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MILL RESEARCH MAY BE AID IN WHEAT PUZZLE

Oklahoma City, Okla. (AP)—Farmers of the hard red winter wheat belt have organized to combat Canadian and Argentine competition and to sponsor research that may solve current problems of production and milling.

Representatives of farming interests in five principal wheat-growing states—Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma—are included in the Hard Red Winter Wheat Research conference.

Agricultural colleges, experiment stations, commercial agencies, grain dealers' associations and various farm organizations have banded together in the common movement.

Three sets of problems will get immediate consideration: finding proper methods for handling "combined" wheat, learning the relative value of new methods of soil tillage by power machinery, and how to get the real value of high quality wheat when we grow it.

The United States department of agriculture is supporting the conference, whose president is Carl Williams, editor of the Oklahoma Farmer-Stockman.

"Our first step," Williams explained, "will be to determine what we don't know about wheat. Then a research program will be conducted at various colleges and experiment stations, in cooperation with the department of agriculture, with a view to solution of immediate as well as future problems.

"It's a long way from the scientist in his breeding plot to the farmer in his field, yet the work of one is necessary to the success of the other."

Williams believes American wheat farmers are confronted with a serious problem of competition in Canada and Argentina, where farmers can grow and market wheat cheaper because of newer land, higher yields per acre and a lower level of production and transportation costs.

Furthermore, he points out, other difficulties are presented by declining per capita consumption of wheat in the United States, and the likelihood that Russia, which formerly produced one-fourth of the world's crop, may return to importance as a wheat-growing country.

He cites statistics showing the

SERVICE MEN GO HEAVY ON JAVA

Washington (AP)—Uncle Sam's fighting men are heavy drinkers of coffee.

Three times as much coffee is consumed by service men—soldiers, sailors, and marines—as by civilians, according to a recent check of commerce, war and navy departments' records.

Soldiers are allowed an ounce and a half of coffee a day, or 34 pounds a year, while sailors on battleships drink 36 pounds a year. On destroyers and other small craft where duties are more arduous the consumption is greater still.

"Java" is the navy's favorite drink. It is always available and is served to the men before and after "watches." When officers aboard ship get together to discuss news from home and incidents of ship life, they by-word is: "Let's have a cup of coffee."

FRESH GRAPES WILL BE KEPT BARRELLED

San Francisco (AP)—In an effort to stabilize the grape juice industry of California, shippers are packing their product in barrels instead of "bins" or boxes.

In barrels the grapes are frozen and placed in cold storage until market conditions assure a profit. Then they are shipped to the point where a demand is found.

Officials say the new method will prevent flooding the country with grapes during the producing season and save vineyardists from recurrence of the depression that caused severe losses last year. Grapes are said to remain fresh six months in barrel.

FEDERAL PEARL FISHERIES
Caracas, Venezuela, (AP)—Venezuela's pearl fisheries are hereafter to be operated by the government.

With the close of a 2-year contract with one Salim Aboodhmad, Minister of the Interior Cardenas announced that the farming-out system would be dropped and the direct exploitation tried out. The pearl-oyster beds are situated on Margarita Island, and their product has usually been shipped direct to London jewelers.

QUARANTINE ON FLORIDA FRUIT FAR-REACHING

Washington (AP)—Federal officials working to check the Mediterranean fruit fly say new points of infestation are found daily in Florida.

The secretary of agriculture has revised the quarantine to make it possible to regulate any new area immediately.

The revision provides, furthermore, that no heat fruits or vegetables shipped from Florida into northern and northeastern states may be reshipped to territory in the south and west, where direct shipment from Florida already is prohibited.

That means no product from Florida, likely to carry the fly, can be shipped to New York or some other state and then reshipped or otherwise transported to Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington and Porto Rico.

All of the main citrus area in the central section of Florida is infested from coast to coast, but infestation in the outer points still is in the incipient stage and probably the result of fruit being moved from the original points of infestation.

Twelve counties are known to have orchard infestation. They are Orange, Volusia, Seminole, Brevard, Lake Duval, Marion, Osceola, Polk, Putnam, Sumpter and Hillsborough.

