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BRIGHTER OUTLOOK FOR WOOL IN 1932

National Marketing Corporation Manager Cites Influencing Factors.

IN BETTER DEMAND Consumption Increased in 1931 and Steady Price Maintained in Face of General Price Declines.

With one of the most difficult marketing years in history behind it, during which a tremendous task was accomplished, the National Wool Marketing corporation looks forward to 1932, convinced that the trend of events in the coming year will favor a more active wool market at firm to better prices.

That is the opinion of J. Byron Wilson, McKinley, Wyoming, general manager of the wool marketing agency for 40,000 wool growers of the United States as the cooperative begins activity to await arrival of an anticipated large 1932 clip from the thousands of producers.

"Through 1931, darkest year of a world-wide depression, when every commodity took price declines, wool held its own," Wilson said. Wool was one of the few commodities to show an increase in consumption during the unsettled year. The increase came during retrenchment periods of production, labor difficulties and general inactivity.

"During this period the marketing agency for the 40,000 wool growers was outstanding as a factor in keeping market levels on their proper plane," Wilson said. "Our policy of never selling below current price levels and that of rejecting bids below a fair price, did much to keep wool on its proper level. At the same time we urged independent dealers not to sell their wool when efforts were made by large consumers to force the market down. This resistance to lower prices brought us respect from buyers and as the year ended it left the growers' cooperative with more strength than ever."

"These factors clearly demonstrated to wool growers and buyers that the 'national' is the leader in wool marketing. No attempt to create a false price was made and the cooperative did not make efforts to dictate on which the price should be, except to refuse to dispose of its members' clips at a sacrifice to make a sale.

"Recognition of what the 'national' has done during these past uncertain and trying days was accorded the growers' cooperative by the Boston Transcript, wool authority, in its issue of December 17 when that paper said, 'the national cooperative, which is the largest holder of unsold wool is quoting prices slightly above the market average and shows little hesitation, apparently, in turning down low bids. Some hesitation, if not uncertainty, is usual in the closing month of the year; but sentiment is actually more cheerful now than a year ago.'"

Marketing conditions for wool should improve during 1932 for many reasons, Mr. Wilson believes. These include increased consumption, curtailed production because of smaller carry-over of sheep and a constantly growing demand for wool. Large replacement needs by mills now operating with depleted stocks on a hand-to-mouth buying policy also will bring about heavier buying.

"For the first ten months of 1931 the United States consumed 63 million pounds more wool than in the same period of 1930," Mr. Wilson said. "These figures, which are exclusive of imported carpet wools, clearly indicate that the nation has returned to wool and that general betterment is in store for the long-suffering wool industry."

"Style trends brought wool into the spotlight a year ago and the steady demand for lighter wools and worsteds has grown so strongly that wool cannot be easily replaced or removed from a wool-minded buying public. The 'national' has cooperated with all branches of the wool industry in conducting wool promotion and an education campaign to boost wool. In the fall of 1931 our organization took the lead in sponsoring National Wool Week, when \$25,000,000 worth of woolen and worsted fabrics were sold.

MARRIAGES LEAD DIVORCES, 1931

27 Licenses to Wed Are Issued in County; 10 Divorces Granted; September Popular Month.

Dan Cupid must do some fast work if he gets December, 1931, into his record of fatalities in Morrow county. So far, this month and February are the only months in the year in which no marriage licenses were issued. June has apparently lost its charm among matrimonial prospects, as being the best month in which to get married, as only three couples chose this month, while five chose September, the leading month of the year. Twenty-seven licenses were issued in all for the year. And to partially offset Dan's work, ten divorce decrees were granted in the same period.

