

Wheatmen Choose Henry Baker as League President; Accept Dalles Bid For 1950

Numerous Subjects Covered in Three Day Session Here

(Reports on Wheat League convention prepared by R. G. Fowler, Jr., OSC Extension Service information specialist.)

The Dalles will be host city for the 1950 annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League and incoming president is Henry Baker, Ione, it was decided here Saturday as the league's first annual meeting came to a close.

Baker succeeds Paulsen Kaseberg, Wasco, as president. Incoming vice-president is Donald McKinnis, Imbler, who served as chairman of the league's production and transportation committee during the past year.

Before adjournment, the league went on record favoring adoption of the "certificate plan" and will formulate an aggressive program in an attempt to push it through congress.

"There's lots of selling to be done," said H. B. Taylor, Adams, chairman of the federal agricultural programs and land use committee, who detailed the plan to league members in attendance at the meeting. The league plans to enlist aid of other farm organizations as well as labor in hopes of getting the plan adopted as national wheat legislation.

If adopted, the certificate plan would eliminate the tax supported loan program now in force, and would take wheat off the government farm price subsidy list, those in favor of the plan point out. That portion of the national wheat crop used for human consumption would continue at a pegged or parity price, but millers and other processors would bear the brunt of the financial responsibility. Feed wheat, that portion of the crop sent into overseas export channels, and wheat used for industrial use would sell at a price based solely on supply and demand.

LeRoy C. Wright, league secretary and Baker county extension agent, was re-elected secretary-treasurer, as was Roscoe Roberts, The Dalles, who serves as assistant secretary.

Incumbent President Baker was unable to be present to take office in person. He is a member of a federal jury, it was announced, that is concerned with condemnation proceedings at the McNary dam site.

An added office of second vice president was proposed and adopted by the league. Floyd Root, Wasco, was elected to the post.

John Locke, Seattle, president of the Millers National Federation, said in discussing the certificate plan, "It is one program which we are happy to support. Both millers and producers will be able to live with it," he predicted.

Speaking of foreign markets, Locke stated that Canadian wheat is underselling U. S. wheat in the Philippine Islands. Since January 1 this year, he continued, when this country enjoyed 87 percent of the market, the share of the market now held by the U. S. has been reduced to 52 percent.

He stated emphatically that recent percentage freight rate increases have lost domestic markets in the east for Pacific north-west producers.

Market for 8 to 10 million bushels of wheat per year from Oregon and Washington which would normally move into California has been lost due to a CCC differential which favors southern Idaho and Utah producers, Locke stated.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS
Reporting on work of the Oregon Advisory Research Council, Marion Weatherford, Arlington, pointed out that the state legislature earmarked \$1,400,000 for research work to be carried out through the state college this legislative biennium. "For every dollar spent in the past," Weatherford said, "\$50 is returned annually."

Basis for a sound national farm program in the opinion of Lowell Steen, Salem, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, is simply a means for preventing financial disaster. "I question whether the government should ever guarantee a profit to any man," he said.

He pointed out that the proposed Branran plan did, in stating that he was not in favor of the plan, Steen said: "We will pay with freedoms we have along with it."

The league membership passed a resolution presented by the youth activities committee headed by Virgil Larson, Mikkalo, which called for an enlarged 1950

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SAY SOROPTIMISTS

At first the women of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner thought we would write a note of thanks in appreciation to all who in any way helped to make our banquet for the Wheat League a success. Then we began our list and it grew and grew. So we decided to express our gratitude through the columns of the Gazette Times.

It was a tremendous project and it proved to be a financial success as a culinary pleasure. With so many people, grown up and not, generously donating time and effort it became a civic enterprise.

We are deeply thankful. Soroptimist Club of Heppner.

Dog Poisoner On Loose in Heppner

Puddles, female Shepherd dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Van Marter, died Friday morning from what appeared to be strychnine poisoning. A piece of meat upon which she had been gnawing was sent to Portland for examination but no report has been received from that source to indicate that she got it from that source or had picked it up elsewhere.

A valuable hunting dog belonging to A. R. Shamblin died recently from the same cause and it begins to look like someone is conducting a diabolical campaign to reduce the canine population of the community.

fat stock show and sale at The Dalles. Next year, both 4-H and FFA exhibitors will compete. Show dates proposed are June 5, 6, and 7.

The new budget for the 1951 show was also raised to \$2,000. Henceforth, the show will be known as the Oregon Wheat Growers League 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale.

The production and transportation committee presented a resolution which was passed recommending that diverted land under the wheat acreage production program be planted to grass rather than to barley as has been done on many farms this year.

The league commended the state highway department for embarking on a campaign of weed eradication along state highway right-of-ways. Where right-of-ways have been seeded to grass, it was pointed out that not only has appearance been improved but it also reduced the fire hazard in the wheat areas.

