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# **Declares All Must Work: Sprague Patriotic League Passes Resolution: Even Retired Farmers Should Assist in Harvesting Crops, Says Text [event of April 29, 1918]**

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SPRAGUE, Wash.,<sup>1</sup> April 30 [1918].— A resolution was adopted by the Patriotic League last evening that all men not regularly employed shall help harvest the crops. This applies to retired farmers. Those who refuse to help will be classed as slackers.

Another resolution provides that all persons having more than the allotted amount of flour in their possession must return it within 10 days. It was stated that the Executive Committee had the names of those who were hoarding flour.

The third resolution set forth that it is the sense of the league for the Executive Committee to investigate all deferred classifications under the draft law and to report all those who wrongfully received deferred classifications.

President Weaver stated that he had been requested by the Red Cross to announce that all women were called upon to do their share of work, and if they did not some system would be worked out whereby the names of the slackers would be posted by the league.

The chairman appointed C.S. Browne, the Rev. O.E. Faulkner, and John L. Melville a committee to have charge of Memorial Day services.

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<sup>1</sup> Sprague, Washington is a small town in the Eastern part of the state. There were fewer than 1,000 residents at the time of this report.

The following program was rendered: community singing solo, Mrs. Fred. H. McCroskey; reading, Miss Mollie Brislawn; four-minute talk, Ronald Williams; oration, "Thomas Jefferson," Charles Fish.

H.W. McCabe, a leader in the Patriotic League and one of its originators, who is soon to leave Sprague, delivered an address.

*Edited with a footnote by Tim Davenport*

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