

# Secor Largest Wheat Crop Of Record Forecast, Spelling Return To Pre-War Controls

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—The government reports that this year's wheat crop will be the second largest of record, and that supply will be greatly in excess of market demands. That means a return to pre-war production controls in 1950 appears likely.

## Less Oats For Rye

This year's oat crop was forecast at 174,934,000 bushels in the first estimate of the season for the U. S. Production last year was 1,752,000 bushels. The ten-year average is 1,234,082,000.

The rye crop was put at 21,557,000 bushels, or 523,000 bushels more than the 21,034,000 bushels a month ago. Production last year was 188,000 bushels and the ten-year average is 35,109,000.

In a first forecast of the year, the hay crop was forecast at 283,000,000 bushels. This compares with 317,037,000 last year and the ten-year average of 304,741,000.

The peach crop was forecast at 77,123,000 bushels, compared with 65,352,000 bushels last year and the ten-year average of 68,700,000.

The pear crop was put at 33,630,000 bushels, compared with 24,000,000 bushels last year and the ten-year average of 30,832,000.

The cherry crop was forecast at 2,000,000 bushels compared with 214,000 bushels last year and the ten-year average of 172,000 bushels.

The apricot crop was indicated at 227,000 tons compared with 7,000 tons last year and 227,000 tons the ten-year average.

Production of milk in May was reported at 11,888,000,000 pounds compared with 10,226,000,000 in April, 11,702,000,000 in May last year and 11,686,000,000 for the ten-year May average.

Egg production in May was reported at 5,845,000,000, compared with 6,105,000,000 in April, 5,989,000,000 in May last year and 5,716,000,000 for the ten-year May average.

The agriculture department estimated the 1949 crop at 1,336,975,000 bushels. Added to estimated reserves of about 300,000,000 bushels, such a crop would mean a total supply of 1,636,000,000 bushels this year.

Secretary Brannan said in a recent statement that if the supply is in excess of 1,600,000,000 it might be necessary to proclaim rigid marketing quotas next year to keep wheat stock from becoming excessive.

Crop control laws make proclamation of quotas mandatory when supplies reach a certain level above market demands. A decision on quotas will be made this week. Aides said Brannan wanted time to study the matter.

## Pickers Needed At Salem, Cherry Harvest Center

With the strawberry harvest past its peak in most areas and labor supply fairly adequate, attention of the Oregon State Employment Service agricultural section is shifting to cherries and peaches, harvest of which will get under full way during the coming week.

About 1,350 outside cherry pickers will be needed—mostly in the Willamette Valley—while a shortage of 250 husky single men for handling peaches is reported from the Pendleton local office.

Center of the cherry demand is Salem, where picking of Royal Annes will start June 13. About 600 more pickers can find work, the local office reports, while other calls have been issued from Eugene for 250, Freewater for 100, McMinnville for 200 and Mosier (between Hood River and The Dalles) for 200.

Hood River also is asking for 50 men for thinning apples and peaches. Farm housing is available but workers must have their own bedding and utensils, it is warned.

Housing for farm labor also can be found at the Salem, Athena, Dayton and Ontario camps, while in most sections farm cabins are available.

Picking of strawberries will continue in certain areas of Northwestern Oregon for about two weeks, while the gathering of cane berries will start about June 25, slightly earlier than usual.

Earl R. Lovell, state employment service director, stresses that information should be secured from employment offices or special farm labor offices before moving to new areas. As a guide to prospective workers, a five-fold pamphlet on seasonal harvests all over the state has been issued and will be available at local offices.

Cherry growers to get lowest prices for years. PORTLAND, June 13.—(AP)—Cherry growers are about to receive the lowest prices for their product since before the war.

The Department of Agriculture reported a bumper Willamette Valley crop in prospect, plus heavy carry over of binned cherries, which would result in the drop from war and postwar year levels.

Briners are offering 5 cents a pound for Royal Annes, 4 1/2 cents for other varieties. The canning price level at Wenatchee was reported at 7 cents, the same as paid by California briners.

Two Passenger Buses Collide in Portland. Two passenger buses collided at an uptown intersection here Friday night with the two drivers and ten passengers suffering minor injuries.

Eight of the injured were released after hospital treatment. The other four were held for further checks.

Involved were a Milwaukee bus of the Oregon Motor Stage lines and a Portland Traction Company bus on a city run.

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DRUMSTICKS PLUS—This three-legged chicken is really a shopper stopper. The unusual bird arrived in a shipment to a Cleveland, O., poultry shop but won't end up on someone's dinner table. She's on display in the store window and owner Andy Hoveer says he'll keep the hen as a pet.

## Plan To Impose U. S. Fiscal Chaos Overseas Rapped

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) questioned Thursday the need of the Economic Cooperation Administration bringing European fiscal experts over to American methods of government administration.

"It seems to me," he said in the Congressional Record, "that the only lesson they will learn is the horrible example of how a budget can remain unbalanced in a period of this nation's highest income level."

Norblad said the ECA reason for bringing the experts here was that inadequate controls over government expenditures and ineffective and inadequate systems of taxation in cooperating European countries create unbalanced budgets, thereby contributing to inflation and postponing recovery.

The Oregonian asserted that the United States has balanced its budget only once in the last 17 years.

"Yet we spend an additional half million to bring Europeans here to study our methods and at the same time go into the red another \$800,000 by sending our experts to Europe to teach them budget balancing and efficient government operation," he said.

