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## Shortage of Feed Grains to Curtail Stock Numbers

### Smaller Grain Crops Expected To Cut Feed for Livestock

Additional information on grain stocks confirms earlier indications of probable reduced supplies in the United States for the 1944-45 livestock feeding season, the agricultural economics section of the OSC extension service reports. The supply will depend also upon production in 1944, which is uncertain owing partly to delayed planting operations in much of the country.

United States stocks of corn, oats, and barley by next July 1 are expected to be down to 18 to 20 million tons, about two-thirds of the amount on hand July 1, 1943, according to current data from the U.S. department of agriculture. The wheat carryover is expected to be around 300 million bushels, or less than half of the 1943 carryover.

Grain stocks in Canada are smaller than a year ago, also, by around 400 million bushels of wheat, oats, and barley on the first of April. Already well in excess of 200 million bushels of Canadian grain have been imported into this country since last August.

United States production of winter wheat in 1944 was estimated on May 1 at 662 million bushels, nearly 130 million above 1943 and over 90 million above average. The rye crop is expected to be near 30 million bushels, but planting of about half of the oats acreage has been interfered with by excessive rainfall so that acreage and production may fall below last year in the country as a whole. Some of the oats land will be planted to corn and other crops which can be planted later in the spring.

## Bank Will Handle Long Farm Loans

Merle Beckett, Manager, Sherman County Branch, First National Bank of Portland, stated that the First National Bank in cooperation with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States will write 4% farm and suburban acreage mortgages on a long-term basis, with loan maturity up to 40 years.

"This new long-term loan service," said Beckett, "fills a long felt need of Oregon farmers. There is no restriction on the use of the loan proceeds and it gives the farmer an opportunity to improve his holdings and to do many things not possible before."

"Advantages of this new farm mortgage plan," said Beckett, "besides the long-term and low interest features, are that none of the usual extra charges such as application, appraisal, attorney and closing fees and commission costs are charged. The only cost to the borrower is the abstracting and recording expense. Loans may be amortized over any number of years to suit the individual borrower with small semi-annual or annual payments."

## SODIUM CHLORATE

Purchase of nitrate fertilizers and sodium chlorate for killing weeds has been simplified through the issuance by the bureau of mines of a "general purchaser's order" which exempts farmers from liability under the federal explosives act in connection with purchase or use of these materials.

Art King, OSC extension soils specialist, says the new order will straighten out confusion in some counties where dealers had refused to handle these materials because of the red tape involved. Dealers must still obtain a license and keep records of quantities sold, but farm customers need not obtain licenses as formerly required.

## Summer Comes to 'Big Town'



Among the hot weather scenes in Bronx zoo, New York, this one (left) was about the cutest. Six-year-old Gordon Gaynor is shown enjoying an ice cream cone as his companion, a "honey bear," enjoys a cone of his own. Right: When the mercury jumped to 88 degrees in Chicago, Jimmy Flala, five, and his pup, jumped for the water at the beach.

## Hitting Beach Behind Curtain of Fire



Landing barges carrying troops ashore in the assault on Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, move in behind a curtain of fire laid down by navy ships and planes. So accurate was the bombardment that barges swept up to the shore right on the heels of the forward moving explosives. Operations in the three Dutch New Guinea sectors are believed to have cut off some 60,000 Japs.

## How To Eradicate Morning Glory Told By Experimentors

How to eradicate wild morning glories, or bindweed, while raising a profitable crop every other year is described for the first time in detail in a new circular of information No. 336, just issued by the OSC experiment station.

L. E. Harris, associate agronomist, and G. A. Mitchell, superintendent of the Pendleton branch experiment station, describes in this circular the methods that have been used successfully since the spring of 1939 on some Umatilla county Indian land that was so badly infested with morning glories that it had been abandoned for crop purposes.

While the methods used there apply best to eastern Oregon conditions and to the higher rainfall areas of the wheat lands, a modification of the method to a yearly smother cropping plan is also applicable in irrigated regions and in western Oregon. The authors of the circular arrived at the following positive statement of conclusions.

"The most economical method of morning glory control and eradication, and at the same time the most practical, is to alternate one year of properly timed cuttings and one year of crop, rather than to cultivate continuously and keep the land out of production until all the bindweed or morning glory plants are killed."

