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WHEAT YIELDS AT STATION SMALLER

Hybrids of Federation Do Best of Winter Wheats

MANY VARIETIES GIVEN TRIAL

Checking and Rechecking Job of Wheat Developers

One who views the chart of wheat yields at the experiment station will receive a certain shock in comparing the average yields of previous years with the last three. In some years the average of the wheats at the station has been away above thirty bushels per acre while in 1929, 1930, and 1931 the average has dropped to a little over 14 bushels.

Federation wheat among the spring wheats has an average of 25.8 bushels per acre with two very bad seasons out of the comparatively short time it has been grown on the station. This year the Federation produced a crop of 12.5 bushels. Onas, a comparatively unknown wheat to farmers topped the list of spring wheats with a yield of 21.9 bushels. Following in turn came Baart with 21.5, Bluestem, 20.4, Marquis 18.7 and the Federation. This is almost and absolute reversal of the averages for in past years Federation ranks first with 25.8 bushels per acre, Onas, 25.5, Hard Federation 25.0 Baart 22.2 and Marquis 19.7.

The winter wheats have also experienced a reversal of form for this year. Hybrid 128 normally the best yielding wheat on the station with a station average of 31.2 has dropped way down the list, and its place has been taken, temporarily at least, by three hybrids developed by crossing Hard Federation with other common wheats. These hybrids have been made on the local experiment farm and are only a few of the many crosses that are being tried every year in the effort to find the variety of wheat with all of the good points and none of the bad. This year these hybrids yielded over 17 bushels per acre to top the list of winter wheats.

Federation in this experiment gave a return of 16.4 bushels per acre followed by the group of Turkey wheats with yields from 13.4 to 15.1 bushels. Oro, the smut resistant Turkey wheat developed at the station by Mr. Stephens, averaged 13.4 which is lower actually and proportionally than it has ever been.

The high producing barleys in order for this year are: Peruvian, 29.2, Flynn 27.5, Atequippa 27.4, Mariot 27.3, Meloy 26.2. This Meloy barley is a local barley and is the only headless one of those mentioned. This is about in line with the averages for past years as the first barleys mentioned all have an average of 42.6 bushels per acre during the years they have been grown here. Meloy has averaged 38.9 bushels.

Oats on the station this year produced from 27.7 to 34.6 bushels per acre. Richland, Three grain, togold and Sixty day oats were the best which agrees with the averages made previously although several of the varieties averaged 15 bushels more than they made this year. Three grain oats has produced an average of 59.8 bushels, Markton 49.5 and Sixty day 47.9. One advantage of the Markton oats is that they are almost entirely smutless.

This brief resume gives the yields of the more common varieties, the varieties that have proved good

County Court Will Go Before Commission

A special meeting of the county court was held Tuesday afternoon to determine definitely which one of the routes up Shearer's grade they would present to the state highway commission for consideration.

They decided that the south road was the most feasible because it will be shorter and for the further reason that it is much less expensive to build. The route selected would cost \$12,950.00 and would be 3.75 miles long.

When the state highway commission meets a delegation from Sherman county will be on hand to present the reasons why this road is of major importance to the residents of Sherman and Wasco counties and will endeavor to show the commission that state aid should be given the county in replacing it.

Shearer's grade has been a road for fifty years having been built by Joseph Shearer as a feeder for his toll bridge on the Deschutes. Wool has gone down its rocky course on the short-coupled wagons of the home-steader wool haulers as it was being taken to the one time wool center of The Dalles. For many years farmers in a great part of Sherman county made annual trips to the timbered country "across the river" for their supply of wool.

Six and eight and ten horse teams, governed by a single line in a manner that seems almost uncanny to the modern man, used to truck hauling, have tolled up Shearer's grade. Two pulps were made for each trip as a part of the wagons had to be left at the bottom.

If there is anything in years of use determining the value of a road Shearer's grade will certainly have a wagon road as long as people inhabit the two counties it joins together.

Thirteen Coyotes Bite The Dust Last Month

Those whose slumber is disturbed by the nocturnal howling of coyotes or whose chickens and sheep occasionally provide meals for the sneaking prairie wolves, will appreciate the statement made by the Predatory animal hunters headquarters in Portland.

