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NEBRASKA CROPS WILL RUN ONLY A THIRD OF NORMAL

Dry Weather And Excessive Heat Take Heavy Toll Of Winter Wheat, And Hay.

The condition of winter wheat is 24 percent and the estimated production is 780,000 bushels. Last year's crop totaled 25,894,000 and the 1929 to 1933 average, is 45,813,000 bushels. The abandonment thru May was terrific and it appears that it will be the second largest on record. In 1917, approximately 85 per cent of the winter wheat was abandoned. Winter wheat got a splendid start last fall and was saved from winter kill by the heavy general rainfall about Dec. 1. All but a small per cent of the crop came thru the winter in good shape. The abnormal spring drouth which had followed months of deficient precipitation was extremely unfavorable and this situation was aggravated by abnormally high temperatures and wind. The injury is state-wide, although extreme western Nebraska fared better. The central portion of the state from the state line to the sandhills is worse. A large percentage of wheat was pastured within this area.

Corn planting was retarded due to the drouth. Approximately 90 per cent of the planting was completed June 5. Some report that it was too dry to sprout and that some of the corn had died after it had come up. At present, the situation is much more favorable in northeastern Nebraska after several days of showers. There have been a few heavy showers in southern counties recently and the situation is somewhat better in a few southeastern counties.

The condition of oats is 26 per cent. Last year's crop was extremely light, but this crop is lighter. Much of the oats are being pastured. Generally, the crop has deteriorated too much to be helped materially by rain. The condition of spring wheat is 45 per cent. Most of the spring wheat is grown in the northern portion of the Panhandle counties and the moisture situation has not been favorable as in the southern portion of the Panhandle. Conditions have been unfavorable along the northern border until the recent rains. The condition of barley is 33 per cent. As in the case of oats, barley has been injured most severely and the crop will be extremely light. There may be some fair yields in western Nebraska.

The condition of alfalfa is 33 per cent. All tame hay is 29 per cent and wild hay 38 per cent. The first crop of alfalfa was extremely light. The Platte river and other valleys had a fair to poor crop. The upland alfalfa except for the new stands was light. Considerable of the alfalfa was too light for cutting and was pastured. A fair second crop may be expected in those sections that have had considerable rain. Wild hay cannot make much more than a half crop even with plenty of rain from now on, unless harvest is delayed until late in the autumn.

The condition of pastures is 33 per cent. All native and tame hay grass pastures with the exception of that in the sandhills and some of the Panhandle counties have been barren all spring. Ordinarily pastures do not much more than hold their own thru July and August so that the moisture supply will have to be very favorable if pastures yield much before fall. Sweet clover pastures have been good, but they are limited to about 200,000 acres in the state. The situation is more serious because forage crops have not come up or made any growth in the areas that are still without rain.

The condition of apples is 37 per cent, peaches 16 per cent and pears 25 per cent. Cherries had a better set of fruit than expected, but the dry weather has reduced production. Strawberries and raspberries were injured badly by the drouth.

General crop outlook in Nebraska is probably the worst in history of the state. Rains since June 1 have helped the situation materially in some counties and in some places in southern Nebraska. However, the situation is not hopeless. With plenty of rain from now on, the state can still produce a good corn crop and an abundance of forage and a partial crop of hay. Small grain crops of course will be extremely light.

The condition of winter wheat for the United States is 55.3 per cent and the forecast 400,357,000 bushels, against 351,030,000 bushels last year and the 1929-33 average of 555,261,000 bushels. The condition of rye is 43.5 and the forecast 18,756,000 bush-

els against 21,184,000 bushels last year. The condition of spring wheat is 41.3 per cent, oats 47.2 percent, barley 44.7 per cent, early potatoes 74.0 per cent, all hay 51.5 per cent, tame hay 53.9 per cent, wild hay 37.7 per cent, alfalfa 59.1 per cent, clover timothy 53.1 per cent, pasture 53.2 per cent, apples 48.7 per cent, peaches 58.3 per cent, pears 59.0 per cent and cherries 55.3 per cent.

