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**Soil Conservation On Oregon Farms Now Paying Off**

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR., SALEM — (AP) — When people hear about soil erosion, they think of the Midwest's dust bowl or Southern tobacco lands, soil eroding erosion has caused much damage to Oregon land, particularly Eastern Oregon wheatlands.

The Federal Soil Conservation Service has worked hard for 13 years to convince farmers they should take steps to stop erosion, and Sam L. Sloan, Oregon State conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, thinks the farmers now are convinced.

Sloan says half of the state's wheatlands have lost half of their original topsoil, so soil conservation practices are coming in time. But some land already has been abandoned because it has lost so much topsoil.

Much of the soil conservation work has been done by the state soil conservation districts, which are run by the farmer themselves. The law creating these districts was passed in 1939.

Winning Tough Job  
Soil conservation technicians survey the soil, determining the amount of soil lost by erosion, and suggest the best way to put each acre should be put. Then they demonstrate other methods, such as contour farming and arrangement of crops, to prevent erosion.

Sloan said it's been a tough job selling this program to the farmer, but the light now is beginning to be seen.

The job is complicated in low rainfall areas, where additional steps must be taken to get the moisture to soak into the ground. This is done by keeping the stubble on the surface, instead of burning it.

Burning Method Out  
"While touching a match to a field of stubble is still a much too common practice, it is on the way out," Sloan says. "In fact, 19 years of results at the Sherman County branch experiment station at Moro shows that burning the stubble decreases yield in that section. The 19-year average yield from plots where all straw had been returned to the soil was 28.4 bushels per acre. Yield from plots where the straw had been burned every year averaged only 24.6 bushels per acre."

Sloan said farmers and ranchers need much technical assistance in conservation work. "We've learned that the average land owner is no more prepared to solve all his erosion problems alone than he is prepared to solve all his legal or medical problems alone," Sloan said.

"The wheat rancher needs the specialized scientific assistance on his farm of soil conservation surveyors, agronomists, engineers and other technicians. Obviously ranchers—the people who own and control the land—have direct responsibility for the protection of our land resources. The national interest shares this responsibility."

"Landowners should become the leaders and have control of the soil conservation program. That is exactly what is happening through soil conservation districts."

**French Loss Heavy In Indochina Fight**

PARIS, Dec. 21. — (AP) — French troops suffered heavy casualties in advancing in two sectors of northern Indochina today, and lost a small garrison at Vinh to Viet-Nam forces, the French general staff at Saigon announced today in a communique.

The general staff said French troops, braving continuous sniper fire from surrounding rooftops, had recaptured the Lanxang hospital at Hanoi, Viet-Nam capital.

At Tourane, the communique said, the French garrison was suddenly attacked yesterday morning by Viet-Nam forces. Severe losses were suffered by both sides, the announcement said, but the French maintained control of the Tourane airfield and proceeded to mop up the surrounding areas.

The semi-official French press agency said French armored troops after all-night street fighting held full possession of Hanoi, capital of French Indochina, and of the young Viet-Nam republic, and were mopping up isolated Viet-Nam bands.

**Youth Training Plans Slated for Congress**

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is, what it stands for—its responsibilities. And I think the best way to do this is through a universal training program," he said.

He told the group that the fact that almost 30 per cent of the young people who were called up for military service during the last war were physically or mentally unfit was a "terrible reflection on a free country."

Mr. Truman did not differentiate between young men and women in reference to the need for training. Dr. Compton said whether to include young women in the commission's work on the problem might be given consideration if developments indicate a need for it.

**Death Bans Fourth Term For Georgia's Talmadge**

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mally elects the governor.

**Hemorrhages Fatal**  
Talmadge first was stricken with a stomach hemorrhage in Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 4, and twice he was pronounced better and dismissed from the hospital. He entered the hospital for the last time Nov. 29, and had been improving until last Sunday when he suffered a relapse.

Two days ago his physicians said he was suffering with an acute inflammation of the liver cells possibly caused by the administration of plasma and pronounced his condition critical. He had received much blood by transfusion since the first hemorrhages.

Members of the Talmadge family, including his wife, son and campaign manager, Herman, and two daughters, Mrs. Bill Kimbrough and Mrs. Charles Smyly, were near his bedside when the governor-elect died.