Following is the record by months for the year:

- Marrriages.**
January—Ivylene Verona Brumbach and Carl Cason; Vivian Stout and James J. Hayes.
March—Edna Lovgren and Lloyd Emery Harshman; Juanita Cavanaugh and Lester L. Knowlton.
April—Anna Blahn and Clifford L. Shaw; Cecelia Fraters and Geo. Kenneth Burns; Harriet White and Jesse J. Wells.
May—May Ellis and Lonnie Ritchie; Alice Keithley and W. Harley Anderson.
June—Hazel O. Feldman and Emil R. Russell; Verdie Leach and Earl Elliott Isom; Bertha Otto and Jesse J. Wells.
July—Ruth Hoelt and Leonard E. Marty.
August—Luola Bengne and O. Hilding Bengston; Gwendolyn Cantwell and Esle M. Walker.
September—Alice Arbogast and Sidney Walter Burnett; Ona Juanita Scribner and Elbert L. Cox; Mildred Morgan and Johnnie Edward Eubanks; Pearl Vail and John Eugene Gentry; Velton Owen and Henry F. Stark.
October—Fern E. Engelman and John Winnard Turner; Edris Ritchie and Franklin Lindstrom; Helen Wells and Cletus Dudley Nichols; Edith Minnie Ely and Wallace William Matthews.
November—Martha M. Titus and Earl D. Cramer; Annie May Richardson and Harry H. Jayne; Marie Breshears and Wilbur Steagall.

- Divorces.**
February—Stacy Roberts vs. Leora K. Roberts.
April—Minnie B. Furlong vs. Charles H. Furlong.
May—Elsie L. Merritt vs. John Franklin Merritt.
June—Jessie M. Cox vs. Percy C. Cox; Marion Barlow vs. Franklin S. Barlow.
August—Herbert Hynd vs. Mildred Hynd.
November—Sydney Bruneau vs. Francis Bruneau.
December—Luola Beavert vs. Frank L. Beavert; Irene Yocom vs. George Yocom; Violet Wightman vs. Glenn R. Wightman.

TO STAGE ANNUAL BALL

The first annual ball for the benefit of the Heppner volunteer fire department has been announced for January 16 at the Elks hall. Plans for the affair were discussed by the fire boys at a meeting last week and each of the ten men allotted a job for the evening. All details are being taken care of by the firemen themselves who promise to put the public one of the outstanding social events of the year. Proceeds above expenses will go into the firemen's coffers to be used any way they see fit. A keen interest is being taken by the boys under the leadership of Mark Merrill, chief, and weekly practices have been held regularly in spite of inclement weather conditions. At last week's practice it took the boys just 15 seconds to get the water turned through the hose from the time the truck was stopped. Hydrants in different sections of town are tapped each week to assure their functioning properly. Practices are held on Wednesday nights at curfew time.

GET EMPLOYEES' CHECK.

Morrow county last week received its portion of the first contribution of state employees to unemployment relief, amounting to \$30. The check was turned over to the central committee for unemployment relief. State employees are giving a day's salary each month for the four winter months to be used for unemployment relief, and the \$30 check represented Morrow county's portion of the first month's contribution. The central committee for unemployment relief, organized at Heppner, is handling county-wide relief with the assistance of a director appointed from each community in the county. Two funds have been established by the committee, one a county-wide fund composed of such contributions as that received from the state, and the other a local fund for use in Heppner, made up of purely local contributions.

WATCH PARTY TONIGHT.

The Christian church is staging a watch party tonight to usher in the new year. Beginning with a chicken supper, the evening's entertainment will include a program with each class of the Sunday school providing numbers.

Full Day's Program Set For Pomona Grange Meet

Morrow County Pomona grange will hold its regular quarterly meeting at the Rhea Creek Grange hall on Saturday, January 2. An interesting program has been arranged by Mrs. Oscar Lundell, lecturer. Dr. Fred B. Messing of Portland will be the principal speaker of the day. The business meeting will be called at 10:30 o'clock a. m., and the program, to which the public is invited, will start at 2:00 o'clock sharp. The initiatory work in the fifth degree, to be put on by the Rhea Creek grange, will start at 8:00 p. m., according to O. E. Wright of Heppner, master of the Morrow County Pomona grange. It is the hope of those in charge of the program that the public will take advantage of this opportunity to hear Dr. Messing, executive secretary of the Oregon Social Hygiene society.

