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WALLA WALLA PLAN TO CUT SURPLUS

Growers Urge Buying Farm Board Wheat and Cutting Acreage.

Walla Walla.—Hoping to get rid of the wheat surplus and raise the prices for grain at the same time, a group of wheat growers from Oregon and Washington met here Saturday and unanimously approved a plan which went forward by airmail to the Farm board. The plan in brief calls for substituting purchased wheat for next year's crop, the wheat to be bought from the farm board on notes, and the amount of land necessary to raise this crop not to be planted. The wheat would be the surplus now owned by the board. The farm board would be asked not to dispose of the warehouse receipts (held as collateral) before July 1, 1932, and then at a price not less than the world price plus the tariff (the tariff is 42 cents a bushel). On present prices the farmer would have next year's wheat crop at a cost far less than that of raising the wheat.

"Many individual farmers expressed a willingness to sign up 50 percent of their acreage while others said they would sign their entire acreage under this plan," said Congressman Summers.

"The success of the plan depends on prompt action by all parties concerned."

"A committee of five was delegated to lay the plan before the country and the farm board."

"I have submitted the plan by airmail to the farm board which controls the surplus at this time and have asked for early consideration."

"Meanwhile it is desired that wheat growers individually and collectively throughout the country write the Secretary, Farm Bureau, Walla Walla, Wash., immediately expressing their views as to the desirability of pushing the plan in all wheat growing sections of the United States."

"Local growers who have given the problem much consideration believe this plan evolved by a number of growers and business men is the most feasible and practical plan that has come to their attention."

Service Charge Necessary On Small Bank Accounts

Starting September 1, the First National Bank of Athena will inaugurate a service charge of fifty cents per month on all checking accounts with a minimum balance under \$50.

Due to overhead expenses such as taxes, clerk hire, cost of checks, pass books, ledger supplies, etc., the local institution is compelled in common with other banks to make this small charge for handling commercial accounts where the balance maintained is so small as to occasion an actual loss to it.

However, it should not be inferred that small accounts are not appreciated. The bank does appreciate them and its officers express the hope that all concerned will find it convenient to increase the amount of their credit balance, so that the charge, though small, will not be necessary.

Comes Here for School

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wood, their grandson, Hugh Steele and Walter Singer returned Tuesday from a visit to the Steele farm home near Selah, Wash. Hugh returns to Athena where he will live with Mr. and Mrs. Wood and enter Athena high school as a freshman. He lived with his grandparents here for a year and went through the fifth grade. He is a saxophone player and will be a welcome addition to the Athena school band.

Fire in Union County

Union county's worst forest fire of the last decade Wednesday was raging uncontrolled in 1500 acres of timber east of Union. Three hundred men were fighting the blaze, 100 having been recruited late Tuesday when the flames mounted to the tree crowns and leaped over their former boundaries and reached merchantable timber but reports said it had not yet entered the Whitman reserve.

Mosier Tunnel Burned

State highway workmen are replacing framework in Mosier tunnel, six miles east of Hood River, which was burned out when a gasoline trailer crashed into the rock wall and caught fire. The highway department expected to have the tunnel open to traffic shortly.

Wringer Injured Hand

Mrs. Alfred Marquis of Adams recently suffered injury to her right hand when it was caught in the wringer on an electric washing machine. Dr. McKinney dressed the injured hand, finding the fingers to be badly lacerated.

Men Are Fighting Forest Fires Northwest Woods

Spokane.—Approximately 10,000 men fought forest fires that glared in three northwestern states Tuesday night.

United States foresters, state and private timber protective agencies and volunteers massed against more than 200 fires, some set by lightning, some by firebugs and some by careless persons, and several towns were menaced by flames.

Bovill and Troy, Idaho, were threatened with destruction. Elko, B. C., near Fernie, had been raided by flames. Forest, Idaho, and Diamond Lake, Wash., were saved from fire only in the nick of time.

An estimate of 50 ranches wiped out came from foresters and newspapermen.

Hundreds of men, women and children fled from their homes as the scarlet glare of fire crept closer.

