

Outlook Brighter For Wheat Crop

CHICAGO, May 12.—(AP)—The pessimistic implications in the latest government winter wheat forecast, showing a substantial decline from last year, are at least slightly negated by recent favorable crop developments, grain experts asserted yesterday.

The latest government forecast set winter wheat production at 515,150,000 bushels against 703,252,000 bushels last year and a ten year (1932-41) average of 550,181,000 bushels. One month earlier the government had forecast this year's crop at 558,551,000 bushels.

Grain experts said, however, that the government's forecast was based on conditions as they existed May 1, which was a date on which green bugs were doing much damage in Texas and Oklahoma, and a drought was developing over a wide area west of the Mississippi.

Since the beginning of this month the drought situation has greatly improved. While weather reports are subject to censorship, and not easy to obtain by grain men, it was said that many of the areas which needed rain on May 1 subsequently obtained it. Thus the crop conditions improved considerably.

At the same time, it was admitted the government's estimate was not only below recent private crop forecasts but indicated a total supply of wheat on July 1 under the 200,000,000 bushels which is believed desirable.



NOT UNTIL 1922 DID A PARACHUTE ACTUALLY SAVE THE LIFE OF AN AIRPLANE PILOT! LIEUTENANT HAROLD HARRIS JUMPED FROM A DISABLED PLANE NEAR DAYTON, OHIO, AND MADE NEWS PAPER HEADLINES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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THE GIRL WHO THINKS NO MAN IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER, MAY BE RIGHT—ALSO, SHE MAY BE LEFT, SAYS JEANNE HULLONG, Germantown, Kentucky.

NEXT: When France invaded Australia.

Prices of Meat Ordered Slashed

Announcement was made Wednesday by the OPA of new cent-per-pound ceiling prices for specific cuts and grades of beef, veal, lamb and mutton. Set up on a nationwide zone basis, the ceilings, generally, show reductions of from 1 to 3 cents from those originally scheduled to take effect April 15.

A general roll-back of prices, due June 1 on orders of Prentiss Brown, price administrator, will bring further reductions of about 10 per cent in the newly-announced meat prices, OPA added.

Now effective, the ceilings are intended to inform consumers and sellers alike of the exact legal price in cents-per-pound for approximately 95 cuts of beef, veal and lamb, each divided into five grades.

They are set up for two classes of retailers— independent stores with less than \$250,000 annual volume, and all other retailers. Ceilings for the latter are from 1 to 3 cents lower.

Oregon is zone 1, with Washington, California and Nevada, and this area's ceilings are the highest for the nation's ten zones, with differentials ranging from 1 to 4 cents a pound.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

V Mail When a soldier or a sailor is low in spirits there is nothing that will cheer him up as much as a letter from home, so the War and Navy Departments have devised a method for getting "the word" to its fighting men with the greatest dispatch. This is the microfilm method of transmitting letters, known to all of us as V-mail.



Any news from home is bound to please our soldiers and our sailors but the news they want to have most is the news from our production front and news that we are winning our fight against inflation by our savings and investment in War Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department

No Blonde Hair Needed, OWI Says

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—The Office of War Information likes blondes as well as the next fellow, but it doesn't need any of their hair—honest!

So, Blondie, put away the scissors and relax. An avalanche of parcels containing everything from single strands to sizable hanks followed a report that OWI wanted long blonde tresses for war production purposes.

Since it had no use for the hair, OWI scurried about and found that the Washington Institute of Technology, College Park, Md., which has a war contract, could use a limited quantity in making weather instruments. The hair and a few bales of correspondence went to this company. For hair that is accepted the price is \$1 an ounce, payable in war bonds.

OWI reported that its blonde hair correspondents indicated "an intense desire to make a contribution to the war effort," only a few of them asking any payment.

Under soviet law, any citizen who refuses work to a woman simply because she is a woman, is liable to punishment.

Major General Fuqua, Ex-Infantry Chief, Dies

NEW YORK, May 13.—(AP)—Major General Stephen O. Fuqua, 68, U. S. A., retired, formerly the army's chief of infantry and later American military attache in

Madrid during the Spanish civil war, died of a heart ailment Tuesday. He served as a combat officer in Cuba during the Spanish-American war in the Philippines during the insurrection and in France during the first world war.

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If the supply-demand situation is to be in balance.

June 9 the maintenance of the site where Oregon's first provisional government was formed 100 years ago.

Champoeg Park to Be Beautified by State

PORTLAND, May 12.—(AP)—(AP)—Champoeg park is going to be dressed up in a style befitting an Oregon shrine.

They said approximately \$5000 will be spent this year in salaries and improvements.

So said the state highway commission, which will take over on

Commissioners announced the state park superintendent has selected one of his experienced men as the park caretaker, and agreed that a qualified curator should run the Museum of Oregon History there.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 4, of Douglas County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of the said district will be held at Junior High School Bldg. on the 14th day of June, 1943, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning July 1, 1943, and ending June 30, 1944, hereinafter set forth.

Table with columns: Schedule II—General Fund, ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES, and various sub-items like I. GENERAL CONTROL, II. INSTRUCTION—Supervision, III. INSTRUCTION—Teaching, etc.

Table with columns: Schedule III—Bond Interest and Sinking Fund, BOND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND—Debt Service, Schedule VI—Summary of Estimates of Expenditures, Receipts and Available Cash Balances and Tax Levies.

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