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WEATHER AND BUG LOSSES LIGHT IN WHEAT INSURANCE

The elements stirred up a witches' brew of perverse weather to account for most of the relatively light losses on insured Oregon wheat farms this year, says Murl E. Cummings, state director for the federal crop insurance corporation, in a report on the 1946 insurance program.

Although one of the most favorable growing seasons in many years produced a record wheat crop, nine varieties of adverse weather conditions caused most losses for which 155 growers collected on their crop insurance policies, Cummings reported.

Front and cold spring weather figured in almost half of the losses while the combination drought and hot weather was the year's crop enemy No. 2. Excessive moisture, hot winds, winterkill, winds and hail also contributed to crop damage.

Birds, bugs and worms also nibbled at the crop. Nine indemnities were paid for cutworm damage,

8 for Hessian fly, and one for pheasant. Plant diseases caused 8 losses—rut, root rot and smut.

Severe erosion caused losses on three farms, and six insured operators collected for flood damage. Weeds and shortage of irrigation water complete the list of 19 hazards for which indemnities were paid during the year.

Gilliam was the only one of the 20 insured counties in which no losses were reported. Clackamas county with 25 had the most losses, but Umatilla farmers collected the most indemnities. Sherman and Klamath were second and third in amount of indemnities.

Largest single indemnity was paid to a Deschutes county grower, who collected 2425 bushels frost damage. Most of the indemnities were small and covered only partial losses, however, and the total amount paid to insured growers was only 38,000 bushels—about one-fourth of the total premiums paid. This means, Cummings pointed out, that the state is accumulating a substantial reserve to cover losses in less favorable crop years

Kinton Grange Celebrates

A record crowd attended the thirtieth anniversary celebration at Kinton Grange Hall, March 17. Approximately two hundred members from other subordinate counties shared in the potluck supper, and a friendly atmosphere prevailed throughout the evening.

Many interesting stories were told about happenings years ago. The condition of roads and modes of travel were discussed. The trials of getting granges organized under such conditions. Certainly a far cry from the present!

Chas. Hays of the Hays Feed Store in Portland and Glen Snyder of Newport, were present and spoke briefly. These two men helped to organize Kinton Grange thirty years ago.

Another special guest was the 81 year old mother of Chas. Hays. Mrs. Hays received her sixty year Grange pin three years ago and is still attending.

Short bits of entertainment were contributed to the evening's program by the following granges: Leady, Washington, Tigard, Tualatin, Aloha, Scholls, Beaverton and Kinton.

Mrs. Hite, Pomona Lecturer, sang two Irish songs: "Mother, McCree" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". This was a special request by Kinton Grange. Mrs. Hite sang these songs thirty years ago when the Kinton Grange was organized.

Bertha Beck, State Secretary, gave a short talk before she presented the seven eligible members with twenty-five year Silver Star pins. Those members who received pins were: May Snider, Alice Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fluke, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cutting and E. L. Cox.

Mr. York of Leady Grange, Cedar Mills, put on a fine exhibition of fancy dance steps.

Mrs. Floy Collins, lecturer of Kinton Grange, managed the program.

Kinton P. T. A.
The Kinton P. T. A. met Tuesday night at the Kinton school house. The regular meeting night was postponed from Monday until Tuesday to accommodate the anniversary night of the grange.

The next regular P. T. A. meeting will be the third Monday in April at 8:00 p. m.

Farm Labor Needed

Continued dry, sunny weather has resulted in much farm activity and a flood of orders reports Roy L. Davidson, farm labor assistant. The main call is for men and women to hoe strawberries, dig and set strawberry plants, although the Farm Labor office has orders on file for general farm help such as clearing and burning orchard prunings, training boysenberries, putting in tile and a job as strawberry field foreman. Most jobs are of the drive-out type, although a few of them include cabins for onfarm housing of seasonal workers.

The major portion of these jobs are in the Forest Grove and Hillsboro areas. The Farm Labor office is especially anxious to locate workers with cars who will take other workers with them to nearby farms. Anyone interested in securing farm work is urged to contact the office in the courthouse at Hillsboro.

