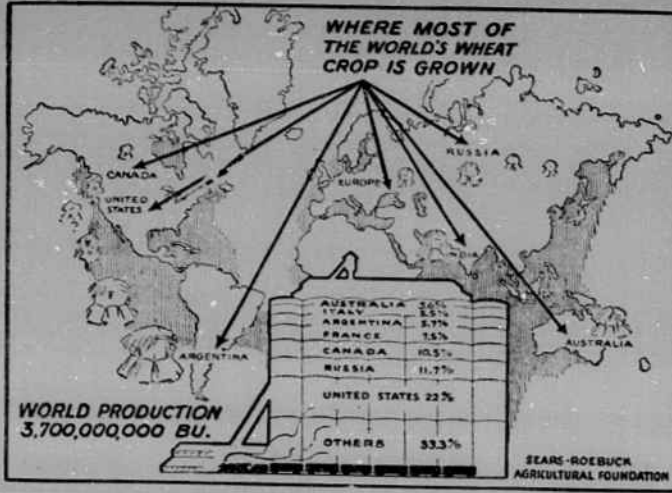


Critical Points in the Wheat Situation



Wheat growers must take a world wide view of crop prospects if their decisions as to when to sell are to be wisely made, says the Sears Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The domestic price of wheat probably is more strongly influenced by crop conditions in distant parts of the world than is true of any other important farm product.

Strength in wheat prices during the spring has been due to special developments in all important wheat countries. Drouth prevailed over the hard wheat sections of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Excessive rains in Canada delayed spring wheat planting operations and prevented seeding a full acreage. In Argentina and Australia, where planting fall wheat was taking place, the weather was too dry. Some of the countries of Europe, including Russia, reported that the season was cold and backward. Final estimates on the 1927 crop in India indicated but little wheat for export from that country. The remainder of the 1926 crop was passing into consumption at an unexpectedly high rate, suggesting only a moderate carryover.

In recent years, the United States has produced an average of 8.0 million bushels of wheat, of which approximately 22 per cent, or 175 million bushels, had to be sold abroad. This

country furnished only about one fourth of the wheat required by importing countries. The balance came chiefly from Canada, which produced an average of 300 million bushels and exported 285 million, from Argentina which produced 210 million bushels and exported 135 million, and from Australia which produced 135 million bushels and exported 90 million bushels. Small amounts were exported from Russia, the Balkan countries of Hungary, Yugo-Slavia, Rumania and Bulgaria, and from India. This wheat is shipped principally to central and western Europe. The United Kingdom, Italy, France and Belgium are the leading importers. Oriental countries also import some wheat.

The world price level for wheat is determined by the relation between the surpluses available in the exporting countries and the needs of importing countries. Since the presence of a surplus keeps domestic prices in line with world prices, the wheat producer in the United States is almost as much concerned in the yield in Australia as in the size of the domestic crop.

World production of wheat averages about 3,700,000,000 bushels. A fluctuation of 150 to 200 million bushels either way means the difference between a year of high prices and a year of low prices.

CULBERSON

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bailey visited the former's parents out near Asheville last week.

L. B. and Vernie Collins have re-

turned home from Ohio.

Burton Foster left a few days ago for Akron, Ohio.

After a few days illness, Matilda Lawrence died Sunday morning at

2 A. M. She was buried Monday at the Shady Grove cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Craft, of Gastonia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harley Craft here this week.

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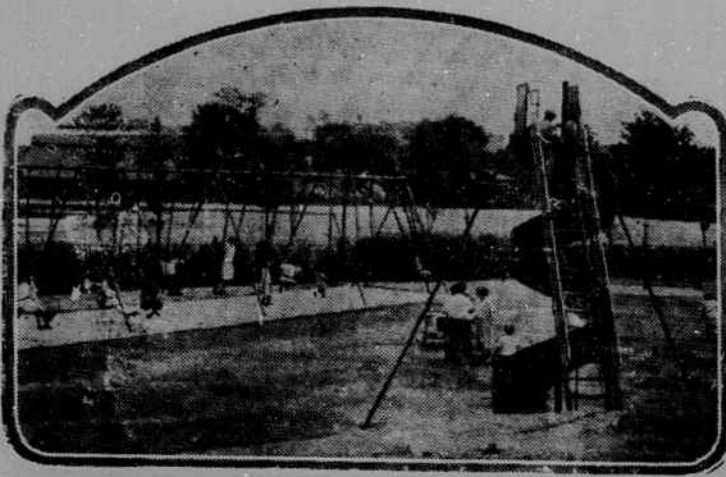
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NEW RECORDS FOR PLAYGROUND USE IN NATION EXPECTED THIS YEAR