Scouts Make Good Record At Camp

Our local Boy Scout troop returned Saturday night from Meadville where they spent six days in camp. Seventy-four boys were in the camp. A full program of scout activities kept the boys busy from six o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night each day. Every boy was instructed in some work of the Scout program and passed some tests.

The camp was fortunate in having for its swimming instructor Howard Mock, who has had years of experience training boys to swim. Five of our boys passed the Red Cross requirements for Junior Life Saving. This is considered quite an achievement for the standard is very high. The boys to receive this honor were Robert Sauters, Robert Williams, Gene Sanders, William Maxwell and Ralph Johnson. All of the boys were counted as satisfactory campers and Ralph Brown, Delbert Warner, Virgil Johnson and Hugh McKenna were honor Scouts.

Scout Executive John D. Wright, Ed. Stowell and Vail Bekholder, of Omaha, were in the camp the last three days and conducted a training course for the officers of Scout troops. Scoutmaster H. D. Johnson received valuable training in the latest methods of scouting. Enthusiasm for scouting is running high at the present time and if the boys get the cooperation of the parents and friends we are in line for a splendid work this next winter.

Second Wheat Payment Higher Than The First

The second 1933 wheat benefit payment will be nine cents per bushel less the local cost of the Holt county wheat production control association, according to word received from the wheat section at Washington. The contract called for a payment of eight to ten cents, less county costs, and the local association had been expecting only the minimum of eight cents.

The extra cent per bushel will mean about \$250,000 more money to wheat contract signers in Nebraska and about \$112,644 on the 45 contracts of Holt county. Each farmer's check for the payment will come soon after the proof of compliance on the contract has been accepted in Washington.

Every effort is being made to speed up the work of checking compliance in this county. As soon as the work of the wheat supervisors has been rechecked, the forms will be completed, typed, approved by the wheat allotment committee, and sent into Lincoln for a review. They will go from Lincoln to Washington. Bundles of the compliance blanks will be sent in as rapidly as the blanks can be completed. No one whose blanks can be completed will be made to wait for his check because some other blanks in the county office are incomplete. A. U. Dix, president of the allotment committee, says.

Official statements from Washington show that the winter wheat crop in the country will be about 440 million bushels, the spring wheat crop will be about 125 million bushels, making a total crop of 565 million bushels in 1934. The carryover is 260 million bushels, which brings the total supply up to 825 million bushels. Normal needs for the year will be 625 million bushels leaving a carry over a year from now of about 200 million bushels of wheat.

Local NRA Board To Be Discontinued

The local NRA compliance board, established nine months ago and of which J. P. Mann, was chairman, will pass out of existence on June 15. The duties of the board will hereafter be taken care of at the office of the state NRA compliance director at Omaha. Local compliance boards will be established in the more important communities of the state to assist the Omaha office in adjustments.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bulow and daughter, of Racine, Wis., arrived in the city last Friday for a ten day visit at the home of Mrs. Bulow's parents, Judge and Mrs. J. J. Harrington.

BRIEFLY STATED

The Ladies Guild will meet at the church parlors Thursday, June 21, for a birthday party. A good attendance is desired.

Sewell S. Johnson, of Emmet, and Miss Leona Zuehlike, of Chambers, were granted a marriage license in county court last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Summers, living northeast of this city, are the proud parents of a 10 and one-half pound son, born last Tuesday morning.

Miss Veronica Riser, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riser, of Friend, Nebr., was a member of the 1934 graduating class of the Friend public school. Miss Riser is a grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cromwell of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Donohoe, of Detroit, Mich., arrived in the city last Friday to spend a couple of weeks visiting friends and relatives and incidentally to take in the golf tournament at the O'Neill Country Club next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gallagher and children came up last Friday night for a few days with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher returned home the first of the week, while the children remained for a visit of several weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connolly, of Casper, Wyo., who have been visiting relatives and friends here for the past week, left Monday night for their home. They were accompanied by Mrs. James Connolly and son, James, who will visit for a few weeks at Casper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Yantzi and son, C. E. Yantzi, drove down to Stanton last Sunday where they visited at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. William Shoemaker. Mrs. C. C. Ives, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yantzi, of Pilger, was also there for the day.