LIONS ENJOY SHOW OF COLLEGE FILMS

County Agent Exhibits Educational Service Supplied by State College; Clam Feed Enjoyed.

An example of the educational film service obtainable by county agents from the state college extension service for use in their work was given the Lions club at its Monday noon luncheon by Chas. W. Smith, county agent and club president, following a "feed" of steamed clams enjoyed through the courtesy of Central market. Miss Jeannette Turner served as pianist for the day in the absence of Mrs. W. R. Poulson, regular accompanist, and Paul Marble led the club singing. Cecil L. Lieualten, state policeman, was a guest.

Two reels of moving pictures were shown the Lions. One depicted the construction of the Cascade tunnel on the Great Northern railroad in Washington, the longest railroad tunnel in the world, and the other gave an illustrated lecture on citizenship. The projector and films had been obtained by Mr. Smith for use at a 4-H club meeting in Heppner that afternoon and at other meetings over the county.

1931 Winter Wheat Crop Worth Third of 1929 Crop

Decreased acreage and lower per acre yield played a part, but lower prices were largely responsible, for Oregon's revenue from its 1931 winter wheat crop being cut to nearly one third of the amount received for the 1929 crop, as shown by the December, 1931, statistical table issued by the U. S. department of agriculture. The dollar value of Oregon's 15,262,000-bushel 1931 wheat crop is given at \$7,631,000, while the 18,520,000-bushel crop of 1929 brought a return of \$20,557,000. The average yield in 1931 was 18.5 bushels as compared to 20 bushels in 1929. The 1931 figures are given subject to revision in December, 1932.

Figures for 1930 showed total production of 19,159,000 bushels, average per acre yield of 23 bushels, and a dollar value of \$11,112,000. Total acreage for each year was: 1929, 926,000; 1930, 833,000, and 1931, 825,000 acres.

A similar decline in value of the United States winter wheat crop is shown. The total 1931 yield for the nation was 782,465,000 bushels, having a total value of \$341,458,000, as against 877,009,000 bushels in 1929 with a value of \$609,360,000. The per acre yield for the nation in 1931 was 19.2 bushels compared to 14.2 bushels in 1929. Total acreage showed an increase in 1931 with 41,009,000 acres compared to 40,580,000 acres in 1929.

The United States figures for 1930 showed total acreage of 39,509,000 acres; per acre yield, 15.2 bushels; total production, 601,840,000 bushels; dollar value, \$381,491,000.

FINED FOR BAD CONDUCT.

Patrick J. O'Reilly, an Irishman who came from Edinburgh, Scotland, was arraigned before Justice Huston Tuesday morning and fined \$25 and costs on a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct. The charge arose from O'Reilly's actions at the Jerry Kileup farm near Lena recently.

RAYMOND DRAKE WINS U. P. AWARD

\$100 Scholarship Won in 4-H Club Work; Achievement Pins Given 22 Clubbers at Meeting.

The \$100 scholarship awarded annually by the Union Pacific railroad to the outstanding boy in 4-H club work in each county in its territory has been awarded to Raymond Drake, Jr., for Morrow county in 1931. It was announced at a 4-H club achievement meeting and picture show at the Star theater Monday afternoon. The meeting was attended by 110 boys and girls interested in 4-H club work, and achievement pins were given 22 of the number.

Gordon Akers was named alternate recipient of the Union Pacific award, and would be entitled to the scholarship in case Drake were unable to use it. Drake has been a member of the Ione Calif club for four years and has done outstanding work. Akers is a member of the Eight Mile Center Poultry club with an excellent record.

Ethel Hughes of Heppner was introduced as the winner of an O. S. C. 4-H club summer school scholarship for outstanding work in homemaking. Four year achievement pins were awarded Raymond and Donald Drake. A two-year pin was given Marjorie Parker, and one-year pins were issued Douglas Drake, Margaret Sprinkel, Verna McConkie, Dora Bailey, Harriet Hager, Helen Egan, Marie Barlow, Ethel Bailey, Elsie Crump, Ruth Green, Gladys Casebeer, Irene and Norma McFerrin, Ernest Clark, Stephen Wehmyer, Wm. McCaleb, Ellen McConkie.

