

Damage Done By Corn Borer Goes Far Into Millions

By A. F. MAHAN
WASHINGTON — A worm is Public Enemy No. 1 to the Department of Agriculture.

It is the European corn borer, which caused an estimated \$97,000,000 damage in 28 states last year. Eight years ago damage was only about \$7,000,000.

So far the borer has defied all efforts to check its spread, but the department has mapped a five-point control program which it hopes to see put into operation on a community-by-community basis this year.

The boll weevil, experts say, never posed a greater threat to cotton than the corn borer to corn. Besides, corn is planted on more acreage, is worth more in dollars and has a greater diversity of by-products than any other two crops combined.

Damage caused by the borer increased by 1943 to \$33,000,000 and in 1946 to \$37,000,000. Dr. P. N. Annand, chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, says an "intensified effort calling for the all-out cooperation of all farmers with the state and federal agencies is necessary if the insect is to be brought under control and its damage checked. Found in 28 States

The corn borer was first discovered in the United States in 1917. It caused severe damage that year to sweet corn around Boston.

Annand says evidence indicates the worm was imported from Hungary or Italy between 1909 and 1914, before any quarantine inspection service had been authorized at ports.

By 1940 it had spread to states bordering the Great Lakes, gone north into Maine and moved southward along the Atlantic Coast to Virginia.

Today it is found in 1,052 counties in 28 states, 94 counties in 11 states reported new infestations last year. Now it infests part of North Carolina and Tennessee and has moved as far west as North and South Dakota and Nebraska and Kansas.

Many states are planning community meetings to spread up-to-the-minute information on controls.

Suggestions Offered
The Department of Agriculture suggests these:

1. Plow under old corn stalks and stubble, shred or destroy corn stalks used for feed, ensilage corn remnants in barnyards and elsewhere.

2. Plant varieties of corn recommended for respective communities. Locally adapted hybrids can be expected to give highest yields and quality.

3. Plant on dates recommended by agricultural agents.

4. Look for eggs laid by corn borer moth on the underside of leaves on tallest corn and start insecticide treatment as soon as eggs begin to hatch. (Frequent examinations are recommended in May, June and July.)

5. Use insecticides when it is determined they will be profitable. (County agricultural agents are prepared to advise on what, when and how to use.)

The corn borer, which usually becomes about an inch long, begins as an egg laid by a moth and himself becomes a moth after he has done his boring damage. Hatched as a tiny worm, he tunnels his way into the stalk which usually weakens and breaks. He feasts, too, on the ears of the corn, even gnawing the cob.

As he nears maturity he bores into the stalk and spins a thin cocoon about himself, becomes a pupa and emerges later as a moth.

Two More Jap Mines Off SEATTLE Destroyed

SEATTLE, April 19.—(AP)—The Coast Guard Cutter Balsam yesterday sank two derelict mines which were reported earlier in the day near Willapa Bay, Wash. A third mine, spotted 180 miles southwest of Cape Flattery, is still being sought.

District Coast Guard headquarters said a total of 57 mines have been reported off the U. S. and Canadian coast this month. Twenty-seven have been destroyed.

