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WHEAT YIELD FAR EXCEEDS FORECAST

Crops in North and Middle Sections of County Are Daily Boosting Average.—E. B. Martin Getting 25 Bushels.

Previous estimates on the Morrow county wheat crop for 1919 must be revised. The revision is in favor of more full sacks and a severe blow to the pessimist, for returns from the northern district are daily boosting the average yield far above the figure set by the gloomers and is exceeding the fondest hopes of the most optimistic.

There is very little spring grain out in that region north of the base line and south toward Lexington and the fall sown is in every instance, beating the estimate. Why, it is keeping some of those farmers busy running back to town for more sacks. Fields that were slated for 12 and 15 bushels a few weeks ago are making from 18 to 25, and fields further north which we have not yet visited, are reported to be yielding as high as 30 bushels. Some of the best looking wheat has not yet been touched by the header.

On the E. B. Martin ranch, which by the way, was bought by Mr. Martin a few months ago from Sam and Ben Brown and will pay for itself this season with a margin to go on; wheat of the turkey red variety is making 25 bushels per acre. Mr. Martin will take 1500 sacks of wheat from 140 acres. The wheat is of extra fine milling quality and will command the top market price. Mr. Martin, it goes without saying, is a number one farmer, having engaged in that art extensively in Sherman county for a number of years. Prior to buying the Brown place, Mr. Martin was associated with I. E. Kunsman in the stock business on upper Willow creek and still retains his interests there.

Early returns from the Phil Jones place northeast of Lexington indicate that his crop will average about 18 bushels, although that may not be figuring it high enough as Mr. Jones has not yet threshed some of the best of his grain. Mr. Jones and Albert Kerber are harvesting together and will go onto the Kerber wheat when they finish the Jones fields.

Albert Bowker started up his outfit on the Chas. Erwin ranch southeast of Lone last week. Mr. Bowker is threshing with a new Advance-Rumley separator and it is giving excellent satisfaction. The power is furnished by a Yuba tractor. The Erwin wheat, which is Turkey Red, is making an average yield of 23 bushels per acre.

Although threshing has just commenced on the W. F. Barnett ranch northeast of Lexington and the best grain has not yet been threshed, returns from 30 acres show that Mr. Barnett is getting a 20-bushel yield. The outfit is in charge of H. F. Parker and he says they will have a 25 day run with the headers and thrasher combined and an additional ten day run later with the thrasher at the stacks.

Narry Duvall is another north Morrow farmer who is gathering in the golden grain on the ranch which he bought a few months ago from the Newlons and the home of the only artesian well in the county. Mr. Duvall has got one of the best harvesting outfits it has ever been our good fortune to inspect. It is a Harris combine with an 18-foot header. The separator is operated individually with a high power motor and the entire outfit is pulled over the land by 27 horses and mules. Five men make up the crew and the combine is giving excellent results. The grain which Mr. Duvall is harvesting at the present time is making an average yield of 20 bushels.

On the Earl Warner ranch heading and threshing is progressing rapidly and results show that Mr. Warner's turkey red wheat is making an average of 21 bushels. The grain is number one, every kernel being plump and well filled and is very clean, being almost entirely free from smut and weed seed.

One of the big surprises of the season is the 240 acres of bluestem wheat of Wm. Huebner, on the lighter hill lands of Sand Hollow. Here in a dry season, by good farming methods, Mr. Huebner has made the land produce wheat which is yielding between 18 and 20 bushels per acre. Mr. Huebner is now harvesting his crop, using in the process a two-man combine. He is getting excellent results.

Near by the Huebner field is 500 acres belonging to Barney Doherty. This grain is of the same quality and (Continued on Page Eight)



DUVALL WILL PUT IN 400 ACRES OF ALFALFA

Man Who Bought Newlon Ranch Is Preparing to Put Large Acreage Under Water.—Will Make Extensive Improvements.

Putting 400 acres of hill land into alfalfa and planting a large tract to fruit trees are only two of the many improvements which Harry L. Duvall has under contemplation for his ranch which he purchased a few months ago from the Newlons.

How is he going to make alfalfa grow on those dry hills, you ask. Well, the hills, or one particular hill at least is no longer dry. Mr. Duvall is making use of that \$25,000 artesian well on his place and is running the water through an 18 inch pipe to the land which he expects to make blossom as the rose. Just as soon as the harvest work is over, he will put in 400 acres in the first unit, gradually extending his fields as the ground takes up the water.

