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Wheat Situation Summarized By Agriculture Dept.

Heavy Production For 1946 Needed To Feed Europe

Since Oregon and Morrow county wheat farmers are being asked to plan and plant for another year of high wheat production, they should understand the prospective supply and demand situation upon which the U. S. Department of Agriculture based its appeal for another year of maximum effort on the nation's wheat farms, Henry Baker, chairman of the county AAA committee suggests.

To give farmers the national background of the wheat situation the 1946 state goal of one million which led to the establishment of acres, the State AAA office has made the following summary of the latest USDA information on wheat.

Altogether, about 1,120 million bushels of wheat were used in the 12 months ended June 30, compared with a 10-year (1932-41) domestic disappearance of 720 million bushels. Of this prewar figure, 479 million bushels were used for food, 81 million for seed, 117 million for feed, and 43 million for exports. In 1944-45 war boosted the amount of wheat used for military and civilian food to around 550 million bushels. Other uses were about as follows: seed, 88; feed 260; industrial alcohol 85; and exports 145.

Quantities of wheat used for food and seed last year were about the same as in 1943-44. Wheat for alcohol was moderately lower, and wheat for feed only about half as large. Feed grain supplies were more adequate in 1944-45 than the previous year, but wheat feeding continued more than double prewar quantities. The movement of grain to ports for export has been much greater than early expectations, reducing the carry-over July 1, 1945 to about the same as the 316 million bushels a year earlier.

The 1945 wheat crop is estimated at 1,129 million bushels. This is another record, and the third U. S. crop of over a billion bushels. With likely disappearance even exceeding the size of the crop, the carry-over on July 1, 1946 may be somewhat lower than July 1, 1945. The total wheat supply for 1945-46, not counting imports, is indicated at about 1,445 million bushels compared with 973 million for the 1932-41 average.

The greatest difference in the use of wheat this coming year will probably be in exports—expected to exceed greatly those of 1944-45 because of the need for food in the European countries.

With a smaller corn crop indicated for 1945, large quantities of wheat may again be needed for livestock feed.

Baumans Dispose Of Local Property

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman have disposed of their Heppner property and are preparing to move to Boise, Ida., where they have obtained income property. They sold their residence Wednesday to Mrs. Mary Wright and Mrs. Bauman and their children will go to Idaho about Aug. 15. Mr. Bauman will leave here Sept. 1.

Mrs. Bauman sold the Marcarol Beauty shop the first of the week to Mrs. Richard Hayes, who, through her mother, Mrs. Grace Nickerson, took possession Monday. Mrs. Bauman contemplates attending a beauty school and may engage in the business again at a later date.

Pioneer Store of Ione Closes After 51 Years Operation

It's a long lane that has no ending and Bert Mason, retired merchant of Ione, is now realizing a long desired ambition—to be foot-loose and find out first hand what it is like to be without a job. For Bert has wound up his business affairs in Ione after continuous mercantile service to the people of the community since June 1898—right in the middle of the Spanish-American war.

The business closed out by Mason this week was established by Mat Halvorsen in 1894. Halvorsen employed the ambitious young man at a monthly salary of \$35—about one day's wages for a combine mechanic today. However, Mason had his eye on the future and in September 1899 he borrowed the money to buy a one-third interest in the business and the firm of Halvorsen & Mason carried on until 1912 when he purchased the Halvorsen interest. The business was continued at the old stand until 1917 when Mason constructed a modern business block which has housed the business since. This property was recently sold to Cof Swanson and Mason disposed of the large stock of merchandise at sale prices.

Mr. Mason is a native son of Morrow county. He was born on Rhea creek, attended school in that

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Jim's Cascadians Signed for Rodeo Dances

A contract was signed this week with James C. Winder to bring his dance orchestra, Jim's Cascadians, to Heppner to play four Rodeo dances. The schedule includes the queen's dance Sept. 1, and the three Rodeo dances, Sept. 6, 7 and 8. The Cascadians are a popular six-piece band of the mid-Columbia region and Bob Runnion, dance chairman, feels he can assure the dancing public there will be plenty of good rhythm throughout the Rodeo.

A capacity crowd enjoyed the attendant dance at Lexington I. O. O. F. hall last Saturday night when the Farrow's orchestra of Long Creek furnished the music. Ticket sales indicated that the attendance was almost as heavy as at the Heppner dance the week before.

This week interest centers on

CANADIAN VISITS BROTHER

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark are enjoying a visit this week with Mr. Clark's brother, Charles Clark of High River, Canada. Mr. Clark is publisher of the High River Times influential weekly of that section of the dominion He has visited Heppner several times and was last here in 1936.

