

## 1st Annual Oregon Wheat League Convention Opens Today

### Many Prominent Wheat Men in Attendance.

Good Speakers On Program For Friday, Saturday Sessions

The first annual Oregon Wheat League convention opened in Heppner at 10 o'clock this morning in what promises to be one of the most interesting sessions of the wheat men since organization of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League some 22 years ago.

Organizational work is the main order of business today and the principal part of the program will start at 10 a. m. Friday when delegates and visitors gather at the school gymnasium to take up the subjects that are of such vital importance to growers and those concerned with marketing and distribution problems of the industry.

Facilities of the county court house and the American Legion hall are being used today by the committees, of which five, with their chairmen, are listed: Production and transportation, Donald McKinnis; federal agricultural programs and land use, Robert Taylor; taxation and legislation, Kenneth Fridley; wheat disposal and market developments, Robert Wood; and young peoples activities, Virgil Larson.

The executive committee will meet at 4 this afternoon and brief preliminary reports of standing committees will be given at 7:30 p. m.

Officers of the 1949 Oregon Wheat League are as follows: President, Paul Kaseberg, Wasco; vice president, Henry Baker, Ione; secretary-treasurer, LeRoy C. Wright, Baker; assistant secretary, Roscoe Roberts, The Dalles.

Executive committee members include C. D. Conrad, Baker county; Edson McCasane, Union county; North Powder; Robert Hammond, Wallowa county; Enterprise; Ronald Lew, Umatilla county; Pendleton; L. L. Howton, Morrow county; Jack Smith, Gilliam county; Mayville; Floyd Root, Sherman county; Wasco; Eldon Emerson, Wasco county; The Dalles; Henry Thornton, Jefferson county; Ashwood; L. R. Jernstead, western district; Carlton; Ivan DeArmond, western district; Hubbard; and Elmo Angele, southern district, Lakeview.

Standing committee chairmen (also members of the executive committee): Kenneth Fridley, taxation, legislation, Wasco; Virgil Larson, youth activities, Condon; Robert Wood, wheat disposal, Milton; Donald McKinnis, production and marketing, Summerville; Robert Taylor, federal (Continued on page 8)

### November Rainfall Totals Two Inches, Observer Reports

Rainfall for the month of November amounted to two inches, according to Leonard Carlson, observer for the Gooseberry district. The heavy showers of November 23 accounted for 1.3 inches in that area, Carlson reports, and he estimated that the balance of the month would account for another .65 of a inch.

Reports from other parts of the county indicate that the rains have been general and much good has been done, particularly to the seeded fields where sprouting has been sluggish.

According to Judge Garnet Barratt, the county roads suffered some damage as a result of the heavy rain Wednesday of last week. The Willow creek highway lost considerable surfacing and there was some washing out of bridge approaches, all of which calls for repairs.

### Ranchers Advised To Turn in Acreage Set to Wheat Grass

Ranchers of the county are reminded by the county assessor's office that acreages planted to crested wheat and other grasses under the allotment plan are assessed at pasture valuations. The new tax set-up places the valuation at \$3 per acre for land thus set aside, while the base rate on cultivated land is \$15 per acre.

Unless the assessor's office is notified of these acreages, all land in the grain areas heretofore entered as cultivated will continue to be treated as such.

"If the farmers will come in and notify us of the acreages set to grass it will save them considerable sums and will relieve the office force of a lot of headaches," said Assessor W. O. Dix.

### COURT OF HONOR TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING

A Boy scout court of honor has been scheduled for 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, December 7, to which the fathers and mothers and friends have been invited. It will be held in the basement of the Methodist church.

Light refreshments will be served following the program.

### Lodge Of Sorrow Will Convene at 2 O'Clock Sunday

Heppner lodge No. 358, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will convene at 2 o'clock p. m. Sunday in the annual lodge of sorrow, honoring the memory of members who have passed on within the year. The meeting will be open to the public and ample provision has been made to take care of all who may wish to attend.

Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien will deliver the address on the program that includes the following numbers:

Funeral march while members enter, Mrs. J. O. Turner.

Opening ceremonies of the lodge.

Invocation.

Song, "Lift Thine Eyes", Heppner Women's Chorus.

Rollcall of departed brothers.

Ceremonies of the lodge.

Song, "O Dry Those Tears", Heppner Women's Chorus.

Address, Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien.

Auld Lang Syne, lodge and audience.

Closing ceremonies and benediction.

