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### The Staff of Life

WAVING heads of sun-browned wheat. To the man of the soil they represent the harvest, the climax of months of plowing, harrowing, weeding, discing—of hopeful glances toward long-clear skies, of fearful study of over-black clouds in the offing, of waiting upon the generosity of a Nature too prone to bring dire years. To the raiser the waving heads spell success. To humans everywhere they are the staff of life.

Whether the market be good or poor, there is no one but who is glad for the bounteous harvest. And as in the season just past, when the price is good as well as the yield, the wheat farmer reaps that toward which he may have worked through many years of reversals. That is the destiny of the wheat farmer in a large portion of the great Eastern Oregon empire.

Wheat is the main economic factor in a number of eastern Oregon counties. In others it plays an important role. Since the history of man remembereth it has been the basis of human diet, and it is now coming into its own as a livestock provender.

So important has wheat been in the life of man generally, that it has always been numbered among those present in fixing the commodity price index. This, despite the fact that other agricultural products, poultry and dairy—outstrip wheat in total income figures.

The story of wheat is too long and too generally known to be given just tribute in words. And all words are feeble compared to the artist's camera which provided the theme picture for this edition. It is eloquent beyond metaphor. And it so well expresses all the hopes and ambitions of mankind, that it seemed but proper to again repeat the oft' spoken words, "Give us this day, our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..."

Through the medium of the waving wheat heads, this edition greets you, and through them, too, awaits for one and all a hearty welcome to Heppner. May the Eastern Oregon Wheat league continue the fine work for which it has been noted in years past.

### Food Thrift Both Smart and Patriotic

It is both smart and patriotic to be thrifty these days when food waste is frowned upon both by the government and by one's bank account. Representatives of the government's consumer division are now circulating pledge blanks on which one promises to avoid waste in managing a home.

Much waste can be avoided by planning meals ahead of time, points out Miss Lucy A. Case, extension nutritionist at Oregon State college. Wise buyers base their shopping plans on advance meal plans, although these may be changed in the light of unexpected opportunities found at the store. Improper storage is another food thief, says Miss Case. For instance, left-over fat and drippings are valuable if stored in a cool dry place, while otherwise they will be spoiled themselves and will ruin the flavor of other foods.

Waste also occurs in food preparation if vegetables are peeled too thick, oranges or lemons only partially squeezed, and outside leaves of lettuce or cabbage thrown away as a matter of habit. Poor cooking and serving are other sources of waste of the food itself and of vitamins and minerals it contains.

### REAL BEEF IN MAKING VIA WHEAT ROUTE



Sherman county's 4-H calf clubbers have made an enviable record by rearing fine cattle on wheat farms. Here they show some of their prize stock. See story on page 4, second section.

### FARM INCOME MAY RISE IN 1942 BUT COSTS ALSO MOUNT

Gross farm income in Oregon in 1942 should be materially above the 1941 level if present trends continue, although net income will not increase proportionately because of rising farm costs, according to an analysis made by the extension service at Oregon State college and published in the current agricultural situation and outlook report. Complete copies of the report may be had at any county extension office.

The demand outlook for farm products in 1942 is even better than in the exceptionally favorable year now ending. More business activity, a rising general price level, and increased demand for some products for export all will play a part in the demand situation for next year, the report shows.

Further increase in domestic payrolls and military employment is expected to bring an increase in the per capita consumption of food. On the whole it is expected that national income in 1942 may exceed that of 1941 by 10 or 15 per cent. With the British government expecting to obtain about one-fourth of its food supplies from America next year, approximately 8 to 10 per cent of the farm production of

### Sans Souci Rebekahs Elect New Officers

With election of officers for the new lodge year last Friday evening, Sans Souci Rebekah lodge No. 33 named Florence Green, noble grand; Mary Bailey, vice grand; Lilian Turner secretary and Sadie Sigsbee, treasurer.

Florence Green and Harriet Lundell were hostesses for a social following the regular meeting. Mulled cider and doughnuts were enjoyed by those present.

the United States will be exported, or about twice the exports of 1941.

Advance estimates indicate that 1941 gross farm income will exceed that of 1940 by about 25 per cent, making it the greatest since 1929. The increase in farm costs, however, is expected to be a little more in 1942 than it was in 1941. The average of about 15 per cent increase this year was caused mostly by higher prices for labor, rent, and feed. In 1942 the increases are expected to be felt in purchases of seed, automobiles and tractors, building materials, feed, containers, and other items of equipment and supplies.

The Oregon farm price index at mid-October showed the general level of farm prices at 94 per cent of the 1926-30 average, and 125 per cent of the 1910-14 figure.

### Farm Accidents Get Red Cross Attention

Teachers and pupils of Morrow county schools are participating in the American Red Cross national campaign to reduce home accidents, announces Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent.

Particular emphasis is given to farm accidents, says Mrs. Rodgers. Aftermaths of accidents are physical pain, mental suffering, maimed bodies and untimely deaths. Moreover, accidents impair, when they do not wholly destroy the usefulness and productivity of the victims. They pile up doctor bills and reduce income, and they increase the heavy burden of social dependency, said Mrs. Rodgers.

There is nothing more important than education of the young in the things that make for safety. And so at this time the school pupils and teachers of Morrow county will join with millions of young people throughout the nation in the annual Red Cross campaign for the prevention of home and farm accidents.

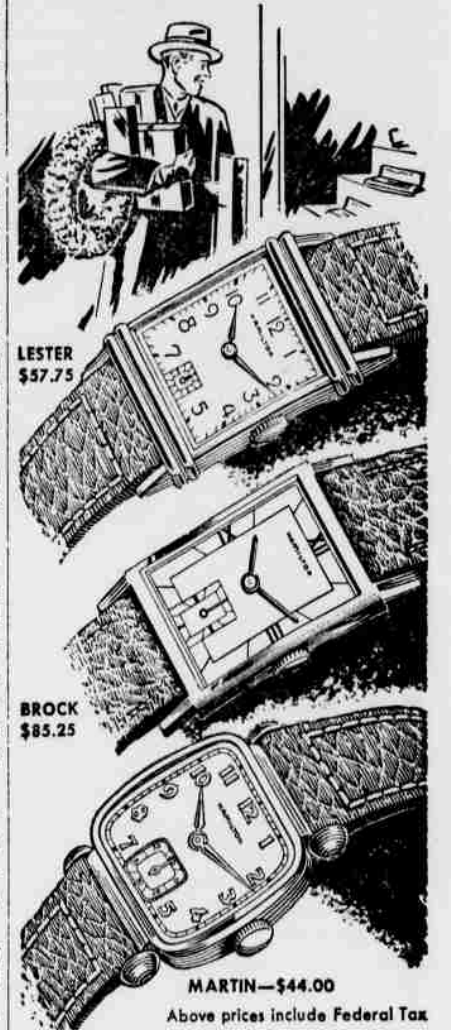
President Roosevelt said in a recent proclamation: "To insure a maximum of efficiency we must have a maximum safety twenty-four hours a day—not only at work, but also on the highway, at home, everywhere." The President calls at this time upon everyone to enlist in the campaign against accidents.

More than a third of the accidental deaths last year were the result of home accidents, while farm accidents resulted in more deaths than any other occupation.

School pupils will be bringing home the farm and home check-list prepared by the American Red Cross. Parents are urged to read these check-lists and to assist their children in checking the home for sources of home and farm accidents that can be prevented. After having completed the checking all members of the family are doubly urged to do something about repairing or removing these accident hazards. Keep the check list as a reminder of the danger of accidents that can be pre-

vented. Let everyone do his part in this phase of educating our youth in the things that make for safety.

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