Commendation of the efforts of the boys and girls in club work, which has placed Morrow county in the ranks of leading counties in 4-H club work in the state, was given by Chas. W. Smith, county agent, who made the awards. Educational moving pictures obtained through the extension service of Oregon State college were also shown by Mr. Smith.

Other club members not attending who are entitled to pins can get them by calling at the county agent's office, it was announced.

THRONGS ATTEND NAT WEBB RITES

Dr. W. A. Bratton Reads Eulogy to Friends Who Fill Church to Capacity; Well Known Here.

The following account of the passing of Nat Webb, who for many years conducted a farm in Morrow county in company with his brother, Paul Webb, will be of interest to his many friends here. It was taken from the Walla Walla Bulletin of last Sunday.

Friends to the number of several hundred paid final tribute yesterday afternoon to Nat H. Webb, prominent native son of Walla Walla, who died Thursday afternoon and was buried following services at St. Paul's Episcopal church with the Rev. Stanley T. Boggess officiating.

In addition to the burial service of the denomination to which Mr. Webb belonged, a fitting eulogy by Dr. Walter A. Bratton was read from the pulpit and music was given by a mixed quartet, with violin obligato.

Social Worker to Address Series of Meetings Here

Dr. Fred B. Messing, executive secretary of the Oregon Social Hygiene society, will address a series of meetings in the county starting Saturday when he will appear before the Pomona grange at Rhea creek.

SOUTH END POINTS ISOLATED BY SNOW

Highways and by-ways near Heppner are a glare of ice today as the result of a cold rain last night that followed in the wake of a snowstorm Monday which piled up four inches of the beautiful here to give residents their second touch of winter for the season.

Drifts on the road to Hardman had that city isolated yesterday, and the stage could make it to within only five miles of the little south end city, and that after Creed Owen, driver, had shoveled away at drifts. It was a matter of conjecture when the stage left this morning whether it could make it through today. Wm. McCoberts, driver of the Eight Mile stage, was also unable to make it through to the Eight Mile postoffice, but expected to make it tomorrow. The road was reported passable to Rhea creek this morning.

Monday's snow followed the chinook of the week before that riddled hills about Heppner of the last week that had enveloped them for three weeks and gave a touch of spring for nearly a week, with grass literally springing from the ground and trees showing signs of budding. A high wind developed the end of the week which rapidly dried the surface of the ground, switching directions in a prankish manner. It started snowing Monday morning and with the temperature above freezing much of it melted as it hit the ground. Moderation Tuesday caused the snow to melt down more and bare spaces on the south hillsides were showing when the cold rain that rapidly turned to ice came last night.

While it was raining at Heppner it was snowing to the north and two inches of new snow was reported at Ione and Cecil this morning. The snow extended to within three miles of Heppner, covering the highway just below the Alfalfa Lawn dairy, making driving safer than on the icy highway this side, cars coming through this morning reported.

Reports from the outside this morning were that the Old Oregon Trail and Walla Walla highways out of Pendleton were closed because of icy surface, and traveling was reported dangerous on the Columbia river highway through the mountains.

The sun is shining here today, softening the ice and making travel by either foot or car less hazardous.

Many Kiddies See Movies At Community Christmas

"I never knew there were so many youngsters in Heppner," was the comment of one onlooker as he viewed the throng of beaming-faced kiddies who turned out for the free picture show and treat given by the Elks, Lions, American Legion and Business and Professional Women's club at the Star theater last Thursday afternoon. "Father's Son," a picture of boy life, was the featured attraction. Following the movie a bag of treats was handed each youngster as he passed through the door.

BIRTHS - DEATHS GIVEN FOR 1931

Vital Statistics Show 27 Who Died in Year, and 53 New Arrivals; Names Given.