Albert and Earl Summers, of Wheeler county, were in the city last Wednesday. It has been very dry down in their section and the Summers boys were up here looking for hay land to lease, so that they could provide feed for their stock this coming winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stannard, of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon and will visit with relatives and friends here for about a week, and then well go to New York, where Mr. Stannard will attend the annual convention of insurance men.

The county board met last Tuesday and are sitting this week as a board of equalization, hearing the complaints on assessment from the various parts of the county. Considering the times there are very few complaints, most of them coming from representatives of eastern insurance companies, who are now holders of several large tracts of Holt county land.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hudgel and daughter, Prucilla, arrived here last Saturday evening for a few days visit with old friends. Sunday morning, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Norb Uhl and Howard Bauman they left for the Cherry county lakes to spend a few days trying to lure from their watery home some of the denizens of the lakes of that section. Expect we will hear a lot of fish stories when they return.

The O'Neill Project Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Chauncey Porter, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as might come before the meeting. Following are the officers elected: Mrs. H. B. Burch, president; Miss Bernadine Portivinsky, secretary; Mrs. Clarence Cunningham, treasurer and Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. T. Harrington, leaders. Sixteen members were present at the meeting.

The Roberts Construction company completed the mile and 108 feet of 20 foot paving on main street last Tuesday evening. Wednesday afternoon they put in the south side of the block between Fifth and Sixth streets and on Thursday they were working on the street crossings east of Fifth street. They had thought it possible to finish the paving here this week, but have been delayed some by rain, but will probably be able to finish the work the coming week.

Mrs. C. T. Simonson Dies Following A Long Illness

Mrs. Calmer T. Simonson died at her home northeast of this city last Wednesday evening, after an illness of several months, at the age of 55 years, 11 months and 4 days.

Gertrude E. Leeper was born July 9, 1878, at Newton, Iowa. In 1894 the family moved to this county and located northeast of this city, in which vicinity the deceased has lived ever since. On July 12, 1899, she was united in marriage to Calmer T. Simonson. There were born to them two daughters, Carol and Mamie Lou, who are at home, and one son, Vinton, who lives near the home, who, with the husband are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving wife and mother.

Mrs. Simonson was a kind and affectionate wife and mother. She enjoyed good health until last fall when she became ill and, notwithstanding all that medical skill and loving hands and hearts could do, she kept failing rapidly until she passed peacefully away Wednesday evening. She was highly esteemed in the neighborhood in which she lived and her death will be mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church in this city tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating and interment will be in Forest Hill cemetery.

New Filings For Office

Several new candidates have cast their hats into the political ring during the past few days and from present appearances the ballot will be fairly well filled when they go to the polls on August 14, the day of the primary election. The following have filed since our last issue:

Chauncey D. Keyes, of Inman, has filed for the republican nomination to the office of county assessor, a position he has held for the past few years.

Lloyd G. Gillespie has filed for the republican nomination for representative from the Sixty-fourth district.

A. L. Borg, of Paddock township, has filed for the republican nomination for sheriff of Holt county.

Ben J. McDonald, of Paddock township, has filed for the democratic nomination for county assessor.

J. M. Seybold, O'Neill, filed for the republican nomination for sheriff.

W. B. Cooper, of Chambers, filed for the democratic nomination for county assessor last Wednesday. Bill Cooper is going to try and stage a comeback. He was the first county assessor of this county, being elected to the office in 1903, holding the office for one term of four years, at that time county assessors being ineligible for re-election.

Miss Marguerite Welsh, of O'Neill, filed for nomination to the office of county superintendent. There are five candidates in the field for this office.

