

**Byrd's Great Exploit**

Commander Byrd's exploit in the South Polar region deserves all the praise that is being showered upon the American. His expedition, well equipped for its task, is a complete success.

While we have no idea that his latest flight was anything like dangerous as that over the North Pole, it was by no means a cinch and the Byrd party deserves congratulations for its exploit.

**Unlimited Speed**

The tendency in the past few years has been to increase the top speed limit for automobiles. State Motor Vehicle Commissioner Eynon, of Pennsylvania, now recommends that no speed limit be placed on motors.

"It seems to be an established fact," said Mr. Eynon, "that speed limits are generally ineffective, and where top speed laws are in force the efforts of enforcement officers are directed toward violations of this nature rather than being concentrated on recklessness and accident hazards. While under certain conditions on straight highways some operators drive with perfect safety at 50 or 60 miles an hour, speeds of 10 to 15 miles an hour are hazardous at points that enforcement is necessary. If this committee were to promote national agitation for elimination of the top speed limit it would place itself on record as favoring a forward movement."

Studies dealing with the "Cost of Producing Commercial Eggs," have been carried on during the past three years by the Oregon State college experiment station. About 150 poultry farm records have been taken during each year, and two preliminary reports have been published and distributed. The three years' study will be published during the coming year and will be the most complete report on poultry production costs profits made to date.

**New Wheat Variety Is Proving High Yielder**

A new wheat variety that promises to be exceptionally valuable in Eastern Oregon has been developed by the Oregon Experiment station by crossing Federation with Fortyfold. Several such crosses were made, one of which outyielded all other fall varieties at the Pendleton and Moro branch stations last year. The new wheat has the characteristics of Federation plus winter hardiness.

More information on grain varieties throughout the state is being gathered this month by the experiment station and extension service through thousands of simple questionnaires sent out by county agents to grain farmers. It is hoped to gain the first authentic information on the acreage and yields of various varieties of wheat, oats and barley grown in each county.

**Tax Held Valid**

A tax of five per cent on the gross receipts of common carriers of freight by motor vehicles along public highways over regular routes has been held valid by the United States supreme court.

The operators of such freight lines opposed the tax on the ground that a similar levy was not made against other freight carriers, but the supreme court held that the different classification was justified because of the more frequent use of the highways and the consequent destruction thereof, as well as because of the additional dangers placed upon the public.

This seems to point the way by which states can make the common carriers using automobiles and trucks regularly pay something to help keep the roadbed in repair. This is fair because the autos compete with the railroads and the latter have to maintain their own tracks, while at the same time help to pay the general taxes, some of which is used to build roads.

**News Items From Kent**

Lyle Hogue has been here this week from Oakland, Oregon where he is teaching.

Wren Hogue and his mother are back from a trip to Toledo, Oregon where they were visiting.

Earl Harbin has been here from Eugene visiting during the holiday vacation.

Miss Ruth Hamilton left here Friday for her home in Portland and will go to Albany to teach after the vacation is over.

Darrell Haynes went to Portland Friday. He expected to take a job in the Ford plant there. He will not go back to Corvallis to school until next fall.

John Decker came up from Portland last week and has been at the ranch. He left again for Portland Tuesday morning. He reports that his father is getting better.

School began again Monday although many of the younger scholars are out on account of chicken-pox. It is thought that all are exposed that would be and that it is about run out and no use in keeping the school closed.

Contractor Krieg came up from Hood River Monday and brought a man along to act as arbitrator for him in the settlement of his claim on the legion building. His man and O. A. Ramsey representing the county could not agree, Monday, so Mr. J. Thompson of The Dalles was selected as the third man, and they came to an agreement Tuesday. They cut about \$160 off the balance to be paid Krieg.

There was a meeting held in the grange hall Monday to discuss the matter of forming a local cooperative association here to work with the farm board in the marketing of wheat. W. S. Powell was here from Moro and gave them some information. A committee consisting of J. L. Davis, W. G. Helyer, W. C. Guyton, R. Abell, and C. B. Andrews was appointed to see about the cost of buying warehouse space and see how many wheat growers would sign up. This committee or a part of them, is to go to a meeting in Pendleton next month and report.