F. P. Aughney, Portland, Mgr. Grain & Grain Products association, discussed problems of freight rates and their effect on wheat. Other final day speakers included State Representative Giles French, Moro, who discussed his plan for reapportionment of the state legislature.

"Re-apportionment is the most important thing about which you will have to vote in 1950," Giles said.

The league endorsed his plan, which would give each of Oregon's 36 counties a senatorial representative in the state government. Members of the house of representatives would be elected based on population. He scolded the proposal outlined and backed by the Oregon American Federation of Labor which would restrict the state by strict apportionment by population.

COMMISSION COMMENDED
Work carried out thus far by the Oregon Wheat commission was commended in a resolution presented by the wheat disposal and market development committee headed by Robert Wood, Weston. It was also suggested that information about the certificate plan be forwarded to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in hopes of securing assistance for its adoption. The certificate plan, the league spokesmen pointed out, is designed to foster more export business since it would offer wheat at a price which would compete with other grains.

In reviewing information gathered on his trip through the east, Baum stated that at present there are no exclusive industrial uses for wheat in large volume. "Corn, tapioca, potatoes, and sugar beets are satisfactory sources of raw material and offer severe competition to wheat," he said.

Among resolutions passed was a hearty endorsement of the fundamental Federal Crop Insurance corporation principles. Plan for a national wheat growers organization was also proposed by the federal agricultural programs and land use committee, and it was adopted.

Eli Whitney patented the cotton gin before he was thirty.

Conservation Man Of Year Awarded To Condon Rancher

37-year-old Gilliam county wheat farmer to whom soil conservation is almost a religion, Virgil Larson, Mikkalo, was named "Conservation Man of the Year" Saturday morning during the first annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

From Joe Belanger, Milton, chairman of the 14-man selection committee, Larson received a wrist watch and custody until the league's next annual meeting of a wall plaque signifying the honor. On hand to witness presentation was Arthur Jaeger, Condon farmer, who was declared the league's first "Conservation Man of the Year" at the meeting held last year in Condon.

County conservation winners, each of whom received a silver belt buckle, were: Umattilla, J. H. Rea and Son, Milton; Union, Ed McCause, North Powder; Morrow, Frank Anderson, Heppner; Wasco, Bob De Priest, Dufur; Sherman, W. E. Bruckert, Klondike; Wallowa, Clifford Kuhn, Enterprise; and Jefferson, Morrow Bros., Madras.

Larson, who lives in an area which receives 9 to 12 inches of annual rainfall, owns a 4407 acre ranch which includes 3354 acres of cropland. The ranch lies in an area subject to wind and water erosion, and when Larson bought the place five years ago, it was run-down and badly eroded, the judges reported.

A weekly occurrence on the Larson ranch is the showing of soil conservation films in his basement projection room. His family, two others who are employed on his ranch on a year around basis, as well as the neighbors, view the films.

"We have as many as 30 to 35 folks to see some of the pictures," Larson stated.

The fact that Larson is actively engaged in spreading the "conservation" gospel had much to do with the judges' decision to award him the trophy, Belanger said.

Larson's soil conservation program included a switch-over from the old summer fallow system to stubble mulch soon after he moved onto the ranch.

Today, he practices cross slope cultivation and uses deep furrow drills. He has four miles of diversion terraces, "points" and ridges have all been seeded down to grass in an effort to prevent soil loss due to wind and water erosion.

He is just getting well started with a management plan for the range land and expects to have more cattle in the future.

Larson started "working out" as a farmhand at the age of 13 in Gilliam county and with the exception of school periods has lived there since. He came up "thru the ranks" as a farmhand, farm manager, to farm owner.

"The committee felt that Larson's mental attitude towards conservation was an important factor in his selection," Belanger stated.

While working as a ranch manager, Larson had his first contact with conservation farming innovations. "My employer heard about the new method of stubble mulch cultivation and wanted to try it," Larson related. "It didn't take me long to find out that we didn't have the right tools to do the job."

Larson also had his interest in conservation whetted at early sessions of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League where erosion problems were discussed.

From there Larson branched out on his own and soon was writing for information from Oregon State college, equipment manufacturers and other government agencies interested in soil conservation work. His interest in conservation moving pictures resulted.

School To Present Operetta Evening Of December 22
All is hustle and bustle at the school these days in preparation for the annual Christmas program, which will be presented Thursday evening, December 22 at the gym-auditorium.

Wheatmen, Stockmen, Businessmen Meet Around Festive Board . . .



Louis Lyons had to go up high to get this view of the first Oregon Wheat Grower League banquet served by the Soroptimist Club of Heppner to approximately 350 people at the school gymnasium Saturday evening. In the rear of the stage is Charlie Smith, one time Morrow county agricultural agent, who was master of ceremonies. The photographer was able to capture about two-thirds of the group in this picture. Missing besides the diners were Robert Collins and his German band, including "Gertrude Klotch," and the serving crew which was in front of the curtain.