Metal Trades Workers Accept Wage Increases

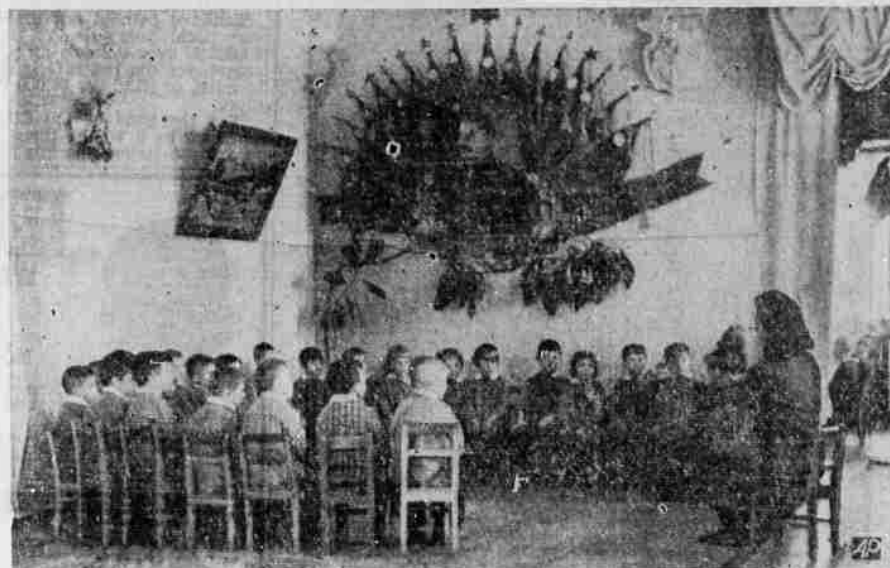
PORTLAND, April 19.—(AP)—Two thousand metal trades workers voted by about 2 to 1 to accept the wage increase recommended by negotiators, the AFL Metal Trades Council announced today.

The proposal provided a 143 cents an hour boost for journeymen and higher classifications, with 13 cents for classifications below journeymen.

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AT SCHOOL IN RUSSIA—A teacher holds a teddy bear as she tells folk tales to children in a Soviet nursery school as they sit beneath a portrait of Marshal Stalin. The agency which supplied this picture didn't name town in which school is located.

FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



"It's easier than spading!"

Proposals Pour In On Man Ready To Give Away Wealth

LE MAPS, Ia. — (AP)—Marriage proposals, requests for donations to charitable institutions and just plain begging letters and telegrams are piling up at the home of Herman R. Schultz, 75-year-old wealthy bachelor, announced that he will give away \$1,000,000 worth of property to relatives and friends.

The property includes 42 farms in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota, acquired from a beginning as a farm hand. He will retain only enough on which to live comfortably.

"I got a couple of letters from widows, enclosing their pictures," Schultz related. "Judging from the pictures, both of the ladies are very good looking."

"They wrote nice letters. There wasn't anything so crude as suggesting marriage in those, but proposals of marriage are arriving daily."

"I don't want to marry now at my age, but I advise all people to marry. My only regret is that I didn't marry in my younger days. Single life is no good."

"I've had lots of fun amassing this fortune. If those to whom I give it have half as much fun spending it as I had earning it, they will really be having fun. But I get more kick out of making money than in spending it."

"I feel amply rewarded for a lifetime of toil, saving and privation by seeing the pleasure others get out of receiving the property."

Schultz was born on a small farm near here, the eldest of seven children. He said the family was so poor "we had to live for days on Johnnycake (cornbread) and had to go to bed at 7 o'clock in winter to keep warm."

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Anti-Communist Organizations For Peace Developing

By DeWitt MacKenzie
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
There are before the U. S. Congress 31 bills which, in one way or another, are calculated to deal with the abuse of the veto power whereby Russia has been hampering the United Nations.

All these proposals provide for a revision of the U. N. charter. However, at least a couple of them are so framed that the present U. N. could be allowed to rumble along while the anti-Red democracies formed a new organization free of Soviet interference.

These bills are concrete evidence of a strong sentiment for some action against promiscuous use of the veto. Moreover, in the U. N. membership itself we find Australia—a big opponent of the veto—and Argentina leading a group of small nations to revise the charter in this respect.

The veto right is accorded the Big Five—America, Russia, Britain, France and China—in the Security Council, which alone can impose sanctions. Thus far the Muscovites have used this all-powerful weapon 23 times, whereas France is the only other that has used it twice.

