veterinarians working in the county and it is important that enough cattle be lined up for them to test Anderson states.

Chorus to Present Vesper Program at Legion Hall 19th

The Christmas vesper service which has been an annual activity of the Woman's chorus the past five years will be given this year at the American Legion hall. Four o'clock p. m. is the hour chosen and the day will be Sunday, December 19.

Several old favorites and some new songs are being rehearsed and the program gives promise of holding unusual interest. Bible reader for the service will be Mrs. William (Jane Huston) Rawlins, whose talents in that direction are distinctive and always add quality to any program upon which she appears. Following the service tea will be served to all in attendance.

HAD SLIGHT JAR

A communication from Mrs. Jerry Bolman (Harriet Helker) states that the earthquake in the Los Angeles area on December 4 shook them up a bit but no damage was suffered in Huntington Park where she and Mr. Bolman live. However the stores had canned good all over the floors, a fact confirmed in news pictures the following day.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual election of officers Tuesday evening, Heppner Lodge No. 69, A.F. & A.M. elevated Harold Becket to the post of worshipful master, Harley Anderson to senior warden, Harry Van Horn to junior warden; re-elected R. B. Rice as treasurer and elected C. J. D. Bauman as secretary. Other officers will be announced at the time of installation, which will take place the night of December 18.

Stanley Minor has returned home after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Minor at Dalesport, Wash. The men are cousins and Mrs. Minor is a sister of Mrs. Mary Stephens of Heppner proprietor of Mary Van's Flower Shop.

Harold Arbogast victim of severe burns about his face during season when a lantern he was lighting exploded has been taken to Portland for plastic surgery.

The lantern had been filled with gasoline by mistake. I. Skoubo of Boardman was among visitors from the north end of the county transacting business in Heppner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mulligan of Boardman were business visitors in the county seat Saturday, having matters at the courthouse to claim their attention. He was Dr. L. D. Tibbles and family were Portland visitors the past week-end. The doctor attended a Shrine ceremonial and also took in the football game between the Grants Pass and Jefferson high schools when the southern Oregon team won the state championship.

Memorial Service Honors Deceased Brothers of Elks

The absent brothers, those who respond no more when their names are called, were memorialized in a fitting manner Sunday afternoon when Heppner Lodge No. 358, B.P.O.E. held its annual Lodge of Sorrow. The impressive ceremonial work of the officers and the address by Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien stressed the lesson of brotherly love which is a cardinal virtue of the order.

A feature of the program was the Woman's chorus, which sang three numbers to the delight of all present.

School Boards Of County To Meet In Heppner Dec. 20

The Rural School Board of Morrow county, in session at the office of Supt. Henry Tetz Wednesday, set December 20 as the date for the official presentation of local school district budgets. All board members of the Irrigon, Boardman, Lone Lexington and Heppner schools have been invited to this meeting. Each school will present its budget with such explanations and comments as are necessary, announces Mr. Tetz.

The rural board feels that each school should get the over-all picture and to have a mutual understanding of each other's problems.

A dinner will be served at the Heppner school at 6 o'clock. The educational program of Morrow county is of vital importance to the people of the county. Tetz said. They are especially interested in the financial support of that program and that of course will be the important part of the meeting," he concluded.

John Day Man To Run Taxi Service

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening the application of Jim Lyons of John Day to operate a taxi service in Heppner was given favorable consideration. Lyons is now awaiting word from the state public utility commissioner relative to his application for a PUC license.

A rate schedule was submitted by the applicant, who stated that his car will be available for both town and outside service. It is thought that a car catering to this type of business will not only enjoy considerable patronage in town but that it will also be called upon to haul people to and from main line points. Little but routine business was taken up at Monday night's meeting. The outgoing members of the council are refraining as much as possible from entering upon new measures, desiring to leave such matters to the new council to be seated January 3.

MASONIC HALL REPAIRS UNDERWAY THIS WEEK

Work of repairing the rear end of the upper floor of the Masonic building damaged several weeks ago by fire is underway this week, with Howard Kethley in charge.

Alterations at first contemplated have been abandoned by the building committee and the kitchen walls will remain the same with the exception that an opening will be made for the purpose of serving directly into the dining room.

A complete new electric kitchen will be installed as soon as the repairs to the walls and ceiling arrangement will make for more efficient work when the cooks are called upon to work in the kitchen.

It is expected that everything will be in place by the 18th inst. when the big annual joint installation banquet will be served.

Christmas shopping is being made easy for the people of this section by the merchants of Heppner. By that is meant that stocks of merchandise are plentiful and selections are of a wide variety—and the quality is of a high order, embracing many nationally advertised brands.

As the season advances Main street is taking on more of a holiday atmosphere. Street decorations are in place (and the Christmas trees are scheduled to go up this week end) and merchants are making their windows attractive with alluring gift merchandise.

Holiday gift shopping, which got off to a slow start, seems to be getting "in the groove" now. The postoffice reports a pick-up in package mail, although this business has not developed to the fever stage as yet. Incoming mail is much heavier, a lot of it due to shipments of merchandise thru this channel. Gift packages should begin to arrive in earnest within another week. The same rule should also apply to outgoing mail by that time.

But back to merchandise. There is everything one could wish for whether it be something to wear, something for the home, or the many little things that go to add zest to living, including electric trains for daddy and big brother Bill.

Electrical appliances are much in the foreground, what with at least seven stores carrying these lines. Almost anything in the appliance line makes an acceptable gift to a person or family not now possessing certain items.

Clothing stores, both women's and men's, have many beautiful, practical items that make gift choosing an easy matter, and the drug stores are fairly alive with articles that rate high in the list of the Christmas shopper.

So the slogan for this year's shopping is: Try Heppner first and you will not have to go elsewhere.

Wranglers Enjoy Dance and Supper

Members of the Wranglers club and their families to the number of approximately 75 enjoyed a dance and midnight supper at the Lexington grange hall Saturday evening. Dancing started at 9 and alternated between modern steps and square dances, with music provided by Harold Erwin with his guitar and Mrs. Linnie Loudon at the piano.

The midnight supper consisted of hot dishes and pies.

ELKS BILL SMORGASBORD FOR SATURDAY EVENING

Heppner lodge No. 358, B.P.O.E. has extended an invitation to all Elks and their ladies to attend a party at the hall Saturday evening, December 11, the outstanding feature of which will be dinner smorgasbord style.

A smorgasbord dinner was served by the lodge a few weeks ago and proved so popular with those attending that it was thought well to repeat.

NO LEXINGTON NEWS

Due to the death of a relative in Portland the Gazette Times correspondent in Lexington, Mrs. C. C. Jones, was unable to send in her usual grist of news this week. It is hoped she will cover the more important events of the past week in next week's issue of the paper.



This Week In History

December 4 to Dec. 11
A distinguished but unhappy man died 52 years ago this week on Dec. 10, 1896. His name Alfred Nobel. Nobel, a Swedish scientist, developed dynamite, blasting gelatin and several types of smokeless powder. His inventions brought him great wealth but also ill-health, for the use of his works for purposes of death and destruction, sickened him. In his will, he left about \$10 million to provide 5 annual prizes for the most outstanding scientists and persons contributing most to world peace.