

## WINTER WHEAT LOOKING GOOD

Report for Nebraska Shows  
Ample Moisture for  
Most of State

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Nebraska's winter wheat crop reached mid-February with a condition estimated by the state and federal departments of agricultural statistics at 91 per cent.

Eastern sections of the state would be benefited, the mid-month crop report states, by additional precipitation. Western and southwestern sections of the state reported moisture conditions favorable to the crop.

Southwestern and southern counties of the state reported the highest condition as of February 15, the report shows. In southern Nebraska condition was estimated at 100 per cent while the southwestern sections reported 98 per cent condition.

Lowest condition was reported from northeastern counties where the crop was estimated to be in 83 per cent condition.

Indications, to date, the report states, show no indications of variation from the usual abandonments. Expected abandonments, as reported by bankers to the department of agricultural statistics, vary from none to 2 per cent. It is pointed out, however, that the season is not far enough advanced to secure dependable estimates.

Eastern counties are showing surface dryness and the reserve supply of subsoil moisture is estimated at 15 per cent below normal for this season. No damage to wheat has resulted from this condition as yet, the report states, and with normal spring rainfall, the wheat in eastern Nebraska should start the growing season in good condition.

## DOCTORS TAKE UP T. B. FIGHT

Assert Eradication of Disease in Cattle Protection to Humans

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Continuation of the campaign to eradicate bovine tuberculosis in Nebraska is being advocated by a number of prominent Lincoln physicians, in letters to Dr. W. T. Spencer, commissioner of the Omaha livestock exchange.

The letters were written in protest to the statement of Gov. Charles W. Bryan, in his budget message, that there is no danger of human infection resulting from meat or milk of infected animals and recommended cessation of the present program of eradication.

Dr. H. Winnett Orr, orthopedic surgeon, said, "There has not been a single month in the last 25 years that we have not had patients at the Nebraska Orthopedic hospital suffering from bone and joint tuberculosis of the type fully demonstrated to be due to infection with the bovine tubercle bacillus. During recent years the number of these patients has not been as large as it was formerly; we think the reduction in number of patients is due to the fact that the inspection of cattle has greatly reduced the amount of tuberculosis milk given to children as food."

"I noted with a great deal of concern Governor Bryan's statement in his budget message making no provision to continue bovine tuberculosis inspection. I feel that it would be a very great mistake should our legislature fail to provide for the continuation of the work. . . . It has been demonstrated beyond doubt, in this country and abroad that bovine tubercle bacillus, whether in milk or meat, does develop the disease in the human body. To discontinue the work of eradication among livestock in our state at this time would be a decided step backward."

Dr. Benjamin F. Bailey added his voice to the protest, stating, "To permit the fight to be stopped in this state, is, to my mind, a criminal carelessness."

**HAVE NEW IDEA FOR BROADCASTING FROM SKY**

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—If you should hear a stentorian voice from the heavens, telling you to wear so-and-so's hose, stockings, or eat such-and-such a brand of breakfast food, don't get the idea that you are listening to a broadcasting station located in Mars.

The voice probably will be that of Andy Nielsen, veteran Omaha sky pilot, recently elected president of "Skyline, Inc."

The company was formed to make use of a loud speaking transmitter invented by Arthur Smith of Omaha which, it is claimed, will magnify the human voice to 500 times its ordinary strength and volume.

Smith is vice president and Ivan Gaddis secretary-treasurer of Skyline, Inc. The broadcasting will be from a plane piloted by Nielsen. Incorporators believe the idea will prove more popular than "sky writing" or other aviation advertising stunts. The idea is to be given a tryout within a month.

**GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION**

Coleridge, Neb.—(UP)—Coleridge now boasts not only entire freedom from debt but an investment of \$30,000 in federal land bank bonds, which will give the village an annual income of \$1,487.

The \$39,000, invested by the Coleridge village board, represents the major portion of receipts from the recent sale of the municipal light and power plant to the Interstate Power company.

In addition to the sum invested, the village received \$5,000 in cash and has a sum of \$10,000 cash on hand.

## SURVIVOR FAMOUS NAVAL BATTLE COUNTY CHARGE

Ponca, Neb.—James H. McKenzie, believed to be the last survivor of the famous Civil war battle between the Union gunboat Monitor and the Confederate ironclad Merrimac, celebrated his 90th birthday Sunday at the county home here.

McKenzie is a ward of the county and does not receive a government pension. He served in the Civil war for another man.

