

FARM PLANTING INCREASED THO DEMAND ON EBB

Crop Acreage This Year Will Show Two Per Cent Gain—Production Ahead of World Needs.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—Unless bad weather or some other factor interferes with the farmer's intention to plant, the crop acreage in 1930 will be about two per cent larger than last year's. This estimate, prepared by the bureau of agricultural economics, does not include cotton. The federal farm board is supporting a determined campaign to slice 6,000,000 acres off the usual cotton acreage.

As compared with acreages grown last year, reports from 59,000 farmers indicate a three per cent increase in corn, two and one-half in oats, 27 in flax, 12 in rice, eight in grain sorghums, three in potatoes, eight in sweet potatoes, six in tobacco and fifteen per cent in beans.

Presumably the durum wheat acreage will be reduced 15 per cent and the peanut acreage five per cent. The intended acreage of hay and spring wheat other than durum is about the size of last year's.

Farmers carried over into the new season a moderate stock of food and feed crops, which was encouraging in itself, but agricultural economists are generally agreed on the risk involved by the declining commodity markets of early spring and the feeling of economic uncertainty.

Secretary Hyde warns that production already is running ahead of world requirements.

George E. Roberts, vice president of the National City Bank of New York, says that an attempt to maintain the same population on the farms will mean an increasing surplus of products accompanied by falling prices.

Expansion of capacity to produce, he says, has resulted in fewer persons being needed on farms.

General Petroleum Corporation of California occupies an enviable position in the petroleum industry, representing a complete cycle as producers, refiners and marketers.

It ranks among the largest producers of crude petroleum in California; owns and operates refineries at Vernon, Torrance, Olinde and Lohoe, having a total capacity of 100,000 barrels per day, and several strategically located natural gasoline plants. It has a large ocean-going fleet of tankers to supply its domestic markets, as well as those off shore, and in foreign fields, and maintains terminal facilities at all principal Pacific coast ports for the handling of its tremendous bulk business.

General Petroleum products are marketed through thousands of retail outlets situated in practically every community in the Pacific coast states from Canada to Mexico and in Nevada and Arizona.

The entire organization of the Panhandle company will be consolidated with the extensive personnel already maintained in Arizona by the General Petroleum Corporation, and will be under the supervision of G. V. Haymaker, manager of General Petroleum's Arizona division, with headquarters in Phoenix.

In the Pacific Northwest, particularly, the General Petroleum has been amplifying its facilities since the first of the year. Eight large Washington distributing organizations, located at Aberdeen, Mt. Vernon, Olympia, Longview, Walla Walla, Yakima, Tacoma and Centralia, respectively, and one at Beaverton, Ore., have already been bought outright, bringing scores of communities more definitely under the banner of Violet Ray and increasing this section of the marketing area to a tremendous figure.

MILAN, May 2.—(AP)—A determined drive against "ambulance chasers" has been undertaken here at the instigation of the National Association for Social Aid. Already one prominent lawyer faces disbarment.

DRESDEN, May 2.—(AP)—The protestant state church of Saxony has issued new hymn books from which all reference to the royal house and the old monarchy have been eliminated.

New Flyer and Plane Added to Oil Company Staff



Photo shows Larry Cooper, pilot for the Texas Company, and new Spartan plane he just flew from Tulsa, Okla., for the company's use in the West. Inset is picture of Capt. W. Merle Nelson, veteran pilot, who has just joined the Texaco aviation division.

Former Medford Resident Writes Of Life and Sights of New Zealand

Continuing the letter received by the Mail Tribune recently from J. J. Duhamel, Medford man in New Zealand for an indefinite period, the next installment is as follows:

Most people who have never traveled, and who do not care to travel, do not know what kind of a planet they are living on. They are born, live and die for the most part their dull, humdrum lives, without any inspiration, almost totally ignorant of the beauties which old, mother nature has reserved for those who have her. I am here going to write a few lines from a great work on economics called "The Struggle for Existence," relative to this very subject.

It is most fitting that I should introduce these few lines here for they have such a bearing on what I was just writing. On page 392 of this great book the author says: "The mountains and canyons of Colorado, the waterfalls like Spokane and Niagara, the stately movements of the Columbia, the St. Lawrence or the Hudson, the clear and placid waters of a mountain lake, the glory of an Alaskan glacier, the glory and power of a sunlit storm at sea, with a rain bow rising in the white foam of every broken crest—all these are nature speaking and beckoning to her children to see and to know the beautiful. And that puts the whole thing in a nutshell, so to speak."

We left Paratonga at a little before 6:00 p. m. on the same day, or November 11, 1929. We proceeded along the coast of the island, until we came to its end, and once's imagination never had a better chance to picture out a typical South Sea Isle, as we took leave of Paratonga and headed for Wellington, New Zealand, 1800 miles southwest.