In Sherman county, Alva Stone, who works out of Grass Valley accounted for 13 full grown coyotes during July and was ninth in the state. The thirty two hunters in the service accounted for 266 coyotes, 30 bobcats, one cougar and 6 predatory bear during July.

These are planted in rows long enough to accommodate the kernels of one head. They get along with no other distinguishing mark than a station or selection number until they are discarded as worthless or are increased and stabilized and given a Federal number somewhat like registered livestock.

It is a job requiring infinite patience for the yields of each little row must be threshed separate, weighed separate, catalogued and filed and put away to be compared and studied and either put aside into the limbo of lost hopes or developed into a new Federation or Oro.

BOND REFUNDING ELECTION SCHEDULED

City Must Take Care of Overdue Indebtedness

AUGUST, 28TH DATE CHOSEN

Judges and Clerks Appointed To Hold Special Election

Thursday night of last week the city council of Moro held a special session to discuss the bond issue that has been before them a good part of the past thirty days.

Councilman A. M. Wright introduced a resolution which is printed in another column of this issue. It was passed by the council and provides for a city bond refunding election on August 28th of this year.

The city has bonds that are past due and must be refunded and it is necessary to hold this election to obtain consent of the people to this action. Voting these bonds will in no wise change the indebtedness of the city. It will merely put off the time when this part of the debt must be paid.

Judges for the election will be J. M. Axtell, W. S. Powell and L. L. Peetz and the clerks will be Seral W. Searcy and Gladys N. Buxton. Election will be held in the council room of the city hall from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening. Qualifications for voting will be the same as for regular city elections.

Councilman Joe Truitt sent his resignation to the council giving as his reason that he needed the time he has been giving to the city in his private business. The resignation was accepted by the council, and a successor will be chosen in the near future.

Dreary Harvest Drawing To Unexciting Close

The coming week will see the end of harvest for most of the county. Some near Kent where spring wheat was grown almost exclusively this year will be in the field after that time but by far the larger part of the grain is threshed and either in the sack or already hauled to warehouses and elevators.

This has been the quietest harvest within the memory of the oldest timer in the county. Owing to the poor crop and poor price the farmers have hired little additional help and in many cases have joined forces to make a harvest crew. Strange as it may seem when the general depression is taken into consideration there were few men here looking for jobs at any time. What has become of the great hordes of harvesters who flocked to the harvest fields with the first breath of hot weather is not known, but they did not congregate here.

Wheat Tests High In Valuable Gluten

One comforting thought about the wheat crop in Sherman county this year is that it has much more gluten than has been the case for several years. Wheat brought into Moro has ranged from 11.09 to 14.68 per cent which compares favorably with the usual 9 or ten per cent usually found.

The scale of premiums offered on wheat with this percentage of gluten is as follows: Eleven percent or over1 cent Twelve percent or over3 cents Thirteen percent or over4 cents Fourteen percent or over5 cents

Through the tie up of the cooperatives with the state grain grading department every farmer is able to find out just what percentage of gluten his wheat contains.

Few sales of wheat have been made so far this year but some was sold this week at a price of 36 1/2. The Portland price remains under 50 cents per bushel.

Differential between the sacked and the bulk price was set at two cents per bushel before harvest and it will remain the same during the season.

Credit Association Formed By Merchants

Practically everyone of the business men of Moro met at the council chambers last Friday night and after some discussion formed an association which will be called the Moro Business Men's Credit Association. As with other organizations of like nature which have been formed in other towns this one will have for its purpose the establishment of a uniform credit policy among the businesses of the town.

It was believed by those represented that the time has come to put the business of this community on a thirty day basis. It is explained by the members of the association that this is necessary if they are to maintain stocks of goods sufficient for the needs of the community as payments to wholesalers must be made regularly and in no case are merchants able to get longer than thirty day credit from firms they deal with.

They further state that this system will offer protection to them and to their customers who regularly pay in the stipulated time, as it will lessen credit losses thereby tending to lower prices for merchandise sold in Moro stores.