Born in Scotland in 1841, he set forth on a nautical career at the age of 19. In 1861 he reached Brooklyn. On request of a merchant there, he consented to serve in the Union navy in place of the merchant's son, whose name had been drawn in the draft. He received \$350 from the merchant in payment for replacing the son in the navy, he says.

## COUNTIES GET GASOLINE TAX

Nebraska State Treasurer  
Reports on Remittances  
for Last Year

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—State Treasurer Bass reports that in the year 1939 his office remitted a total of \$2,258,897 to the various counties of the state as their proportion of the gasoline tax of more than \$10,000,000 collected. Under the law 1 cent of the 4 collected per gallon goes back to the counties from which it is collected on the basis of the number of motor vehicles registered. The county uses the money on the county road system and the state spends the other 3 cents on state highway construction and maintenance.

Among the counties sharing in the distribution are these, with the amounts paid each during the year by monthly remittances: Antelope, \$25,714; Boone, \$24,774; Boyd, \$29,420; Brown, \$7,218; Burt, \$24,262; Cedar, \$27,048; Colfax, \$21,938; Cuming, \$26,269; Dakota, \$14,232; Dixon, \$17,857; Dodge, \$47,839; Greeley, \$11,833; Holt, \$22,427; Knox, \$29,802; KewaPaha, \$4,981; Madison, \$43,412; Merrick, \$19,829; Nance, \$15,302; Pierce, \$19,471; Platte, \$36,476; Rock, \$5,209; Stanton, \$14,500; Thurston, \$13,147; Wayne, \$21,457.

Governor Bryan announces that the road program for the year calls for the expenditure of over \$14,000,000. This includes federal aid moneys. The first letting on February 27 will cover \$2,000,000 worth of contracts, that on March 20 of a total of \$3,173,000 and other contracts later that will bring the total to more than \$9,000,000, the remaining five being for road maintenance.

**LOST TOT FOUND**

Allen, Neb.—After nearly 100 persons had joined in a search Sunday for Albert LeRoy Wilson, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, the boy was found asleep in a haystack about a mile from his home. The Wilsons live on a farm near here.

The search started about 6 o'clock in the evening and the boy was found about three hours later. He had followed his father into the field when the latter went to herd some cows.

The father was behind him and returned by another route. Albert, becoming tired, decided to take a nap and the search for him began soon after he was missed.

**GOVERNOR OUTLINES HIS ROAD BUILDING PLANS**

Lincoln, Neb.—Governor Bryan Saturday outlined plans for additional highway expenditures totaling \$3,173,000 to be included in the second part of the 1931 road construction program.

Bids will be received on the projects March 20, and contracts awarded immediately to permit the start of work at the earliest date possible, the governor said.

With about \$2,000,000 available for emergency construction, the additional amounts brings the total outlay for Nebraska highway improvements to \$5,173,000, the governor said.

He also called attention to the probable use of the \$4,000,000 of combined state and federal funds before the close of the year. This money, plus about \$5,000,000 for maintenance, may afford the state a total of \$14,000,000 for use during the next 12 months, Governor Bryan said.

The first letting is to be held Friday when the emergency work allowed by the federal appropriations will be awarded. The March letting will embrace 265 miles of graveling, 90 miles of paving and 53 miles of grading.

**TO BUILD ON EASTERN STAR HOME GROUNDS**

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Work on the new Veazie home building on the Masonic-Eastern Star home grounds north of Fremont will start at once, it is announced. Contract for the building, estimated to cost \$42,000 was let to Rokahr, Radford and Thurber of Lincoln on a bid of \$28,803. Chris T. Larsen of Fremont received the plumbing contract on a bid of \$6,774 and Beemer and Beemer of Fremont the electrical wiring contract on a bid of \$1,244. The board requested contractors to use Fremont labor and Fremont-bought material, as far as possible.

**LIGHT RAIN OVER MOST OF NEBRASKA**

Lincoln, Neb.—Rain that started with a light shower late Sunday fell steadily in this vicinity during the early hours Sunday. Unofficial reports gave the precipitation as three fourths of an inch.

Telephone company and railroad reports said showers were general over the greater part of the state, with snow flurries in the extreme western portion. Farmers said the moisture was of great benefit to winter wheat.