**State Game Commission Now Plants Larger Fish**

With its work for the year of 1929 at a close the Oregon state game commission can look back upon a record of accomplishment, according to Harold Clifford, state game warden.

Except for one year, 1927, more fines were collected from law violators in 1929 than in any previous period. In 1927 the sum collected from fines totaled \$25,731 and in 1929 it reached \$25,084. Half of this went to the counties in which the fines were levied, this being in accordance with the Oregon statutes.

Larger fish were planted in the state's lakes and streams than in any previous year. Many of the millions that were planted were as long as nine inches and the vast majority were well above five inches. It is now the policy of the commission to hold fish in the ponds of hatcheries until they are of sufficient size and length to withstand conditions and protect themselves against fish that would prey upon them. Under the old system of planting fingerlings, hundreds of thousands were lost. Now hatcheries are run to capacity. The holding of fish until they reach a length of six inches or more means that ponds must be enlarged and this work is going forward as rapidly as finances will permit.

An average number of game birds were liberated from the state farms, located at Eugene, Corvallis and Pendleton, which have been operated to capacity.

More cougar have been killed in Oregon during the past year than in any previous like period. This is important as it has been found to be a fact that a full grown cougar will kill one deer a week.

It is now the ambition of the state game commission to place the Santiam river on a par with the McKenzie, Deschutes, Umpqua, and Rogue rivers, as a fishing stream. During the next two weeks the crews of the game commission will be at work planting rainbow trout from the Roaring River hatchery. The fish from the Roaring River hatchery will be taken to Linn and Marion counties and planted under the direction of local sportsmen and others interested in improving fishing conditions in the Santiam and tributaries. During the last two weeks the "fish pullman" has been at work in these counties and it will continue for an equally long period.

Bread flour may be substituted for pastry flour and vice versa as follows: If the recipe calls for 1 cup bread flour, use 1-8 cups pastry flour, and if 1 cup pastry flour is called for, use only 7-8 cup of bread flour.

Recent studies by George O. Gatlin, marketing specialist of Oregon State college show that there are 145 co-operative organizations doing business in this state. An appraisal of the present situation and suggestions as to the trend of future development are contained in a bulletin just published and ready for free distribution, entitled "Cooperative Marketing and Purchasing in Oregon in 1929."

