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WHEAT VARIETIES ARE SUBJECT OF BULLETIN

Spring and Fall Wheats Studied To Determine Best Yields

WINTER WHEAT AREA DIVIDED

Entire Columbia River Basin Country Covered

It may seem odd in a wheat country, but the other day a man inquired as to the number of varieties of wheat. Probably, no one knows. There are thousands of them. But each district in the wheat belt of the United States has some wheat that is just a little better there than any other variety. In the north end of the Columbia River Basin countries, Turkey Red is the favorite wheat while thirty miles back from the river soft white wheats like Forty Fold are more popular.

There is a constant search for new and better kinds of wheat, not only by farmers themselves, but by the agents of the department of agriculture and the men who are engaged in the work of developing better wheats. A new bulletin entitled, "Wheat Varieties for the Columbia River Basin of Oregon," has just been issued by D. E. Stephens, R. B. Webb and J. F. Martin, all at one time employed at the local station.

This article is not written to explain the contents of the bulletin. There are 37 pages of it already as briefly stated as is possible. There are charts telling the per acre yield of many varieties of wheat grown in the area and many still in the experimental stage.

Mrs. G. C. Akers Writes About the California Earthquake

From the studio of B. W. H., W. Los Angeles, Maud Akers, Announcer.

In the language of Edna Watson Hopper of radio fame, I salute you: "Hello-Everybody, I feel sure I am not the same composed tongue ex-composer of the 'Sherman County Journal' that arrived in Los Angeles about two weeks ago. But am a much shook and shaken product from Moro, Oregon, who thinks home with its zero weather, dust and wind a mighty healthy place to be, in spite of the fact I am enjoying southern California's far famed climate, and bright sunshine.

The evening Mother Earth awoke and shook herself, found Ruth, Bert and I parked in their auto in front of one of those flimsily constructed "sky scrapers" (for so it seemed to me after I got away from its vicinity) in Beverly Hills. All of a sudden there were crashes and screams of excitement. I looked around and thought someone had rammed our car from behind, but Mr. Halloway cried out "Get out into the street quick" and people began pouring from the stores and cars everywhere. We landed in the street "pronto" and reeled and swayed like drunken sailors and felt like the old darkey who saw his first "hant" who dropped to his knees crying "Oh, Lord, God of Hebin, done spare dis Chile and don't let dis debbil catch me."

After things quieted down we went to a Cafe and ordered dinner. The dinner half eaten we decided it was healthier out side in the open, and got in the car and drove home to Westwood village.

We came in the house and had just gotten seated, when we began to rock and the house began to groan and creak, the windows began chattering and the pictures to sway and out we flew to the back yard again, to protect our sinful selves, if protection were possible.

We got into the car once more,

Golden Wedding For Wrights Next Wednesday

Fifty years ago, next Wednesday, back in Cadiz, Ohio, a blushing bride was led to the altar by a trembling bridegroom. She was Miss Jessie Adams and the groom was Albert M. Wright. Next Wednesday, March 22, the couple will be the honor guests of a reception at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Charles M. Seabes. Everyone is invited to come between the hours of four and ten in the evening to visit with the Wrights on their golden wedding anniversary.

Since 1884 when they came to Oregon and what is now Sherman county they have been residents of this county, farming near Monkland and running a store in Moro. Mr. Wright is known to nearly everyone in the county because of his business position, his church affiliations or thru his political activities. He was representative to the state legislature for several terms, served on the city council for nearly twenty years in succession and was county commissioner for a term.

Both have been members of the Methodist church since early childhood.

permental stage. It discusses winter wheats in the Turkey sections and winter wheats in the Forty Fold sections; it tells of spring wheats all over the district which includes Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Morrow and Umatilla counties.

The introduction contains this that seems to coincide exactly with the attitude of the new administration. "Fear is sometimes expressed that improvement in the yield of wheat varieties will result in increased production. Some people believe that a decrease in production is desirable. If so, the sensible way to bring this about is to reduce the acreage planted to wheat and put this land to other uses. Marginal or low producing land, especially, should be taken out of wheat production and utilized for pasture or other purposes."

and went over to get moral support from friends in Santa Monica, where a number of others, like minded, had gathered. The hostess, a Godly woman, got out her Bible and quarterly and began to calm the gathering by getting the lesson for that week. To the tune of periodically recurring hard and light quakes.

At 3:30 a. m. we were enough sane to come home and go to bed.

During the evening at the friends house, came the report that a great tidal wave was about due. Most of the time I hadn't had sense enough to be very badly frightened, (never having experienced an earthquake before), but this report "percolated" through my hazy brain and I jumped up and said "me for the high timber. I'm going home to my house on the hill." Finally they quieted me down with the assurance that it was a false report.

Altogether we have had about 200 quakes and shivers and the plate glass, street lights and old buildings show the effects of the earth's powerful emotion around Los Angeles, and we yet awake to the tune of a swaying bed and the feeling of unrest in the pit of our stomachs.

Now the general conversation has changed from shaky banks to shaky foundations, "faults" in the earth's formation, and our own shaken selves who have felt the thing we call "substance" slipping from beneath us.