Twelve members of No. 358 have been called to their reward since the lodge of sorrow was held in 1948. These include H. B. Coffey, Wm. R. Gross, W. H. Cleveland, Robert E. Wiley, Joseph M. Hayes, W. C. McCarty, William S. Cochell, Whit Mauldin, R. A. Jackson, M. E. Harris, Arthur Hughes and George N. Peck.

### J. W. Hiatt Victim Of Heart Attack Thursday Evening

Funeral services for John W. Hiatt who died late Friday afternoon, November 25, at the family home in Heppner, were held Monday afternoon at the Christian church with Rev. Glenn Warner, pastor, conducting the service. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery with Phelps Funeral Home in charge. Pall bearers were W. Claude Cox, E. A. Bennett, Roy Quackenbush, M. L. Case, Wayne Lindner and Ray Pettijohn.

John W. Hiatt was born September 21, 1887 near Gurdane, Oregon. He was a resident of Heppner for fifty years. Survivors include his wife Elma McFerrin Hiatt; two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Rippee of Condon and Mrs. Charles Hodge of Heppner; two brothers, Delbert of Portland and Emery of San Francisco, one sister, Delphia Beck of Astoria, three grandsons, four nieces and two nephews.

Out-of-town relatives attending the service were Pfc and Mrs. Lowell Rippee of Fort Lewis, Wash., Claude Snow of Newport, Wash., Mrs. Delphia Beck of Astoria and Delbert Hiatt of Portland.

### Motorists Warned Pedestrian Rights Will Be Enforced

Strict adherence to pedestrian rights will be demanded from here on and car drivers not fully informed relative to the law regulating street crossings may find themselves gaining that information at the office of the justice of the peace, announces Charles Gommilion, Heppner police chief. The city, for its part, has ordered that offenders be haled before Justice J. O. Hager.

Failure to slow down or stop at crossings occupied by pedestrians is a serious offense against a state regulation. Both local and state police will be on the lookout for this type of offender. Particularly will this be true at school crossings where many motorists show no regard for the signs placed on either side of the pedestrian lanes.

The standard rate of speed within corporate limits of towns and cities is 25 miles per hour. A motorist coming into town off of a highway may find it difficult to drive at that speed after going at a rate of from 50 to 75 miles per hour on the open highway. But according to the officers some of them will learn to drive in conformity with the state regulations or will pay for their indifference.

### AUCTION POSTPONED

Elsewhere in the paper will be found an item relative to the P. T. A. auction at Ione on Friday, December 9. Word was received from Ione this morning that the auction has been postponed until some time in the spring.



This is the way "The White Angel", Morrow county's \$7,600 ambulance, looked after colliding with a pickup on U. S. highway 30 approximately one-half mile east of Twin Falls, Idaho, Wednesday, November 23. Two men and a woman riding in the pickup were thrown clear of the machine and both men died as a result of the accident. The woman was seriously injured but was given a fair chance to recover. Oscar George and son Christopher (Kit) of Heppner and James Lindsay of Ione were bringing the ambulance to Heppner from the factory at Lima, O. All were shaken up but not injured.

—Pictures through courtesy of The Times-News, Twin Falls, Idaho.



### Program Of The First Annual Oregon Wheat League Convention, December 1, 2, 3

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1949

- 10:00 A. M. Musical selection
- Vice President Henry Baker, presiding
- Address of Welcome, Mayor Conley Lanham
- Response, Floyd Root, Wasco
- President's address: Paul Kaseberg, Wasco
- Report of Secretary-Treasurer: LeRoy C. Wright, Baker
- Presentation of Executive Committee
- Introduction of Wheat Commission.
- 12:00 Noon Recess
- 1:15 P. M. Recognition and Presentation of Life Members
- President Kaseberg presiding
- 1:30 P. M. "Activities of C. R. O. P."
- Joe King Jr., Portland, Chairman Oregon Committee
- 2:00 P. M. "Activities and Program on Research Project, Soil Conservation"—M. M. Oveson, Supt. Pendleton Branch Exp. Station
- 2:30 P. M. "The Smut Situation in the Pacific Northwest"
- Dr. C. S. Holton, Bureau of Plant Industry, W. S. C., Pullman
- 3:15 P. M. "The Pure Seed Wheat Program"
- Robert Fletcher, Secy. Northwest Crop Improvement Assn.
- 3:45 P. M. "How the Chicago Board of Trade Can Be Made Useful to Pacific Northwest Producers"
- J. O. McClintock, Exec. Vice Pres. Chicago Board of Trade
- 4:30 P. M. Oregon Wheat Growers League Show
- Roscoe Roberts, Asst. Secretary
- 7:40 P. M. Committee Meetings—Standing Committees, Exec. Com.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1949

- 9:30 A. M. Standing committee report on "Wheat Disposal and Market Development"—Robert Wood, Weston, Chairman
- 9:45 A. M. Activities of Wheat Commission and Studies on Marketing Soft White Wheat—Richard R. Baum, Analyst Ore. Wht. Com.