Happiness and virtue rest upon each other; the best are not only the happiest, but the happiest are usually the best.—Hulwar.

In the economy of God, no effort, however small, put forth for the right cause, falls of its effect.—John Greenleaf Whittier.

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Local Lady Suffers Injury

Last Thursday, March 14th, Mrs. Bertie Rasmussen was injured in an accident in Multnomah, when the car in which she was waiting rolled down a hill when the emergency brake was accidentally released. She was immediately hospitalized with multiple bruises, cuts and abrasions.

Spring Housecleaning

A group of ladies from the Woman's Society of Christian Service held a cleaning bee at the Metzger church last Thursday, readying the church for Easter.

Buy Record Player

The Girls' League of the Metzger School have purchased their record player. The first concert was given Monday at 1:15 p.m.

The committee on records was the Misses Ina Rene Detrow, Mary Dye and Joan Johnson.

On The Sick List

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Conklin have both been on the sick list, but are able to be about now.

Herbert Denman is a patient in a Portland hospital.

Mrs. Fred Sittel underwent an operation last week at a Portland hospital for an infection of the hand.

Take Day's Trip

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Westfall and family spent Sunday at Falls City where they enjoyed the scenery around the falls.

Visitor From Scio

Charles Hecht of Scio visited his uncles, Ben and Harry Carsh on Monday.

Attend Funeral

William C. Petersen Jr., killed in an airplane crash at Cottage Grove, was a nephew of A. H. and S. J. Petersen and was a cousin of Jeanette Petersen and Mrs. Jean Tarn all of Rt. 2, Tigard.

The relatives motored to Eugene to attend the funeral services.

The Poetry Corner

LONE SEABORNE

Waves are breaking on the shore,
The sand lies still and white,
My thoughts drift to a time before,

As I dream of another nite,
When we were strolling hand in hand
Our laughter fell on the mid-nite air
Fairies danced up the sand
For then my darling you were here.

Here I stroll along the beach,
I hear your voice in every wave.
The fairies stay beyond my reach,
Our laughter hides in some dark cave.

Many moons have come and gone
Since last I saw your face,
I find your love seaborne
Here in our chosen place.

The moon is shining on a tear,
I dream of things we've done,
Once more I feel you near
Back from the land of midnite sun.

I see you on the frozen shore,
Sending your love across the waves
And while I stand at memories' door,
Our laughter dances from the caves.

Juanita V. Smith
Tualatin, Oregon
(Written of husband when he served in Alaska.)

Ore. State Nurses Assn. To Act As Bargaining Agent

Word has been received in Portland that the Oregon State Nurses' Association has been recognized as the bargaining agent for registered nurses in the state by the Oregon Association of Hospitals, according to a directive received by Shirley Thompson, president of the nurses' group.

This agreement, covering 18 districts in the state, goes into effect immediately. It brings to a local level a movement begun in September when the Oregon group voted at their meeting of the American Nurses' Association to act as bargaining unit for nurses in this area, Miss Thompson reports.

Oregon State Nurses' Association state officers and directors for 1947 are: Shirley Thompson, Portland, president; Selma Hillmer, Salem, first vice-president; Myrtle Skooge, Portland, second vice-president; Esther Jacobson, Eugene, secretary; Maisie Wetzel, Portland, treasurer; and Linnie Laird, Portland, executive secretary.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Do Men Like Women?

Maybe you read that recent article in a national magazine, claiming that American men don't really like the company of women. They just put them up on a pedestal and leave them there.

But I wouldn't say that that was so in our town. Look at any married couple—like the Cuppers. Jane wouldn't nag if Dee spent his evenings "with the boys"—but actually Dee likes nothing better than to stay home by the fire, sharing a glass of beer with Jane, playing cribbage, or just talking.

And when he does go out, for an afternoon of fishing down at Seward's Creek, or for an evening glass of beer at Andy Botkin's Garden Tavern, Jane is almost always with him (except when she's got a spot of baking in the oven).

From where I sit, respect doesn't rule out everyday companionship... and never should. They go together—essential parts of a successful marriage.

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