Growers Urge Full Development of Potential of River

Portland — (U.P.)—The full potential of the Columbia river as a world-wide waterway must be developed so that modern deep-draft ships can enter the Port of Portland, Kenneth Fridley of Wasco, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, said here Friday.

The league president told the group's annual convention that a channel depth of 48 feet must be dredged at the river's mouth. He also urged the league to take the lead in getting the deep-draft channel to The Dalles dredged and the Bonneville dam locks modernized.

Fridley said the full use of river and sea transportation would overcome the natural disadvantage of distance to population centers.

Surpluses Disappear

He said Pacific Northwest wheat surpluses will disappear in the next three years as a result of trade agreements with Japan and India.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) asked the league to give the two-price domestic parity plan on wheat a fair trial. He said the soil bank plan principally benefitted the corn states and suggested some form of depletion allowance on taxes such as now given oil companies should be available to farmers.

The league adopted a report opposing any freight rate increases on grain and favoring minimum freight rate regulations by the Oregon Public Utilities Commission on all intrastate freight shipments.

Another speaker was Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) who said he would continue to press for passage of the Carlson-Morse domestic parity plan for wheat and asked the wheat growers to avoid seeking legislation independent of other farm crops.

Girl Scouts

Birthday Party

Troop 190 Central Point, celebrated its third birthday recently with a party planned by three members, Carol Straus, Mary Ann Taylor and Carol Wright. At the same time a candlelight investiture was held to invest Sheila Forrester, Patricia Kohn, Carol Wright and Karen Griggs as Tenderfoot Girl Scouts. This group was presented by patrol leaders Joyce Anderson and Barbara Beck. Slides of Low Echo were shown at the meeting.

Other activities of the troop have been swimming at the Y and skating at the Rogue Valley Ballroom, besides a visit to Bear Creek Orchards. Another project of the troop was learning of the care of house plants. On this occasion they visited with Mrs. Harvey Casaman who instructed them. Each girl potted a bulb or plant and will care for it in preparation for a plant show early in the spring.

The troop is led by Mrs. E. R. Griggs.

Hold Outing

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 34 of Washington school had a combined outing and service project on December 6. The troop took used, but reparable toys, to the firehouse to aid the firemen's Christmas project.

The troop, made up of second graders, was organized in September and is led by Mrs. Kenneth Blair and Mrs. Floyd Robinson. It meets on Thursdays from 3 p.m. until 4 at Mrs. Blair's home, 1200 Murray st. The troop committee is Mrs. Spencer Moore, Mrs. Berle Stephens and Mrs. Lester Wilcox Jr. The committee will aid with transportation on the outing.

Members of the troop are Susan Aincham, Joan Blair, Nancy Davidson, Debby Lehman, Kathy McCoy, Lynn Makris, Peggy Moore, Teri Roberts, Sandra Robinson, Connie Russell, Berlette Stephens, Joy Wilcox and Jill Coltraine.

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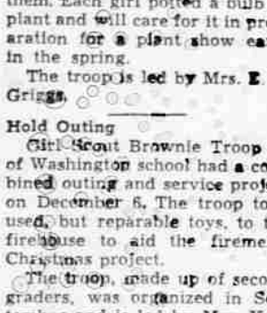

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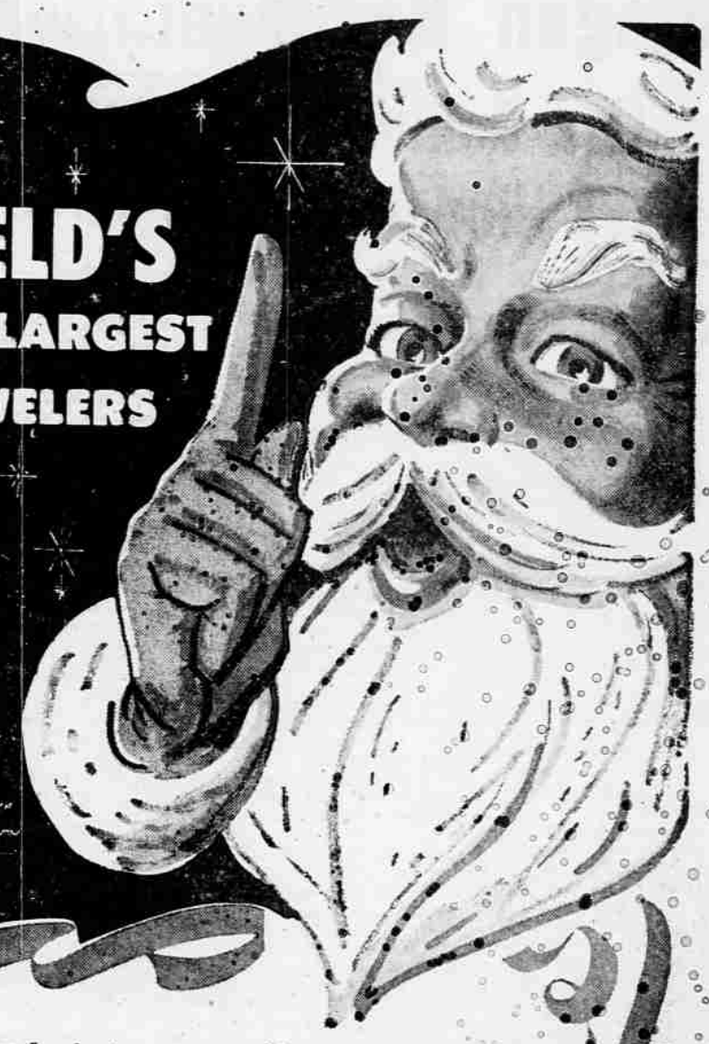

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