Marion McKee, of the Moro Pharmacy was elected president and Walter May, of May & Son, was elected secretary of the new organization.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Aug. 6	70	45	.00
" 7	80	44	.00
" 8	84	49	.00
" 9	93	51	.00
" 10	91	51	.00
" 11	76	50	.00
" 12	76	48	.00
Total for week			.000

EDWARD JUSTESEN KILLED IN TRUCK

Asbury Gasoline Truck Leaves Road Near Herman Creek

JUSTESEN BELIEVED ASLEEP

Broken Guard Rail Causes Officer To Investigate

Edward Justesen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justesen, of Kent, was probably instantly killed Tuesday along the highway near Herman creek on the Columbia River highway.

He has been a truck driver for the Asbury oil transportation company for several years starting with them in California. When they opened a Portland office he was transferred to that station. One of the policies of the drivers in this type of service, as often expressed by Mr. Justesen when visiting his relatives here, has been to drive as long as possible without rest and to complete the given trip as quickly as possible.

According to information received here he was probably driving with insufficient rest and his truck left the highway while he was asleep. His truck was demolished in its trip from the highway down over the rocks to the railroad right of way and Justesen was crushed in the cab.

Arthur Justesen, an elder brother of Ed, drove through Moro Wednesday for the scene of the accident, but no word has been received from him as to the date of the funeral or the place.

There were four boys in the Justesen family, Arthur, the eldest who is farming the home place east of Kent, Theodore, who is in California, and the youngest, Roy, who is also driving gasoline trucks for the Asbury company. The parents live on their ranch near Kent.

Railroad Loses Large Block of Revenue

Something of the troubles of the railroads can be gathered from the statement made to the Union Pacific employees. In 1930 the revenue carloadings were lower than in any year since 1922, the number of passengers carried was smaller than in any year since 1903, operating revenues were lower than any year since 1919 and the return earned was lower than at any time since 1921.

The railroads spent \$873,000,000 in capital improvements in 1930 which is \$20,000,000 more than has been so spent since 1926.

It is hoped by the carriers that these facts will cause them to receive greater support from the shipping public.

When Travel Bore
The unhappiest people in the world, says an observer, are too-rich Americans, driven hysterically from place to place by the fear that some pleasure might elude them.—Country Home.

Stock Show Premium List Now Ready

The premium List of the Twenty first Annual Pacific International Live Stock Exposition, to be held in Portland, October 24 to 31 inclusive is now being distributed. Copies may be had from General Manager O. M. Plummer, 211 American Bank Building, Portland, Oregon.

Prizes offered in the various departments are about as follows: \$11,000 in the beef division, to which the breed associations from various parts of the country have added \$7,000; the dairy department \$11,800 in addition to about \$2,000 by the breed associations; the sheep classification carries \$6,500 of our money and about \$2,000 additional of breed association money; breeding hog classes \$3,750; breeding classes heavy draft horses and jacks, \$6,300; the fat classes of cattle, hogs and sheep, roughly \$7,500; in the Horse Show department, which is second to none in the country, about \$7,500 of Pacific International's money and \$25,000 in stakes and entry fees, making a total of more than \$34,000 for the Horse Show which again makes it outstanding. In the Land Products department, \$4,500; Dairy Products Show about \$1,000; for the Boys' and Girls' Club work, \$5,000; Judging Contests of various kinds, \$3,250.

Pressure Cooker Canning Held Safest

It is unsafe to home can non-acid foods, such as beans, corn, peas, beets, asparagus, spinach and other vegetables except tomatoes, and meats or fish by any other than the pressure cooker method, says the school of home economics, Oregon State College. Research and practical experience show that these foods cannot be safely canned by heating in boiling water. The deadly bacillus botulinus has been known to resist boiling, a temperature of 212 degrees F, for more than 6 hours.

Belcher Elected To Lead Fifth District

W. W. Belcher, of The Dalles, was elected district commander of the fifth district which includes Sherman county, at the American Legion convention held in Corvallis last week. Mr. Belcher has been scout master for the fifth district for several years and is well acquainted with the personnel of the district through association with them in this work.

Bits of Sherman County History Given in Old Time News

From the Observer of August 12th 1912.

Geo. W. Berrian, E. O. L. agent, left for the springs by auto Tuesday evening. Mrs. Berrian following by train Wednesday.

Three steam threshing rigs were out of commission near Moro Tuesday. L. L. Peetz and Ben Shull's rigs each broke a small bolt on the engine, and F. R. Messenger tried to thresh a fork tine and broke the concaves and beater of the separator.

