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CHANCE TO LESSEN SMUT DAMAGE GOOD

Disease May Be Checked By Careful Treating Seed

NEW VARIETIES ARE BETTER

Locally Developed Wheats Reduce Loss From Smut

An unusual opportunity exists this fall to reduce the heavy losses generally incurred by eastern Oregon wheat growers from stinking smut in their winter wheat. Because of the large spring wheat acreage this year, the wheat crop in eastern Oregon contains much less smut than usual; hence the danger from smut infection from smut spores in the soil is greatly reduced. The smut shower caused by the threshing of smutty wheat and which deposits hundreds of millions of smut spores on the fallow ground was noticeably absent this fall. The wise farmer, therefore, should take advantage of this and use every precaution possible to get clean seed of a smut-resistant variety and also carefully treat his seed. If all farmers would take this precaution, the normally heavy losses from reduced yield and smut damage would be greatly lessened and perhaps entirely eliminated.

Tests on the Pendleton Field Station indicate that it is practically impossible to entirely eliminate smut in that locality, if smutty seed with smut balls is used, no matter how or with what the seed is treated. The first precaution the wheat farmer should take is to get clean, smut-free seed of the variety he wishes to plant. For seed fairly free from smut, the copper carbonate treatment is an effective control measure. If the seed contains many smut balls, the way to smut with formaldehyde or blitone may be preferable, providing the seed is treated in an open receptacle and the smut balls skimmed off.

The germination is frequently reduced by formaldehyde and by blitstone even when reductions are carefully followed. Neither of these wet treatments is safe if the seed is sown in dry ground. In all such cases, copper carbonate should be

Wasco Festival Plans Completed

Posters are out announcing the program for the Wasco Library Festival to be held Saturday September 30. At noon a death defying high dive exhibition will be shown. Also at that time the men of the county will be tested for their ability as hog callers. The women will not be barred from friendly competition, either, for there is a scheduled contest for husband calling at the same time. What the wives may call the husbands is not stated in the bill.

Wasco football team will battle the Fossil team on the field in the afternoon. Also there will be dedication ceremony for the field itself as the students are voting for an appropriate name for their athletic grounds. Mayor Tuel, the city's aldermen, chief of police and the selected queen will be participants in the dedication ceremony all attired in the ceremonial robes of office. Misses Winifred Fortner, Mignon Wall and Dorothy McCafferty are the leading contestants for queen.

In the evening a show will be given at the high school auditorium under the auspices of the school. A social dance will follow. Games of chance will give everyone an opportunity to don their best festival manner.

Womans Club To Begin Regular Meetings

The Moro Woman's Club will hold its first meeting the afternoon of Friday, October 6th, at the home of Mrs. E. H. Moore. Mrs. Howard Conlee will serve as director and the year's program will be outlined by Mrs. Akers and Mrs. Cope.

A new seed treatment for smut called new improved Ceresan, is now being advertised. The Experiment Station does not yet have enough data on the performance of this fungicide to recommend it to wheat farmers.

The best available white wheat for smut resistance is Albitt, seed of which can be obtained from several eastern Oregon growers. Albitt is only moderately resistant and should be carefully treated.

In the hard red winter group, three smut-resistant varieties are available: Oro, Ridit, and Rio. Considering yield, quality, winter-hardiness, and smut resistance, Oro is probably the best of these varieties. Seed of the smut-resistant wheats should be treated with copper carbonate as a precaution against the introduction of new smut forms.

New Attorney Plans Coming To Moro

Roscoe Krier, an attorney from The Dalles, was here Tuesday. He expects to visit this county every Tuesday and an office is being established for him in the bank building between the W. H. Kagdale office and the Journal office. Mr. Krier is a young man who has been working with Francis Galloway since graduation.

Oregon Motorists Pay High Tax

Oregon motorists consumed 16,282,000 gallons of gas in August and paid a total gas tax of more than a million dollars during the month, according to a statement issued yesterday by Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor Association.

"\$814,039.95 of this went to the state for the five cent gas tax, while \$244,288.18 went to the Federal Government in payment of the 1 1/2 cent Federal gas tax," said President McDaniel whose statement continues: "In July the motorist paid \$929,000 in gas taxes.