To anyone who has never visited the Duvall ranch and seen that artesian well, some of the things which Mr. Duvall has under contemplation will seem dreamy and somewhat impossible, but anyone who has witnessed that wonderful flow of water bubbling up from the ground and winding away through an irrigation ditch to soak up fields, will at once recognize the feasibility of the man's idea and will at once admire Mr. Duvall for his progressiveness and initiative to say the least. Mr. and Mrs. Duvall have set their mind to making one of the most beautiful homes in Morrow county and when they get through we predict they will have one of the most beautiful in the Northwest. To the people of Morrow county we say: if you have not visited this land of the artesian well you have overlooked one of the best things we have near at home. Make a trip out there and enjoy some of that fine hospitality at the Duvall home and get your eyes opened as to some of the big things that are being done in our county.

Sam Stevens Returns From France—Wounded Twice

It has been said that "with the help of God and a few Marines" the allies beat the tar out of Germany. There is no question but what God was with the Allies and from all reports, the Marines were right there all the time. Sam Stevens was with the Marines and was in the thickest of some of the big battles. He was wounded twice by machine gun bullets and by a peculiar coincidence received the second wound in almost the same spot where the first bullet struck him, in the hip. Sam returned home this week and although he still limps, he says he is feeling fine and mighty glad to be back. He enlisted early in the war.

Miss Violet Merritt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Merritt, left last Saturday for a visit at the Frank Glinder home in Prosser, Wash. Mr. Glinder was formerly a resident of Heppner.

DR. D. R. HAYLOR
Eye specialist of Portland will be in Heppner from July 27th to August 2nd inclusive. Anyone with defective vision in need of glasses will find him with Wm. Haylor.

Misses Kilkenny Entertained.

Mrs. J. W. Russell entertained a number of friends last Monday evening at her country home in honor of the Misses Rose and Sarah Kilkenny, of Heppner, who were here visiting friends and attending Chautauqua. The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing. The guests were the Misses Marie, Helen and Frances Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maddock and Mrs. F. Bowman of Portland.—Condon Globe-Times.

Wedding Party Passed Thru Heppner on Tour

A wedding party passed through Heppner last Sunday enroute from Walla Walla, Wash., to their new home in Redlands, California. The honeymoon journey of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown will cover a distance of 2500 miles. They are making the trip in Mr. Brown's big Chandler car and are accompanied by Mr. Brown's brother Henry and sisters Misses Carolina and Molly.

The party stopped at the farm home of Wightman Brothers, three miles below Heppner and on Friday evening about thirty old friends of the groom called in to express their congratulations and wish the young people good luck on their long journey to the new California home. Mr. Brown has bought a 6-acre orange and peach grove near Redlands and they will make their permanent home there. Mr. Brown coming back to Morrow county only as his business interests here call him back.

Brother Of Hinton Creek Farmer Dies At Baker, Aged 70

Word was received by F. D. Cox, upper Hinton creek farmer, this week that his brother Ben Cox had died at Baker July 11. The deceased was 70 years of age. The body was taken to Dallas for burial.

A. A. McCabe, a leading farmer of the lone section, was doing business in Heppner on Saturday, coming up after some harvest supplies. He began combining this week, and he and Herb Olden will operate together. Mr. McCabe will thresh out a lot of fine grain on his place. He is one of the best farmers of the county and never fails to get a good crop, regardless of the season.

GAZETTE-TIMES HONOR ROLL IS GROWING FAST

The Gazette-Times honor roll is growing every day, thereby enhancing its value as advertising medium—and its best evidence we have that the paper is appreciated. New subscribers of recent days are F. A. Stapleton and F. A. Case, Heppner, Arthur Erwin, Lone; Mrs. Oscar Mitchell, Grass Range, Mont.; S. R. Craig, Parkers Mill; O. A. Hoskins, Exeter, Cal.; Olaf Bergstrom, Eight Mile and H. L. Duvall, Lexington. Renewals are J. W. Baird, J. F. Lucas, R. A. Thompson, J. O. Hager, Mrs. E. Ranck, Walter Kilkup, John C. McEntire, E. L. Freeman, Mike Healey, Mary Rasmus, Wright Saling, Hynd Brothers and Mrs. W. P. Scrivner, all of Heppner; August Anderson, Eight Mile; Mrs. Fred McCarter, Baker; Chas. Hynd, Ukiah; Wm. Cunningham, Lena.