"We are certainly going into the red to the tune of about two billion dollars in the United States again this year."

Auto-Tanker Collision Kills Couple Near Baker. BAKER, June 13.—(AP)—Collision of an automobile and a tanker near Huntington Thursday resulted in the death of David Rudolf Kroon, 61, New York City, and his wife, Elva May.

State Police reported this morning that the Kroon car, travelling at a high speed, collided head on with a tanker truck and trailer at the bottom of the Huntington Hill near a bridge. Kroon died outright. Mrs. Kroon died later in a hospital. Their car was demolished.

The truck, owned by Pacific Co-op, was operated by Alfred Victor Gouge, 29, Baker.

THE GREATER WORRY. JUNEAU, Alaska, June 13.—(AP)—A native boy spotted a porcupine in a tree and Juneau was without electricity for three-quarters of an hour Wednesday.

The lad couldn't get up the tree, so he cut it down. In falling it severed the 2,600-volt power line supplying this city.

The boy couldn't be found. And whatirks Juneau folks further—it was reported that he didn't even catch the porky.

## Prison Term Handed To Flashlight Of Robins

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 13.—(AP)—The question "who killed cock robin" has been answered. United States District Judge Leslie R. Darr says it's Adolphus Kirk, 36, of Fayetteville, Tenn.

Judge Darr Thursday sentenced Kirk, under the migratory bird act, to 30 days at the Federal Prison Farm at Ashland, Ky., for "thrashing robins."

The government accused Kirk of flashing a light to blind droves of robins in trees after dark and killing them with sticks.

Kirk also was sentenced to an additional year and a day at the prison farm—for attacking the game warden who arrested him.

## Interruption Ends At Hudson Motor Car Co.

DETROIT, June 13.—(AP)—After a third interruption within the week, the Hudson Motor Car Co. resumed operations Friday.

Hudson Friday laid off 15,000 men for the day because of what it called a "wildcat" strike by a few assembly workers.

On Monday and Wednesday there had been similar incidents at the factory.

A company spokesman said the strikers had offered no grievance.

Claude Bland, president of Hudson Local 154, CIO United Auto Workers, said the men complained because management refused to negotiate over retiming of operations.

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## Pais Rescue Injured Boy From Rogue River

GRANTS PASS, June 13.—(AP) Don James, 13, is alive today because two young companions succeeded in rescuing him from the waters of the Rogue River after he had already suffered two broken wrists and other injuries in a 17-foot fall from a railroad bridge Wednesday afternoon.

The rescuers were the boy's brother, Dick, and Bob Hastings, each 15, who were swimming in the river below the bridge as Don prepared to jump into the water. The boy evidently lost his balance and plunged onto a plank pier. He rolled off the pier into the water.

## Hungarian Officer Slain In Treason Attempt

VIENNA, Austria, June 13.—(AP)—A Viennese newspaper said Friday a top Hungarian police officer was shot to death Thursday while trying to escape into Austria carrying a list of Hungarian secret service documents.

The Socialist Arbeiterzeitung, which is usually well-informed, identified the man as Colonel Oszso, chief of the personnel branch of the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior.

It said he managed to hide the list before being seized and shot by Hungarian police near the border.

## Ousted Doctors Go Back When Opponents Resign

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., June 13.—(AP)—Twelve ousted doctors look back their jobs at Georgia's hospital for the insane Friday, as State Welfare Director Jack Forrester and Deputy Director A. Dechman resigned.

Forrester and Dechman, whose administration the doctors had protested, submitted their resignations last night.

## Atlantic Pact Shield Against Russia, Bevin Says

BLACKPOOL, Eng., June 13.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin Thursday described the Atlantic Pact as a western shield against the biggest army in the world—Russia's.

"It is the largest army, the greatest power in the world that is mobilized today," Bevin told the annual Labor Party conference, "and I want to see that brought to an end, not by war but by example, by remaining firm ourselves."

Obviously referring to the Soviet Union, Bevin said: "There has never been a dictator in the history of this world who has not talked peace when he had been preparing for war. Do not be misled."

Bevin called the 12-nation North Atlantic pact "the biggest step in collective security that has been taken in the history of the world."

He told the convention "something may yet emerge" from the Big Four meeting in Paris.

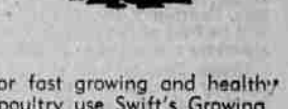
"You never know what will happen before we break up," he said. He added "if we can't agree how to live, at least we may agree to live together."

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## Tractor-Pinned Farmer Kills Self To End Agony

RED CREEK, N. Y., June 11.—(AP)—A farmer pinned by an overturned tractor strangled himself with twigs to end his agony, a coroner's physician reported.

James Jenkins, 52, was caught Thursday beneath the machine when it tipped over backward while hauling a mower up a steep hill in an orchard. The tractor seat crushed his abdomen.

Dr. Charles Single, acting as a Wayne County coroner's physician, said Jenkins apparently grasped twigs from a nearby bush, placed them around his throat and strangled himself.

The body was found by a neighbor several hours later.

## Winter Pear Marketing Plans Being Prepared

MEDFORD, Ore., June 13.—(AP) Winter pear marketing plans are being prepared by the Stanford Research Institute for Oregon, California and Washington growers.

R. A. Patterson, Portland, manager of the Oregon Pear Bureau, held here the first of five meetings outlining the campaign.

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