

PEA SEED GROWERS PONDER PROSPECTS

Despite Uncertainty Hyslop Says Crop Promises Reasonable Profit.

Oregon State College.—What is the future of Austrian Winter field peas as an Oregon seed crop?

This question is puzzling growers of some 10,500 acres of this crop in various sections of the state just now, for while the industry is but five years old there is at present a dearth of advance contracts from buyers. Complicating the situation is the trouble experienced with the pea weevil.

These peas were introduced into Oregon as the result of experiments of H. A. Schoth, U. S. D. A. agronomist at Oregon State college, and right now the weevil problem is being studied intensively by A. O. Larson, federal entomologist at the college. Both eastern and western Oregon regions have gone into the pea seed production, with most of the output going to the southern cotton growing states. These states are now hard hit by low cotton prices and the demand for the Austrian pea seed has fallen off accordingly.

"If good quality peas are produced and delivered in the southeastern states in condition to compete with imported seed, I think there is no question that there will continue to be a good market there for a reasonable amount of them," says G. R. Hyslop, head of the farm crops department at the college. "It is incomprehensible that all the popularity for them built up recently will pass out in a single season."

Considerable demand is also growing up for the seed in other sections, and as a last resort the threshed peas are excellent feed for practically all classes of livestock and are sometimes used for poultry, Mr. Hyslop points out. Therefore he advises present growers to continue to grow a conservative acreage to be harvested early, the peas to be fumigated at once to guard against weevil injury. Hogs may be used to clean up the shattered pea seed before the stubble is burned, he believes. "It is unsafe to guess prices at this time, but it is pretty certain that those who get good yields per acre of saleable peas will be able to grow them at a greater profit than is true of many grain crops," Hyslop concluded.

Oregon Homemakers Are Offered Tips on Purchasing of Textiles

Tips on how to make the household dollar go farther are being offered Oregon homemakers this winter in a new radio series on textile buying just developed by the home economics division of the Oregon State College Extension service.

The new series, broadcast each Thursday afternoon from 3 to 3:30 o'clock over KOAC, is entitled "Your Money's Worth in Household Textiles," and is designed to give helpful pointers on when and how to purchase such articles as towels, sheets, blankets, curtains and other household necessities so as to get the greatest value for the least expenditure.

To supplement the lecture series, a group of mimeographed circulars are being prepared, and will be mailed previous to each lecture to all homemakers who request this service. Mrs. Gladys Goode of the radio division is in charge of the supplementary material, while Miss Margaret Brew, instructor in clothing, textiles and related arts, is giving the lectures.

The subject of the first of the series Thursday, October 15, is "Towels that Endure." Other topics listed for following weeks include "How to Choose the Bath Towel," "Getting the Most from Sleep," "The Foundation of a Comfortable Bed," "Some Facts about Mattresses," "Buying Sheets for Service," "When You Buy Blankets," "Making Quilts at Home," "Economy in Bed Spreads," "Curtains Materials for Bedroom Windows," and "Considering Kitchen Curtains."

Persons wishing to enroll for the mimeographed circulars on these topics may do so by applying to Mrs. Goode, care of KOAC.

Must Pay Teacher
Weston Leader: Upon a writ of mandamus issued from the circuit court, directors of school district No. 49 on Weston mountain have been directed to make a tax levy within 10 days sufficient to pay the salary of the teacher, Jack Stuber, or to come into court and show cause why they should not be compelled to do so. It is alleged that Stuber's contract calls for \$150 monthly, and that the present levy is sufficient only to pay him \$100.

Indians File Action
Action to determine the rights of Indians to fish on the disputed Walker T. Downes property at Celilo falls loomed at The Dalles with the return of a verdict of guilty against Harry Isel, guard employed by Downes, for assault with a dangerous weapon. Isel shot Levi Vampelt, 19-year-old Indian, last month while the Indian was fishing on the fenced and posted property.

CANADIANS FORM BIG CORPORATION

Trading Organization Will Handle Inter-Provincial Wheat Crop.

A Washington Associated Press dispatch states that a huge inter-provincial trading corporation will guide Canada's new wheat crop to market. It is expected to be headed by John I. McFarland, now general manager of the "Canadian wheat pool," or the central selling agency for the three provincial pools of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Prime Minister Bennett has promised the financial assistance of the dominion, details of which are yet to be worked out. The corporation is to handle only the 1931 crop, centrally co-ordinating the individual work of the three provincial pools.

