

Former Wheat Land in County Now Put Into Seed Peas

Wheat production in Oregon increased from 120,000 acre and 2,340,000 bushels in 1869 to 1,102,000 acres and the production peak of 27,541,000 bushels in 1927. The most valuable crop was that of 1920 when production was estimated at 21,795,000 bushels and

cash farm income from wheat at \$36,956,000.

Oregon's wheat acreage was comparatively low from 1939 to 1943, but under the stimulus of wartime demands the acreage reached a relatively high level in 1944. This, however, did not hold true in Union county where land formerly planted to wheat was converted to more salable crops, particularly peas.

At the onset of the war in 1941, Union county had 820,000 acres planted to wheat, as compared to the present.

Although wheat is grown in 34 of the 36 counties of the state, approximately 90 percent of the acreage in 1943 was in eastern Oregon. Umatilla led all the counties.

Another quick sale crop replacing wheat is the grass seed. Grass seeds grown in Union county are shipped all over the world and have found a good market in Russia.

1944-45 Panorama

Jan. 24—A. McAllister, former city manager, was appointed superintendent of the Oregon division of the Union Pacific railroad.

Jan. 29—Tiger cagers lost to the Buckaroos, 52-21.

Feb. 1—Lloyd I. Floyd of Enterprise was liberated from a Jap prison camp... city commissioners authorized the purchasing of 830 feet of pipe for construction of sewer extension from Cherry and Cove avenue to the railroad... seven national farm loan associations were consolidated into the La Grande National Farm Loan association... Red Cross production room for use of students of Eastern Oregon college of education was opened.

Feb. 3—The Dalles basketball team defeated La Grande 41-31.

Feb. 6—Pfc. Edgar Denton was awarded the purple heart... Joe Southall was appointed city dog catcher.

Feb. 7—Union cagers upset Baker to win 35-34.

Feb. 8—Tri-county Hereford breeder's association was formed by cattlemen of Union, Umatilla and Wallowa counties.

Feb. 9—Sister Mary Alexis was appointed a member of the Oregon state board for examination and registration of graduate nurses.

Feb. 10—Tigers were nosed out by Maci-Hi by 39-34 score.

Feb. 12—A. J. Stange was elected to the presidency of the Western Pine association.

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4-H Club Work Grows Steadily; Five Members Win Eight Prizes

Four-H club work, since its beginning, has grown in the faith of rural parents in it, in the support of rural churches have for it.

In Union county last year five members won eight prizes in livestock and garden contests.

Donald Hefty of Cove received a registered Guernsey heifer for winning the contest to find the best Guernsey 4-H member in the state.

Young Hefty and Barrie Gasset, also of Cove, won \$25 war bonds for being among the top six dairy club members in the state.

Wayne Berry, Fruitdale, won a \$25 war bond for the best victory garden in the state, and his records were considered for sectional awards.

Johnnie Van, Cove, was alternate for the Carl Raymond Grey scholarship, given to the out-

standing girl or boy in club work in the county.

Virginia Urquid, Union, received \$5 for being the outstanding first-year sheep club member.

Jack Wilson of North Powder had the grand champion beef

steer at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

Barrie Gasset of Cove won grand champion on his special pig feeding contest record book, with Donald Hefty, Cove, as reserve champion.

Millions Injured in Homes Every Year

CHICAGO — Is there a booby trap in your home? The National Safety councils bet there is. According to the 1945 edition of "Accident Facts," the council's statistical yearbook, 32,000 Americans were killed accidentally at home in 1944, and another 4,800,000 were injured. Most of these accidents, the council says, were caused by home-made booby traps that a little care would have eliminated.

American home life says the council, is a continuous - performance disaster, with a year round average of an accidental death every 10½ minutes and an injury every 6½ seconds. This is a heavier toll than that suffered in either the work places or the highways of the nation.

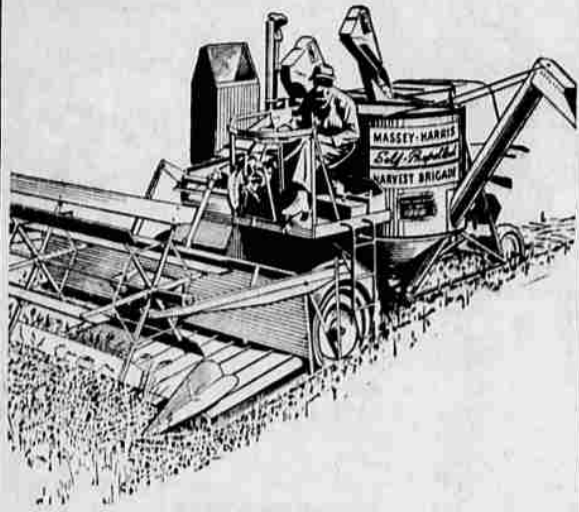
Use Measuring Cup Ruler to Save Soap

Keep by Washing Machine, Says Agent

Measuring cup and a ruler kept near the washing machine, may help in saving soap and also in doing an efficient washing job, says Miss Doris McWhorter, Union county home demonstration agent. A suds about two inches thick has proved best for washing clothes clean. Too much soap is not only wasteful, but does not do the best washing job. Too little soap does not get clothes clean.

Measuring the water and the load of clothes is also important. Fill the tub with just enough water to reach the water-line indicated inside the machine after the clothes are in. Too much water may strain the motor. Too little will not get clothes clean. Put in only the weight of clothes or number of pieces advised by the directions that came with the machine.

A little experience will show just what measure of soap is needed. Try a half cup of soap first, Miss McWhorter advises, and then add until exactly the right measure is found. It is easier to add soap than to try to remove an excess. Just how much is needed depends on the size of the machine, the water, and the type of soap used. Measuring pays in laundering as it does in cooking, Miss McWhorter points out. Yet many a housewife who takes the utmost care in measuring ingredients when one cooks, uses slapdash methods in washing, and is especially careless about dumping in soap.



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It will be of interest to our many friends in Union, Wallowa and Baker counties—as in other Union Pacific territories—to know that this year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Carl Raymond Gray scholarships: a quarter century of providing an incentive for vocational agriculture students and 4-H Club boys and girls to do superior work during their early school training and offering a means for them to continue on to college.

Due to the stimulus and aid of these scholarships the potential abilities of serious-minded farm youth have been developed and used to the benefit of all. Many of them would have had neither the opportunity nor the inspiration to attend college had it not been for the annual scholarship awards.

The Union Pacific is sincerely gratified with the part it has had in encouraging these young people to be of better service to their community and to their country through the Carl Raymond Gray Scholarships.

In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary, Union Pacific has prepared an attractive booklet illustrated with photographs and giving the total number of scholarships in each county. Obtain your Free Booklet by writing to the Agricultural Department of the Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, Nebr.

Tune in the Union Pacific "YOUR AMERICA" broadcast on Mutual Network, 1 p.m., Pacific Wastime, Sunday, Oct. 7. Hear the dramatic story of a war hero—and vocational agricultural scholarship winner—from Wallowa, Ore. See local paper for station listing.

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