Random Thoughts... Briefs of Community..

As usual the GT scribe is crowded for time and space. This makes it difficult to cover the news as well as giving some attention to events that are worthy of discussion. The principal thing of interest since the last issue of the paper was the wheat league convention and now that that important meeting is a matter of history it is time to give attention to things of more local nature.

Townpeople have an opportunity to display their civic pride by joining in the contest sponsored by the Jay Cee-ettes (hope that is the proper spelling). It entered into with the right spirit, Heppner may easily be placed in competition with other and larger places as the best decorated town during the Christmas season. Visitors here last week were generous with their praise for the effort put forth by the business interests and think what could be accomplished by a general decorative scheme. Possibility of winning one of the prizes will tempt some to get in the competition but a far greater satisfaction will be found in displaying one's civic pride.

Christmas mall in heavy volume is putting in its appearance at the local postoffice and the office force is properly seeking the cooperation of patrons during these pressure days. If you don't get your packages just when you think you should, take a look at the piles of mail and parcel post stacked up in the local office and multiply the volume by all the other postoffices in the country, and then be patient and forbearing. You will live a longer and happier life.

What we would like to know is, when all of us get on the government payroll, who's going to support the government?

A four-year-old miss was looking at a doll that was gowned in an elegant black formal and remarked, "I just don't care for black formal."

Ah has fo' queens. Ah wins. Ah has three kings and a razor. Ah wins. Boy, yo' sho' do! How come yo' so lucky?

Lotus Robison and son Richard have returned from a two weeks trip which took them to Bend and California points. At Bend they visited Mr. Robison's sister, Mrs. O. M. Whittington, and from there went on to Mt. Hebron, Cal. to visit his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. Tyndall Robison. They visited the Sacramento valley and returned to Oregon via the coast route.

P-TA TO SEE SOUND FILM NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING

December meeting of the Parent Teacher association will be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday, December 14 at the auditorium. The topic for the evening covers "Foundation for Better Family Relationships." Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles will show sound films and Christmas carols will be sung.

A business meeting will precede the program. A large attendance is urged.

EASTERN STAR TO ELECT

Election of officers will be the order of business at the regular meeting of Ruth chapter No. 32, O. E. S. Friday evening. In addition there will be draping of the altar and final drafting of plans for the annual joint installation and dinner on the evening of December 17.

O. W. L. Banquet Wins Praise From Visiting Officials

Nothing but words of praise has been heard relative to the annual banquet which officially closed the Oregon Wheat League convention in Heppner Saturday evening. Upwards of 350 persons enjoyed the fine meal prepared and served by the Soroptimist Club of Heppner and the program arranged by Judge Garnet Barratt and his committee associates, Henry Tetz, C. J. D. Bauman and Harold and Merle Becker.

Utilizing the facilities of the school kitchen, the Soroptimists, with the aid of some of the "Soroptimists" and Ernie Parrish, chef at Easter's grill, and a bevy of high school girls, assembled the food in the school building and transported it to the gymnasium floor where the dining up was done. It was an Herculean task but was accomplished in good time and without accident, and everybody was satisfied.

Roast turkey—that was the piece de resistance, with accompaniment of tomato juice cocktail, pineapple slaw, relishes, baked potatoes, whole kernel corn, cranberry sauce, Parker House rolls, topped off with a dessert of fresh strawberry sundae and homemade cake.

While the food was being assembled, the local hillbilly orchestra entertained the waiting throng, even inspiring some community singing.

Shortly after the diners were seated, Don Heliker sang two songs, wheat grower style, playing his own guitar accompaniment. Later on Robert Collins and his German band entertained for some time, featuring a clever impersonation by Gene Orwick as the erstwhile "Gertrude Klotch," in "The Man in the Little White Hat." Oliver Creswick, accompanied by Mrs. J. O. Turner, favored with two solos, "Evening Star" and "Malotte's Lord's Prayer."

Ervin Peterson, director of the state department of agriculture, capably substituted for Governor Douglas McKay who could not meet the engagement due to a meeting of governors in Chicago. Judge Barratt and Henry Tetz opened the emceeding and "inaugurated" Charles W. Smith who carried on throughout the rest of the program.

Swanson Home At Ione To Be Open To Public Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson announced early this week that they will hold open house at their new home a short distance east of Ione from 1 to 5 p. m. Sunday, December 11. They have extended an invitation to the public to come and have a look at their fine new residence—one of the finer homes built in Morrow county in recent years.

For the benefit of any who may not know the location of the Swanson home, it faces the Willow creek highway on property just west of the Emert place.