Over 1,000,000 Men, Women, Children in Attendance Represents Present Figure—Communities Report Increase Over 1926—New York Leads.



Bit by bit children are winning back for their use as playgrounds the land won from them in the last fifty years by the march of commercial progress.

Aided by various associations and individuals throughout the country, communities are setting aside more money each year to give children what the authorities call the children's birthright, according to data now being compiled to cover 1927.

More than 1,000,000 men, women and children every day found play and recreation on public playgrounds last year, according to the Playground and Recreation Association. That figure is expected to be exceeded greatly this year. In 758 cities the municipalities spent \$19,202,123 for recreation purposes on 5600 outdoor playgrounds.

So far this year 790 towns and cities have reported recreational facilities at 19,123 centers, everyone supervised or directed in some fashion to give the greatest good to the greatest number. For this year, New York State is in the lead with 1,416 recreation centers in 74 cities. Pennsylvania is second with 906 centers and Massachusetts third with 807 playgrounds.

California, however, spent more than any other state, with a total of \$2,571,501. Illinois was second with \$2,297,106

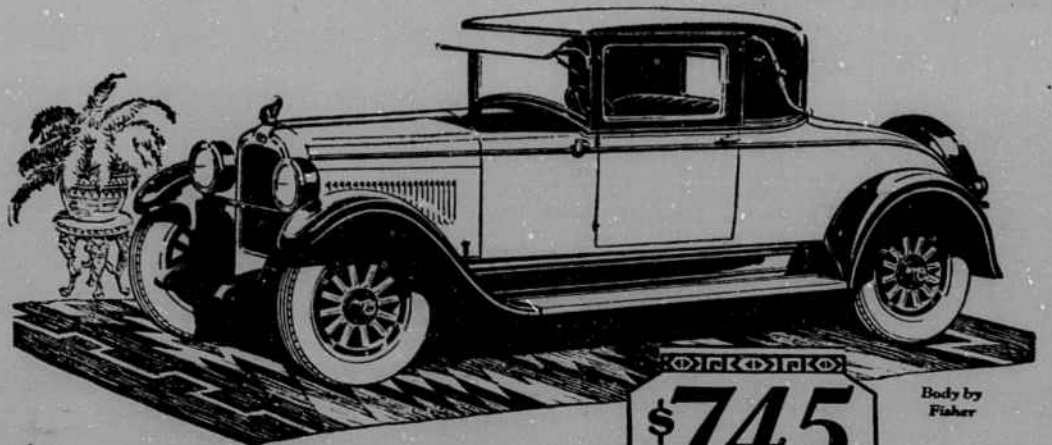
and New York State was third with \$2,331,262. In New York City alone the expenditure was \$939,253.

In the last ten years, it is estimated the number of public recreation centers has been multiplied by more than two and a half. The increase has been due in large measure to provision made by realty men for recreation centers in new sub-divisions.

Model playgrounds today include kindergarten, swings, slides, merry-go-rounds, pavilions, field houses, wading pools and, of course, an open lay area where the larger children may romp to their hearts' content, with ball games, top matches and merry-go-rounds.

No grass could stand the punishment of hundreds of feet and the modern practice is to roll the ground firmly and bind the surface with some agent, usually calcium chloride, which keeps the dust laid even in extremely dry weather.

Such playgrounds have an added value in keeping children off the streets, the experts assert, and thereby reduce the number of deaths from automobile accidents. Some cities, notably New York, have reported substantial gains in child-saving by this means.



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