## Proved Sires Help Iowa Farmers



Proved sires such as the one shown above are helping Iowa farmers build up the production of their dairy herds and to increase the profits from butterfat, according to dairy extension specialists. The bull shown above is Pabst Creator Blossom, which has been used in several Iowa herds. The daughters of Pabst Creator Blossom have made an average income of \$37.50 per year more than their dams. In five years 20 daughters of Pabst Creator Blossom, figuring on the above basis, have increased the profits of their owners by \$3,750. The actual value of Pabst Creator Blossom is much greater than this amount because of the increased value of his daughters over their dams.

## Farmers Are Dissatisfied With Proposed Iowa Tax Program

Castana Club Urges Voters to Write Their State Representatives

Increasing dissatisfaction among farmers with the proposed new tax program for Iowa was evident among delegates to the "Farm and Home Week" held at Iowa State college, Ames, according to Ruey Roe, a reporter for the Castana Tax Study club, who sent The Tribune the following letter:

"Excellent instruction in farm management, home economics, child welfare and kindred subjects attracts farm people from all parts of Iowa to the State college at Ames, during 'Farm and Home Week.' Lessons begin early and continue until a late hour. So many sessions are in progress at the same time that one feels the need of at least a 'dual personality' to salvage some of the desirable information given out in overlapping sessions. One man was heard to ask his wife to attend a lesson on alfalfa raising while he attended a conference on soil building."

"However, going to and from classes and during times for 'eats' gives one a little chance to get acquainted and to exchange ideas with one's fellow students. It is surprising to find how widespread is the dissatisfaction with our exorbitant tax system. From every county representation with which this reporter came in contact, perhaps two

dozen, most of these interviewed expressed the intention of appealing to their respective state senators and representatives asking that steps be taken to secure a constitutional amendment limiting taxes collectable on farms and other property to a reasonable per cent of the income from such property."

"The consensus of opinion seemed to be that no citizen of the state with income as low as \$3,000, net, or lower, should be required to pay more than 10 per cent of that in taxes, whether the tax be property or income tax or both together. On other homes of moderate value only 10 per cent of their rental value should be collectable for taxes."

"Incomes above the said limit, it seemed agreed, might be taxed for state and local purposes according to the original federal graduated income tax law."

"Dear reader: if you approve this attempt to save your own and your neighbors' homes, why not join your efforts to secure tax reform with this plan by writing to your state senator and representative in the legislature as well as to the governor, asking that this be done? Our officials do not know what we want unless we tell them and our enemies keep well paid lobbyists to bring pressure to bear upon our public officials, for the purpose of securing what they want while we help to pay the bill, even if it takes our entire income and, finally, the farm or other property. Shall we ask for less, not more, so-called public service and save our homes?"

**Direct Election.**

From Christian Science Monitor. Direct election of the president of the United States is favored among George W. Norris, senator from Nebraska, would do more than smooth the way for an independent candidate or a third party; it would raise several related political questions.

Nearly every consideration of abstract logic would seem to support the demand for a change. The injustice of denying in the electoral college any representation whatever to minorities in the various states, the constant possibility of defeat of the popular choice through a freakish distribution of votes (such as has occurred three times), and the hazard of throwing the election into the House of Representatives if a split of parties should prevent a clear majority in the electoral college—all these are arguments for amendment of this portion of the constitution.

Opposed stand a few matters of practical politics. The republican party will hardly consent to have all votes counted in one bag so long as it believes that thousands of potential republican voters among southern Negroes are kept away from the polls. There also are those who believe that the system of choosing electors by states is a deterrent to sectionalism, since to be successful a party must have its strength spread through a large number of states.

It is still more interesting to consider Senator Norris' proposal in connection with some current developments in parliamentary government in Europe. If a third party should succeed in remaking the multiplicity of parties into its liking, it would next face—unless it were a distinctly sectional party—a similar difficulty in getting a representative number of its candidates elected to Congress. Working under just such a disadvantage, the liberal party in England, while seeking a system of proportional representation in elections to parliament, has lately accepted a compromise agreement with the labor party in favor of a type of preferential ballot which permits an "alternating" or second choice vote.

Any of these methods of giving minorities a voice would be a step in the direction of justice, yet the example of certain other nations in Europe points a warning. It is possible to go too far in the encouragement of new or minor parties, the result of which is a government of sorts of crisscrossing lines is largely responsible for the instability of ministries in France. It is also a factor in the difficulties of a German chancellor. And it was the reason for the parliamentary impasse which lent justification to dictatorship in Italy.

This question of how to give reasonable scope for independence in politics and still keep party groups

**Iowans' Pigs Protected By Trick Weather Vane**

Plainfield, Ia.—When winter comes again no Arctic blast will pinch the backs of the Roach brothers' pigs.