An Egg What's An Egg!

Purple Cone Correspondent in the Colfax County Call: "We see many articles in the papers under the title 'strange as it seems' or 'believe it or not.' Well, S. R. Meckman, of Purple Cone, has an item under that title which I would not believe had I not seen it, and others who have seen it have said the same.

Mr. Heckman found a large egg measuring 9½x8½ inches, and, due to its enormous size, brought it in to show to the rest of the family. But in getting it from under the house he cracked one end, so it was decided to pour out the white and yolk so as to save the shell. In doing so they noticed something else in the egg, so broke out a large hole and brought out another egg, fully developed, shell and all, measuring 5½x5 inches.

"If anyone doubts this they may see it at the home or ask Mr. Heckman about it."

Mr. Heckman is a former resident of this county, having lived on the old George Bradt place, northeast of this city for several years. He is the father of Mrs. Paul Young, of Opportunity.

John J. Hancock, of Casper, Wyo., arrived in the city last Friday morning and went on down to Inman that day to visit his mother, Mrs. Mary Hancock. John has been a resident of Casper for several years and at the present time is the police judge of that city. He returned home the first of the week.

Mrs. John Walker, of Page, and Mrs. Henry Fowler and son, Richard, of Norfolk, visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Kennedy Dies

Mrs. John Kennedy, living about 14 miles east of here died at her home last Sunday and the funeral was held last Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and burial in the cemetery at Page. Mrs. Kennedy was one of the pioneer residents of the eastern part of the county, having been a resident of that section of the county for about 50 years. Her death was very sudden as she was sick only a few hours. She had a host of friends in the eastern part of the county who will regret to learn of her passing.

Damage Done By Wind During Wednesdays Rain

There was considerable wind in the southern part of the county last night. We understand that the large barn on the Taggart place, northwest of Chambers, and the barn on the old Clint Smith farm, also northwest of Chambers, were blown away during the storm last night. We have heard of no other damage in that section.

This section of the state was visited with another nice rain last night amounting to .84 of an inch. Last Thursday night this section was visited with a real downpour that totaled with the rain early that forenoon, 1.81 inches. Then Saturday we had .10 of an inch, making a total rainfall in this city, according to the government rain gauge, of 3.92 inches since June 4.

Pastures are now in fine condition in this vicinity and farmers say that the rain last night will insure a fairly good hay crop in this section, and with favorable weather the balance of the season, will be much heavier than last year. Pastures have recovered wonderfully since the rains of a week ago. Farmers say the better feed is quite noticeable in the increased size of their cream checks.

Over 11 Thousand Men Are Placed During May

The National Re-employment service operating in 93 counties in Nebraska placed 11,257 men and 754 women in gainful employment during the month of May, according to the state summary issued the first of the week by the acting state director of the national re-employment service. Public works' placements for the month of May totaled 7,174 men; 4083 men and 754 women were placed in jobs with private employers and private industries and businesses.

The state director commended private employers on the whole-hearted cooperation they have extended to the offices. The result, he explained is two-fold, in that the local people are not only receiving preference in such employment opportunities, but the rebuilding of the morale of the unemployed, by such evident cooperation, is of paramount importance.

The clearance of labor and placements between counties throughout the state, in positions requiring various skills and abilities, is a recent outstanding development of this federal service. Each week a clearance of skilled labor is compiled on a statewide basis by the offices which provide up-to-date clearance information on skilled and professional applicants. The network of offices find it impossible in this way, he explained, to watch the registrant and the available job, regardless of the locality in which openings occur.

It is important, he said, that the unemployed keep their registrations up-to-date, in order to assure themselves of consideration for placements, locally or with employers in other parts of the state.

