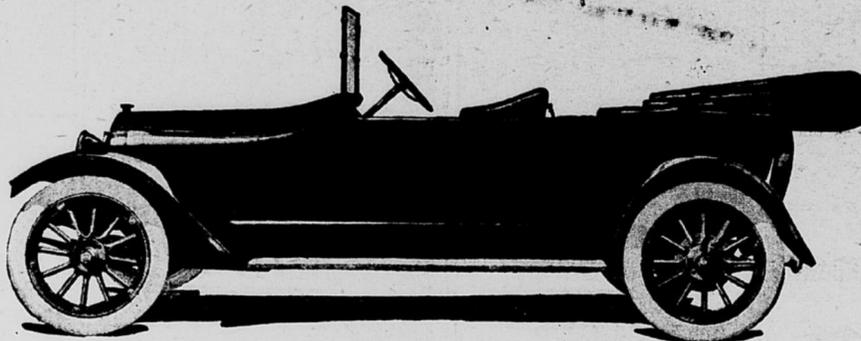


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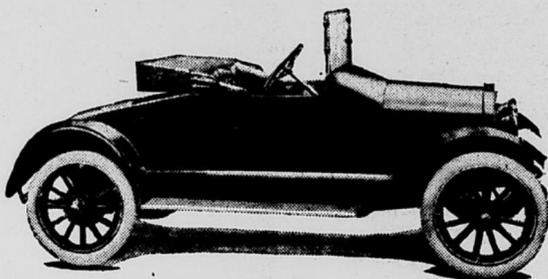
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SPRING WHEATS GIVE BEST RESULTS

Many Varietal Tests Made With
Wheat, Oats and Barley

Spring wheats have given better yields than winter wheats at the Williston, North Dakota, substation where experiments with cereal crops have been conducted since 1908, by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the North Dakota agricultural experiment station. The results obtained at this station are of especial interest to farmers living in western North Dakota and eastern Montana. Among the spring wheats Durum produced higher yields than the common spring wheats, except in the

dry years of 1910 and 1911. Kubanka Durum wheat gave the highest average yield, 29.9 bushels per acre, of all the spring wheats tested during the past six years; lower Fife wheat stood second, producing 28.6 bushels per acre. In tests made with the blue stem group of wheats, it was found that they did not yield as well as the Durums and Fifes, and the average weight per bushel was also somewhat lower. The rate of seeding tests with the blue stem wheats indicated that the highest yields are obtained from sowing four pecks to the acre.

The cause of winter wheats yielding less on the average than the spring wheats is attributed to the fact that the former frequently winter kills. Sowing winter wheat in grain stubble or standing corn, however, gives protection to the plants and reduces the loss from that source.

In testing the varieties of oats for the seven-year period it was found the best three varieties are Abundance, which yielded, on an average, 66.4 bushels per acre; Lincoln, 65.9 bushels; and Siberian, 64.5 bushels. These are all mid-season varieties. The late maturing varieties of oats, such as White Russian, and the very early varieties, Sixty-Day and Kherson, yielded much less than the mid-season varieties. Experiments in the rate of seeding tests with Swedish-Select oats indicated that the best yields are obtained by sowing from four to six pecks per acre.

In the work with barley the scientists found the six-rowed group of barley yielded better than the two-rowed group. The highest average yield was 39.9 bushels and was produced by a strain of Manchuria barley.

Much difficulty was experienced in keeping the ground sufficiently clean from weeds so that barley could be made a successful crop. Of the six years that the tests were made, only four crops were harvested and the average yield of the highest producing variety was 16.2 bushels per acre. Emmer and spring rye have given as high average yields as oats, barley or wheat. Proso has been grown in field plots during the past three years and gave an average yield of seed of 25 bushels per acre. Kursk millet, grown on a test plot in 1914, yielded 38 bushels of seed per acre.

Until within the past few years

all the western North Dakota and eastern Montana was a range country. Now, however, there are no large ranches except in the rough areas where the raising of crops is difficult. The new settlers raise wheat almost exclusively during the first few years. After that they gradually adopt a system of more diversified farming, including the growing of other small grains, corn and legumes, and the keeping of live stock.

The soil in the portion of the station where the cereal experiments were conducted consists of a fairly uniform type of fine sandy loam, on which irrigation water is not available. The new bulletin, No. 270, by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Cereal Experiments at Williston, North Dakota, gives somewhat in detail the work with a number of cereal crops during the years 1909 to 1914 inclusive. It shows that the average yearly length of the frost free period for 33 years has been 119 days. The average date of the last killing frost in the spring during the above period is May 18, and the average date of the first killing frost in the fall is September 14. The heaviest rainfall at Williston occurred during the growing season and the average rainfall from April to July inclusive for the past 35 years was 8.86 inches; for the entire year, 14.9 inches. The bulletin gives in detail the annual and seasonal rainfall at the station, evaporation, temperatures and many details concerning the yields secured from a large number of varieties of cereals, and may be had upon application to the Editor and Chief of the Division of Publications, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Considering the time of year, and the fact that so many people are away from town, the church services are notably well attended.

The Sunday School attendance has increased each Sunday since the attendance contest has been

on with the Hankinson Congregational Sunday School, so that the attendance is about double what it was last summer at this time. In the contest we were 5 ahead last Sunday.

Those who attended the evening service last Sunday were highly pleased and very much impressed with the Sermon-lecture that was given by Henry J. Doermann. It was easily seen that the speaker had given very careful thought and preparation to the comprehensive subject: "The Winning Life," based on the words "What think ye of Christ?" Mr. Doermann gives much promise of becoming a very fluent and convincing speaker, and is considerably above the average at

the present time. The Congregational song service, and the singing of two numbers by the male quartette were also very pleasing features of the service.

Miss Dona Falkner acted as pianist, and accompanist both morning and evening in a most acceptable manner.

As the pastor and his wife will leave on Thursday for a two weeks' vacation, visiting Minneapolis and Duluth, Mr. Doermann will conduct the service next Sunday morning, and will teach the pastor's Bible class.

On Sunday the 15th, Rev. W. A. Beker will conduct the morning service. There will be no evening services until the 22nd inst.

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