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HARD KERNELED WHEAT

A bit of useless furore was created this week by publication of a story in the Oregonian to the effect that wheat farmers were lowering quality of their wheat by excessive use of fertilizer in an effort to obtain greater yields under the acre restriction policy. It made a fine story and created interest.

It was impossible to obtain the interpretation from the scientific evidence quoted from Merrill Oveson, superintendent of the Pendleton station and other scientists have denied that fertilization of wheat invariably has the result of hardening the kernels through greater protein content.

Wendell Balsiger, who has operated elevators for many years, recalls that some years some kernels are hard and vitreous in wheats that are ordinarily soft. Soft Federation samples have graded hard white before now for that reason. Wheat growers can all remember seasons when the protein was high although not many have paid attention to protein content since the start of government programs. The government paid no extra money for it and millers use but a small proportion of the wheat now grown.

Farmers, like nearly every one else engaged in commercial pursuits, grow the kind of wheat in the way that produces the greatest return in dollars. In recent years that has been a soft wheat and moisture conditions have been such that fertilization has paid. As long as the application of five dollars worth of fertilizer brings in twenty dollars the practice will continue. We know of no

system of economics under which that wouldn't prevail.

The assumption that farmers were being excessively grasping by using fertilizer to augment their incomes while the government was trying to reduce the crop through acreage reduction wasn't new. Some farmers have been critical of fertilization, too. It doesn't set a farmer aside as a different kind of human being to infer that he conducts his operations for a profit. The increased efficiency of wheat production comes from the willingness of wheat farmers to utilize new scientific discoveries in chemistry and in machinery. Some day consumers will be proud of that attitude of wheat growers.

THE FAIR

A county fair, American style, would be worth seeing anywhere, whether it was down in the cotton belt, in the row crop counties or here in the wheat and stock country where we hold our fair.

It would be interesting because it would bring together rural Americans, old and young, for competition on the excellence of their agricultural products. And we like to think that competition is one of the things that has made America develop.

But one's own county fair is as special an occasion as one's own family picnic. It is where the heart is. That prize winning calf is the cherished possession of a neighbor's boy; the hands that dealt your last bridge hand picked those blue-ribbon tomatoes. It is as intimate and as friendly as that.

Every year we ask people to come and every year we wonder why we do it. It shouldn't be possible to keep them away and for most citizens it isn't possible. For the greater part of Sherman countyans take a pride in their county and want a part in making it progress.

Besides that, it is a good fair.

CHINA AND THE UN

Four of the Scandinavian nations have expressed favor toward the seating of Red China in the United Nations assembly. It is a sentiment that is growing despite the opposition of the United States. If it came to a vote now it is likely that we would exercise a veto of the election of China for congress was very positive about it.

The fear of communism is so great in this nation that no political party dares express the least friendship for Red China although many do not believe that continu-

ed support of Chiang Chi Shek has much purpose in it.

The defeat of the EDC proposal by France, the very nation that proposed it, and the statements by leaders of other European nations certainly show that the United States is not being followed in its international thinking.

Since we started the policy of dabbling into the affairs of other nations some 15 years ago or more we have been coming to this.

Right at this moment it doesn't look as if we had a substantial friend in all the world, even the proposal to unite the Pacific nations having little life. India is critical of us, China has been donated to the Reds in as foolish a piece of business as could be imagined, Japan must deal with the communist mainland or be forever dependent on our bounty, England wants to deal with Russia, France wants to go its own way, Germany would like to be united, now the Scandinavian countries offer dissent with our policy. Our interventionist policies have isolated us.

There must be a large number of Americans who oppose the interventionist theory. The Republicans used to do so until led into the present course by the bipartisan foreign policy and the constant yammering of the interventionists.

Perhaps we will come to a more realistic foreign policy by force inasmuch as we refused to adopt one by reason.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Written sealed bids will be received by the Board of Directors, School District No. 7, Sherman County, Oregon, until 7:30 p. m., September 21, 1954, for fuel oil, needed to heat the Wasco School and Gymnasium.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the said District, to be held at the Wasco Public School, at the above named time and date.

Address all bids to: Sherman County School Dist. No. 7 Wasco, Oregon.

The present heating system is a Johnson Burner, with a pre-heater. The oil being used to date is a 300 weight. Total capacity of fuel tanks is 8000 gal.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities.

Dated this 28th day of August, 1954.

ATTEST:
Nadeleine Patrick, Clerk
Steve O'Meara, Chairman
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Grass Valley Fans Follow Bucky Brady

Among the Grass Valley people attending the Shrine football game Saturday night at Pendleton were Mrs. Don Smith and son, Larry, Miss Barbara Alley, Richard Beeler, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett and son, Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brady and family and Joy Baumgartner.

Mrs. Clair Adams entertained the bridge club at her home Thursday afternoon with two tables in play. Mrs. Herman Peters held high score and Mrs. Art Bibby low. Others present were Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, Mrs. Walter Davis, Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Mrs. Alfred Kock, Mrs. A. F. Balzer and Mrs. Bernard Martin. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Barbara Bishop of The Dalles is helping Mrs. Wallace May with the house work while Mrs. May is recovering from a broken ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer and family came from Portland Friday night and spent the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Miss Phyllis Rust came home from Portland Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel went to The Dalles Thursday where they met their daughters, Joy and Cathy, who arrived from Portland after spending several weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Cooper and family of Portland came Saturday and spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison had as their guests several days recently her sister, Mrs. Hazel Zurlinden & Mrs. Zurlinden's son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. James Manning and family from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike send word that their address is now Roseburg instead of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith had as dinner guests Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields and family from Los Gatos, California and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields. Mrs. Archie Cantrall and daughter, Sharon, were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

A number of Grass Valley people attended the Wasco County Fair at Tygh Valley Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Denis and family of The Dalles were Sunday visitors here with friends.