Remedy Developing

Revision of the veto provision would, of course, be a ticklish undertaking. The United States insisted on establishment of the veto as a protection against impingement on sovereignty, and there has been no sign that the Washington government would agree to elimination. However, America has indicated that it would like to disregard the veto except for fundamentals affecting sovereignty. Russia naturally wants to retain it in toto, and in fact would undoubtedly employ it against charter revision.

This being the case, where do we turn for relief? Well, it strikes me that perhaps the situation is rapidly being taken care of by the recent creation of international organizations within the democratic bloc. The organizations to which I refer are these:

Last September 19 American republics met in Rio de Janeiro and signed a mutual defense treaty for the western hemisphere. A month ago Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg entered into a fifty-year partnership to defend their democratic way of life against any aggressor.

Life last week representatives of 16 western European nations and the American-British-French occupied zones of Germany met in Paris and adopted a convention binding themselves into a permanent organization for economic cooperation. These are the countries participating in the Marshall plan, and they include Greece and Turkey.

Now then, coordinate these various organizations, all of which aim at economic rehabilitation and defense against aggression,

Unite on Health Legislation, Urge On U. S. Doctors

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—The dean of Harvard's School of Public Health declared yesterday doctors' arguments over public health legislation must remind people "of Nero's fiddling in ancient Rome." But the doctors alone are qualified to make sound plans, he added—and they'd better make some.

In an address prepared for the opening of the American College of Physicians' annual meeting, Dean James Steven Simmons pointed out:

"From the present chaotic status of health legislation, it is obvious we are split into opposing groups that have not been able to agree. . . This disturbing spectacle is decreasing the prestige of our (medical and public health) professions and unless it is corrected our lawmakers may be expected to seek leadership elsewhere."

He urged the American College of Physicians to organize a permanent national council to advise the government on pending health legislation and to make long term plans for:

1. Improvement of teaching in medicine and public health.
2. Stimulation of medical research.
3. Development of a sound program to educate the public in the principles of health.

ELKS SLATE DANCE

The Roseburg Elks Lodge will hold a dance tonight at the lodge hall. Dancing will be to the music of Ed Fitzpatrick and his orchestra.

Myrtle Creek High Nine Loses Twice to Medford

Myrtle Creek High School lost its first baseball games of the season Friday at Medford, when the Pear Pickers thumped the Vikings in a doubleheader 10 to 1 and 5 to 4.

Medford led throughout the first game during which Myrtle Creek committed five errors. But the Vikings turned the tables by leading a good margin during all of the second game except in the final inning, when several Myrtle Creek errors gave Medford the winning run.

The Vikings' record to date stands at two losses and one victory, the win being against Roseburg 6 to 2. Roseburg and Myrtle Creek are scheduled to play again this afternoon on Finlay Field.

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Local participants in the Red Cross fund campaign included Mrs. Vern Jones and Mrs. Foster, residential collections from Deady to Nonpareil; Mrs. Vera Mathewman, school teachers; Mrs. Elmer Winslow, Sutherland Homes federal housing project; Mrs. Louis Allen, business district.

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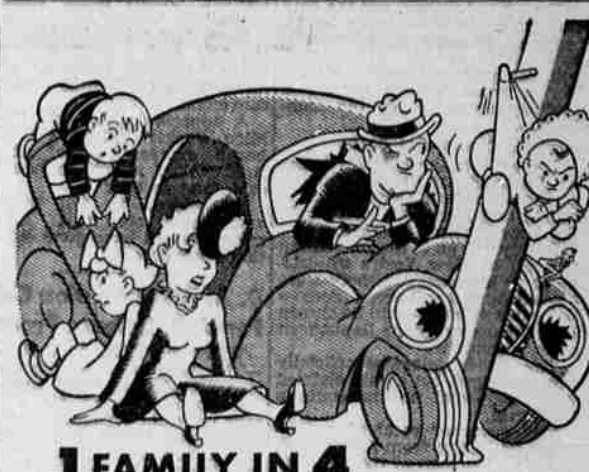
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