In outlining the essentials of this plan, the authors give the following steps, condensed here from the original statement:

1. Plow infested fields early in the spring.
2. Cultivate throughout the season eight to 12 days after each emergence of the weeds.
3. Seed heavily to winter wheat or winter rye in the fall.
4. Fertilize the following spring

with nitrogen to stimulate early grain growth.

5. Resume cultivation of surviving plants immediately after harvest, with implement that leaves stubble on the surface to prevent winter erosion.

## Commissioner Miller Buys Striker Outfit

Vernon Miller has bought the farming outfit and leased the Tom Striker farm northwest of Wasco for a six year period. Mr. Striker will harvest the growing crop and Mr. Miller will harvest his crop near Moro, after which the Strikers will move to their home in Wasco and the Millers will take possession of their new place. Oddity is that Mr. Miller's nearest neighbor will be David Reid, who with Mr. Miller is a county commissioner. Mr. Miller has resigned as school board member of the Moro district effective June 19, the end of the school year. At the Moro school election a director for three years and a director for two years will be elected.

## KILL 'EM ANYTIME

All restrictions on farm slaughter of livestock have been removed for an indefinite period effective May 25. The War Food Administration has notified the Oregon state AAA office. This puts all livestock on the same basis in this respect as hogs have been for several months. The change is intended to facilitate the movement of livestock from farms to consumers, better to balance the numbers of livestock on farms with present and prospective feed supplies.

## Dead and Missing Lt. Christianson High Schools of World War II Gets Oak Leaves Ends With Two Given Honors Although Missing Graduations

### American Legion Holds Program For Men Who Are Lost In War

Legionnaires of Sherman county, aided by others interested in showing Memorial day honor to the men from this county who have given their lives in World War II arranged a service Tuesday morning at the Moro Community church.

The entire group sang the national anthem and Mrs. Ray Siegenthaler and Mrs. Ronald Powell sang a duet. This was followed by the reading of brief biographies of the six men by members of the Legion. Wily Knighten read of Earl Williams, James Moberg of Donald Burnet, Carl Meizer of Charles McKinney, Ryland Scott of Earl Dutton, Theodore Johnston of Harlow Parkins and Giles French of Robert Christianson.

Rev. Fletcher L. Cannell of the Wasco Methodist church spoke of the patriotic value of a nation that makes it worthy of dying for and recounted personal experiences to show the meaning of the words "I am an American."

## Farmers May Buy Almost Anything

An amendment further simplifying the requirements by which farmers may purchase supplies and smaller equipment has been issued by the War Production Board, the state AAA office at Corvallis has been notified.

Under the new order many more items have been added to the list of articles farmers may get from dealers merely by signing a certificate saying the supplies are needed and will be used for other than household purposes in the operation of a farm.

The order also raises the priority for farmers to AA-2x from AA-5 and increases the possible value of such items from \$25 to \$50 before approval is necessary from the local rationing board.

## AAA Committees Will Handle Wool

County AAA committees have just been notified by the state office of new responsibilities under the Commodity Credit Corporation's 1944 wool purchase program. These committees will help carry out new procedure set up by the CCC this year to help insure growers a full return on their 1944 marketings, says N. C. Donaldson, executive assistant in the state AAA office.

Five different plans by which growers may market their wool this year have been arranged. The grower may consign directly to a primary handler, which is one who has a contract with the CCC. He may join with others in forming a pool to consign to primary handlers. He may sell either directly or on consignment through a secondary handler, which is a country merchant or assembler without contract with the CCC who handles lots of 3000 pounds or less for resale to the CCC. A grower may also sell directly to a mill if one is located within 50 miles of where the wool is produced.

The county AAA committees will be concerned mostly with sales through secondary handlers. These handlers are required to certify to the committees the prices they have paid growers. These figures will then be turned over to the CCC before payment is made to the handlers. Rules now provide that the handlers will receive only a specified margin above the price paid the growers. Secondary handlers who do not certify in writing the price paid producers for wool will suffer a deduction when the wool is sold to the CCC.

The 13th AAF in the South Pacific informs that by direction of the president the oak leaf cluster in lieu of an additional medal was awarded May 14 to Lt. R. K. Christianson, "for meritorious achievement while participating as bombardier from 6 March to 16 March 1944 in sustained combat operations, flights were of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition was met, or during which an area was traversed where enemy anti-aircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered. Lieutenant Christianson exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States."

