1947 State Wheat Crop Slash Asked

A production goal for Oregon of one million acres of wheat seeded for harvest in 1947 has been announced by E. Harvey Miller, state director of production and marketing administration.

The 1947 state goal is almost eight per cent less than the 1,081,000 acres planted this year, but still one per cent more than the 1937-41 acres. Nationally, farmers are asked to plant 71,700,000 acres for 1947 harvest, one per cent more than this year.

In setting the state goal, the world food situation and the present low level of food supplies were weighed against land use and other considerations, Miller reported. One million acres is the maximum possible acreage while maintaining summer fallow and without planting wheat on land to which it is not suited or which should be kept in grass, he pointed out.

In addition to reasons of land use, the goal setters considered that any increase above the goal would result in a reduction of other crops, such as barley and oats, which will produce more feed to the acre on the land involved than wheat.

Dairy Markets Remain Firm

Dairy products markets, with the exception of butter, were firm during the week ending July 19, according to the weekly dairy review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA market reports and other data.

Markets continued in a confused state but were undergoing the most severe test since the initiation of price controls early in the war. Price resistance against butter was apparent but other products, while moving irregularly, were less effected.

Butter markets weakened, and prices were irregularly lower. Cheese markets held firm. Milk and cream markets were steady to firm although demand for cream was less active. Canned milk continued firm.

Butter markets broke sharply at the start of the week following the previous week's upward spiral and, with little exception, the downward tendency continued daily throughout the period. Resistance against high retail price was generally passive but in some instances took the form of organized buyers' strike, especially in the east.

Phosphate Advocated To Prevent Sterility

SPOKANE, July 25 (AP)—Allocation of more phosphate to northwest farms to prevent soil sterility was recommended yesterday by production and marketing administration officials of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The officials were to end their four-day meeting today.

Tulelake

Mr. and Mrs. Pat McGinely are spending two months in North Dakota with Mrs. McGinley's relatives. During their absence their home is being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fensler.

Don Fisher, custodian of the Lava Beds national monument, was in Klamath Falls on business Wednesday.

Opening of Tulelake's new Sportsmen's hotel and club is being delayed until large plate glass windows for the lobby arrive. All other details have been completed.

Olene

Recent visitors at the Stanley Masten home were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lowe and small son, Richard Norman. Mrs. Lowe is the former Nona Masten.

Announcements were received in Olene last week telling of the arrival of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Millet of Ashland. This is the first grandchild of the Frank Sullivans. The mother is the former Zella Sullivan.

Mrs. Basil Brown is expecting her mother, Mrs. Paul Setzer to arrive some time this week for a visit with the Brown family. Mrs. Setzer is recuperating from a recent operation.

The George Stevensons recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to Paul Fairclo. The wedding date has been set for August 10 and will take place at the Methodist church in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McLaughlin of Klamath Falls spent Monday evening at the Marion Barnes residence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns, formerly of the Edgewood ranch, are now at the Ivan Eggers home. Burns is employed at the Zukerman ranch and Mrs. Burns is assisting the Eggers in their store.

Mrs. O. L. Brown attended the old schoolmates picnic which was held Friday at the Fred Peterson's on Summers lane.

Moral—Be Careful

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, July 25—Though Oregon is believed to have a better record for farm safety than the national average, farm accidents exact a steady toll from both children and adults in this state, as these sample headlines taken from Oregon papers this summer reveal, The Oregon committee to promote the observance of the 1946 National Farm Safety Week, headed by Dean and Director Wm. A. Schoenfeld, is pointing out that farming is a hazardous occupation and is urging all members of farm families to be "alert today and alive tomorrow."

Bumper Crop Of Whiskers Forecast For Centennial

Klamath county—always a place where vegetation grows well—is producing another bumper crop for the benefit and glorification of this area's coming Centennial celebration, marking the 100th anniversary of the opening of the south emigrant road into the region.

The new vegetation crop is whiskers, adorning the cheek and chin of almost every man and boy in the county able to sprout a facial fern.

A "whiskerino" is part of the Centennial's 1846 atmosphere and costuming, and officially started Monday, but many chronic razor-haters jumped the gun over the weekend, so that now the town has bankers looking like bank robbers and office clerks, looking as though they spend a major portion of their time panning gold in the hills.

A kangaroo court will be in session Saturday, August 3, and every Saturday afternoon from then on until the Centennial is over, and all able males who are suspected of going near a razor during the time will be subjected to a scale of fines and penalties.