#### TIME FOR WREATHS

It is time to think about ordering a Christmas wreath for the men in the Morrow county ward at the veterans hospital in Walla Walla. Mrs. Jack Loyd, Morrow county's representative on the Blue Mountain Council, urges a generous response to this appeal and announces she will take them over before December 20. Either contact Mrs. Loyd or leave your wreath at Mary Van's Flower Shop.

#### Civic Club Sponsors Outdoor Decorating As Holiday Project

An opportunity for home owners of the town to participate in an outdoor holiday decorating project is being offered by the Jay-C-ettes, auxiliary to the Junior chamber of commerce. The women are sponsoring the plan with the hope that the citizens will respond in an effort to revive a pre-war custom and to put more spirit into the occasion.

Front porch and yard decorations are included in the plan and to encourage interest the Jay-C-ettes are offering three prizes, \$10, \$5, and \$2.50. Competent judges will be selected to pass on the decorations and the home owners are urged to get into the contest right away.

Mrs. Cecil Lounsbury of Portland was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bergstrom.

#### Holiday Decorations Add Touch of Color To City's Streets

Adding a touch of color and gaiety to the convention scene, are the holiday greenery and lights which the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce rushed to put up in time for the meeting.

Most of the greenery was put in place Sunday and the lights were strung Wednesday.

Turning on of the lights is taken as the signal for opening the holiday shopping and merchants have stocked their counters and show windows with their most attractive merchandise in readiness for a period of eager buying by the public.

#### Future Farmers Hold Annual Banquet

The annual father-son banquet sponsored by the Future Farmers of America was held Wednesday evening, November 23, at the high school. Thirty-eight boys and guests were present.

Honorary membership was conferred upon John Bergstrom because of his interest in and assistance given to the F. F. A. program.

#### Farm Bureau To Meet Monday at Ione

The Morrow county farm bureau has chosen Monday evening, December 5 for its regular meeting at Willows grange hall in Ione. The session will open at 8 o'clock.

Marshall Swearingen, executive vice president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, will be present to discuss Farm Bureau insurance. All those having any questions regarding the insurance program are especially urged to be present and have them answered, states E. Markham Baker, president of the county bureau.

There also will be reports of the state farm bureau convention at La Grande and special musical numbers, as well as refreshments.

Although this meeting follows so closely the Oregon Wheat League meeting, everyone interested in the farm bureau program is invited to attend and help make it the outstanding meeting of the year.

boy's technical knowledge of project, complete project records, approved practices followed, scope and quality of project, and evidence that boy has profited from agricultural instruction.

George Wicks, Lynn Rill, Kenneth Turner, Elwayne Bergstrom, Melvin Tiper, Fritz Cutsforth and Allen Hughes were initiated as chapter farmers in the Heppner club. Necessary requirements for membership are enrollment in vocational agriculture for at least one year, satisfactory projects, familiarization with parliamentary law and ability to lead.

#### FREE PARKING OFFERED REGISTERED VISITORS

Visitors to Heppner this week registered with the Oregon Wheat League will be accorded courtesy parking by the city authorities. The mayor and council felt that the city could do no less than make this concession to guests. Conventioneers registering at the O. W. L. desk in the hotel will be given stickers to place in their windshields or car windows so that the police will know they are guests. Those without such stickers will be required to make the usual deposit in the meters.

#### CONVENTION COVERED BY SPECIAL NEWSMEN

News coverage of the Wheat League convention is being amply taken care of. Here for that purpose are John Denny, agriculture editor of the Oregonian, and Roger Johnson of the United Press who are looking after the daily coverage while R. G. Fowler Jr. is looking after the interests of the Oregon State college extension service.

Advance news stories were not much in evidence but now that the convention is underway, there will be plenty of information released to the press of the state.

Billy Schwarz and family of The Dalles spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwarz.