"The average is a Million Dollars a Month For The First Two Months Under The 6 1/2 Cent Gas Tax Rate. This tremendous tax on the motorist represents approximately one-third of the total amount paid for gas in the state. In effect it is a 3 1/2 per cent sales tax.

"The Oregon State Motor Association believes that the cost of gas is unreasonable and unnecessary. We also believe the 6 1/2 cent gas tax is excessive and that it should be decreased.

"As an instance of how the gas tax applies to the individual, it might be pointed out that the motorists whose car runs 13 miles on a gallon of gasoline pays a toll of one half cent per mile under the six and one-half cent tax.

"We have had six increases in the price of gas since June 8, which have resulted in an increase of from 18 cents to 23 cents per gallon. One and one-half cents of this increase is due to increased gas tax, the remaining three and one-half cents represents an increase in price by the oil companies.

"One cent increase in the price of gasoline collects more than \$1,600,000 from the motorists of Oregon, and the five cent increase that has taken place in the last 90 days, represents more than \$9,000,000 additional cost to the Oregon motorist, in the operation of his car.

"The cost of gasoline is too high and the million-dollars-per-month gas tax is certainly excessive. Both must come down and some relief be given the motorist from the excessive burden that he is now carrying."

Home Loan Plan Promises Relief

Reports from every section in Oregon indicate that the Home Owners Loan Corporation is functioning and relief is being given to the distressed small home owner, according to J. P. Lipscomb, state manager of the corporation.

Manager Lipscomb early this week stressed the following points in connection with the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

The Corporation is the keystone of the NRA program. Unless the home owner saves his place the NRA cannot be successful, so closely are the NRA and the Home Owners Loan units inter-related.

Under our national recovery program all must make sacrifices. The holder of mortgages should do his part by taking the Corporation bonds. It is simply a matter of patriotism.

The Home Owners Loan Corporation bonds are 4-per cent semi-annual bonds for 18 years, the government guaranteeing the interest for this term.

The Corporation bonds are non-taxable. In many states a 4-per cent

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PETITION FOR COUNTY AGENT READY FOR COURT

Wheat Control Association To Ask For County and State Aid

COMMITTEES WORKING HARD

Job Of Viewing All Farms In County Began

It appears that the county court is going to have some company when it gathers in solemn conclave next Wednesday morning. The board of directors of the Sherman County Wheat Control Association voted at their Monday meeting to petition the county court to appoint a county agent for this county who will also be able to perform the duties of secretary for the S. O. W. C. A. and therefore save the members of that association some expense.

It is probable that nearly every farmer in the county will belong to the control association when the contracts are signed. The farmers of the county own \$7,500,000 worth of the \$8,139,000 of property in the county anyway so it won't make much difference. Public utilities are excepted in the above figures. The only effect the employment of a county agent would make among the farmers would be to have the property owners pay for the association secretary instead of the farmers. Town residents own so little taxable property they do not count.

The association voted to borrow \$500 if possible in order to take care of their necessary cash expenses until the checks for this county were mailed and the S. O. W. C. A. received their portion from the government coffers. President Davis and secretary Johnston were sent on the borrowing mission.

It was announced at the meeting that all contracts must be in Washington D. C. by the first of December. They must first be checked by the community committees, the county committee, and must then be sent to Corvallis where the state officials will look them over. From there they are to be forwarded on to Washington D. C. for a final check-up and a subsequent writing of a multitude of checks for anxiously awaiting farmers. The checks are expected to take the same course as the contracts except in reverse; that is, they will be sent to Corvallis, to Moro and from there distributed.

Several community committeemen expressed a desire to hasten on with the program and get it all over with before everyone went to seed. Members of these committees are now out in their districts interviewing farmers about what land may be left out of production and it will not be so very many weeks before the job is finished in this county.

All of the contracts must be in the hands of the county committee before any of them can be sent in to Washington. This means that if one man delays his contract he will be holding up the entire county from receipt of their allotment checks.

It is expected that between four and five hundred applications will be filed in this county before all are in. There are about four hundred in now and the local committee still have several that are not completed. In the Moro and Grass Valley districts all but one person signed applications and it is thought that this has been the general rule throughout the county.

Auxiliary Meets

The American Legion Auxiliary met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. C. Freeman. This was the first meeting of the fall season and plans were discussed relative to the county wide meeting here next month.