By the first kangaroo court, which will be in charge of the Eagles, a 13-day growth of Russian fern will have to be displayed, or the non-wearer will be penalized. U. S. Balentine will be on the bench as Hon. Judge Colt for the trials, and his courtroom will be grass of the courthouse lawn.

The businessmen of town and Main street loiterers will be the first targets of the court, and the Elks lodge is getting up a 20-man vigilante group to herd non-growers into the presence of Judge Colt.

The Centennial celebration and pageant will come off August 22-23-24 and the beards will grow until then.

Boxes Put Under Binder Can Save Harvest Seeds

When harvesting with a binder high-priced grass seed of varieties inclined to shatter, growers can save considerable seed by adding some improvised boxes under the machine at points where the seed is most likely to be lost. This advice comes from M. G. Huber, extension agricultural engineer at Oregon State college.

The places where losses are most likely to occur are between the platform and lower elevator canvas, between the lower elevator canvas, seventh roller and deck and where the tied bundle is kicked out. The following procedure, found effective in actual use, is recommended by Huber:

A box about six inches deep, eight to 10 inches wide and of a length equal to that of the rollers is supported under the open space between the platform and lower elevator canvases. Another box is placed under the seventh roller. Each of these boxes is equipped with a removable endgate so that the seed may be removed with a long-handled scraper.

The next step is to remove the bundle carrier entirely and substitute for it a tight, somewhat shallow box that will catch any seed knocked loose by the packers and by the discharge of the bundle. A second man walks along beside the binder to remove the bundles with a pitch fork and place them gently on the ground.

While this may sound like considerable extra work, the saving in high-priced seed pays for it many times over, says Huber.

First Tulelake Celery Grows

TULELAKE, July 25—Probably 50 carloads of celery, Utah Green variety, now growing in a 12-acre field on the William Kandra place will be shipped to outside markets this fall. Harvest of the crop, first grown commercially in this area, will begin about August 30. The crop is being grown by Bernard C. Schultz and Earl Ager, Tulelake, and the Arden Farms of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The crop will be lifted by machine and iced at the Cal-Ore packing shed.

No disease has developed during the growing season and the growers got a 98 per cent stand. Hundreds of thousands of young plants about three inches high were set by hand last May and cultivation and irrigation has been the same as for a potato crop. The crop is expected to bring a revenue to the grower of $17,000 per acre.

Success of this venture has interested numerous other growers in vegetable crops in this area and action is being taken by the Tulelake Growers to interest canning and quick freeze concerns in establishing businesses here.

Farm Accidents Take High Toll

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4 (AP)—Mayo clinic doctors told the American Medical association today that one-fourth of all persons killed in U.S. occupational accidents in 1944 were farmers.

They said death and injury in agriculture is appalling, yet little is being done about it.

The reasons: the tractor is more deadly than the automobile and farm machinery is more dangerous than industrial machinery.

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Lack Of Baling Wire Hits Tulelake Hayers

TULELAKE, July 25—Lack of baling wire has seriously hampered handling of the first crop of hay and many farmers have resorted to stacking. Dozens of balers, both locally owned and those brought in from outside for custom baling are idle. A few use string and are operating full time.

The crop is heavy in most sections of the basin but the delay will make the second cutting late in maturing. A much smaller acreage will cut down the total tonnage this season.

Northwest Students To Attend UN Meet

PORTLAND, July 25 (AP)—Northwest Student Congress representatives to visit the United Nations assembly, selected following the student meeting at Reed college in April, will go to New York in late September, H. Q. Cox, in charge of the student trip, said today.

Lois McConkey, University of Oregon senior, and Troy M. Strong, College of Puget Sound sophomore, are the representatives. The trip was delayed by postponement of the U. N. meeting.

Classified Ads Bring Results

Grapple Lifts 6-8 Hay Bales

A grapple fork for baled hay that will pick up eight small or six large bales at a time is described in a new station circular No. 169 just issued by the OSC agricultural experiment station. The device, designed in the agricultural engineering department, is for use in transferring baled hay from a truck or wagon to the mow in a barn or to a stack.

In using the fork, eight tines or hooks, four on each side of a main frame, are inserted in the bales as they rest end to end on the load. No moving or piling of the bales is necessary.

Early fears that an excessive number of bales would be broken did not prove to be the case. By building up a pile early directly beneath the track the distance the bales fell was reduced while those who were stacking the bales could then move them downhill to the other parts of the mow.

Construction details are given in the circular, which may be obtained at the Klamath county agricultural office.

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