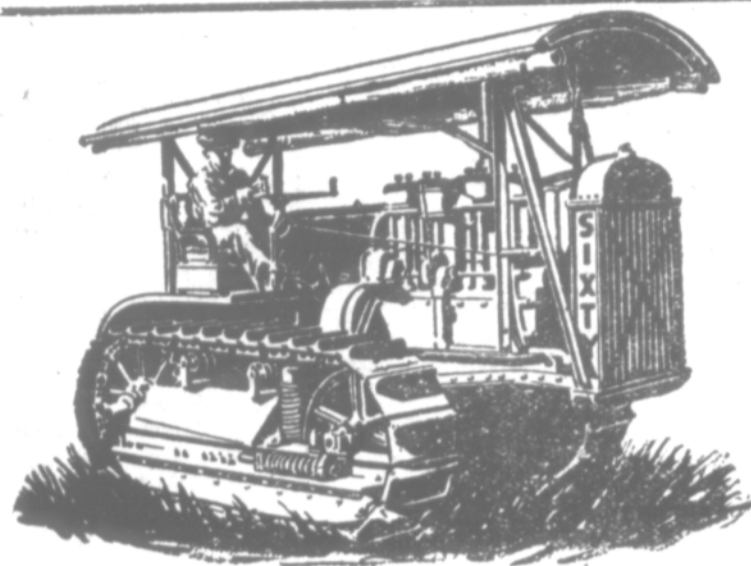
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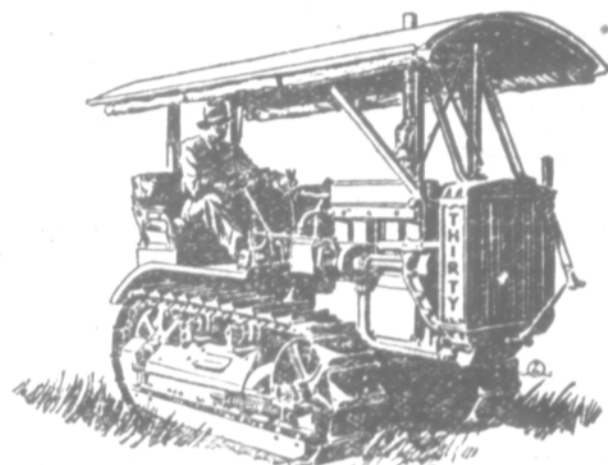
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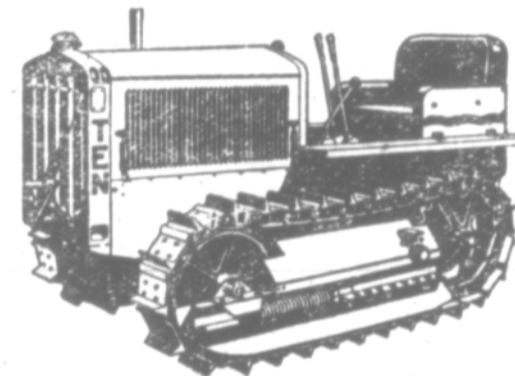
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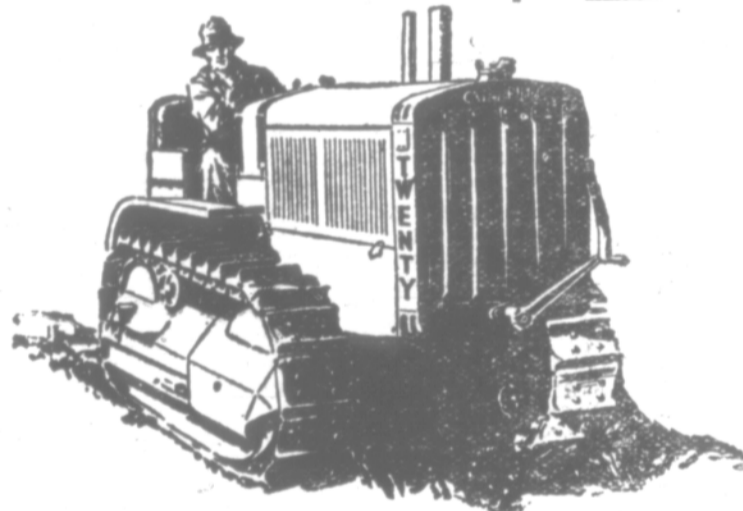
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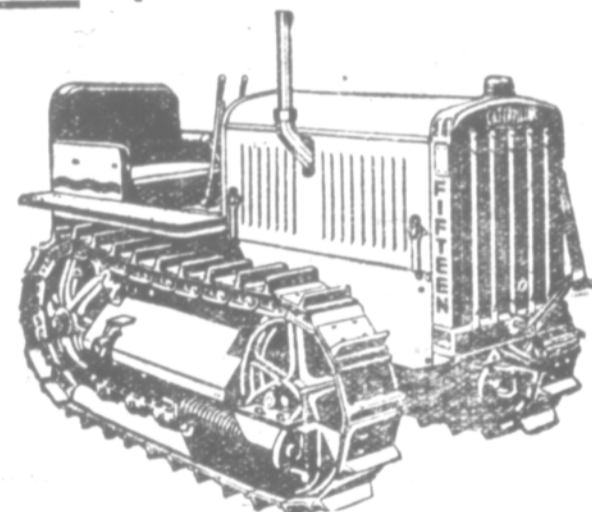
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