The vital statistics in the office of Dr. A. B. Gray, county physician, record 27 deaths and 53 births in 1931. Both deaths and births showed a decline from 1930 when 32 deaths and 76 births were recorded. No compilation had yet been made of deaths from various causes for 1931, but recently received from the State Board of Health was a chart which showed that three of the deaths in 1930 caused by contagious diseases, putting Morrow county well down in the rank of counties in the percentage of deaths caused by preventable diseases.

Following are the deaths and births recorded in 1931, listed by months, with the day preceding the name:

- Deaths.**
January—1, Lucy C. Baird.
February—12, Josephine L. Johnson; 15, Edward Baker Hunt; 20, Charles William Craddock.
March—1, Charley Repass; 3, Martha Conant; 5, Andrew Olson; 6, Hugh McNeerney.
April—5, Frederick Lovren Kuns; 9, Hugh Alger Conner.
May—6, Salina Bauman; 6, Jessie H. Robertson; 14, Caroline Omohundro; 19, Karl Langford Beach; 31, Mrs. Sarah King.
June—5, Andrew Jackson Cook; 5, Alfred Elmer Bates; 22, Richard Lafayette Wisdom; 23, Ruth Adelaide Hunt; 24, Nathaniel Lee Shaw.
July—7, Harley Raymond Newport.
August—5, David Henry rGabil.
September—26, Frank Hale.
October—2, Andrew Baird.
November—23, Andrew J. Saffell; 25, Joseph W. Rector.
December—20, Franklin B. Elder.

- Births.**
December 25, 1930 (since last report)—Elsie Rosetta Ball.
February—5, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred John Caldera, boy; 8, Doris Mae Williams; 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mule Miller, girl.
March—9, Elmer Robert Hake; 19, Bruce Dixon Smith; 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas McElligott, boy; 21, John William Jepsen; 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Cohn, boy; 21, to Mr. and Mrs. John Calvin Botts, boy; 21, John Albert Lovgren; 22, Perry Allen Adams; 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Lester Drake, boy; 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Walson Cutsforth, girl; 31, Robert Alva Jones.
April—4, Patricia Ann Wilcox; 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Max Frank Buschke, girl; 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lytle McMillan, girl; 12, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Burl Wattenburger, girl; 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Turner, boy.
May—5, Bernice Vivian Scott; 22, William Albert Nirschl.
June—10, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Cole; 12, Eunice Marie Keithley; 16, Francis Terrance Grant; 17, Kenneth Reinson Lawther; 19, to Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Barrett, boy; 23, Elizabeth May Edwards; 30, Paul A. Morey, Jr.

- July—10, Jean Elizabeth Cave; 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdette, boy; 25, John Louis Smith; 27, Lois Faye Key.
August—13, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lindsay Scott, girl; 14, William Peterson Whitson; 29, Robert Allen Bennett.
September—5, to Mr. and Mrs. James Stout, boy; 9, Treva Jean Davidson; 10, Janet Marie Sprouls; 14, Anna May Ekleberry; 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frederick Bergstrom, boy; 15, Eldon LeRoy McFerrin; 15, Georgia Ann McMillan; 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Victor Bergstrom, boy.
October—2, Beverly Mae Griffith; 7, Gladys Fay Ball; 16, Francis Ann Hiesler; 17, Glen Stephen Harrison.
November—18, Carl William Thorpe; 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gustav Peterson, boy; 28, Gerald Martin Smith.
December—20, Betty Jean Wagner; 30, Patricia Marie Moore.

MORROW WOMAN IS DEVISEE.
Allie Coryell of Iregon is one of the devisees named in the will of George Lorenzen who died in this county December 6. Petition to admit the will for probate in Wasco county was made by Fred Thomas, executor, according to The Dalles Optimist. The estate includes real property in Wasco county valued at \$4000 and personal property valued at \$6000. The will, executed in May, 1931, named the following devisees: Alice Lorenzen, The Dalles, Anton L. Lorenzen, Dufur; Clara Sauter, Bingen, and Allie Coryell, Iregon.