Jas. Carty of Lexington was a business visitor in Heppner Saturday, being interested in the John Day project.

WELL KNOWN LOCAL FIRM BUYS GARAGE

Vaughn & Sons Are New Owners of Heppner Garage, Having Purchased Same From Albert Bowker This Week.

The well known firm of Vaughn & Sons, Heppner merchants, this week purchased the Heppner Garage from Albert Bowker. They have already taken possession of the establishment. The Heppner Garage is thoroughly modern and fire-proof and is one of the oldest garages in Eastern Oregon, having been established back there a number of years ago when the automobile industry was yet in swaddling clothes. Mr. Bowker built up a big business and the new owners, through their aggressiveness and up-to-date methods of doing business are well prepared to maintain the same standard as set by the old management. The Heppner Garage has the distinction of being the first in Heppner. At the present time Mr. Bowker is giving his entire attention to farming and has not announced his plans for the future.

Heppner Boy Writes He Could Not Get Along Without Paper

J. Walter Yeager, who was recently married in San Francisco to Miss Marie Maunin, writes The Gazette-Times from Seattle that he has moved from San Francisco to Oakland and would like to have his paper changed to their new address. The letter was written on board the steamship President, which runs up and down the coast. Mr. Yeager says, "I can't get along without the old home town paper for it is rather pleasant to see what everyone there is doing and to learn of all the improvements that are going on there. I find a good many strange names listed in your paper but am glad to find that a few of my old pals are still there and getting along so well." He sends his regards to all his Heppner friends and invites them to call on Mr. and Mrs. Yeager at 1006 16th street any time they are in Oakland.

Guy McFerrin Home After Many Months In Hospital

Guy McFerrin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen McFerrin, returned home this week from Fort Douglas, Utah, where he spent many months in the army hospital. Guy was severely wounded in France in the early part of American participation in the war. He had been absent from Heppner about two years.

F. L. Ballard, assistant state leader of county agents, was in Heppner this week to confer with the local county agent, L. A. Hunt. Mr. Ballard went from here to Pendleton.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincerest appreciation to all our friends who so willingly did everything in their power to comfort us in our deep sorrow. The untiring efforts of Dr. Chick and Dr. Bean working to the last minute to save our child was deeply appreciated. The floral offerings were abundant and beautiful and for all and to all we feel most deeply grateful. DR. and MRS. McMURDO.

Many New Homes Are Planned At Lexington

A lively building boom is scheduled for Lexington within the next two months and a number of fine houses will be built. Although it has not been definitely announced, it is believed that the Lexington State Bank will begin construction of a modern banking home in the near future. The bank's management has cleared off the corner lot on Main street and we understand they are preparing plans at this time.

Earl Warner is getting plans from the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. for an elegant residence of eight rooms.

Ed Burchell plans to start construction on a modern new home immediately after harvest.

Wm. H. Padberg is figuring on a new house, but he is just a little undecided as to building in town or on his ranch. In any event, it is safe to say that Mr. Padberg will put up a house which will be a valuable addition to the growing list of fine homes in Morrow county.

One of the finest residences in the county has just been completed by H. J. Jackson on his farm southwest of Lexington. The house is thoroughly modern in every respect with a full concrete basement.

Mrs. Sadie Morey is building a new house on her lot near the high school property.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allyn are spending the week in Pendleton on a combined business and pleasure trip.

R. D. Juday has taken an option with the Lexington Garage. Mr. Juday formerly lived in Lone but during the past few years has been living up in Canada.

Jas. Cowins is a busy boy these days with his jitney service. Farmers who are in a hurry to get somewhere and don't care to drive their big cars over the roads, find Jim's jig a handy outfit.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kerber were Saturday evening visitors in Lexington. Harvesting will start on the Kerber ranch in a few days.

Messrs. Louder and Copenhaver took out a new Russell separator Monday and will start up on the Lonnie Copenhaver grain.

The Carmichael threshing outfit threshed out the Tom Beymer and Harry Dinges grain this week and hauled out onto the John Piper place.

Mildred Patricia, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Holmes, entertained a number of her wee friends of Lexington and vicinity at a delightful lawn party Wednesday, July 9.

Lester Maurice, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMillan was the guest of honor, the occasion being his first birthday.

