

STABILIZATION OF WHEAT HITS SNAG; TOO MUCH ACREAGE

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The farm board's refusal to lock up stabilization wheat is capable of the interpretation that the farmers' failure to reduce acreage has jeopardized the government position.

It is recalled by veteran analysts that in absorbing 200,000,000 bushels of wheat the board operated on the theory that acreage adjustment would cut production that storage stocks could be moved back into trade channels without undue loss to the stabilization corporation.

Farmers were told that in absorbing the surplus and keeping domestic markets out of the morass into which foreign markets had fallen, the board was making it possible for them to adjust production to consumption in a fairly painless process.

New Surplus Stimulated

Until May of this year, when stabilization had run to the end and set for it, domestic prices were at much above the world price as they ordinarily are below it.

In the meantime there was no perceptible reduction in planting outside the spring wheat belt and the new surplus of wheat acted to erase the advantageous position expected as the result of stabilization.

Now, with the country producing virtually as much wheat as ever, the farm board finds itself holding huge stocks on which storage charges are accumulating and for which the anticipated outlet failed to materialize.

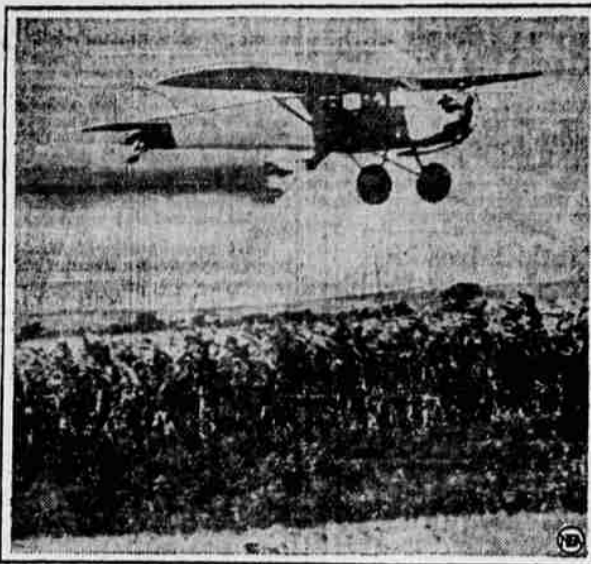
Months ago it warned that stabilization could not be continued in the face of repeated overproduction. Essentially it was the grain stabilization corporation would limit its sales to 8,000,000 bushels a month.

The board does not say the maximum will be sold every month—it merely reserves the right to dispose of that much if circumstances are favorable.

The object is to move the wheat out and get the weight of surplus supplies off the market.

Unlike wheat that may be sold for the purpose of clearing trade channels or for other merchandising purposes, stabilization wheat will not be replaced bushel for bushel from the new crop as it is sold.

BATTLING GRASSHOPPERS!



Grasshoppers are laying their eggs these days, and the state of Iowa has started aerial warfare against the pests to prevent their propagating a worse visitation next year. The airplanes shown above is one of a fleet put into action by the state to spread poison bran over corn fields where grasshoppers, but not livestock, will eat it.

BURROS STEAL ICE CREAM
CRESTONE, Colo., Aug. 19.—Spending a quiet day on Middle creek, L. W. Gross decided to put his two gallons of ice cream in the creek to keep solid while he fished. Surveying the neighborhood, he saw only two sleepy-eyed burros, and cached the delicacy in the cool water. While Gross fished, the burros awoke, found the freezer, nosed off the cover, and enjoyed a midsummer lunch at his expense.

GRASSHOPPERS FED CHICKENS
FLORENCE, Colo., Aug. 19.—The big stockyards that utilize every part of the big except the squeal have nothing on Florence farmers. Bothered by an invasion of grasshoppers, the farmers invented numerous contrivances to catch the pests in wholesale numbers, dried them in the sun, after which they made excellent chicken feed.

NEEDLE IN LEG
MT. CARMEL, Pa., Aug. 19.—A rusted needle has been removed from its resting place for 30 years in the right leg of Mrs. J. L. McAlouse of Mt. Carmel. Mrs. McAlouse said that the needle became imbedded in her flesh when she sat down on the needle 30 years ago. The thread protruded, but when she pulled it, the eye broke off and the remainder of the steel remained in her leg.

SNOW COOLS WORSHIPPERS
PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 19.—To combat the heat waves, which warmed even "Cool Colorado," the Park Hill Baptist church one Sunday night was

QUALITY GLASS DERIVED FROM FURNACE SLAG

ACBURN, Ala., Aug. 19.—Mountains of black slag from steel furnaces may be converted into crystal clear glass. Not only may the waste slag be converted to use, but the heat contained in the sulphurous, flaming mass that lights up steel towns at night, also may be saved.

Dr. C. A. Basore, industrial research chemist at Alabama Polytechnic institute, has made several different types of glass on a laboratory scale under conditions which he says indicate commercial practicability.

Alabama Sands Used

In his experiments Dr. Basore used Alabama sands heretofore regarded as unfit for glass making. Geological surveys have not listed glass sands in Alabama, and consequently there has been no glass industry at Birmingham, Ala., steel center of the south.

With the sands and from 40 to 70 per cent basic granulated slag, Dr. Basore made glasses which he reports were of unusual elasticity and of high tensile strength.

Some of the glasses, he says, apparently have excellent insulating qualities. These glasses appear to be the cheapest to make, whereas insulating glass now on the market is more expensive than other glasses.

Much Heat Saved

By continuing the process of glass making as the blazing mass comes from the steel furnaces, much heat may be saved, Dr. Basore points out. The cost of fuel in glass manufacturing thus would be less, and the cost of glass therefore lowered.

Dr. Basore's experiments have con-

WAITS!



The smiling wife of one of aviation's newest heroes, Mrs. John Polando, is shown above in New York, where she is awaiting the return of her husband who, with Russell Boardman, flew 4984 miles in a record non-stop hop from New York to Turkey.

listed of developing processes of removing impurities which heretofore have prevented production of glass from slag.

Goldfish are merely a domesticated variety of Chinese carp.

EDISON SEARCHES FOR NEW RUBBER

FORT MYERS, Fla., Aug. 19.—With his rubber experiments far advanced, Thomas A. Edison will leave Florida soon for his home in New Jersey.

He has indicated that the year has brought steady progress in his search for rubber in goldenrod.

Edison promised his close friend Harvey Firestone on his 84th birthday that rubber would be made from goldenrod within two years.

The inventor has been compelled to use a wheel chair most of the time during the past winter for traveling from his home to his little frame laboratory across the boulevard.

Although his organic condition has been better this year and he has suffered less from stomach trouble than in past seasons, his strength has been less.

He appeared in public but little last winter. He took a prominent part in the dedication of a new bridge named for him across the Caloosahatchee river in Fort Myers. He also appeared with Mrs. Edison during a Red Cross drive and attended two or three social functions.

He has taken numerous automobile

trips to various parts of southern Florida this season, but for the most part has preferred to remain quietly at Seminole Lodge, watching his rubber experiments.

There has been no change in the inventor's diet this year. His only food has been a glass of milk every two hours, interspersed rarely with a bowl of broth.

The ant eater has no teeth whatever and has only a very small mouth which serves as an opening through which to protrude its long extensible tongue and draw in its insect food.

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