More than 1000 sheep and cattle were killed.

Incendiary fires, which became common in Idaho, Montana and Washington, spread to British Columbia, and many arrests have been made. United States forestry agents patrolled the timber, seeking firebugs and arresting careless persons who started fires accidentally, hauling them into federal courts.

Three men still were missing, and two were injured seriously on account of forest fires. Two were killed.

Weather bureau officials said the situation was hazardous, and predicted lightning storms and high winds for many danger points.

Brogan Orchard Woman Advises on Red Spider

Mrs. M. L. Allen of Brogan visited several days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cornell here. Mrs. Allen operates a large orchard at Brogan and is well informed on the various pests which attack trees and vegetables.

She believes that the falling of the leaves of Athena shade trees is not a sign of early fall but is due to what is known as the red spider. The spider is hardly visible to the naked eye and when viewed under a glass is seen to have two white spots on its body, and is sometimes known as the "two spot aphid." This insect weaves a web on the underside of the leaf, meanwhile devouring all but the skeleton of the leaf and causing it to fall. Of course in time, a tree being deprived of its leaves or "lungs" will die.

This pest also attacks other vegetation, plants and flowers. It thrives in dry weather because the dust collecting on the leaves protects the web and allows the eggs to mature and hatch. Mrs. Allen believes that a hard rain or series of showers would help the situation materially. The condition of plants and flowers will be improved if they are washed with water, sprinkling from the under side.

Great Northern Terminal

Work is to soon start on a new \$300,000 terminal at Bend by the Great Northern. The terminal will include yards, machine shops, engine house, power house, store houses, water and fuel stations. The Great Northern has been given permission by the interstate commerce commission to relocate and construct 14 miles of new main line track leading south from Bend to its intersection with the Western Pacific line in California.

It Made a Difference

Homer Watts says that it made a vast amount of difference in the yield of two seedlings of spring grain on his ranch north of Athena. Several days intervened in his seeding operations and the part of the field seeded first beat the part seeded last by a wide margin. Homer took off better than a 40-bushel average from his total acreage, including fall and spring sown grain.

Leading Dairy Herd

Charles A. Lynch of Hermiston, heads the list of dairy herds of over 20 cows in the county for the month of July, according to the official tester, J. E. Mansfield. In addition to heading the association in his class for the past month his was the high herd in the association for the past six months, with the Eastern Oregon State Hospital herd second.

Prune Shipments

With 58 cars of fresh Italian prunes moving out from the Walla Walla-Milton-Freswater district Monday, the total number of cars for the season reached 179, or about one-third of the total crop.

Birthdays Celebrated

The birthdays of Miss Hilda Dickenson and Henry Knight, son-in-law of Mr. Dickenson, were celebrated by the Sims Dickenson family Sunday with a picnic dinner at Langdon Lake.

"Eyes" of the Blind Now Wears Boots



Reginald D. White, blind war veteran, and his faithful German police dog, Wicker. White has rewarded his "eyes," as he calls him, with four boots for his blistered feet that he may guide his master about San Francisco streets on his daily duties. Wicker made his wants known to his charge by putting a hot blistered foot in the hand of White the other day when the mercury soared to nearly the hundred mark.

YOUNG EXPLORER



Hartley De Gerard of Chicago, aged twelve, bidding good-bye to his little sister as he started on a 7,000-mile journey by himself through northern Canada and to the Arctic circle. Hartley is a veteran traveler despite his tender years.

Industrialized Farming Is the Plan of Man Who Farms in a Big Way

Back from his latest conference with President Hoover about farm relief Thomas D. Campbell expressed the belief that "industrialized farming" was the cure for the economic depression.

Campbell, who grows wheat on 95,000 acres of leased land in Montana, and runs his farm like a factory, envisioned a day when agriculture would be an important unit of "big business."

"Bankers and rich men must take over the farms," he said, "work them in economical units use the best of machine equipment, pay high wages to skilled men, and employ engineers as managers."