Now and then on the shore one could see a little native village clinging close to the shore line, or a thin column of smoke arising out of the dense forest. Some native no doubt cooking his evening meal and now and then one could see an honest to goodness civilized house. All this reminded me of a classical South Sea Isle of song and story. And

four or five miles separating them so Auckland is almost entirely surrounded by water. From the top of Mt. Eden the scene is one of the grandest I have ever seen of any city. Mt. Eden is 614 feet above the bay and is an extinct volcano. From its top you can look down into its bowl-like crater.

Albatross and mollymawks now commenced to follow the ship by the dozens. Mollymawks are a giant seagull.

On the early morning of Monday, November 18, 1929, we were in the harbor of Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, and my eyes (from the deck of the Makura) beheld one of the farthest sights I have ever been my privilege to witness.

There at our feet was the beautiful handlocked harbor of Wellington covering 20,000 acres or 32 square miles. And there almost entirely surrounding the bay the green, fresh, verdant emerald hills arose, their sides covered with thousands of neat, red-roofed houses. This was one of the most entrancing scenes I have ever seen and right then and there, I called New Zealand the land of eternal spring. It is the greenest country I have ever seen, average it up.

While in Wellington I went through the Parliament house, saw the house of representatives, the senate and other things of interest. I saw hundreds of school children white there and did not see one poorly dressed. I left Wellington on November 19, 1929 for Auckland, 425 miles north by rail. We passed through a mountainous country for many hours and crossed several large rivers. The fields were all so fresh and verdant and the grass as green as emerald. And sheep, sheep, sheep! Hundreds of thousands of fat sheep. I never saw so many at one time in my life.

I arrived at Auckland at 6:15 a. m. on Wednesday, November 20, Auckland is a beautiful city of nearly 250,000 people and it stretches for miles over the country. It is on two harbors, Waitemata harbor on the west, north and east, and the Manukia on the south and southwest.

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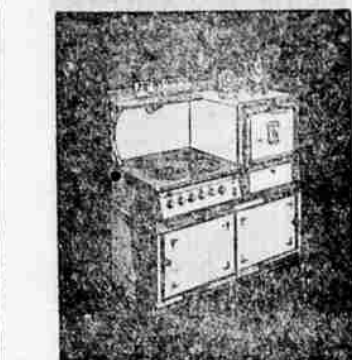
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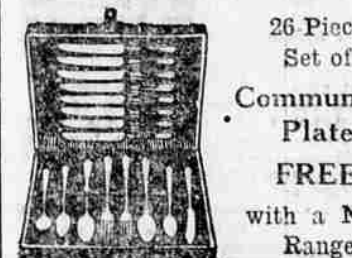
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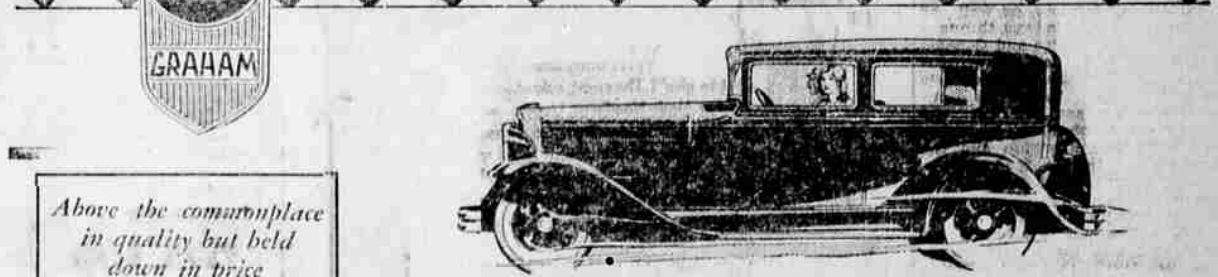
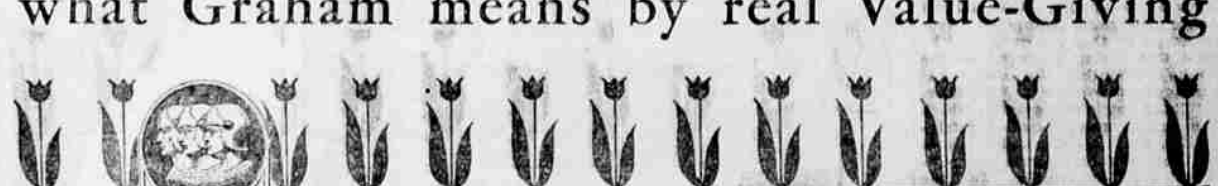
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