

# RAIN OR NO RAIN, MID-WEST FARMERS LIKE THEIR LAND

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON—The federal reclamation bureau let itself in for more than it anticipated when its head, Dr. Elwood Mead, suggested evacuation of the drought-stricken western half of the Dakotas and the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains.

The immediate reaction of the affected area to Dr. Mead's proposal apparently settles the question. The government's job is to help these people stick it out rather than to evacuate them.

The explanation, says specialists here, lies in the fact that the people of the western plains have in them that pioneer blood which is strong because, as the saying goes, "the cowards never started and the weaklings never got there."

Lawrence Westbrook, assistant director in charge of federal emergency drought relief, says the problem of helping these people has to a large extent developed into one of helping them where they are.

Telephone Story  
He cited a county in which 600 families are trying to eke out a living on 450,000 acres which have a value of only \$1 to \$3 an acre and, as farm land, should be abandoned.

"Most of them expect to stay in this section, however," he added, "in respect of action taken by the government."

Westbrook believes the records of the telephone company best tell the story of whether these homesteaders are running to cover or standing fast.

The first county in one state to be designated as an "emergency drought area" has 100 telephones in rural homes today as against 82 on the first of this year. Out of the 259 rural telephones in the county mentioned above where 500 families are trying to "eke out a living," only eight have been discontinued this year.

In the 19 drought counties of this particular state which first were designated as drought areas, the total number of telephones has increased this year from 608 to 673.

"These people were skating on thin ice above a fire-box," says Westbrook, "and now the inevitable has happened."

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## In Liquor Net



George D. Hubbard, former U. S. collector of customs at Seattle, Wash., arrested on federal grand jury indictments. One indictment charges Hubbard with embezzling \$4 cents of whisky in 1937 while customs collector.

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But they want to stick it out until nature and agricultural progress bring them another period of comparative prosperity.

"Desirable as it might be to shift them to better-watered lands, the stubborn spirit which marked these folk hold fast to the scorched areas they have won at such a cost cannot be ignored by the government."

The reply of one Western South Dakota rancher to Dr. Mead's proposal to move the people out of the arid areas is typical of the feeling of all. It is said:

"There's been lots of money made in Western South Dakota," he said, "and there'll be plenty made in the future."

## Chances For 1935 Convention Good

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at Zuber hall Saturday night, August 18 for the purpose of raising money for erecting the booth and doing everything possible to bring the 1935 convention to La Grande. Included in the entertainment will be nine acts of vaudeville in charge of Roy Williams and E. L. Knight was appointed as chairman in charge of the dance afterward.

The money for sending the four delegates and 31 members of the drum corps to the convention at Astoria already has been raised by the post, partly from the funds received from a carnival here at the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration and the remainder accumulated during the year past. In years past the business men of La Grande have been asked to contribute to send the drum corps to conventions.

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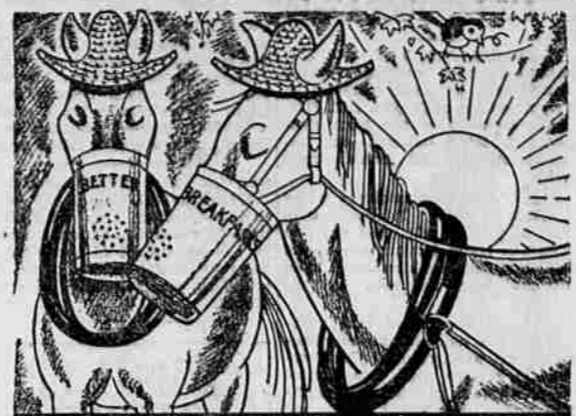
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## Better Breakfasts



BETTER breakfasts make for a better day's work—especially in straw hat season. July breakfasts should be light, yes; they should, however, be nourishing. The reason for this is because at the same time old Sol is putting iron in your system, he is helping you to burn up energy—and it must be constantly replaced. Try this breakfast, some fine morning, for it's not only delicious—it's horse-sense.

**Blueberries and Cream Cereal**  
Baked Eggs with Cheese  
Bran Nut Muffins  
Coffee

**Bran Nut Muffins:** Sift together one cup flour, one-half teaspoon salt, four teaspoons baking powder

and two tablespoons sugar, then add one cup bran. Add two well-beaten eggs, one cup diluted evaporated milk and six tablespoons melted butter. Mix thoroughly and add one-half cup chopped nuts. Bake in well-greased muffin tins in a hot—400 degree—oven for about twenty minutes.

**A Word About Coffee**

Be sure that you get coffee with the full flavor and aroma, vacuum-packed in cans. Use plenty of coffee and cook it quickly, because depending upon cooking to secure the desired strength of your coffee results in decidedly poor coffee. In serving, use either thick cream or hot milk. Keep on hand evaporated milk which makes a rich delicious addition to coffee.

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## RIVER SERVICE RESUMED

THE DALLES, Aug. 9 (AP)—River boat service between Portland and Umatilla was officially resumed Wednesday when the stern-wheel steamer Umatilla passed through the Cello canal.

Regular boat service between the two river points had been scheduled to start a year ago, but service was delayed by successive breaks in the canal.

## PAGEANT DATE POSTPONED

SALEM, Aug. 9 (AP)—The date of the Jason Lee Pageant, plans for which have been going forward here for several weeks, has been postponed one week until September 13, 14 and 15, the pageant committee of Willamette university trustees announced.

The postponement was made to allow more time for the elaborate preparations and to avoid conflict with the annual state fair here.

## MUST FACE GRAND JURY

PORTLAND, Aug. 9 (AP)—Eleven men arrested during the waterfront strike here on charges of assault and battery, appeared in court here last night at the first night session of police court in several years and, through their attorneys, waived hearing.

Municipal Judge Long then ordered the eleven held for county grand jury investigation.

## G. W. HUG APPOINTED

SALEM, Aug. 9 (AP)—George W. Hug, former superintendent of Salem public schools, was appointed yesterday as an assistant in the office of the director of the state board of vocational education. It was announced at the capitol.

## Projects Affiliated with Boulder Dam

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