Although not a printer, Mr. Clark is accustomed to the smell of printer's ink, and paid the G-T a visit Wednesday in company with M. D., to see how the industry "south of

the border" carries on. Willows Grange hall at Ione where the Farrow's orchestra will again be the musical offering. Willows grange is sponsoring the dance in the interest of its queen's attendant, Darlene Biddle. The spacious floor and dining room facilities make the Ione hall a favorite spot for those who trip the light fantastic and the grange is making a bid for the crowd of the season.

Work on repairs at the Rodeo grounds, carried on throughout the summer by Secretary Frank Turner, will be speeded up next week when President Lee Beckner and others bring in their trucks and other equipment to clean up and make repairs. Harvesting is about over for the farmer members of the association and they are ready to get down to the business of putting the big western show over.

FINED \$50 AND COSTS

Findings defendant guilty, Justice J. O. Hager imposed a fine of \$50 and costs of \$31.45 upon Mrs. Goldie Wilson following a hearing in the local justice court Monday morning. Mrs. Wilson was charged with assault and battery upon the person of Mrs. Esther Burnside. A counter charge made by Mrs. Wilson against Mrs. Burnside has not been set for hearing.

Forest and Field Fires Hit County First of Week

Cash Creek Burn and Nelson Field Fire Controlled

Forest and field fires hit the county the first of the week causing a flurry of rustling fighting equipment and men to man it for a day or two. Quick action in both instances confined the blazes to small areas, minimizing the losses.

A fire breaking out Sunday afternoon on Cash creek, two miles above Tucker prairie and two miles west of Matteson butte, was brought under control by Monday morning and was declared safe by that evening. A crew of 100 men was drawn from Kinzua mill and Camp five, Reed's mill. Gayhart's logging camp and the Heppner Box factory. Of these, 25 remained on the job throughout Tuesday and seven or eight men were retained to watch until all danger is passed. The forest service road crew and the suppression crew were on hand while Kinzua Pine Mills company sent in a bulldozer in case one might be needed. The forest service had a Caterpillar ready for eventualities.

While forest officials are quite certain the Cash creek blaze was man-caused they are happy that it did no more damage. The situation throughout this district is satisfactory, a different picture to neighboring forests where electrical storms have started 280 fires in the past two or three days.

Fire fighters were called to the Alfred Nelson and Sons Sand hollow wheat ranch Tuesday to subdue a field fire which swept over 140 acres of wheat before being brought to a halt. Combine crews from the J. O. Turner, E. Harvey Miller and Orville Cuutsforth fields rushed to the scene, while several men with equipment from town joined in the fight. Stubble in the Miller field also caught fire but aside from burning considerable distance did little damage.

D. W. Glasgow Dies At Veradale, Wash.

This community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of D. W. Glasgow at his home at Veradale, Wash. Saturday, July 28. Mr. Glasgow was a former manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers and was well liked by all who knew him. Funeral services were held in Spokane Tuesday, July 31 at 2:30 p. m. with Smith Funeral Home in charge. Rev. Wm. Westwood officiated.

Mr. Glasgow was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and one son Darrell, Jr., at home, one daughter Gweneth Gaither of Spokane, his mother, Mrs. James Glasgow of Medical Lake, Wash., three brothers, Hugh, and Max of Medical Lake and Earl in Alaska, two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Glasgow of Medical Lake and Mrs. Hugh Phillips of Enumelaw, Wash. Among those attending the funeral from here were Mr. and Mrs. George Peck and Mrs. A. M. Edwards. Mr. Peck was one of the pall bearers. Interment was made in The Pines cemetery at Opportunity, Wash.

SCHOOL OPENING SET

Monday, September 10, has been set aside as the opening day of the Heppner school. Supt. George A. Corwin announced today.

One teacher position remains to be filled and the superintendent is quite hopeful that a full corps will be on hand when the time arrives.

Royal Court of 1945 Heppner Rodeo



Reading from left to right: Joan Marie Hisler, Lena; Dorothy Bergstrom, Rhea Creek Grange; Colleen Kilkenny, queen; Darlene Biddle, Willows Grange, and Jo Anne Graves, Lexington Grange. Queen Colleen and her attendants were taken to Pendleton last week where the girls were outfitted with rodeo regalia and then photographed for the above picture and one of the queen alone which will appear in the next issue of the Gazette Times. East Oregonian photograph and cut service was employed. The royal group was accompanied by Mrs. Lee Beckner and Mrs. Clyde Nutting who supervised selection of garb and piloted the girls around for the day.