Like all true Americans the cities and the state and country, in a few hours were rushing aid, help and sustenance to the more stricken areas, self was pushed in the back ground and only brotherly love was in the predominance.

B. W. H. signing off until some future date.

Maud Akers,
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W. Los Angeles, Cal.

Red Cross Call On To Aid California

Although California radio announcers boastfully proclaim their independence from need for assistance the Red Cross of this district have been asked to help the people of the stricken area. George Bourhill, chairman of the Moro Red Cross, received from D. J. Butcher, The Dalles a request for money to forward to California. Wednesday morning, Mr. Bourhill is soliciting this aid and those who are able to contribute may do so through him. The Red Cross has been appointed as the official relief agency by the governor of California.

First National Bank May Yet Reorganize

Last week it was decided by the directors of the First National Bank of The Dalles that liquidation proceedings would be started at once, the attempt to obtain help from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation having failed.

This week it appears that there is a hope that enough local money can be raised to either reestablish the First National or to start a new bank large enough and able to take over the assets of the old one. No definite decision has been reached so far in this new venture.

George DeMoss Laid To Rest Thursday

The funeral of George DeMoss, pioneer Sherman cousin and one of the founders of DeMoss Springs, was held at the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. L. Boyce, of the Baptist church of Grass Valley, in charge.

Mr. DeMoss died in Yuba City February 20, while on a concert tour with members of his family. He was a musician of wide acquaintance having traveled throughout Europe and America with a concert company composed of members of his family.

Oregon Men On Good Committees

Washington, March 16, Senators McNary and Steiwer secure noteworthy assignments in reorganization of the United States Senate.

Senator McNary has been chosen Minority Leader of the Senate and he retains his membership on the Committees on Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce, Irrigation and Reclamation, Manufacturers, and Territories and Insular Affairs.

Senator Steiwer has been made a member of the unofficial Committee on Committees and has been placed on the powerful Rules Committee. His other committee assignments include Appropriations, Banking and Currency (to which banking measures and the majority of relief legislation is assigned,) Public Lands and Indian Affairs.

Representative Pierce has been put on the Agriculture Committee.

World's Fair Attractive To Excitement Seekers

Wonders of the Chicago World's Fair are vividly portrayed by word and picture in a beautifully illustrated booklet in color just issued by the Union Pacific. Copies of the booklet may be obtained by addressing the General Passenger Agent, Union Pacific System, Pittock Block, Portland.

Interesting details of the World's great show place for 1933 are described—the Maya Temple; the Golden Pavilion of Jehol; the Enchanted Island; the Agricultural Building, with its modern architectural design resembling a battleship; the Transportation building, whose walls re-echo the human voice fifty times; and many other outstanding features of the big fair.

SCHOOL LAWS CHANGED BY LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Country Districts With Less Than 6 Pupils Discontinued

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION CHANGED

Non-High School Districts Formed In Each County

With the legislature adjourned the different departments of government in the state can take stock of the changes made in their methods of transacting their business. Probably as many changes have been made in the schools as in any other branch of state activities.

There are twenty eight new laws that effect the schools of the state. Among the most important of these is one that went through the legislature with the title House Bill 340 introduced by the committee on education. In place of the present manner of handling the high school tuition funds a new district is set up in each county. This new district will include all territory of such county not included in a district maintaining a standard high school is hereby organized into a non-high school district for the purpose of levying a tax to defray the cost of tuition and, or transportation of the high school pupils of the non-high school district. This means that instead of the high school tuition tax being levied by the court with the assistance of the superintendent it will be levied by a new board.

Directors of the new board will be elected from five equal zones into which the district will be divided. After election the director with the highest number of votes will serve a five year term and the others a four year, three years, etc. in proportion to the number of votes received. Thereafter they will be elected for five years. Nominations are to be made by petition bearing not less than 30 legal voters of the zone of which the candidate is a resident.

These directors will be empowered to contract with districts maintaining a high school for tuition and they may contract for transportation facilities if desired.

Another new law that may change the status of several schools in this county is one that makes it impossible for any district to receive elementary school money if there was less than 6 pupils attending school daily for the previous term. Another bill makes the same qualifications for the county school money. These two funds provide from twenty to forty percent of country school funds, in many cases and it will be almost impossible to hold school without them. Districts transporting their pupils will be granted the funds. This bill was passed in a deliberate attempt to do away with small schools in the state.

Gorman district will not be able to hold school next year. Erskine, Liberty, Klondike and Harmony will be able to hold school if their attendance records are good enough to attain the average of 6 pupils as an average daily attendance. Rutledge and Fairview schools will have no difficulty in counting 6 pupils per day.

Amendments have been made to the county unit law to make it conform more closely to the Utah plan. The law making it mandatory on districts to pay a teacher at least \$75 per month has been waived for a period of two years. A law was passed changing Washington's birthday from a school holiday to a school day given over partially to observance of the occasion. Districts, in an emergency, may be allowed to hold school for less than the required 160 days to receive school money from the state and county according to a new law in effect next school year.