Pavement Curing Taken To Be Heavy Rain

Last Saturday an unknown man driving a car with an Iowa license plate entered upon the new paving, where it starts in the east end of town and drove nearly a half mile right down the center of the paved road. It is not known whether the man was inebriated or whether he had just come from Sioux City, where they had a big flood the latter part of the week and was of the opinion that it extended west to this city. It is said that the man said he "thought they had a h—l of a big flood in this section." He got off the paving near the Mellor garage and immediately made himself scarce. It is that that no injury was done to the newly laid paving.

Judge Dickson and Reporter McElhaney went over to Butte last Monday morning to hold an equity term of the district court of Boyd county. They returned home Tuesday night.

GOLF MEET HERE TO GET UNDERWAY SOME TIME SUNDAY

Players Out Getting Their Swing And Putting In Shape, And Competition Should Be Very Keen.

Most everyone in O'Neill will have the golf bug next week. The Thirteenth Annual Golf Tournament of the O'Neill Country Club will get under way Sunday and every lover of the popular game is expected to observe the crowning of a new champion of this section of the state.

From reports received by the tournament management there will be a fine field of entries and whoever wins the championship will have to "go some" to cop the honor.

Tournament officials estimate that the registration this year will exceed that of any previous entry. At present many visitors are on the course preparing for the coming match play. Owen Donohoe, well and favorably known by all O'Neill people, is here from Detroit and his golf game is one that should stand up throughout the tournament. Earl Bulow, from Racine, Wisconsin, is playing beautiful golf daily and is bound to be a serious contender. William Stannard arrives from Los Angeles on Thursday and he will play the course several times before the tournament begins.

Those who expect visitors are asked to arrange with the dance committee for admission tickets to the tournament ball as the committee is obliged to enforce membership requirements due to the large crowd that will be present Monday evening. The committee reports that the membership of the club now stands at 75, the largest in club history. An invitation is extended to anyone in O'Neill to join the club before the tournament festivities begin.

J. D. Cronin A Candidate For County Attorney

Julius D. Cronin has announced that he will be a candidate for re-nomination and re-election as county attorney. In making his announcement he says that the experience he has acquired equips him to better and more capably serve the people than ever before.

During his tenure of office there have been 1,058 criminal cases filed, resulting in 22 acquittals and the assessment of \$25,128.00 in fines. Of these cases 886 were in county court and resulted in 13 acquittals and the balance, or 172, in district court and resulted in 9 acquittals. In addition there were 46 juvenile cases and several civil cases.

During his incumbency the office has handled a number of important criminal cases, including the Verzal, Coy and Sexsmith murder cases. The solution of the Sexsmith case and the sentencing of the murderers within a few days of the actual commission of the crime establishes a record for efficiency and speed in Nebraska. Incidentally the pleas of guilty obtained in that case saved the people of Holt county from \$8,000 to \$10,000 over what it would have cost had they stood trial.

The county has spent no money for lawyers to assist in either civil or criminal cases during his term except for \$150 paid to Charles Matson, who was sent here by the then attorney general, during his first year in office. Mr. Cronin has made a splendid record in the office and enjoys a wide reputation as a lawyer and prosecutor. He was recently employed by Boyd county to assist in the trial of a murder case and is now assisting in the trial of a cattle poisoning case in Keya Paha county, at the request of interested stock and cattle men.

It is important, he said, that the unemployed keep their registrations up-to-date, in order to assure themselves of consideration for placements, locally or with employers in other parts of the state.

Hospital Notes

Miss Mary Ruther, of Inman, was dismissed from the hospital Tuesday morning, June 12.

W. F. Harris, of Page, who underwent an operation last week, is doing nicely at the present time.

Neil Barton, of Meadow Grove, came to the hospital early Sunday morning as the result of an automobile accident. He had three ribs broken and lacerations of the head.

Miss Loucretia Shoemaker, R. N., who has been ill, went on duty again Wednesday morning.

The Ladies Bridge Parties will start at the Country Club next Sunday and Monday afternoons at 2:15. All the visiting ladies, who are here for the tournament, as well as the local ladies, who belong to the Club, will participate in these parties.