RESUMES MID-WEEK SHOWS.
B. G. Sigsbee, manager of the Star theater, announces that mid-week shows which were discontinued through December will be resumed beginning the first of the year, giving the public a show each night on the theater. Programs are changed on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

AUTOMOBILE BURNS.
Harold Cohn lost his Dodge sedan by fire one day last week when the car became overheated and caught fire in bucking the mud up Skinner creek. The car was a mass of flames before Mr. Cohn could do anything about it except save himself. It was insured.

To Trade—Duroc boar for what you have. Frank Mason, Ione. 42

OPTIMISM KEYNOTE OF WHEAT FORECAST

Reduced Foreign Stores, Low Estimated Yields Change Outlook.

Spokane, Wash.—In a year-end forecast prepared by Henry W. Collins, vice president in charge of the Pacific coast division of the Farmers' National Grain corporation, bright prospects are outlined for the wheat crop and prices next year.

The report as made public by the Spokane office of the Farmers' National Grain corporation is as follows: "Although world wheat prices have advanced from recent record low prices, the more recent foreign exchange fluctuations and the disturbed financial conditions in this country and abroad have again reduced prices, although not to the low point previously reached. It would seem, however, that the fact that grain prices have not declined more in the face of such conditions augurs well for commodity values."

"Sentiment with respect to conditions prevailing in connection with wheat has changed considerably. Whereas a few months ago many were pointing to large stocks of wheat in all countries, especially in Russia, there is now the belief that stocks are less in the exporting countries, with the exception of the United States and Canada, and that the quality of wheat in Russia and Argentina is so much below standard that it is reasonable to expect continued demand from importing countries for the high grade wheat held in North America."

"Many authorities are also calling attention to the prospect for a smaller crop next year in the United States and Canada. In the American winter wheat states, where a bumper crop was harvested last year, conditions are less satisfactory than they have been in many years, and all indications point to a greatly reduced crop. Due partly to unfavorable weather conditions, acreage of fall sown wheat has been greatly reduced in the United States. The December government report on winter wheat acreage is the fourth lowest since 1870, and moisture conditions in the spring wheat area are also poor."

"In the Pacific northwest, it is noticeable that this year the price of wheat has been several cents above Chicago, whereas the normal spread is several cents below Chicago. This improvement in local price is due to the reduction in the wheat surplus which normally exists on this coast. The carry-over on July 1 was much less than had been anticipated, and this supplemented by a short crop in Oregon, Washington and Idaho had an immediate effect on the price. The recent sale of 15,000,000 bushels of wheat for flood relief in China and the crop failure in California necessitating large shipments to that state have reduced stocks of wheat in the Pacific northwest to the lowest quantity known in many years."

"As a result of the improved price of wheat in the local market, and with favorable weather prevailing, prospects might be termed bright for the 1932 crop in the Inland Empire. Generous rains in the wheat belt and exceptionally heavy rainfall in the mountains present ideal conditions. It is generally believed that heavy snows in the watersheds are conducive to rains in this territory in the spring and to a prevention of hot winds such as those which ruined the bright crop prospect which existed before last harvest."

"One point I would like to emphasize is the necessity for conservative acreage and limited production on the part of growers to maintain the present favorable supply situation and the consequent price advantage."

PARTY AT BEYMER HOME.
Last Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, Misses Lucille, Hazel and Audrey Beymer entertained a group of young folks at their home on Hinton creek. Six tables of "Bunko" were set. High honors for boys went to Roy Gentry and for girls to Adele Nickerson, with Gladys Cason carrying away low honors. Refreshments of ice cream, cookies and cocoa were served, followed by more games and dancing.

Those present were: Herman, Green, Ralph Fogery, Eugene Rohrer, Merle Becket, Billy Becket, Beatrice Thomson, Jimmie Furlong, Gladys Cason, Curtis Thomson, Roberts Thompson, Earle Bryant, Anabel Turner, June Anderson, Gay Anderson, Jr., Wrex Langdon, Roy Gentry, Claude Hill, Adele Nickerson, Francis Nickerson, Ilene Kilkenny and Genevieve West.

HAVING NEW YEAR'S DANCE.
Heppner Elks and their ladies together with members of their families will enjoy a dance at their hall tonight to usher in the new year.