A weather vane atop a house big enough for 1,000 hogs has been connected with an electric motor so that when the wind shifts, the windows on the windward side automatically will be closed.

Elimination of sudden drops in temperature is expected to lessen the hogs' susceptibility to disease.

**A Boon Companion.**

Worry, according to a 93-year-old Massachusetts physician, is the deadliest of all maladies afflicting the human race, but some people would be mighty lonesome without it.

**CAR FOR STATION**

Clear Lake, N. D.—(UP)—A chair car for a railroad station was the claim of this town to fame today. Recently the Rock Island railway station burned down and the company sent a chair car to be used as the new station.

The lower compartment, through which the egg passes, is metal and rodent proof.

**Conduct Observation Type Spelling Contest**

Brussels—(UP)—School boys in the St. Josse district of Brussels conducted a spelling competition, the winner of which was awarded a cup by the Burgomaster for tuning in the largest number of mistakes in spelling that he had observed on billboards, sign boards and advertisements during his vacation.

## COUNTY ROAD WORKERS WILL BE PAID LESS

Falls City, Neb.—(UP)—Reduction of wages is in store for 30 men engaged in road and bridge work in Richardson county, the county board has revealed.

When the reduction will become effective has not been revealed. Justice to the overburdened taxpayer is the object of the reduction, board members declared. Taxpayers, they continued, have suffered through reduced valuation of property and through shrinking incomes. It was held by the board that corresponding reductions should be made in salaries of county employes.

**START MADE ON ROAD PROGRAM**

Contracts Totalling \$2,000,000 to Be Awarded at Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Contracts for a road program which entails an expenditure of approximately \$2,000,000 and includes 50 miles of paving as well as 163 miles of gravel surfacing and bridges were to be let here Friday by the state department of public works.

Eleven miles of paving between Chapman and Grand Island are included in the projects. This will form a paved connection between Central City and Grand Island.

Twenty-five miles of gravel surfacing is to be laid between Fullerton and Wolbach.

Included in the bridge projects are two bridges in Washington county.

**COUNTY VAULTS CRAMMED FULL**

Valuable Records Said to Be Without Adequate Protection

Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—Officials at the courthouse are using a unique method of calling the taxpayers' attention to the poor facilities of storing county records. A large sign has been erected in the hallway. It advises taxpayers to "Stop, look and inquire." The query is then added "Do you know how your records are stored? Are you satisfied?"

Cedar county's courthouse was built 40 years ago. The county has grown and records of inestimable value have accumulated until all vaults are packed to overflowing and many steel vaults have been placed in the offices to care for records. Records of great value have also been carried to the basement of the building where they are molding.

**YOUTH CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER CAR**

North Loup, Neb.—(Special)—Monta Schaffner, 15 years old, was killed when a jack with which he had propped up one side of the frame of an old car slipped, letting the weight of the engine down on his head and chest. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Schaffner. The body was found some hours later.

**BUYS OLD SIMMONS HOMESTEAD NEAR OAKDALE**

Oakdale, Neb.—(Special)—Elmer Welburn has purchased the farm four miles south of Oakdale known as the old Simmons homestead this week. The consideration was about \$80 per acre.

**CHILD KILLED WHILE PLAYING AS BANDIT**

Brookwater, Neb.—(Special)—While playing bandit, 12-year-old Eddie Hutchinson was killed by LaVerne Thompson, 9 years old. The boys had found a revolver in the pocket of a coat hanging on a tractor. LaVerne pointed the gun at Eddie and yelled, "Stick 'em up." The next thing there was a bang and Eddie fell, shrieking, "Help, help, you've shot me. You've shot me." LaVerne tried to help Eddie up and some men came along, taking the wounded boy to a doctor's office. He was dead before they reached it.

**SAWS AND FILES FOUND IN COUNTY JAIL**

Scottsbluff, Neb.—(UP)—Search of cells of the county jail here has resulted in discovery of an array of knives, hack saw blades and files, secreted in various parts of the jail, county officers have announced. It is believed by the officers that removal of the articles probably averted what might possibly have been plans for a jail delivery.

Through search of the quarters had been planned since Sheriff Ramsey took over the office of sheriff, he said, but his new duties prevented an earlier search.

Ramsey said conditions surrounding the reception of visitors at the jail make it difficult to intercept such articles but steps will be taken to guard against the danger in the future, he declared.