### Two People Lose Lives In Pickup - Ambulance Crash In Southern Idaho

Oscar George and son Christopher (Kit) of Heppner and James Lindsay of Ione are home safe and sound but wondering why after an experience they had in southeastern Idaho, Wednesday, November 23.

The three were enroute to Heppner from Lima, Ohio, where they took delivery of the Cadillac ambulance, "The White Angel," purchased by citizens of the county for use in connection with the Morrow County Memorial hospital. With not even so much as a scratched fender in approximately 2,000 miles of driving, the ambulance was suddenly wrecked by colliding with a pickup on U. S. highway 30 a mile or so east of Twin Falls. Two men and a woman were riding in the pickup. The impact threw all of them clear of the car and resulted in the death of the men and serious injury to the woman.

Oscar George was driving the ambulance at the time. The highway was wet from rain but at that point was "as straight as one could draw a line." He noticed the pickup coming at a fairly good clip and suddenly it swerved over the line into the path of the ambulance. George attempted to turn out of the way with no success and the machines crashed, narrowly averting a direct

head-on collision. Lindsay was in the driver's seat with George and Kit was sleeping in the compartment just back of the driver's seat, a fact that no doubt saved him from serious injury. All three were shaken up and Kit was taken to the hospital for a check-up. It was found that he had sustained no injuries.

Occupants of the pickup were Tom Gordon, 55, his wife, and her father, William Edward Sinclair, 85, all of Jerome, Idaho. The older man died enroute to the hospital and Gordon died a few hours after reaching there. Mrs. Gordon suffered severe injuries to her head and was suffering from shock. Although reported in a critical condition Thursday morning, she was given a good chance to recover, according to a news story in the Twin Falls Times-News of that date.

The ambulance has been placed in the hands of the insurance company and it is stated that repairs will be rushed as fast as possible, with the expectation that it will be ready for delivery in about two weeks.

The occupants of the ambulance, after attending to such details as were required, proceeded on home by rail. They had expected to drive home that evening and were discussing it when the accident happened.

### Local Merchants Outdo Themselves in Christmas Stocks

Local merchants have outdone themselves this year in the fine array of Christmas gifts for every member of the family. Quality and prices are comparable to those found in stores of larger neighboring towns.

One store is a veritable paradise for the small fry, with toys of all descriptions on display on the main floor. Hardware store are featuring electrical appliances and other items that have been in short supply for the past few years. One place has a portable hair-dryer and a traveler's electric iron which should please the most fastidious lady.

Watches of all makes and sets of sterling silver are available at one of the local shops and are of better quality than those of recent years.

For the ladies, the stores are featuring lovely lingerie, costume jewelry, slippers, hats and bags. One shop is showing a nice line of bathroom accessories in decorator colors. Another has a line of costume jewelry that is noteworthy.

The gentlemen have not been overlooked this season. Items of wearing apparel, tools, desk sets, books and slippers for the quiet evening at home are being displayed.

Gifts for the household include pop-up toasters, mixers, and an inexpensive item worthy of mention are the beverage glasses, new this year, depicting authentic Carrier and lives prints.

When considering the problem of Christmas giving, it might be well to give the local merchant a try. The saving in time, money and energy will be well worth the effort.

### Legion Folks Have Evening of Cards

A well attended card party was held Monday evening by the American Legion and auxiliary at the Legion hall. In pinchole, Harry O'Donnell Jr. held high score, and Mrs. Jack Bailey low. In contrast, Mrs. Dick Wells held high and Mrs. Loyal Parker low, while Bill Blake took the honors in rummy.

Gifts were taken for the gift shop at the veterans hospital in Portland. Hosts for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Farley, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Padberg Jr.

Out-of-town relatives here for the service were Mr. and Mrs. Plummer and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Markham and son Norman, of Portland; Shirley Straight of Post Falls, Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vaughan of Pendleton.

#### WILL RECEIVE GIFTS

Gifts for those who live at the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Forest Grove may be left at the P.P.O. office or the Red and White store. Personal gifts are desired and they do not have to be gift-wrapped. December 10 is the deadline for collecting the gifts.

#### BAZAAR SATURDAY P. M.

Preparations have been completed for the All Saints Episcopal auxiliary bazaar which will be held in the parish house Saturday afternoon. Tea will be served from 2 until 5 o'clock.



GOVERNOR DOUGLAS MCKAY  
Principal speaker at annual banquet of Oregon Wheat League in Heppner Saturday evening.