Perhaps 75 per cent or more of the Florida citrus crop was moved out before the fly was discovered.

THREE PEAS TO SAVE MILLIONS FOR FARMERS

Greenville, Mich. (AP)—From three peas "amalgamated" into the United States quite accidentally six years ago, an industry which seems destined to contribute millions of dollars in value to American farmers has been developed by Dr. William Hansen, local veterinarian.

The peas were found in two quarts of Swedish vetch seed which Dr. Hansen purchased for use on his farm in Kent county. He was attracted by their appearance and planted them by themselves to observe their growth characteristics.

Hansen's Swedish peas, as they have become known, promise to be one of the nation's leading soil builders. They make a larger foliage growth than any other variety of field peas. A vigorous root system, knotted with nitrogen-bearing nodules, extends deep into the soil. Vines extend 6 or 12 feet in length often, with a prolific growth.

The original three peas have been increased to nine bushels. Indications are that they will yield about 30 bushels of seed to the acre, according to W. C. Cribbs, Michigan State college worker from Michigan state college regional extension worker. The college has been given a quantity of the peas to test this season.

Dr. Hansen has observed a

SWEET TOOTH BIG
Swampscott, Mass. (AP)—The United States has the biggest "sweet tooth" of any country on earth, Charles A. Glabau of the Bakers' Weekly told the New England Bakers' Association in a speech here.

KILL 105 RATTLERS
Sonora, Cal. (AP)—Rattlesnake season is here. Three Sonora men took blasting powder and rifles and started out. They shot 40 snakes on the way to a reputed den, which they blasted. They counted 105 rattlers after the explosion.

ROBS BANK, GETS \$2
Quincy, Mass. (AP)—A burglar who broke into the home of Mrs. William Putnam, escaped with \$2 in silver and pennies which he took from her 12-year-old son's bank. A pocket-book containing \$200 in bills was overlooked.

Samara, Russia (AP)—To prevent the Volga from further eating away its right bank here a stone dam and dyke a mile long are to be erected at a cost of \$1,500,000. The work will take three years.

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BIG GRAPE CROP
Lakeland, Fla. (AP)—Grape production in Lake and Orange counties this year is estimated at 600 tons.

MINT BEATS IOWA CORN
Iowa City, Iowa (AP)—Mint growing may become a sideline for Iowa farmers, Joseph Gingrich, Kan-

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lona farmer, has a mint farm which yielded 40 pounds to the acre, at \$3.75 a pound. Mint is easier to raise than corn, he says, especially on wet ground. He raises both spearmint and peppermint and plans to increase the acreage.

HORSE CABS BLOCK TRAFFIC
Paris (AP)—Horse-drawn vehicles run afoul of the Paris police more often than do the taxicabs. Four-fifths of the traffic violations are committed by drivers of private cars and trucks.



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CHICKEN OF THE SEA

How the cooking tests were conducted
Slowly, carefully tasting as they went

WOMEN of the United States will be interested in knowing how the now famous cooking tests were recently conducted in New York by four famous cooking experts.

Vegetable foods were chosen and cooked in many ways, because vegetables are so important to the balanced diet. The experts were experienced in discriminating shades of flavor. Not more than three vegetables were cooked and tested at one time in order that the sense of taste should not be blunted. This explains why the tests had to be carried over such a long period of time.

In every case, vegetables cooked in little water with the addition of a dash of sugar won unanimously.

This, at first, might strike some as surprising, but it must be remembered that it is not the purpose of the small amount of sugar to make the vegetables taste sweet. Sugar is used here as a seasoning, and it is perhaps the greatest seasoning of all. It develops the natural, delicate flavors of the vegetables just as it does of fruits, cereals, meats, gravies and soups.

Encourage variety and you encourage health for every member of your family. Serve at least two cooked vegetables a day in addition to a raw vegetable salad. Serve at least two fruits a day. Serve milk desserts. Then make the balanced diet so attractive that everyone will welcome it. Good food promotes good health. The Sugar Institute.

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