

## Big Wheat Crop Looms as Stored Supplies Shrink

Another great national wheat crop this year is indicated by current USDA acreage and production data, says L. R. Breithaupt, O.S.C. extension agricultural economist, in a weekly review of farm market, price and outlook information. The preliminary figure on total wheat acreage is 3 percent greater for the whole country than last year.

With the output of winter wheat already forecast at slightly more than last year, spring wheat yields will determine whether a new wheat production record will be made in 1946. Growers have indicated intentions to increase the national spring wheat acreage 1.6 percent. Planting is nearly finished.

Even should the 1946 wheat crop be as large or larger than the record breaking crop of 1945, total supplies for the 1946-47 marketing year will surely be smaller. Owing principally to heavy exports during 1945-46, the carry-over next July 1 probably will be substantially smaller. The present situation indicates that the total supply may be from 100 million to 200 million bushels less. The supply should be ample, however, as it is not expected that United States overseas shipments will be nearly as great in 1946-47.

Meanwhile great public interest centers on wheat in the Pacific Northwest currently owing to conflicting demands for the stocks on hand in this area. Owing to the scarcity of other concentrate feeds, much wheat is regularly used for feeding poultry and grain-eating livestock in the Pacific states.

The production of the feed grains barley, oats and corn, in the four Pacific states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California,

in 1945 was less than 2 percent of the national production of these crops. Ten percent of the national human population is in the four Pacific states, however. Thus, much wheat must be fed if enough meat, milk, eggs and poultry are to be produced in this area to supply the people with such foods.

### VICKSBURG PAPER PRINTED ON WALLPAPER

We are indebted to Mrs. Holly Foss for a look at the daily Citizen of Vicksburg, Mississippi, issued during the civil war on wallpaper. The last issue on wallpaper and probably the last for a time was printed just after the arrival of General U. S. Grant on July 9, 1863. The issue contains a notice that General Grant expressed his intention of dining in Vicksburg on the 4th of July and the Citizen notes, "the way to cook a rabbit is first catch the rabbit." And in the last stick of type set, the paper says two days brings great changes; that Grant is in Vicksburg and the banner of the Union floats over Vicksburg and that Grant brought his dinner with him.

### NAVY REOPENS V-5 PROGRAM

Re-opening of enlistments for the Navy's V-5 training program—the only flight instruction being offered by any of the armed forces—was announced today by the Naval Cadet Selection Board in Seattle.

Young men between 17 and 20½ years of age who are high school seniors or graduates or have had up to two years of college are eligible immediately for a class that will convene at the opening of fall terms at colleges throughout the nation.

An important new feature of the program will permit an enlistee to attend, in civilian clothes, any accredited university, college or junior college of his own choice. The responsibility of obtaining entrance to school will rest with the enlistee.

## Alfalfa, Clover Seed Shortage

Because of the critical shortage of alfalfa, red clover and alsike seeds, special poundage payments will be offered to encourage increased harvesting of these seed crops in 1946, Ernest E. Schrenk, chairman of the county AAA committee, announced today.

He advised county producers that payments will be computed on a clean seed basis on seed harvested and sold into commercial channels before January 1, 1947. Rates of payment are 7 cents a pound on alfalfa and alsike clover seed, and 9 cents a pound on red clover. He pointed out that these 1946 rates are considerably higher than the 2½ cent and 3½ cent rates for similar payments in 1945.

Oregon's 1946 production goals for these three seed crops call for 10,000 acres of alfalfa seed, an increase of 43 percent; 20,000 acres of red clover seed, an increase of 54 percent, and 30,000 acres of alsike clover seed, an increase of 300 percent.

In addition to the poundage payment, Mr. Schrenk said, acreage payments of \$3.50 an acre up to \$35 per farm are offered for harvesting red clover, alfalfa and alsike seed.

He also reminded that producers who have not filed a 1946 farm plan will need to do so before May

1 if they intend to take part in the 1946 agricultural conservation program.

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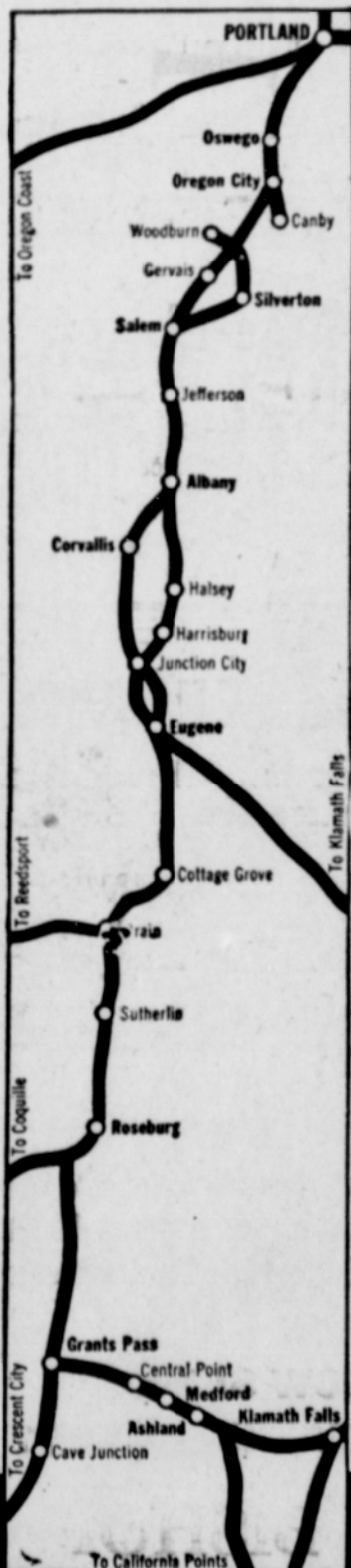
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