

Sharing of Wheat With Other Nations Calls for Caution

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WASHINGTON—News stories about food shortages abroad and the amount of aid being supplied by this country often quote some authority about the danger of reducing the "wheat carryover" to too low a level.

The phrase "wheat carryover" has a definite meaning to the farmer, the grain merchant, the miller, the food manufacturer and the exporter.

But the city housewife and family breadwinner may feel that it is something that doesn't affect them. If they do, they're wrong.

The wheat carryover might be likened to the amount of money the family lays away out of each year's income for a rainy day. No prudent government will permit its supply of bread grain to dwindle if it can help it.

Hazards Faced

Experience has shown that production of wheat and other crops is at least a hazardous thing,

beset by fickle weather and attacks of insect pests and plant diseases.

So the government, in sharing this country's wheat supplies with hungry areas abroad, must be careful lest it empty wheat bins and leave its consumers at the mercy of a wheat crop failure next year.

The result might well be rigid bread rationing—and there's where the city housewife and breadwinner is affected by the carryover or reserve of wheat.

How much wheat should the nation carry over from one crop year to another as insurance against a bread and flour shortage? There is no officially or unofficially set figure.

In five years before the war the wheat crop averaged about 856,000,000 bushels. At the beginning of each harvest in these years the country had an average carryover of about 230,000,000 bushels.

This average carryover was equivalent to about 34 per cent of the amount of grain used annually for food, livestock feed, seed and industrial uses. In normal times a carryover of this size is generally considered to be adequate.

The carryover reached a rec-

Santa Attends Local Sorority Social



One of the pre-Christmas social events of considerable interest among the sorority set in Roseburg was the Alpha Chi chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Christmas party held Dec. 18 in the lounge of the Roseburg Armory. The Christmas motif was carried out in decorations of mistletoe, fir boughs, holly and a Christmas tree.

During the evening charades

were played and group singing enjoyed. Santa Claus joined the group during the course of singing. The service table was centered with a miniature Christmas tree and tall red tapers.

Attending were the following pictured above and reading left to right in the back row: Mrs. Art Bartlett, Mrs. Robert Elliott, Miss Beverly Nichols, Miss Joyce Wampler, Miss Melva Richardson,

73,000 Seedlings To Be Planted on Tahkenitch Farm

Seventy-three thousand Sitka spruce and Port Orford seedling trees will be planted on 150 acres of the Tahkenitch tree farm of Crown Zellerbach Corporation in Douglas County during the present planting season, according to Chief Forester Clarence Richen. George Johnson and Gordon Collard are in charge of the Tahkenitch planting. E. S. Young is logging superintendent of the tree farm. Al Moore of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is advising forester on roset control on the seeding operations.

With restocking operations going on in five of its eight Pacific Northwest tree farms, this will be the largest planting season by Crown Zellerbach since its first tree plantings in Oregon about 50 years ago. This year the company will plant 1600 acres and seed by helicopter and by hand an additional 3500 acres. About 154 million seeds of western hemlock Sitka spruce, silver fir, noble fir and Port Orford cedar will be sown, and 892,000 seedlings of noble fir, Sitka spruce, lowland white fir and Port Orford cedar will be planted. Trees are grown by the Nisqually Nursery, a forest industries nursery which raises five million trees a year for planting on privately-owned land in Western Oregon and Washington.

seeded by helicopter, although Crown Zellerbach broadcast seed last year by airplane.

An example of results from seed broadcasting on the company's properties comes from the Lake Tahkenitch area. In March, 1943, a company forester hand-broadcast about 55 acres of logged-off land with 96 pounds of seed, with Port Orford cedar predominating. A check made in March, 1947, shows an average of about 1600 thriving trees per acre, of which about 1000 are Port Orford cedar.

The restocking program is on lands serving pulp and paper mills of Crown Zellerbach at Camas, Wash., and West Linn and Lebanon, Ore., and is one phase of the company's action program to attain true sustained

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George Schroeder, assistant chief forester, is in charge of the restocking program.

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ord of 630,000,000 bushels in 1942. Normally, a reserve of this size would have been considered a burden upon the economy because of its price-depressing effects, the cost of storage, etc.

But, coming when it did, when the nation was striving to expand food production for the war, this large carryover was put to good use. It long since has been used up.

Sutherland

SUTHERLIN—Mr. and Mrs. Ora Van Holsbeke of Los Angeles, spent several days during the holidays visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Stearns in Oakland and Mrs. Cecil Carr in Sutherland. Mr. and Mrs. Holsbeke are aunt and uncle of Mrs. Stearns.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase of Albany and their son, Bill, of Kimberly, Oregon, spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Randall.

Mrs. Mildred Smith and son, of Sunnyside, Washington, are spending several days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Groshong. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Groshong are sisters.

E. H. Randall, owner of the Rand theater in Sutherland and the Jewel theater at Oakland, gave a free matinee at both theaters last Tuesday afternoon for all children, and gave each child a bag of candy. About 500 children enjoyed the double treat.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Holgate and sons, Lloyd and Gordon, are visiting in Portland this week.

Miss Joyce Holgate, a student

at Oregon State College is spending the Christmas holidays in Sutherland with her father, Frank Holgate, and brother, Frankie, and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Batchler and Mr. and Mrs. William Hardesty and son, Billie of Eugene, spent Christmas day in this city visiting with Mrs. Batchler's and Mrs. Hardesty's mother, Mrs. Maude Vogelphol, and also with a brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Vogelphol.

George Swift of Salem is spending this week in Sutherland visiting at the Ray Parker home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Sturdevant of Eugene, who spent the holidays at the Green home left for Eugene Friday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Green, who spent that day in that city.

Buddie Cleveland, former Sutherland resident and recently discharged from the Navy, was here over the holidays visiting his brother-in-law, Eddie Hall, and other friends. His parents, who lived here several years ago, now reside at Grants Pass.

Billie Parker of the Navy arrived in Sutherland last week to spend a couple of weeks on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker. Billie has just returned from overseas duty in China.

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