Pool members may use either the open market, under guidance of the corporation, or pool their wheat as they have heretofore. In the latter event the initial advance will be paid for wheat as in former years.

The Alberta wheat pool has fixed its advance payment on pooled wheat at 30 cents a bushel, basis No. 1 Northern at Vancouver. The Manitoba and Saskatchewan pools are soon to fix their basis.

Some sources in Canada interpret the new arrangement as meaning that the wheat pools, as such, will disappear. They will retain their names but in function will become ordinary grain handling elevator organizations, hedging all purchases in the open market. The old pool scheme of handling wheat, taking the market risk and selling direct to consumers will be abandoned.

The change is represented not to be a breakdown in co-operative marketing but the result of heavy financial losses in pooling and holding 1929 wheat which dropped almost \$1 in value in 18 months.

Eye Doctor Coming
Dr. Clarke of the Clarke Optical Co., Portland, Oregon, eye-sight specialists, will be in Athena, all day and evening, on his regular monthly trip, Saturday, October, 17th, at the Athena Hotel. See him about your eyes.

Marjorie Montague and Bernice Wilson spent Friday and Saturday, visiting friends and relatives in Pendleton.

Grape Juice Firm Is On Trial in California Federal Court Now

The wine grape industry of California went on trial Monday when eight executives of the California Vineyards company appeared in federal court to answer charges of conspiring to violate the Volstead act. The company sells unfermented grape juice. Nothing has to be done to it, according to indicted officials and salesmen, except to place it in a temperature exceeding that from which it was originally taken.

Let alone, this grape juice transforms itself into wine of approximately 12 per cent, alcoholic content by volume, federal prohibition officers assert.

A. G. Fredericks, warehouse manager for the concern, asserts that federal prohibition agents have on numerous occasions endeavored to extract information from the salesmen as to "how wine with a kick" could be made from products offered for sale.

It is the contention of the accused executives that no such information is given to purchasers with the consent of the defendant corporation or its officers.

Suicide Was "Big Shot" One Time in Middle West

Blaming prohibition, employed women and foreign labor as the cause of all ills in the United States, a man who signed his name as E. L. Merrill, committed suicide Sunday afternoon by turning on the gas in his room at a Portland rooming house, where he had been a lodger for about two weeks.

The man left two notes, both addressed to police. One of them advised that there was no one to notify or worry. The man declared he had been unable to find work and was tired of it all, and had accepted suicide as the easiest way out. He declared he would rather die than starve, beg or steal.

"I used to be a big shot in the Middle West," he wrote, stating he was a Mason and giving the name of his lodge, which police were unable to read, "but after I lost all I had I could find none of the boys whom I had helped to help me out. I have worked in various places in Oregon during the past two or three years. I have no money and no one to help me."

The other note told of the wrongs of the world and was written along philosophical lines.

Corvallis Tree Nursery Has Stock for Farmers

Eleven species of trees are again available for distributing from the state forest nursery at Corvallis to farmers of Oregon for use in establishing shelter belts, wind breaks and woodlots all of which add to the appearance as well as usefulness of the farmstead. Thousands of these trees have been distributed over the state in the last few years, many of them now thriving in regions where there are few native trees.

Fall planting of these trees is recommended west of the Cascade mountains where moisture is more abundant and where frosts are not so severe. Planting at this time of year permits the roots to become well established by the time the growing season starts in the spring. In eastern Oregon spring planting is preferred.

Species available for immediate distribution are black locusts, green ash, box elder, Russian olive, western yellow pine, Scotch pine, Russian mulberry, western red cedar, Douglas fir, Port Orford cedar, European larch and Norway spruce. The first six named are suitable for eastern Oregon.

Second Order for Flour
The second order for flour, completing the 300,000-barrel consignment to China for relief of flood sufferers, was placed at Portland with about 40 Pacific northwest millers Monday by the Grain Stabilization Corporation. The order was for 200,000 barrels, following the original 100,000-barrel order. Authority to place the orders came from the Farmers National Grain Corporation.

Prepare for Winter Rush
The winter rush season at the state penitentiary is expected to begin soon, Deputy Warden Gene Halley, predicted. "We have 870 prisoners now," he said, "but with courts convening after the holiday period, we expect the total for the winter to reach more than 900."

A cracker of "vest pocket size" which it is claimed supplies the staple elements in the human diet, has been developed at Ohio State university by Miss Lacaugh Dennison of Wellburg, W. Va., a co-ed.