Gas Storage In Moro Declared Dangerous

The City Council met Tuesday night for the first time since the beginning of the holiday and transacted the necessary business of the city. The street lighting situation, a problem that has caused no little worry since the beginning of the year was debated at some length after the report of the committee investigating it. A plan to turn off the lights on moon light nights may be tried as other cities have found this means to reduce lighting costs when necessary.

It was brought to the attention of the council that gasoline is being stored within the limits of the city in violation of the state law and the marshal was instructed to have it removed as, by state law, he is a deputy of the state fire marshal. The state law is both strict and inclusive as to storage of inflammable materials.

Sentence Passed On "Moon" Imbiber

Albert E. Woods, who has been a resident of the Hotel de Chrisman for the past week, was tried Tuesday morning as soon as the holiday was lifted and sentenced by Justice Ginn to a fine of \$100, and thirty days in jail. As he has a family needing his support the fine was remitted and the jail sentence was suspended pending good behavior. Wood's driver's license was taken away for a year in addition to the above sentence.

Rebekah's Will Meet Here Saturday

The district convention of the Rebekah lodge will meet in Moro Saturday, March 18. Ladies representing all Sherman county lodges and the Antelope lodge will be here to assist with the program and exemplify the work.

The meeting will convene at 2:30 p. m. and will continue until late in the evening. Supper will be served at the Presbyterian church at 6:30 by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Henry Richelderfer Going To Camp

Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 16th, (Special) Camp Hurlburt, mecca for hundreds of Oregon and Washington high school youths during the annual Citizens' Military Training Camp, again will have a quota of 590 students, and Sherman county's quota will be 1, it was announced today by authorities under direction of Brigadier-General Stanley H. Ford as the annual campaign was launched.

The camp this year will be run from June 23rd to July 22nd, and as was the case in 1932 it is expected that the quota will be far overenrolled, and the authorities' hardest job will be the necessity of refusing applications from deserving youths who have applied too late. There is already 1 application from Sherman county on file which is part of a total of 535 so far received. Most of these early requests for admission to the 1933 camp are from students who attended the camp last year or in a former year.

Early applicant from Sherman county is: Henry M. Richelderfer, Wasco.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR 15.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAR. 9	41	23	.00
" 10	38	23	.15
" 11	45	35	.00
" 12	52	39	.02
" 13	50	31	.00
" 14	52	28	.00
" 15	57	30	.00
Total for week			.17

Taxes May Now Be Paid With Warrants

Senate Bill No. 36 has been the center of attention in some quarters here this week. It is the bill that makes it possible for taxes to be paid with warrants. To quote directly from the law, "All taxes levied in this state—shall be collected and paid in gold and silver coin—provided that any county warrant upon any general or special fund, or any municipal or quasi-municipal or school district warrant shall be received in payment of taxes in an amount not to exceed the amount of such general or school district tax, without priority of registration or issue."

The warrants so received by the county will be kept by the treasurer and paid to the district they were written on at the time of the tax turn over. This will probably result in better sale for warrants for it will permit anyone to pay school district taxes with school warrants, county axes with county warrants, making a market for the otherwise non-negotiable paper.

Scrip Held Up For Few Weeks

The plan for scrip in Sherman county is still being held up because of developments in the state and national situation. The directors feel that if a large amount of new currency is put into circulation within a short time it may be possible for the teachers to sell their warrants with greater ease and the scrip issue will not be necessary.

The same conditions would loosen the money market so that there would be more circulating medium, in the county making scrip unwanted and of slow circulation. The scrip will not be issued until it has been definitely determined that it is needed here, but arrangements will be made so that it can be put out if conditions warrant.

Phil Yates Returns Tired Of Law Making

Last Saturday, J. P. Yates, senator from this district returned home from the lengthy session of the legislature at Salem. He was not particularly pleased with the length of time spent in making up the 1933 laws and stated his belief that the job should have been done much quicker.

In Olden Days When Sherman County Was Younger

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SEEDING OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS HERE

Wheat Has Had Little Chance To Grow

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES MANY

Seeding Being Done Regardless of All Worries

Seeding has occupied the attention of a majority of the farmers for the past week and while all of them are not in the field as yet every district in the county has some outfits working in the field. There is doubt about whether all of the wheat will be reseeded or, not and it comes from two sources.

In the first place those having wheat that looked good a few weeks ago now do not know what to do about it. The ground has frozen nearly every night this month giving the wheat little chance to grow and show its strength. In the next place some farmers are not yet assured of the needed financial assistance to continue farming operations. This latter difficulty does not effect a large percentage of the farmers, but in many cases applications for loans from the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation have not been approved so far and progress therefore hampered at a time when field activities is necessary.

Many of the farmers so effected have been going ahead with temporary credit from needed sources expecting to receive their loans and day. There has been very few loans completed. A very few men have applied for the loan from the secretary of agriculture as it is possible to get but \$300 from that source and it carries the necessity of reducing acreage by 30 percent. Inasmuch as the farmers of this county have already expended over half of the money necessary to produce a crop on their land in the form of summer-fallowing and working they do not want to lose a part of it by being forced to reduce their acreage. Several agencies are trying to have this ruling suspended or have it apply to summerfallowing to be done this year instead of to summerfallow already to be seeded.

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