\$9,500 In Taxes To Be Paid

The new federal farm loan association has had some success in arranging loans for Sherman county wheat farmers and this week returns from several of the applications were received. Approximately \$120,000 will come into the county on these loans. Of this amount about \$9,500 will be paid into the county as taxes. Pending loans will double these amounts if they are approved by the Spokane office.

New Teacher Takes Up Duties At Moro

A new grade teacher began work in the Moro school Monday morning as a sequel to the agitation that has been going on regarding the employment of another teacher for this year due to the increased attendance. Miss Eleanor Biggins, a graduate of Monmouth Normal school, will teach the fifth and sixth grades and will give musical instruction to the high school children.

Lamborn Family Suffers Two Losses In One Week

The Lamborn family suffered two losses within the week. First was the death of William Lamborn, of The Dalles, where he had long been an employee of the railroad company. Several weeks ago he had one leg amputated and though he lived for some time thereafter he never arose from his bed. He was buried in The Dalles last Sunday.

Mrs. Luella Lamborn died in Portland last week and was buried in the Wasco cemetery Monday afternoon with Zell's making the arrangements. The funeral was for the Christian church in Wasco. Mrs. J. I. Johnson and son Harland, and Mrs. Augusta Huckin furnished the musical numbers for the ceremony.

Shows Well Received In County

The shows brought to the county by A. S. Kolstad have been well received and the quality of the pictures and sound has been praised by those who attended.

Next Thursday the show will be "The Cocktail Hour" featuring Bebe Daniels with a strong supporting cast. A comedy and a cartoon will fill out the bill.

Teachers Institute. Program Finished

Superintendent Knighter has completed arrangements for the annual teacher's institute for this year. The event will be held on October 10 at the Moro school building. The day will be divided into periods each given over to the discussion of some phase of teaching. Grade and high school teachers will attend different sessions. Luncheon will be served at noon with a well known speaker giving an address at that time.

Instead of Wm. Mitchell of Kent, as announced previously it was Bert Mitchell of Lexington, who bought the fox farm. Mr. Mitchell has moved to his new place. Mrs. Mitchell, formerly Beale Tiger, lived in Grass Valley several years ago.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 27

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
SEPT. 21	65	43	.06
" 22	60	39	.08
" 23	55	39	.04
" 24	50	31	.10
" 25	53	32	.09
" 26	60	43	.02
" 27	63	46	.00
Total for week			.39

Sulphur Proves Of Some Value To Wheat

Who would have thought that plain old sulphur would have a beneficial effect on wheat in this country? It does, or at least has for the past two years. In an experiment in which several kinds of fertilizers are tried the same plots of ground were treated with sulphur for eight years. Nothing happened for six years and then an increase in yield of 4 bushels was noted. The eighth year 1933, there was a yield higher than the other plots by three bushels.

The experiment has shown that nitrates do not help wheat in this country unless there is plenty of moisture in the ground. So far as is known sulphur has not been tried on wheat before. It is helpful to alfalfa, as the Oregon stations have shown in many experiments.

Mr. Stephens has a theory that perhaps the sulphur tends to eradicate a form of foot rot that is sometimes found in this country and that the increased yield is caused by healthier plants. A noticeable difference in the appearance of the roots is found in the sulphured and the unsulphured plots.

Land Bank Rushed Cause Of Delay

An explanation of why farmers who have applied for loans from Federal Land banks have had to wait is given in the mid-September review of the agricultural situation just released by the Oregon State College Extension service. More than 184,000 such applications were pending on August 31, which is enough to keep even the present expanded force of appraisers busy for three months.

Furthermore, says the report, new applications are coming in faster than appraisals are being made, although the number of appraisers has been increased from 210 on April 1, to 1,734 on September 1.

The circular also contains much statistical and marketing information, including farm price trends, horticultural commodity outlooks, and notes on farm commodity production for 1933.

The purchasing power of farm products has lost about one-half of the grand 20 point advance made from March to July, says the circular. The drop in the exchange value of farm products in general was attributed partly to the decline in prices for farm products since July, and partly to the upward trend in prices for things farmers buy. Farm purchasing power is now around 60 per cent of pre-war parity.

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Newspaper Files of Years Ago Tell of Early Day Happenings

From the Observer Oct. 4, 1894.

T. J. Moffet, one of the substantial Stockman of Sherman county, sold a band of 42 head of fat cattle in The Dalles last week.

