

Intensive State Wheat Study Slated

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Plans for an intensive study of Oregon's wheat industry problems and of long-range recommendation on future wheat production, marketing and utilization have been announced by the Oregon State College school of agriculture.

The study, requested by the Oregon Wheat Growers League, will be patterned after a similar study made in 1925 that served as an industry guide for more than 20 years, Dean F. E. Price said.

All divisions of the school of agriculture — instruction, experiment station and extension service — will cooperate in the study. Seven staff members have been named to the central planning committee.

They are J. R. Beck, Manning Becker, Wilson Foote, Harold F. Hollands, E. R. Jackman, Paul Mohn and Ray Teal. Jackman also served on the 1925 study.

Four committees of from 25 to 40 members are planned to consider production and land use, marketing, farm income and costs, and government programs. Committee members will be drawn from all sections of the state and from all parts of the wheat industry, including growers, processors, handlers and consumers. The committees, which will be called together soon for their organization meetings, will spend several months gathering data and formulating recommendations.

They will make their reports at a statewide meeting early in 1957. The 1925 conference, held at Moro, brought organization of the Wheat Growers League and other recommendations that pointed the answers to many of the problems confronting growers at that time, Dean Price explained.

Reduced wheat crop values and reduced acreages are the two big problems facing growers today, he said. The value of Oregon's wheat crop during the last three years has been cut 40 per cent — from around \$74 million in 1953 to \$44 million in 1955.

The wheat industry normally uses almost 2 million of Oregon's 5 million acres of cropland. In 1953 before allotments, more than 1,300,000 acres were planted to wheat and the balance was in summer fallow. The 1956 wheat acreage allotment is 819,522 acres.

College To Host Church Meeting

Oregon's tenth annual Town and Country Church conference will be held October 15 to 18, the conference planning committee has announced. The conference will be held on the Oregon State College campus.

Theme of the conference will be, "Knowing the Community." Persons attending the conference will have an opportunity to learn how to conduct a community survey, and how to use the information once it is obtained.

Four different community surveys are now being scheduled over the state, and these will be reported at the fall conference. They will give conference participants a chance to see how the job can be done and will give them practice in interpreting survey results.

A Column for Men STAG LINES By BERT BACHARACH

Cardigan Time

FASHION: This is one of those times of year when a lot of the things you choose to wear seem either too warm or too cool. An ideal garment for between seasons is the one chosen by Mike Wallace (at right), the radio and TV personality. It's a sleeveless cardigan, which adds a little, but not too much, warmth. It's also a smart piece of apparel that gives a nice touch of color to dark clothes.



Between-seasons sweater

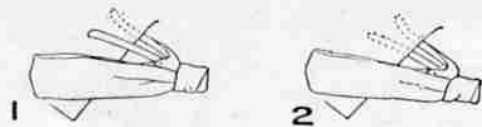
Helpful Hints: Cover the cutting edge of tools in tool box or drawer with masking tape. Saves edges and fingers. . . . Try getting a tight ring off a finger by putting a strip of cellophane tape along the finger. It will keep the skin from ridging ahead of the ring and provides a smooth sliding surface. . . . You can paint a staircase without stopping the up-and-down traffic. Do every other step, let dry—then do the remaining ones.

Dress Tips: Overcoats get pretty weather-worn and soiled at this time of the year. Go over the collar fold with cleaning fluid occasionally, to keep it from dirtying your shirt collar and neck. . . . If any of your shoes feel slightly large on your feet, try a pair of sponge rubber insoles. They'll improve the fit and provide wonderful comfort. . . . Be careful about shielding a new hat from the rain with a newspaper. If the newspaper gets wet and touches the hat, you are more than likely to have a tough cleaning job taking off the ink.

Observations: Extremes, in any article of apparel, are poor grooming. Current example is found in the tiny, dinky caps now being worn. A neat, trim cap is good style—but the extremely undersized ones look ridiculous! . . . Clothes can stretch, sag or even shrink when stored for a season. Carefully examine the fit of any of yours that have been put away—the collar, sleeve length and trouser length—to see if any minor alterations are needed. No matter how good the suit, it's in bad fashion if it doesn't fit any more.

Odd Items: You, you and you ate 160 pounds of meat during 1955, according to the National Beef Council. . . . This month's best dressed man on TV: Mark Stevens. . . . With jet planes scheduled to cross the ocean in six hours, travelers will leave Paris at breakfast time and arrive in N. Y. at—breakfast time! . . . The doorman at New York's Hotel Governor Clinton (in the fur district) wears a pair of mink earmuffs!