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rust, they took her back to The Dalles Sunday where she took the bus to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and son, Gary, were in The Dalles Friday to visit her father, Bud Coon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and family went to Crater Lake Wednesday to visit her father, Wren Hogue, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and son, Gary, went to Prineville Sunday and spent the day visiting at the home of her cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Coon.

Mrs. Illa Ward arrived Friday from San Francisco to visit her father, Charles Olds, her sister, Mrs. Fred Peters and family and her brother, Lyle Olds.

Mr. and Mrs. John Block went to Tygh Valley Friday afternoon and spent the weekend at the Roy Feely home and attended the Wasco County Fair.

Mrs. Elbert Coon and Mrs. Delbert Wilcox of Prineville stopped a while Thursday on their way home from Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cutts and family of Albany came Saturday evening to visit her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg. Mr. Cutts returned to his home Sunday and Mrs. Cutts and children stayed until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley and daughter, Ruth, returned Friday from Portland where they spent a few days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Belshe and daughter of The Dalles were over night guests Saturday at the Alfred Payne home.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McLachlan and family of Heppner were over night guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne on their way to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stark of Bend spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark at Kent and attended the Wasco County Fair at Tygh Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and family left last Tuesday on a

trip to Bend where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stark and on to Summer Lake where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wagers and to Crater Lake and Roseburg and Ashland to visit relatives, returning along the coast to the Sea Lion caves and to Astoria to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo before returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer and grandsons, David and Kim Bayer, were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Meeker of Portland spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.

Kermit Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker of Burns, who has been helping his uncle, Willard Rolfe during harvest, left Saturday for Portland where he plans on joining the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May and Miss Barbara Bishop were in The Dalles Friday where Mrs. May received a physical check-up.

Sherman chapter No. 132 OES will hold its first meeting this fall Tuesday evening, Sept. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and family spent several days at the coast and back to Portland Sunday August 22 to attend a family reunion at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. L. Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles returned home Thursday from Portland where they spent several weeks for medical attention for Mr. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley and daughter, Carolyn, went to Portland Friday where they met their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moore and small son from Los Alamos, New Mexico who arrived by plane. They visited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemley at Gresham. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Lemley took their daughter and family to the airport in Portland where they left for Langlois to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore. The Lemleys returned home Sunday and Carolyn Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott and family of Portland came Sat-

urday, August 21, and spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kellogg came from Portland and spent the day at the home of their son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and son, Carsten, came over to the Gene Reynolds and all enjoyed a picnic dinner on the lawn celebrating the third birthday of the Gene Reynolds' daughter, Debbie.

Gordon Lemley came home Monday from Cannon Beach to help Oscar Lemley with harvesting. Mrs. Lemley and children stayed for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Manning, Bruce Steadman and Mrs. Harold Owens were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many wonderful friends for their greeting cards, letters, flowers, other gifts, and visits to me while in The Dalles hospital and at my home while recovering from a broken ankle. They were all very much appreciated.

Mrs. Wallace May

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Sherman County Fair Sept 9-12

Next week at this time the riders will be sitting on the corral fence and watching the bucking horses, studying them, trying to figure out what sort of humor the buckers will be in the next day when one of the riders will crawl down into the chute and hit the saddle ever so lightly as if to keep the horse from noticing him.

Then there will be the dangerous process of getting the halter rope adjusted to the right length without causing the horse



to rear and plunge against the sides of the chute. Legs and arms get broken that way.

Sometimes the pick-up men are wrangling a bucking horse into the catch pen, sometimes there is another feature on the track but before long the voice of the announcer gives clearance with the shout, "Here he comes" and the rider is out in the open aboard a skiff of bouncing dynamite.

Watching him yesterday might have helped some, probably didn't. The irate horseflesh might sunfish, going down to the right and the left; might rear over backwards which requires some quick and accurate moves: might bawl and buck straight ahead with a dislogging kick to boost the rider into the air before letting him drop into the saddle. Each horse has his specialty that he goes through repeatedly for ten seconds between the opening of the chute and the relief of the timer's whistle.

The crowd needs no urging. They shout and cheer for a good ride and a good bucking horse.

A rodeo has other events. There is calf roping which takes a lot of skill and practice and a bit of luck; there is bull dogging that takes all that calf roping does plus strength.

All the events are exciting and have been developed to dramatize the more ordinary feats of cattle handling as practiced years ago. Good horses, and well trained, are needed and their understanding of



what is demanded of them often brings a cheer from spectators.

A rodeo is only one part of an afternoon at the Sherman County Fair, there are horse races, real horse races. In Sherman county we run 'em like a race meet. The horses get a good start—out of starting gates, in fact—they have a good track to run on and it is standard size; they are matched before the race is announced; the audience can see them and there are judges and timers and officials to see that the running is according to the book.

Then, there are just horses. Lots of people bring their horses to the fair. Some are riding horses, saddle horses, more adjusted to driving cattle than parading to the music of a band; some are blooded horses, purebreds, in finery fit for a champion. Some are entered in the many classes and compete on a halter for prizes while others are brought to carry the owner around the grounds.

