

FARMERS ARE REDUCING WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE

In spite of the very favorable autumn season for the seeding of winter wheat, the acreage is reduced two per cent over last year according to the preliminary estimate just announced by A. E. Anderson of the bureau of crop estimates and Leo Stubr of the Nebraska department of agriculture. This gives the state a total of 3,301,000 acres, compared with 3,368,000 sown a year ago. The harvested acreages were 3,716,000 acres in 1919, 3,335,000 acres in 1920. The 1921 harvested acreage depends upon the percentage of the planted acreage that survives the winter. These figures show a tendency on part of the farmers to reduce the winter wheat acreage so as to limit the supply to the demand.

The condition of winter wheat is 90 per cent as compared to 91 per cent a year ago and 89.8 per cent the five year average. The condition remains very poor in some of the western counties due to lack of moisture. Heavy autumn winds did some damage throughout the state and were threatening serious damage until relieved by moisture.

The preliminary estimate of rye totals 278,000 acres as compared to 264,000 acres sown a year ago. Rye acreage made a steady increase from 63,000 acres in 1909 to 408,000 acres in 1919, and then dropped to 264,000 acres in 1920. The condition of rye is 90 per cent as compared to 93 per cent a year ago.

An estimate of the average yield per acre of straw has been made for the first time. The yields are as follows: wheat straw, 1.1 tons; oats, 1.1 tons; rye, 1.3 tons; barley, 1.1 tons; flax, 1 ton.

The average farm labor wages for 1920 when hired by the year were \$66 per month with board. This is an increase of \$9.20 per month over last year. The extreme range in wages in the different counties varied from \$58 to \$86 per month. The average daily wage for harvest labor was \$5.90 with board as compared to \$5.25 with board last year. The average wage per day for farm labor other than harvest work was \$3.90 as compared to \$3.85 last year with board. It is evident, therefore, that the present crop was the most expensive ever produced by Nebraska farmers.

Estimates for the United States are as follows: Winter wheat acreage 97.2 per cent of that sown a year ago or a total of 40,605,000 acres, and a condition of 87.9 per cent compared to 85.2 per cent a year ago. Rye acreage, 88.6 per cent of a year ago, totaling 4,653,000 acres, and a condition of 90.5 per cent against 89.8 per cent last December.



JIMMIE BURLINGTON

Two and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Burlington, 1004 Big Horn, winner of the prize in the boys' class, at the baby show held at the recent Pure Food Show by the Alliance Woman's Club in the one to three-year-old class.

THE RED CROSS CORNER

During the month of November the Red Cross office handled eighteen cases for compensation for ex-service men. Most of these cases are very complicated and the government continually calls for added proof that the case is connected with the military service performed by the claimant. If it were not for the Red Cross, in many cases the boys would give up and not obtain in the end what is their just due for service rendered their country.

Tuberculosis is the scourge of humanity and has been for years. Since the great war it has been discovered by Red Cross workers and the U. S. public health physicians that many thousands of our young men have contracted this disease. It is a result of exposure and violent training that the men were not accustomed to, and which broke down their bodily resistance to the disease. Many of the cases are slight, as the disease begins in a leisurely form in some instances. However, this is the stage that should be discovered immediately and all precaution taken. If taken in time the disease is not so deadly. The Red Cross locally as well as nationally is doing everything in its power to discover these cases and see that the patient takes the proper care of himself. Above all we must protect the children from such germs. Will you join us in the fight?

The local Red Cross office announces

to the public that it has on hand some very good pamphlets printed by the government that will surely interest all prospective mothers, or mothers with young babes and pre-school children. These pamphlets may be had free and any one interested in them will be welcome at the office in the court house.

LAKESIDE

Miss Estella Hane, operator, is away on a vacation at present. Operator Bench is here working in her place.

Mrs. Martin Rockford and daughter were in from the ranch Thursday. Miss Ruth Pollard visited friends in Alliance a couple of days the latter part of last week.

Operator Bradley who came last week to relieve Operator Charles Hill, was transferred to west of Alliance the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clayton moved to Berea, Friday.

Wilma Westover and Mable Speer drove to Antioch Thursday.

Clyde Empson drove over from his home at Chappell, Thursday, on business.