"We can't be a prosperous nation as long as agriculture is broke. And it's broke. It has dropped nine billion dollars of income in eight years. Agriculture is the nation's biggest buyer, so you can see now what kicked us down in the business toboggan. Business men and engineers have taken over every other industry and put it on its feet. They must do the same with farming."

State Grain Inspection Bureau Reduces Workmen

The state grain inspection department, with headquarters in Portland, has dispensed with the services of 15 employes during the past week, according to announcement made by Max Gehlar, director of the state agricultural department. Mr. Gehlar has charge of the grain inspection operations.

The reduction in the operating personnel was due to the business depression which has caused many growers to store their wheat pending a more satisfactory market. Gehlar said that recent inspections indicated a healthy export business. He predicted an increase in the movement of wheat through Portland within the next few weeks.

Auto Backs Into Canal

While shifting into low gear, Mrs. Dean Rogers of Hermiston, stopped her car and it ran backwards and overturned in an irrigation canal in the Columbia district. Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Rodha, who were riding with her, were rescued from their perilous situation by a young man, who took them through a car window in an unconscious condition. The ladies soon recovered, and fortunately were not seriously hurt.

Boy Dies After Accident

Alonso Ochs, 17, died Tuesday at 3.20 a. m. in a Walla Walla hospital of injuries sustained when the motorcycle he was driving collided with a car, alleged to have been driven by Thomas Reeves, on the intersection of the Milton highway and Umapine road at Sunnyside Monday morning. Alonso, who was planning to enter the Walla Walla college for premedics training, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ochs of College Place.

Weston Has Grass Fire

A grass fire at Weston Sunday started on Broad street and extended to the mill, burning all the dry grass in its path. Several men worked for more than an hour protecting the homes on Normal heights and kept the loss to one wood shed, a barn and two chicken houses.

Fifteen Million Bushels of Wheat Has Been Shipped

Since January 1, 1931, off-shore shipments of wheat produced in Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho has totalled approximately 15,000,000 bushels, Henry W. Collins, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific coast division of the Farmers National Grain corporation, tells The Morning Oregonian.

The major portion of these shipments has been to the orient, Mr. Collins said, while the rest went principally to Europe. Much of the wheat moved in the form of flour.

During the next 60 days, Mr. Collins said, at least 4,000,000 more bushels of wheat will move out in export trade from Pacific coast points. This much grain has been sold by the grain corporation, he said, but is still stored in tidewater warehouses. Most of it will move to the orient.

The grain corporation, a unit of the federal farm board, is preparing for the reception of the 1931 crop of about 70,000,000 bushels of Oregon Washington and Idaho wheat, much of which already has been harvested. Mr. Collins said. This crop will be 10,000,000 bushels less than the 1930 crop, he said. Since there is not more than 14,000,000 bushels of the old crop left in Pacific northwest warehouses, he stated, there is actually only about 4,000,000 bushels more of wheat in sight than there is in normal years.

The short crop this year is the result of extreme dry weather in the wheat-growing districts, he said. In fact, the crop will be so light in some of the light-yielding sections that farmers will not bother to harvest the grain, owing to the fact that the crop on that land will not pay the cost of harvesting and hauling. Mr. Collins estimated that about 3,000,000 bushels will be left on the land.

Depression Accounts for Active Mining in Idaho

Moscow, Idaho.—Idaho is one of the best gold mining states in the west at this time, according to the opinion of Stewart Campbell, state mine inspector, who has been inspecting northern Idaho mines.

He has recently been in the gold districts of Oregon and has been studying the geology of gold regions of other states, and he believes that Idaho has more possibilities and inducements than the other states at this time for seekers of gold properties.

"Gold production in the state reached \$435,912.54 last year, an increase over the production of the previous year, in spite of the decrease in the gold content of silver-lead-zinc ores. I expect a further increase again this year," stated Mr. Campbell.