## Egg Prices Now Figured By Chart

A simplified schedule of ceiling prices on shell eggs will be issued shortly by the Office of Price Administration. The main feature of the new pricing will be that it sets the egg ceilings county by county, for each week of the year, at all levels of distribution from the first receiver to the retailer. The tables of ceiling prices included in the regulation are so simple that any handler of shell eggs in any town or village can instantly find his ceilings for any type of sale during any week of the year. After he determines whether he is going to make a sale to a first receiver of a retailer, all he has to do is look at the prices listed for his county.

## Frank Pitts Dies Suddenly At Work

Frank Pitts, who has been a resident of the Wasco community for nearly 20 years, died suddenly May 30, while assisting with a combine repair job at the Art Bucholtz farm near Moro.

Pitts was recognized as a good machinist and was in demand as a repair man for tractors and combines. He had not been well and was aiding with advice more than actual work. He sat down, complaining of feeling badly, and died in a few moments.

It has been reported that he was born in Sacramento, California and no relatives are known to his friends here. The body is in charge of Zelle although funeral arrangements have not been announced.

## Kent School Has Graduation

At Kent, after a week of examinations, patriotic exercises Monday, vacation on Decoration day, a picnic on Wednesday, and final assembly Friday forenoon, both grade and high schools closed for the summer months.

Graduates from the high school are Louis Shelton Fritts, now with the Navy V-12 group at Willamette University; Robert Scott Gregg of Bend, now with the Navy at Pearl Harbor; and Cleo Rosalie Laffoon of Kent, now enrolled at Oregon State College.

If the voters of the school district approve of the budget as planned, there will be three teachers for the grade school next year.

Oregon, the second safest state in the nation in 1943, so far as pedestrians were concerned, has recorded a 26 per cent reduction in pedestrian fatalities so far this year, according to Secretary of State Bob Farrell.

Seventeen pedestrians have been killed in traffic this year, compared to 23 for the same period a year ago.

### Monday and Tuesday Ceremonies End Year Except for Social Affairs

Graduation for six seniors of the Moro High School was completed Monday night when School Board chairman Carroll Sayers handed out diplomas to Clair Balzer, David Bayer, Loyd Kelley, Doris Newcomb, Donald Thompson and Herman Ziegler.

Dr. J. W. Ellison of Oregon State gave the graduating address telling the graduates and the audience that there were three battles for them to fight in their lives, that of morale—the will to persevere—the battle against war and the battle against misery and unemployment. He read two excerpts from statements made by a labor leader and a social worker in which they asked for government aid if their demands were not satisfied after the war.

Of the long list of awards annually given at graduation Dave Payer was given the athletic award and Dorothy Barnett that for the girls, Donald Thompson was recognized for earning the highest grades (an honor he has held all through high school) and Patty French earned second. Outstanding students awards went to Don Thompson and Patty French. Seniors had the best class record for grades and Don Thompson received the so called probable success award and also a pin as valedictorian. Clair Balzer also received pin as salutatorian.

The 34th Commencement of Wasco School was held Tuesday May 30th at eight o'clock in the school auditorium. The senior class consisted of Clyde L. Fridley (in service) Shirley Ann Juppke, Douglas Everett Shall (in service) Wilford Douglas Lutje, Vera Van Gilder, Robert Martin Nesbit, Betty Ruth Kidner, Gerald Nesbit, Leland J. Schwendel and Leeland Elton Medler (U.S. forces student of OSC), also received his diploma as Rufus did not have a high school this year. Graduating from the eighth grade were Patricia Ann Kaseberg, Lewis Ellner Lutje, Dean Fredrick Rusie, and James Ralston White. The following program was presented: professional, Marion Crews; invocation, Rev. Cannell; salutatorian Betty Kidner; chorus "The Heavens Resound" and "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise"; address, J. W. Ellison, professor of history at OSC; trumpet trio, Shirley Juhnke, Jean Shall and Eugene Gosson; awards, Leslie Blakney; valedictorian, Robert Nesbit; presentation of diplomas, Mrs. Estrella Bailey; clarinet solo, Shirley Mc Intyre; benediction, Rev. Keith Fieds; recessional, Marion Crews.

## BACK IN THE SADDLE

Members of the almost forgotten Sherman County Riders met Sunday and made a ride of several miles ending at Delora where they had lunch. About 20 were out.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

NOTICE: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon, on the second Monday in June, that being the 12th day of June, 1944, to publicly examine the Assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

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