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AGENTS TO WASHINGTON. Clet Murphy and Faye Meade, who hold committee posts in the National Association of county agricultural agents, are off to Washington in early July to do their stuff in executive session. Clet is director of the Retirement and Vocational Agriculture Section, while Faye is a member of the Relations Committee.

MORTGAGE MATTERS. BAE reported June 18 that U. S. farm mortgage debt stood at about 5 billion dollars last January. This is half of the outstanding mortgage debt on farms in 1923, when it was at the peak point of 10.7 billion dollars. Please note right here that 1923 high point in farm mortgage debt was nearly five years AFTER the end of World War I. Will history repeat?

KITTLESON HONORED. At the end of the national 4-H club camp, the following state 4-H club leaders were cited by Director Wilson in honor of 25 years of service in 4-H club work: A. G. Kettunen, Michigan; A. J. Kittleson, Minnesota; L. F. Kinney, Missouri; Frank Spurrier, California; Elsie Trabue, Connecticut; C. B. Wadleigh, New Hampshire; Allegra E. Wilkins, Nebraska; Allen Baker, Pennsylvania; R. S. Clough, Missouri; Gordon Elcan, Virginia; Dorothy Emerson, Maryland; Marion Forbes, Massachusetts; L. I. Frisbie, Nebraska; R. H. Giberson, Minnesota; Jessie Greene, Nebraska; H. H. Jones, Massachusetts; and Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson, Rock Hill, S.C.

POTATO SHIPMENTS TOP PREVIOUS YEAR. The Department of Agriculture reported that total shipments of potatoes from early producing states for the two-week period ended June 8, 1946, exceeded, by more than 8,000 cars, shipments during the same two-week period last year.

Figures this year for the two-week period ended June 8 show 19,673 cars, as compared with 11,046 cars during the same period last year.

In view of the plentiful supply of potatoes now being shipped into the markets, and the prospect of peak shipment being reached within the next two weeks, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson urged all consumers today to make the most effective use possible of this food.

WHEAT SUPPLIES TO REMAIN LIMITED. Supplies of wheat for use in the United States will continue limited throughout the 1946-47 marketing year despite increases in recent estimates of wheat production in this country this year, says USDA.

Even though a billion bushel crop is forecast, the fourth of this size the country has ever seen, stocks of wheat available this coming year, beginning July 1, will be 275 to 475 million bushels smaller than during the last five years.

Heavy domestic utilization and exports since last July 1 have decreased carryover stocks to their lowest point since 1937. The carryover on July 1 of this year is expected to be about 100 million bushels which is considerably below the average yearly carryover of about 400 million bushels since 1939.

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Demand for wheat abroad will continue in the 1946-47 marketing year, and this country has indicated intentions to export at least 250 million bushels of wheat to aid in feeding the peoples of the world. This will be considerably less than the nearly 400 million bushels expected to be exported during the current marketing year ending July 1. This amount is also far less than preliminary estimates of wheat wanted from the United States.

The estimated production increase over earlier indications will help assure export commitments and at the same time strengthen the possibility of increasing wheat stocks on July 1, 1947, over the low level of July 1 of this year.

To help assure the needed wheat stocks, regulations call for milling extraction restrictions, limitations on manufacture of flour for domestic use, prohibitions on the use of wheat and wheat products for beer and alcohol, voluntary conservation program, limitations on use of wheat by feed manufacturers, and set-asides for Government purchase.