Clip-On Hint: Sometimes you may find that a collar fabric is too heavy—as in some sport or formal shirts—to let you put on a clip-on tie in the usual manner. Here's how you get around the difficulty: Instead of sliding the collar between the two clips, as shown in sketch (1), merely slip both clips in behind the heavy collar (2). Should stay in place indefinitely.



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Court Records

KLAMATH FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT

Dewane Lee Wanser, violation of basic rule, \$15 suspended; failure to observe stop sign, \$3 fine.
California Oregon Machinery Co., no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Wallace E. Sullivan, drunk, \$25 or 12½ days.
Jack Lyon, no registration visible, \$2 forfeited.
Harry Stevens, no registration visible, \$2 forfeited.
Pat Bremer, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Logan Burns, drunk, \$25 or 12½ days.
Carl Crane, drunk, \$25 or 12½ days.

KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Marvin Irah Newell, violation of basic rule, dismissed.
Kenneth Dean Snyder, no vehicle license, dismissed.
Emil Frederick Stickert, failure to procure operator's license, \$7.50 bail forfeited.
Elzie Lee Wright, no PUC permit, \$25 bail forfeited.
Robert E. O'Brien, burglary not in a dwelling, waived preliminary hearing, bond set at \$2,000. Ordered held to Grand Jury. Remanded to Custody of Sheriff.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

HALEY-UCKERVE—Thomas W. Haley, 32, Merrill, and Nora May O'Keeffe, 28, Malin.

Pocket Gophers Said Fond Of Alfalfa, Clover Fields

By HAROLD SCHIEFERSTEIN
Weed Control Specialist

Pocket gophers are found in practically every part of Oregon, but are most numerous and destructive in the cultivated valleys of the state.

Of the various species of pocket gophers in Oregon, the one known as the mountain species occurs most frequently in Klamath County.

These gophers attain a length of from seven to nine inches and have heavy shoulders and stout forelegs armed with strong claws used for digging. Large powerful gnawing-teeth are also used for digging. On each side of the head is a fur lined pouch that opens externally, instead of into the mouth, as in the case of the squirrel.

Colors vary from brownish yellow to dark brown.

Pocket gophers are especially fond of alfalfa fields and may spend their entire life there, literally honey-combing the field with their burrows. Much of the alfalfa may be ruined and difficulty in controlling irrigation water is often encountered.

The loose mounds of earth thrown up by the gophers add to the depredations of these pests but these may be used to mark the course of the tunnels when control measures are undertaken.

Food consists mainly of roots, alfalfa and clover roots probably being the most desirable to the gopher, however, they do feed on other roots, including vegetables as well as other crop plants.

Where only a small area is infested persistent use of a few special gopher traps will usually

give the desired results. On large areas, trapping is too slow and expensive and poisoning is the better method. Fresh carrots make an excellent bait when cut into pieces 1½"x½"x3" and dusted with strychnine alkaloid at the rate of one level teaspoon of strychnine to each quart of fresh cut bait. Carrot pieces may be put into a paper sack, or a can having a tight lid (a two-pound coffee can is good) and shaken and turned until the poison is evenly distributed over all the pieces. The bait is then inserted into the runways by means of a probe, such as a sharpened hard wood stick. An excellent probe can be made of a piece of ¾" iron rod shaped like a cane, and having a rounded point.

Probe between the mounds until a tunnel is located and insert a piece of bait, which being smaller than the probe hole should drop well into the burrow.

Burrows eight to 12 inches in depth are the best to bait since these are more likely to be main runways and used most frequently by the gophers. One or two pieces of bait is sufficient per hole. Bait should be placed 10 to 12 feet apart, three to five baits are usually enough for each series of mounds if main runways are baited.

Feather Dam Advice Given

One of the west's leading water engineers, Samuel B. Morris, advocates building the one and one-half billion dollar Feather River Project with non-reimbursable funds. The former general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the former dean of Stanford School of Engineering said in San Francisco recently that the report on water resources policy outlined by President Eisenhower's Advisory Committee shows how federal funds can be obtained.

Morris said that if the policy statement is enacted, the federal government could put up the costs of building the dams through funds for flood control and wildlife preservation. Morris adds that the irrigation features of the project could be constructed with federal loans which won't bear interest.

WEALTHIEST JAPANESE

TOKYO, U.P. — The incomes of Japan's 20 wealthiest men in 1955 ranged from \$334,888 to \$95,706, the Tax Office said Friday. At the top was Konosuke Matsushita, President of the Matsushita Electric Co.

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