

Many Japanese Citizens Sample Oregon Wheat

A number of Japanese residents are today sampling products made from Oregon-grown wheat, thanks to the efforts of the Oregon Wheat Commission.

Morris Wilson, Condon, vice chairman of the Oregon Wheat Commission, brought this point out in a recent visit to the Herald and News newsroom.

Wilson recently visited the Klamath Basin area to talk to wheat growers around Basin points.

The Japanese program is carried out by 12 kitchen-type buses which move from community to community in Japan passing out wheat samples. Objective of the program is to introduce wheat products into the staple diet of the Japanese.

The program is financed by the Oregon growers and is carried out under a contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Wilson pointed with pride to the fact that Oregon's wheat surplus was the best of any state raising wheat. "Our surplus," he said, "represents only about nine per cent of the nation's total surplus. Currently, Oregon's surplus is the best handled of all."

Speaking of the surplus, Wilson emphasized that the nation has enough surplus wheat right now to supply all the eating requirements of this country for the next two years.

The Wheat Commission, created by the 1947 state Legislature, is financed by a levy of one-half per cent per bushel on all wheat entering commercial channels in Oregon.

This money in turn is used by the commission to work on the many problems of the wheat farmer and industry.

Freight rates represent one of the major areas where the commission has effected great savings for wheat growers in Oregon. Wilson estimated that the savings in freight rates alone would approximate over \$700,000.

In addition to the bus program in Japan, three other projects are also being carried out through the cooperation of the Japanese government.

The school lunch program of Japanese children has been expanded and includes a hot dish, bowl of powdered milk and a large wheat roll.

Other programs include training of extension workers, establishment of the bakers' training school in Tokyo, and extensive advertising and promotional campaigns.

Some of the money of the commission also goes into research into new uses for the wheat crop. Commission funds are used in wheat research at Oregon State College; experiment stations in Eastern Oregon, the Western Wheat Quality Laboratory at Pullman, Washington, and at USDA regional laboratories.

Activities of the Oregon Wheat Growers League also get commission support. Matters of taxation and legislation, youth activities, federal agricultural programs, marketing and many others get commission assistance.

The makeup of the current Oregon Wheat Commission consists of five appointed directors. Three of these are from the Columbia Basin, and one each from Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon.

Paulen Kaseberg of Wasco is current chairman of the commission.



THE LUCKY TICKET in last Saturday's drawing for a new Viking automatic sewing machine was drawn from the box by little Beckie Van Pelt, 3. Beckie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Van Pelt, are proprietors of the Sewing Machine Center, 1414 East Main Street, which handles the Viking in Klamath Falls. The drawing, participation in which was free of charge, was designed to introduce the new Viking model. Winner was Mrs. Beverly Tidd, 1533 Summers Lane.

Former Vice President To Fete 90th Birthday

UVALDE, Tex. (AP) — John Nance Garner turns a mellow 90 this coming Saturday and it'll be a big event in this west Texas county of the honey bee, heavy beef, woolly sheep and hairy goat.

The former vice president of the United States is getting set for a long-sized birthday celebration, including a barbecue and a big cake with maybe one candle standing for all those years.

The invitation list includes such names as James A. Farley and House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.). And Garner is happily looking forward to another reunion with many of his old political pals and proteges.

The years, of course, have slowed down Garner's once galloping routine. "Don't hurry, don't worry," says the motto hanging in his workshop. And he doesn't don his wool hunting britches and go chasing after deer on his birthday anymore.

"I know my age," he says. "When you get to be nearly 90, your hunting and fishing days are over."

Garner's only remaining sport is baseball—on television. Back in his Washington days, Garner went to the ball games as often as he could.

"I always took one Democrat and one Republican to sit in the box with me. That way, nobody could say it was politics."

Whisky-drinking, cigar-chewing Cactus Jack was a blunt-tongued quick-tempered fellow in Washington. He pounded four gavel splinters during his first week as speaker of the House.

After he became vice president, he called himself the "spare tire of the government," and he kept his mouth shut in public.

"I never talk about national affairs," he used to say during his two terms as vice president (1932-1940). "I leave that to the boss."

(Franklin D. Roosevelt). The Roosevelt-Garner friendship survived Garner's acid comments about Roosevelt's spending, proposal to pack the Supreme Court and recognition of the Soviet Union.

But the two split wide apart over Roosevelt's third term. "A president in his third and successive terms may not be a dictator, but he is the first cousin or half-brother of one and he will perform like one," said Garner.

Mrs. Garner died in 1948 and Garner lives alone — but he is not lonely. He still has numerous visitors, some townsfolk and others, just travelers.

They drive under the towering oak and pecan trees, walk through the gate, and knock on the door of the little white house where Garner lives behind the garage. He has given the red brick house he built for Mrs. Garner to the town of Uvalde.

"Come in," hollers Garner from his battered old desk by the front window.

In 1932, Garner supported Adlai Stevenson and in 1954, the former Vice President appeared with National Democratic Chairman Paul Butler, who was trying to patch up a party fight in Texas.

But he has made no political statements in recent years although he never misses a chance to vote.

And Garner's partisanship has definite limits. "I dearly love the Democratic party," but I love my country more," he says.

Garner was born in a log cabin on Nov. 22, 1868, but he built himself a fortune in ranching, real estate and banking. He cut his last connection with business in 1954 when he retired as director of Uvalde's First State Bank.

"Just put me on the lazy, no-account list."

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Angler Dines On Bear Meat

WAKAYAMA, Japan (UPI) — Fisherman Ryotaro Okado, 39, dined today on bear steak, but it was tough and got for a while.

Okado went fishing alone in the middle of Bear Bay.

A 245-pound black bear had the same idea. He might have been lonesome for he climbed into Okado's boat.

Okado climbed out and began swimming for the shore. The bear followed.

Then three other fishermen raced to the rescue waving oars. The bear climbed into their boat. They climbed out and began swimming for the shore. The bear followed.

They scrambled ashore and ran into reinforcements of 50 other fishermen armed with harpoons. There was bear steak for all today.

Sen. Neuberger Seeks Work Aid

PORTLAND (AP)—More aid to speed work on a 27-foot channel between Vancouver, Wash., and The Dalles, Ore., was asked Thursday by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.).

Neuberger wired Rep. Michael J. Kirwan, House public works chairman, to intercede with the Army Engineers for an extra one million dollar.

He said the money would allow dredging at the bar below the lower Bonneville lock entrance so ships could carry alumina to the Harvey Aluminum Co. plant at The Dalles.

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