Those in attendance were Iris Rose Frederickson, Chester Lee Christenson, Julia Margery Parker, Clinton Kenneth Peck, Vivian Neal White, Vivian Ruth Cowins, Edith Elizabeth Vance, Gilliam Riley Munkers, Woodrow Tucker, Clayton Theodore Davis, Mildred Irene Hunt, and Mabel Gwendolyn Keller. Each tiny tot was chaperoned by its mother, and such babies! No wonder the poet has said, and our hearts still echo, "The most beautiful flower in the garden of God is the baby." Other friends of the family present were Mrs. F. Millard Parker, Miss Dona Barnett, Mrs. W. F. Barnett, Mrs. E. G. Slocum, Mrs. L. H. Zigler, Mrs. William Worstell and Mrs. W. C. Wallace of Grass Valley, sister of Mrs. Holmes.

Japanese lanterns were hung on the shade trees of the lawn, giving a beautiful oriental effect.

The program consisted of music, both vocal and instrumental. One of the many pleasing and entertaining features of the games which followed the program, was the personal history, written impromptu by the mother of each babe, and read upon request.

The beautiful birthday cake, made by Mrs. Millard F. Parker, was then exhibited, the birthday candle lighted and refreshments served.

Little Lester Maurice was the recipient of many handsome and valuable presents which he will no doubt treasure for many years to come.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. International Lesson, "The Lord's Supper." Morning service 11:00. Prof. Howard, Dean of Columbia College, will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening. Christian Endeavor, union service at the Christian church, 7:00 p. m. Evening service, 8:00 p. m. There will be no preaching service for the following three Sundays, but Sunday School will be continued as usual. H. A. NOYES, Pastor.

PROJECT ELECTION ON 23RD OF AUGUST

County Court Approves Petition and Enters Order for Vote.—If Carried Means That 345,260 Acres Will Be Subject to Irrigation.

The county court in session last Saturday approved the John Day project and entered an order for causing a special election on the 23rd day of August, 1919. Every person, whether male or female who owns one acre or more of land under the proposed project, resident or non-resident, is entitled to vote upon the issue.

The John Day project is one of the largest in the West and will mean the opening up for irrigation in Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla counties 345,260 acres of now arid land. The project has been a live issue for a long number of years and in times past some steps were taken to get action in the matter. In those days the government was spending but little money on such projects in the west, but in more recent years the west extension project in Umatilla county has brought the possibilities of irrigation a little nearer home and has had much to do in moulding favorable sentiment in this county. No opposition is expected in the vote on the project in August. Nearly all of the land lays in the northern end of Morrow county.

STATE HIGHWAY MAN WEDS AT PENDLETON

Although their betrothal was known to some, the announcement of the marriage of Miss Beatrice Byrd to Peter Greenwood comes as a surprise to many. The wedding ceremony was read yesterday afternoon at 4:30 by Rev. K. E. Gorman in the Methodist church. The only witnesses were Mrs. Edna Sutton and Miss Marie Evans. The bride, who is a well known Pendleton girl, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Byrd, wore a becoming dark blue tailored suit and a black lace hat. The groom recently returned from overseas service. They left on the evening train for Seattle where Mr. Greenwood's parents and sister reside. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood will return to Pendleton Sunday evening and make their home here. Mr. Greenwood is employed with the state highway commission.—Pendleton Tribune.

Heppner Young Woman Returns From California Trip

Miss Sybil Cason, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Cason, returned home Tuesday evening after an extensive trip through California and into Old Mexico in company with Miss Osea B. Norris, a former teacher in the Heppner High School. Misses Cason and Norris left Portland in May, their ultimate destination being Honolulu. Upon reaching San Francisco they found they could get transportation to the Islands alright but might have to wait until next February for return transportation. So they gave up that feature of their trip and decided to make a hiking journey through Southern California. They walked from San Francisco to San Diego and from there into old Mexico under guard. Miss Cason reports a most enjoyable trip.

Bids On Two New Buildings Will Be Accepted This Week

John V. Bennes, Portland architect who drew up the plans for the Elks and new hotel buildings for Heppner, arrived in the city this week and will confer with the building committees of both organizations. Mr. Bennes brought with him a number of bids from various contracting firms and these bids will be passed upon at once. John F. Vaughn is president of the Heppner Hotel Association and C. L. Sweek is secretary. Just as soon as the bids have been accepted, it is planned to push construction on both buildings as rapidly as possible.

DR. D. R. HAYLOR

Eye specialist, in Heppner July 27th to August 2nd inclusive.