Did you ever notice that when a man drops a piece of meat on the floor, no difference how clean the floor may be he gives it a kick or picks it up and lays it aside? He never eats it. But let him drop a plug of tobacco in the street, no difference how dusty the street may be, he picks it up, gives it a careless wipe on his coat sleeve, or on the bosom of his pants, and bites a big hunk out of it and wallows it around in his mouth with a keener relish than ever.

A wheat team belonging to W. C. Rand ran away, upset the wagon, and bruised the driver, Bert Deland pretty badly, on the 29th.

From the Observer Sept. 30th, 1904.

Stanley Sheppard was knocked out by a bag of wheat in the Hay Canyon warehouse, Monday. It rolled upon him from the high pile breaking the right leg below the knee. Dr. Goffin was called and the patient is resting

COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS MEETING

Speaker Earl Snell Expected To Talk To Sherman Countians

LIVELY TOPICS SUGGESTED

First Part of October Thought Time For Meeting

Plans for the first meeting of the Commercial club since the harvest recess are underway and it is probable that Earl Snell, speaker of the Oregon house, will be here to make the address of the occasion.

Mr. Snell is one of the best informed men in the state on matters about which the commercial club wish to be informed. The impending session of the legislature called to discuss relief measures, liquor control and new taxes will put him in the forefront of leaders of the state and he will be able to give an interesting talk to local men.

The date of the meeting has not been set due to the fact that the speaker could not name a date far in advance. Sometime during the first week in October will probably be chosen, however. As soon as the date is set invitations will be given to interested persons in the other towns of the county who wish to hear Mr. Snell and a general county wide meeting will be held.

Rainfall .78 Since First Of Month

Since the first of September a little less than four fifths of an inch of rain has fallen in Sherman county according to the records. Farmers are in a quandary. It is too wet to seed and too dry to seed. Grain would not sprout in the soil now and would likely mould because there is a little moisture.

In the country south of Kent there is enough moisture to permit seeding according to reports coming from there. Sunday there was a hail and snow storm followed by a good rain and the ground was well soaked. The rain was lighter farther north and few farmers between Grass Valley and Kent will seed this week unless it rains again. We have had all the indications this month and not much rain.

Everett vs Eakin Hearing Gives Lawyers Agricultural Information

Two lawyers, Messrs Pepper and Dick, are going to learn something about farming if the Everett vs Eakin case continues long enough. To be explanatory, it seems that Mr. Everett, the old gentleman, has a ranch north of Klondike and he has leased this ranch to S. E. Eakin. That was a couple of years ago. Now for various reasons Mr. Everett wishes to dispossess Mr. Eakin, to bounce him, to kick him off said ranch. There, there I've been associating with lawyers again.

Mr. Everett has hired Mr. Dick to assist him. Mr. Dick is an attorney with the rare faculty of looking two ways at once. Mr. Eakin in his zeal to remain on the Everett land and to continue under the Everett roof tree has engaged the services of one Mr. Pepper. Now it shall be readily admitted that both of these said lawyers are rattling good ones. Yo deponent doesn't know a rattling good lawyer from one that merely rattles.

Now one of these men is trying to prove that the land was not well farmed and the stock not well cared for and the other is trying to show that everything was all hunky dory on the old farm. That's where the lawyers are going to be informed on farming matters. You'd be surprised to find how technical this wheat farming is. And you can imagine how the attorneys cross examine a witness when they don't know the subject matter.

Farmers, who know the answers to all the general questions or who know that there isn't any answer, sit back in the audience and grin. It is quite amusing to them to hear a grown man ask why a Jersey steer is less valuable than a Hereford even if it is just for the record.

Even the veteran court reporter, Dick Crane, runs across something new. Wednesday the lawyers and a witness were talking about pigs-weaner pigs. That was a new one to the reporter. He thought a weaner pig was a weiner pig until the word weanling was suggested. Judge Carl Hendricks is hearing the case and will make the decision without the aid of a jury. Wednesday afternoon the plaintiff, Mr. Everett, called witnesses Tom Douma, Ormand Hilderbrand, Arthur Smith, George Drinkard Jr., James Fox, E. H. Fuller and Earl Williams. A dozen or more folks spoke their pieces Thursday and after it is all over the Judge and the council and parties are going down to the place to look over the land and equipment.

It won't be settled for several days.