

Yield of wheat seen for 1974

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The 1973 crop of wheat harvested, the Extension Office is receiving calls about planting for 1974 harvest. A

offers

money contract

will be received by the Transportation Thursday, Sept. 13. The improvement of the State Park on the River.

call for furnishing and trees, shrubs, ground and bulbs. Plans also the installation of an system. Completion set for May 31, 1974.

combination of record high prices, anticipated high yields, coupled with removal of acreage restrictions, point the way for a lot of wheat being produced in 1974.

Clackamas County Extension Agent, Clive Cook, is enthusiastic about the new wheat varieties—Yamhill and Hyslop which are the products of research conducted by Dr. Warren Kronstad, of the OSU Experiment Station. According to Cook, there were many yields of over 100 bushels of wheat per acre in Clackamas County this past year, especially where growers followed proper fertilizing, planting, and variety recommendations.

Before you rush out to plant those extra acres to wheat, however, consider these

economic problems. To begin with, can you get the financing to buy fertilizer and seed to plant those extra acres? Looking ahead to the summer of 1974, what about a combine? Do you have one readily available or are you going to rely on a custom operator who might be booked solid? These and other problems should be considered before fall planting begins.

Records of the USDA Crop Reporting Service indicate that in 1953 Oregon farmers planted a record 1.2 million acres of wheat. However, with low yielding varieties, the yield that year was only about 34 million bushels. Using these new varieties and today's improved farming methods, 1.2 million acres would produce a yield of 50 million bushels—a possibility for 1974.

A word of caution—it is easy to have a 20-20 hind sight, but few of us can accurately predict what will happen a year from now. Many of us have trouble planning even a week in advance. So, before you take the plunge into unlimited wheat plantings, consider these possible problems.

To help growers understand wheat planting problems, Extension Agents, Clive Cook and John Leffel have scheduled a workshop for 8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17, in Wilsonville at the Damascus Hospital in the multi-purpose building. Many of the questions concerning availability of seed, fertilizer, and other steps necessary to successfully raise wheat will be answered.

Damascus

improves water lines

Engineering work is under way on additions and improvements to the Damascus Water District.

Funds were assured Aug. 13 when voters approved a \$341,000 bond issue in a special election by a 70-60 count.

The bonds, to be repaid over 30 years, will provide additional storage and pumping facilities, mains, etc. Hopefully, the funds will enable the district to take care of the rapid growth in the Damascus area. Construction of a new reservoir is planned but is several years away.



THE MARCY Acres Sewer District was the first such improvement district formed in the city by residents to pay for sewer connection. The work on the sewer district

was completed this week. The city also started this week work on sewers for the Sandy Heights area.

(Post Photo)

Smallest man in world joins famous big show

Who is 33 inches tall, weighs 23 pounds with his clothes on and stars in Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus? The only answer to those questions is an affable midget named Mihaly Meszaros, who as a clown, dancer and acrobat has achieved world renown.

Mihaly, who is known on two continents by the name of Michu, is a 33-year-old Hungarian with the energy of a teenager. He can be seen with the glittering 102nd Edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus comes to the

Portland Memorial Coliseum on Sept. 12 through Sept. 16 for 10 performances.

Michu's parents, both eight inches taller than he, were members of the Lilliputian Theater in Budapest. He attended the state-run circus high school and then applied to a pair of performers named Liebel for a job in their circus.

It was a small circus, but, as a newcomer Michu preferred it to a big show. It was a wonderful training ground for the fledgling performer.

Another advantage of working in a small circus was that he could make money by selling programs and cooking meals for the troupe. His specialty was Hungarian goulash.

Michu spent 15 years with the Liebel Circus, as a clown, unicyclist, announcer, and dancer. He also served as

advance man, riding to the next village ahead of the circus to announce their impending arrival. He drove his own car, especially built to his tiny measurements.

The 33-inch entertainer is so accomplished a performer that audiences watching him quickly forget his diminutive stature and embrace his talents as a showman. Producer Irvin Veld considers him to be the Circus find of the century, a heralded attraction, joining such Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus headliners as General Tom Thumb, Jenny Lind, Jumbo and Gargantua.

Michu is making his America debut this year in the all-new 102nd Edition of the Greatest Show on Earth. Performance dates are 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, (Fred Meyer Night), 4 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. and 3 and 8 p.m. performances Saturday, Sept. 15, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16.

Tickets are available at Memorial Coliseum 235-8771, Stevens and Son, Lloyd Center and Salem; Meier & Frank, downtown Portland; Lincoln Savings and Loan, Beaverton; and Hardy's Jantzen Beach Center.

Low water causes boat ramp closures

If you are planning a boating or fishing trip in the Willamette Valley, you can still find ample boat launching ramps open, although some are out of service at popular lakes this week due to low water conditions, according to the Corps of Engineers' weekly River and Lake Advisory.

No boat ramps are open at Blue River Lake and Lookout Point Lake. Boat ramps are not in service at Harms Park at Dorena Lake, Perkins Peninsula Park at Fern Ridge Lake, Whitcomb Creek Park at Green Peter Lake, and Bingham Landing at Hills Creek Lake.

At Detroit Lake, boats may be launched only at Mongold State Park. The only boat access at Dorena Lake is via Baker Bay Park.

Lake levels at Corps of Engineers projects in the Willamette Valley are being kept as high as possible for recreation use, in coordination with requirements for electrical power and migrating fish.

Water released from Corps lakes maintains flows in the Willamette River at more than double what the natural flow would be.

Up-to-date information on river and lake conditions in the Willamette Valley and on the Columbia River may be obtained from the Corps of Engineers by calling 1-800-452-3751, toll-free from anywhere in Oregon.

Cash stolen

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