Mrs. Bendowsky and two children were east bound passengers Thursday on No. 40.

W. P. Trester was in from the ranch Friday.

Mrs. James McLimment and two children went to Dunning Friday, where Mr. McLimment will join the Tuesday and all will go on to Ord, Nebraska, to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Jake Herman drove in from the ranch Friday.

Mrs. Elise Ash and children were Lakeside business visitors Friday.

W. R. Crowther came over from his home near LaCreek, South Dakota last week.

Mrs. King and son arrived from the east last Friday.

Miss Lucille Osborn arrived home Friday to spend vacation with home folks.

Earl Wolts had the misfortune to injure his hand while helping put up a windmill at the Star ranch Friday.

R. C. Brunson brought him to town, where he is receiving treatment under the care of Dr. Cowles.

George Hunsaker drove down from Antioch Sunday to visit the home folks.

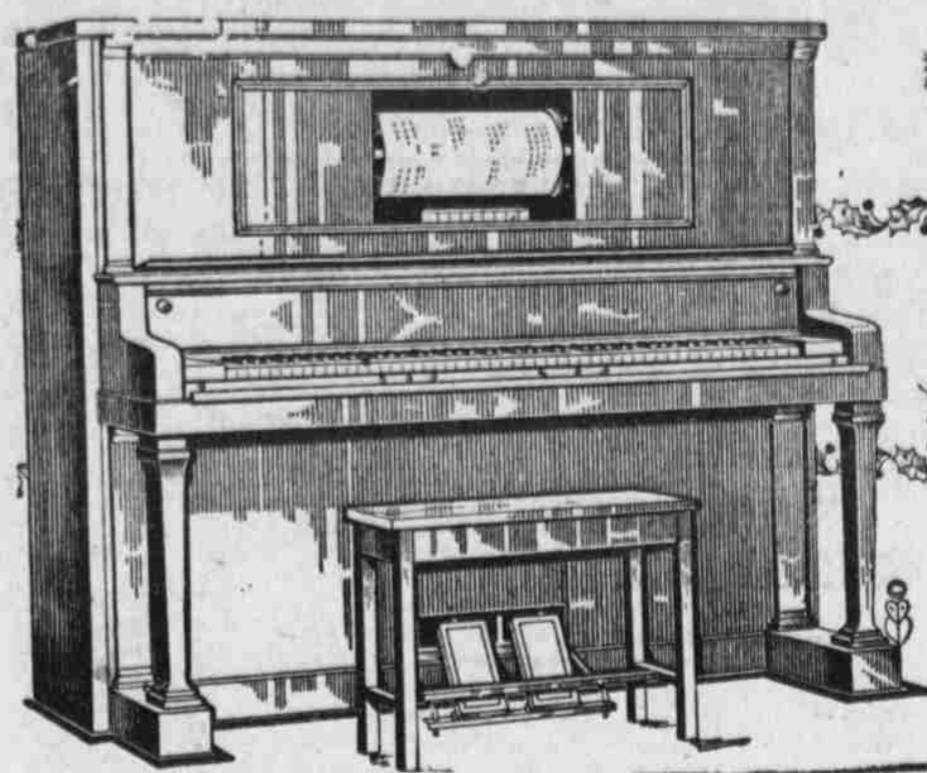
Vern Perrin has been visiting in Lakeside the last few days.

Miss Laura Evans was a west bound passenger Sunday.

Carl Miller was in Lakeside Sunday.

The old-fashioned man who could drink or let it alone is now letting it alone.—Rochester (Ind.) Sun.

Paris fashion report shorter skirts. Winter will cause the bathing beach to be gone, but not forgotten.



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This Bank takes a bit of pride in the success and popularity of this Christmas Savings Club plan. The Holidays always bring their demand for money; often in homes where there is lack of ready cash that brings heartaches to parents, and disappointment to the little folks. We believe this Savings plan has increased the joy of Christmas in Alliance, and has also cultivated the thrift habit.

Each year the number of members grows larger, proving its appreciation and helpfulness.

Early next week hundreds will receive checks ranging from \$12.50 to \$250.00. If you are not one of this number, you may participate next year by starting now to save. You will be surprised and pleased at how easy this plan is.

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