Mitchell-Grover

Miss Violet Grover and Lee Mitchell were married Saturday afternoon at Walla Walla by Judge Sharpstein. The ring ceremony was used and the couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kirk. The bride who is an attractive girl, is a niece of William Potts with whom she has made her home for several years. She was charming in a frock of pale green flat crepe and wore beads of the same shade. Mr. Mitchell is well known here where he has many friends and makes his home on Reed and Hawley mountain, where the young couple will reside for a time.

Needy to Get Cull Pears

Cull pears from Medford packing houses will be distributed free to needy Rogue valley families this fall under a plan being sponsored by the Mail Tribune, local newspaper. Under ordinary circumstances the thousands of boxes of pears are thrown away. Distribution will probably be under direction of the Red Cross and other welfare organizations.

School Starts September 7

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bloom returned to Athena this week from Berkeley, California, where they spent the summer in school work. Mr. Bloom, superintendent of the Athena schools is now engaged in picking up the ends of the preliminary work to be done before opening day. Athena school will open Monday, September 7.

Fair at Boardman

The Northern Morrow county fair will be held at Boardman, September 11 and 12. The fair at Boardman boasts excellency of its fruit and vegetable exhibits above all other classes of entries. Hermiston generally is well represented with exhibits at the fair.

Officers' Salaries Reduced

The Deschutes county court, at Bend recently reduced the salary of all county officials from 10 to 20 percent, effective September 1. The reduction, it was estimated, will save the county about \$25,990 a year.

Swindle Revealed at Walla Walla Four Are Charged

An associated Press dispatch from Walla Walla, says: On complaint by a man and his sister, residing near here, that they gave two checks totaling \$4100 for treatments for the woman's eye trouble, warrants charging four men with grand larceny were issued here.

Names of the man and woman were withheld. The four men were named in the information as: J. C. Becker, R. V. Pierce, Homer McDonnell and John Doe.

The second check, for \$2500, cashed in Reno, Nev., reached here after payment had been ordered stopped. The first check for \$1600 was given them more than a month ago.

Two of the alleged swindlers arrived here July 6, one representing himself as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. He gave the woman what she said was a liquid radium treatment for which she paid him the \$1600.

On August 13 the other two men arrived and told the woman Becker had lost his life in an automobile accident, but that before dying said he had neglected to get her blood test to determine if her eye trouble would return.

The complaint said she submitted to the blood test and was told there was danger her eye trouble would return unless she wore next to her body a belt, of which only three existed. She said the men said they had one of them and that it would save her eyesight. The price was \$2500, for which her brother gave her check.

John Pinkerton Goes To the Eickhoff Corporation

John Pinkerton has been called east by the Eickhoff Farm Products corporation to accept a position, and left Athena Wednesday for Indianapolis, Indiana.

John went to Indianapolis at the solicitation of H. H. Eickhoff who was engaged in raising beans here for a couple of years, during which time the young man was in the employ of Mr. Eickhoff, doing field work.

As to the exact nature of the position offered to him, John was unable to say before leaving Athena, but he thought he would be connected with some production unit of the corporation, which in reality is the field department of the Van Camp company, a national concern which not only cans pork and beans, but vegetables of all varieties. The Eickhoff corporation operates production units in several eastern and central states.

Golf Tournament On Athena Course Sunday

The Athena Golf club will be host to members of the Pilot Rock club on the local course Sunday, when from 16 to 20 Pilot Rock players will be here to play in a return tournament, Athena having played in a tournament on the Pilot Rock course two weeks ago.

The tournament will start at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, and it will be an 18-hole match.

Having the tournament in charge are two committees, the grounds committee of which Laurence Pinkerton is chairman, with Henry Dell and W. P. Littlejohn, and the tournament committee, Justin Harwood, chairman, and D. A. Lowe and Penn Harris.

Car Count Is Made

The seasonal count of highway traffic was made last Friday. Floyd Fanning and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pittman were stationed north of Freewater and in 16 hours counted 3379 vehicles. Don Wilkes and Charles Smith were at the intersection of Helena and the highway north of Havana and in the same length of time counted 906 vehicles. This is a big average for this season of the year.