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Hard Times Do Not Worry These Folks

Hard times have no worries for Mr. and Mrs. Russell Clark of Chicago, and they are ashamed of people who talk of the depression. They have been married for 65 years.

Reminiscing as they prepared to celebrate their wedding anniversary next Thursday the couple recalled these facts:

When they were married after Clark was mustered out of the Union army in the Civil War and followed the old Santa Fe trail to McPherson, Kans., they didn't find any kitchenette apartment awaiting them.

While not engaged in fighting Indians they built a house out of dirt supported by tree branches.

The grain they planted was blown away by a Kansas gale.

When a crop was ready for harvest grasshoppers or prairie fires destroyed it.

You can't talk hard times to the Clarks. They won't listen.

The Dalles Votes Bridge
The city of The Dalles, at a special election Tuesday authorized a \$600,000 bond issue for the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river there. The vote was 1282 to 414. Construction of the bridge, which will connect the Satus Pass highway and The Dalles-California highway, is expected to begin within a few weeks.

High School Notes

Let's Keep the Study Hall Clean

Much has been written and said about keeping the study hall clean. Probably every janitor who ever went to high school here has written an editorial on this subject, and in the course of writing it, probably dropped two or three crumpled papers on the floor. To a visitor it gives a bad impression to see chalk, paper, books, and the like scattered on the floor and over the desks.

Usually there are magazines on the desks or in the aisles. It probably never occurs to anyone to return a magazine to the rack. This duty seems to be reserved for teachers and the janitor. It is very difficult for anyone to study carefully and keep an orderly mind in an atmosphere of crumpled paper and torn magazines. Let's keep the study hall clean.

Athena Girls Attend Conference

Eight Athena girls attended the Girls' League conference at Mac-Hi, Saturday, October 10th. The program for the day was:

9:00 to 10:00.....Registration
10:00 to 11:00.....Assembly
Conference Songs.
Address.....Mrs. E. T. Allen
11:00 to 12:00.....Sectional Meetings
12:15 to 1:30.....Dinner
1:30 to 2:00.....Assembly
Vocal Duet—"Beautiful Ohio"
Retha McCabe, Juanita Hendericks
Roll Call.
2:00 to 2:45.....Sectional Meeting
2:45 to 3:30.....Assembly
Instrumental Trio—"The World is Waiting for the Sunrise."
Willa Nourse, Violin; Martha Murray, cello; Dorothy Harstad, piano.
Address.....Mrs. Robert Osgood

The program was arranged by Miss Marie Clark under the direction of Miss Elsie Kepler, Dean of Girls at Mac-Hi.

Girls from Baker, Prescott, Dayton, Dixie, Weston, La Grande, Enterprise, Pendleton, Wallowa, Wa-Hi, Mac-Hi and Athena were present at the conference.

The delegates from Athena were Goldie Miller, Betty Eager, Marjorie Douglas, Mildred Hansell, Mary

Tompkins, Mary Jane Miller, Helen Barrett and Miss Cameron.
Plans are being made by the Girls' Federation of Wa-Hi to hold a similar conference there in March.

Assembly

The student body had a meeting Wednesday afternoon in which business matters were discussed. President Marjorie Douglas presented Buddy Weber's resignation from the position of yell leader. Maxine Moore was elected to fill the position.

The student body also decided to send flowers to Aaron Douglas, who was absent from school with a broken leg. The meeting adjourned and was followed by a short assembly. A few patriotic songs were sung and Mr. Bloom said a few words to the group.

Columbus Assembly

A program was given Monday morning in observance of Columbus day. Patriotic songs were sung, and interesting talks were given on the life of Columbus by Francis Lawrence, Helen Alkire, and Billy Hansell. Doris Jenkins read a poem concerning Columbus. The program closed with all singing The Star Spangled Banner.

Personals

Athena high school students enjoyed a vacation last Thursday and Friday while teachers attended teachers institute at Pendleton.

Aaron Douglas who was injured in the Pendleton game was back at school on crutches Monday. He expects to be able to go without his crutches in two weeks or so.

WHAT IS ADVERTISING?

"Advertising is the education of the public as to what you are, where you are, and what you have to offer in the way of skill, talent or commodity. The only man who should not advertise is the man who has nothing to offer the world in the way of commodity or service."—Elbert Hubbard.



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