**Ups and Downs in Career**  
Talmadge's death ended an up and down political career in Georgia. His first success was in 1927 when he was named state commissioner of agriculture. In 1933, he was elected governor, serving two two-year terms until 1937. He lost a bitter battle for the U. S. Senate to Richard B. Russell in 1936, and again in 1938, he was in the race against Senator Walter George.

Talmadge emerged from political retirement in 1940 again to become governor, but two years later, after a heated campaign, he lost to Ellis Arnall.

When Arnall was prevented under a new state constitution from seeking reelection, Talmadge emerged again under his old banner of white supremacy, and was elected under the state's county unit system despite the fact that James V. Carmichael, who had Arnall's backing, took the popular vote.

The county unit system is similar to the U. S. electoral system, with counties having from two to six unit votes depending on population. The candidate winning the unit vote gets the Democratic nomination which in one-party

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**Hundreds Die When Earthquake Rocks Japan**

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ed over the situation in southern Shikoku island, Army officers said no outside help would be needed.

**Japanese Flee to Hills**  
Thousands of Japanese, fearing repercussions from the earthquake and tidal wave, began fleeing to the hills tonight, as they once fled from American bombs.

The heavily hit town of Tanabe, on the wave-lashed western coast of Wakayama Peninsula, was deserted after its 2,500 homeless refugees sought safety in the hills.

Others from nearby towns and cities also were reported seeking high ground. They carried their meager possessions.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 21. — (AP) —** The Rev. Joseph J. Lynch, Fordham University seismologist, said the university seismograph recorded "fairly severe" earthquakes at 5:32.13 and 5:42.52 A. M. (EST) today about 6,000 miles from New York in an undetermined direction.

He also reported that recordings of yesterday's earthquake—recorded in New York at 2:33 P. M. (EST)—showed it to be considerably south of the Japanese islands.

Today's new quake also was recorded at England's West Bromwich observatory, where Seismologist J. J. Shaw said the tremors lasted about two hours.

Shaw said this quake probably was "somewhere in the area of the Aleutian Islands," but was "not nearly so intensive as the one which struck Japan yesterday."

**\$2,500,000 Warehouse Montgomery Ward Plan**

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21. — (AP) — The Oregonian reported today that Montgomery Ward & Co. will build a \$2,500,000 warehouse here to serve its branches in four Pacific Northwest states.

The newspaper said the firm was buying 14 acres in a former housing project as a site for the structure.

**Bilbo's Ex-Aide May Be Cited for Contempt**

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he handed the cash back to Liberman.

Senator Ferguson declared this was impossible because Liberman died several months before Terry's bank accounts showed the money repaid. Terry said he was "confused" and declined to tell who received the funds.

A woman who identified herself as Mrs. Terry said he is ill in his apartment here, under doctor's orders to talk to no one, and has nothing more to say about the transaction.

Meanwhile the 69-year-old Bilbo, declaring he has cleared himself of all complaints about his dealings with war contractors said he will spend Christmas at his "dreamhouse" home near Poncharville, Miss.

The senator told a reporter he hardly expects to get the keys to an expensive new automobile or additional home furnishings from Santa Claus this year.

Witnesses testified he received these gifts from war contractors in 1941 along with an artificial lake, a swimming pool, a "dreamhouse No. 2," a painting of the original "dreamhouse" and thousands of dollars for a church parsonage on his farm.

Bilbo explained gifts to public servants are an old Southern Custom" and that while some contractors were among the donors they were "old friends" and there were "no strings attached."

Ferguson reported that he and committee attorneys are rechecking all testimony and exhibits in an attempt to complete a report by December 30. The other two subcommittee members, Senators Mead and Tunnell (D-Del.), are not members of the new Congress which takes office January 3.

The subcommittee report will

**Fair and Far**



Nina Dumbadze in All-Union light athletes' contest at Dniepropetrovsk, Russia, reportedly threw discus 50 meters, 50 centimeters, which would be new world record for women. Previous mark was 48.31 meters, established by German.

Go to the full war investigating committee and from there to the new senate.

Bilbo also faces a report by the special Senate campaign expenditures committee, which conducted public hearings in Mississippi on complaints that Bilbo prevented Negroes from voting in the Democratic primary.

Chairman Ellender (D-La.) has predicted a unanimous report clearing Bilbo. But the Republican members—Senators Hickenlooper (Ia.) and Bridges (N.H.) say only that the committee report is still to be shaped at a session December 30.

**"And The Angel Said . . ."**

*Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*  
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