The streets of Moro are very dusty and the nuisance is almost intolerable when the wind blows even slightly.

George Warfield, local agent for Kerr Gifford, was the first to ship 1912 wheat from Sherman county. Two cars of forty fold from Kent and one car of club from Moro.

From the Observer August 15th 1902.

Announcement was made of the birth of several children among them being a boy to the Ed Everetts, a girl to the W. E. Tates, a girl to Mrs. T. Lockmire and a girl to the wife of Attorney R. E. Hoskinson.

At 6 o'clock Wednesday, evening fire from the Proebstel coals left smoldering in Pike's field near Moro started to eat away a setting of wheat. Prompt action saved all but about 75 sacks.

Wallis Cash Grocery advertised the following specials, Sugar 20 lbs \$1.00, Beans 25 lbs, \$1.00, Rice 16 lbs, \$1.00, Corn, Tomatoes and Onions at 10cents each or \$1.20 per dozen.

James Mitchell and John Foss advertised the best blacksmith work.

From Wasco: Frank Hulery threshed 597 sacks at one setting on the

SHERMAN COUNTY WHEAT MAKES 9 BU.

Startling Drop in Yield Taken By Oregon Wheat Growers

STATE AVERAGE IS 18.5 BU.

United States Raises Much Larger Crop Than Usual

The United States Department of Agriculture has released their preliminary figures of winter wheat production in the state and in the United States. It shows some startling changes in the production of wheats in some of the best counties in the state. In Sherman county we had an average annual production of winter wheat per acre of 21.5 from 1925 to 1929. In 1930 this was cut to 18 bushels and for 1931 we have a production of 9 bushels per acre according to the department.

Gilliam county is given as 7 bushels, Morrow as 9, Umatilla as 24, Jefferson as 8 and Wasco as 12 bushels. These are cuts of from thirty to fifty per cent of the yield of last year and are still greater when the average is taken as the base.

For the entire state a winter wheat production of 14,634,000 is indicated which is three and a half million less than last year. The quality over the state has dropped from 91 per cent of normal to 82. The United States figures are the same as was reported last week—775,180,000 bushels of winter wheat.

The total wheat production has dropped from 23,624,000 of last year to 16,186,000 this year in Oregon. The United States has raised 893,582,000 bushels this year compared to 863,430,000 last year and an average of 822,115,000 bushels. These figures include Durum wheat that is used for the manufacture of macaroni.

According to the report there will be fewer apples, peaches, pears, cherries, prunes, oats, rye, wild hay, and there will be a greater production of grapes, apricots, walnuts, filberts, berries of all kinds, potatoes, alfalfa hay and hops.

In Homer's Footsteps
The cyclic poets were epic poets who on the death of Homer caught the contagion of his poems and wrote continuations, illustrations, or additions thereto. These poets wrote between B. C. 850 and 550 and were called "cyclic" because they confined themselves to the cycle of the Trojan war. The chief were Apollonius, Euphorion, Lesches and Stratinos.

Farm Population Declines In Spite of Advertising

For years the Chambers of Commerce and the railroads have been talking about the advantages of rural life in our state of Oregon and have sent out nicely printed books with rural scenes all over them without number—to what result.

The United States census than which there can be no more accurate set of figures finds that the urban population of Oregon has increased 25.2 percent in the last ten years. The actual farm population who live on the farms and till the soil and feed the chickens increased 4.5 percent while the part of the rural population that live in towns of less than 2500 population increased 34.4 percent.

It looks like the booster organizations of the state are going to be forced to remodel their booklets and instead of showing scenes with white chickens or white sheep against a

background of green clover they will picture a short skirted flapper in a modern automobile against a background of a picture emporium.

It looks like the farmers are moving to their trading centers and the newcomers are moving into the cities. The real dyed in the wool teat puller and pitch fork expert has more room to shoot in and less to shout about every census period but it is more than likely that the lack of cows and pigs and wheat sacks and gardens and other sources of food stuffs will be sorely missed in the cities this winter and that conditions may lead to a reversal of the tendency away from the farms.

Another statement by the census bureau shows that children under one year are down by 82 in 1920 or a decrease of 6.3 per cent. Children under five years decreased 3.4 per cent.

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