Friends who have been fortunate to visit the residence since the Swansons moved in proclaim it the equal of anything they have seen in either city or country.

Volleyball Tourney Won By Faculty Team

First of a series of intramural contests came to a close the past week at the Heppner school when the faculty team was declared winner of the volleyball series. The games are played during the noon hour and provide opportunity for the classes to enter teams.

The faculty won four and lost none; the junior class won three and lost one, while the seniors, sophomores and freshmen won two and lost two.

A ping-pong tourney is now being run off and following that there will be basketball, and probably baseball when that season arrives.

The high school basketball team participated in a round robin in Condon Tuesday evening, in which Fossil, Condon and Arlington were the other competing teams. The four teams just about broke even in the play, according to Supt. Leonard Pate, and the prospects for some red-hot high school basketball in this district are most favorable, he declares.

EDUCATORS ATTEND MEET ON REED COLLEGE CAMPUS

Mrs. Marie Clary, high school teacher from Heppner, was the official delegate to the Morrow county teachers to the Representative Council of the Oregon Teachers association in Portland December 2 and 3. The representative council is the delegate assembly of the teachers association and determines policies and practices for the organization. The council met at Reed college.

Henry E. Tetz, rural school superintendent, was reelected member of the board of trustees of District No. 7. Mr. Tetz attended the council as a member of the board of trustees.

The first sailing club was established in 1720 in Ireland.

Councilmen Voice Grievances During Monday Meeting

Accusations And Denials Feature Spirited Session

Some atmosphere clearing was accomplished at Monday evening's session of the city council when members of the group unburdened their chests relative to the way they think the city's affairs are being run and how they think said affairs should be run. The burden of their remarks was leveled at Mayor Conley Lankham, but the mayor replied that there is a job to do and that he is merely doing his best to do a good job.

The mayor denied that he was assuming unwarranted authority or even having any desire or intention of trying to run the city's affairs beyond the authority vested in the office. He said it was plainly a case of being "damned if you do, and damned if you don't" and the mayor or any other person had to act according to his own best judgment.

P. W. Mahoney was present and read a section from the city charter under which methods of procedure in street improvements and other matters is set up. It was agreed that the charter should be followed more closely in the future.

The usual grist of bills was ordered paid, and aside from that and the time spent in airing grievances, nothing of note was accomplished.

Ione Members Host Shrine Club Party

The annual Christmas party of the Morrow county Shrine club and auxiliary was held Friday evening at Ione with 56 members present. Gifts were brought by each guest and these were collected for crippled children at the Shrine hospital in Portland. Three large boxes were filled with the gifts and these were taken to Portland Sunday by Mrs. and Mr. Harry Duvall. Hosts and hostesses for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Seehafer, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Dobyns, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wentworth, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. William Smethurst.

Newly elected officers for the coming year include George Close of Kinzua, vice president; J. O. Turner, Heppner, president; and Sam McMillan of Lexington, secretary-treasurer. For the auxiliary, Mrs. Margaret Dukek of Fossil, president; Mrs. J. O. Turner of Heppner, vice president; and Mrs. Margaret Blake of Heppner, secretary-treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rosewall are the retiring presidents.

Time To Enter Christmas Home Decorating Contest

To encourage residential yuletide decoration to keep pace with the business section's outstanding holiday appearance, the Jay Cee-ettes are sponsoring a contest for the most attractively decorated homes within the city limits of Heppner.

Entrance blanks for the competition may be obtained at Lyons' Photography Studio, which will also receive the entries. Closing date for listing one's residence will be Wednesday, December 21.

A board of three judges will tour the city between 7 and 9 p. m. on Christmas eve to determine who will win the three prizes of \$10, \$5, and \$2.50.

TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Willows Lodge No. 66, I.O.O.F. and Sans Soud Rebekah Lodge No. 33 are planning a Christmas party and pie social for the evening of December 14 at 8 p. m. in the local hall. Instead of the usual exchange of gifts each member will bring a gift suitable for an individual residing in the Odd Fellows home in Portland. These will then be sent to Portland in time for distribution at Christmas.

The ladies are expected to bring pies for participation in the social following the gift exchange. The committee in charge of arrangements includes Mrs. Cornett Green, Mrs. Scott Furlong and Mrs. Ted Pierson.

MISSIONARY VISITS SCHOOL

During his stay in Heppner last week, Rev. Ira Gillett, missionary to Portuguese Africa, visited the high school and talked to the young folk on the economic and social life of that distant land. He carried quite a supply of beans native to that country and each girl student was presented with one. The native girls consider them special agents of Dan Cupid—possession of one being about all that is necessary to win a husband. It is said that Mr. Gillett was all but besieged by the feminine members of the high school in their eagerness to possess one of the coveted charms.

A good shearer can shear from 100 to 200 sheep a day.