Umatilla Project Fair

It is announced that the premium list for the Umatilla project fair at Hermiston has been completed and will be in printed form and ready for circulation the latter part of the month. The fair board met last Saturday night and an allotment of prize money was made to the several divisions of the show. The dates of the fair are October 9 and 10.

Traces of Rain

On the 50th day of drouth in this section, traces of rain fell at Walla Walla and Pendleton on Monday afternoon. On the summit of the Blue Mountains east of Athena, intermittent showers fell during the afternoon and evening.

Miss Booth Here

Miss Almira Booth, instructor in music at Dillon, Montana normal school, is here visiting her father, C. T. Booth and sister, Mrs. Ralph Dowd. Miss Booth will attend Columbia University.

GASOLINE TRUCKS WILL BE CHECKED

Too Many Accidents Bring Movement for Quick Investigation.

Drivers of heavy tank trucks which speed with large loads of gasoline to all parts of Oregon and into Idaho as far east as Boise and into Washington as far as Walla Walla for the Asbury Transportation company get plenty of sleep and rest, according to a statement made by the Asbury Transportation company to a Portland paper, when asked about rumors that over-worked drivers had caused two recent accidents on the Columbia highway, one in which Ed Justesen was killed when his truck ran off the highway, and the other in which in collision in the Mosier tunnel burned the framework out and caused a traffic blockade.

Directly opposite Mr. Asbury's defense of the methods were the statements of citizens, motorists, traffic officers and ex-drivers that truck pilots have been worked to exhaustion, that they had been forced to drive for as much as 42 hours without sleep, and that the conditions under which they drive are hazardous both to themselves and to other motorists.

"Our drivers are not permitted to work more than 12 hours, for we have a rigid rule that a driver who works 12 hours must have ten hours rest, and if he works two, three, four or five hours he must have at least six hours rest before he can go out again with a truck," Mr. Asbury explained. "Average shifts are only ten hours, however, for the 63 men we have employed in Oregon. There are relief stations all over the state, so that five drivers will be used to take a truck from Portland to Boise, three drivers to Walla Walla, three drivers to Grants Pass, two drivers to southern Oregon cities. There is no deviation from this rule."

Reports have been received at the office of the Oregon State Motor association that truck drivers have been forced to work many hours over their shifts or be discharged. One citizen reported that Ed Justesen had driven 32 hours without sleep just before his truck rolled over the bank; another that a driver had worked 42 hours without sleep, and another that a driver had been at the wheel for nine days with little rest.

"In view of the reports on conditions, we have asked the state police to check on trucks and their equipment, which power they have according to the law passed at the last session of the legislature, and for the labor commissioner to check on the long hours of truck drivers," explained J. E. Shelton, secretary and general manager of the motor association.

"It is not our purpose, however, to attempt to regulate trucks, for our work is concerned with pleasure machines. We are concerned whether or not the truck drivers hog the road or whether or not the transportation lines operate poor equipment so that the lives of the traveling public are endangered."

Steiner Asks Moratorium

Senator Frederick Steiner has sent a telegram to the federal loan board asking the board to consider a moratorium on interest payments due federal loan agencies. Steiner said the inability of farmers to meet interest payments was "alarmingly evident." Federal land banks, he said, will be engaged in a program of wholesale foreclosures if foreclosure on property is to be the penalty for non-payment of interest.

Wardens Are State Police

Thirty-five game wardens, recommended by the state game commission, were appointed police officers in the new department of state police by Charles P. Pray, superintendent of the department. The list, it was announced, included virtually all wardens formerly employed by the game department, and will have full duties in all lines as members of the state police force.

Stricken With Paralysis

John M. Royer, Pilot Rock hotel man, was recently stricken with paralysis, but later reports are to the effect that he is improving. A number of years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Royer resided in Athena for one winter.

To Film Round-Up

A full motion picture and sound recording of the Pendleton Round-Up will be supplied by the Oregonian-RKO-Orpheum camera man this year according to announcement made.

Minister Assigned to Weston

Rev. Frank Sutton of Deer Lodge, Montana, has been assigned to the pastorate of South Methodist church, at Weston.