**ROWN PERMANENT IN PROHIBITION WORK**

Omaha, Neb.—Gen. William McDaniel Rown, acting federal prohibition administrator here for the last two years, has received notice that his appointment had been made permanent. This action was indicated by Amos W. Woodcock, national dry head, during an inspection here last week.

All other state administrators in the eighth district received like information. They had been on a temporary basis pending a personal investigation of their work by Woodcock.

## VIEWS FLOCKS FROM AIRPLANE

Nebraska Rancher Abandons Pony and Auto as Being Too Slow

Hyannis, Neb.—(Special)—Joe Minor, ranchman, originally rode over his Grant county ranch on a cow pony. Later he used an automobile. But even that proved too slow a means of locomotion over his 100,000 acres of ranch land, so he recently purchased a plane and employed a pilot. In this he surveys his holdings of cattle and crops.

Minor arrived in the sandhills county 50 years ago, with only a horse and saddle. He used his ranch hand earnings to buy cows. The herd grew and he bought some land, the beginning of the JF ranches. Now his holdings total 100,000 acres in Grant and Cherry counties.

Minor is but one of the many cattle barons who have made an outstanding success in Grant and adjacent counties with cattle.

Hyannis is hailed as the richest town of its size in America. Many successful ranchmen live and transact their big business here.

**TO SLASH PAY OF GOVERNOR**

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Reduction of salaries of state elective officers, supreme and district court judges, as provided in the bill by Representative Raasch of Madison county, will be thrashed out on the floor of the Nebraska house of representatives.

After nearly an hour and one-half of debate on the issue, the house voted 48 to 47 to override the report of the house committee on fees and salaries, placing the bill on indefinite postponement. The bill now will come before the house in committee of the whole.

Specific provisions of the bill are for reduction of the salary of the governor and supreme court judges from \$7,500 to \$5,000 a year and of district court judges and other elective state officers from \$4,000 to \$3,000 a year. The lieutenant governor is the lone exception to the law, his salary being fixed by law at \$1,600 a year.

**HAS LIVED ON SAME FARM FOR 75 YEARS**

Wahoo, Neb.—(Special)—Samuel Gramlich is believed to hold the record for continuous residence on one piece of land. He has lived on a claim taken here by his father, 75 years or since his birth, January 18, 1856.

**SOLICIT RED CROSS FUNDS IN CEDAR COUNTY**

Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—The Red Cross drive in Cedar county for funds now is on under the direction of County Chairman George Ready. The funds are to be used in the drought areas of the south. The county's quota is \$300.

**BUILD NEW HOSPITAL AT SOLDIERS' HOME**

Mildford, Neb.—(UP)—Construction work on the new hospital at the soldiers' home here will start at once, officials of the home have announced. Contracts for the construction of the home were let yesterday by the board of control in Lincoln.

General construction of the hospital will cost more than \$27,000. Contracts will be awarded with several options. Materials for the building will be selected soon.

General heating and plumbing contracts totaled \$9,625. Seventeen bids were received on the general contract, 13 for plumbing and heating and four for wiring of the hospital.

**NIORRARA PRESBYTERY HELD MEET AT WAYNE**

Wayne, Neb.—A special meeting of the Niobrara Presbytery was held Tuesday afternoon at the Wayne First Presbyterian church. The purpose of the meeting was the allocating of benevolence budgets to the different churches. Rev. J. W. Pressly, D. D. Synodical executive, spoke on National Missions.

**ESTATE CASE 10 YEARS OLD FINALLY SETTLED**

Omaha, Neb.—District Judge Thomsen reports settlement of the long-standing dispute over 160 acres of land left to three children and her husband by Mrs. A. W. Allen, who lived near Decatur, Neb., upon her death 10 years ago.

Suit was brought eight years ago by Paul Kenneth Allen, a son, now of Des Moines, charging that irregular procedure was followed when his father bought the land after being appointed trustee of Paul Kenneth, then a minor. Young Allen sued for a two-thirds interest.

Judge Thomsen reports young Allen has agreed to accept \$1,500, to be paid by A. Dudley Allen of Decatur, another son, in settlement of his claim.

**MORE BUFFALOES IN STATE GAME PRESERVE**

Scottsbluff, Neb.—(UP)—Eight additional buffaloes from the Wind Cave National park at Hot Springs, S. D., have been added to the herd at the state game preserve near here.

The stock was loaned to the game forestation and parks commission by the national government with the understanding that the state will replace them as soon as herd increases warrant.