



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**—Perspiring church women string Christmas lights on an evergreen tree in preparation for a midsummer Yuletide party at Kendallville, Ind. Methodist Church members thought Christmas is too commercialized in December so decided to hold their own celebration, stressing religious aspects, in July. The tree had to be set up indoors because too many bugs outside waited to join in on the festivities.

**LESS MILLIONAIRES**  
**Britain Down To Mere 54, Revenue Report Reveals**

LONDON, Aug. 2. — (P) — Britain is down to its last 54 millionaires, the government reported today.

The inland revenue commissioners consider a man a millionaire if he has an annual income of £1,000 (\$400,000) or more.

Their report for the year ended March 31 showed a decline of two in this class compared with the 56 of the preceding 12 months.

Only 70 people in Britain were left with a net income of more than £6,000 pounds (\$24,000) for the year, after paying taxes.

The report, on the other hand, set forth that 2,200 people had incomes of more than £20,000 (\$80,000) before paying taxes.

Out of 21 million income taxpayers, 18,375,000 made less than £500 (\$2,000) and 2,030,000 had less than £150 (\$600) left after paying taxes.

The standard income tax rate in Britain is 45 per cent.

**Export Limits Lifted On Wheat Shipments**

Limits have been lifted on the amount of wheat that may be shipped to other countries, the Department of Agriculture has announced. No restrictions were in effect for Western Hemisphere countries and the Philippines. Restrictions on flour were lifted some time ago.

Earlier this month, the Department of Commerce announced the decontrol of exports of grains other than wheat. On these grains there are now no export restrictions except that export licenses are required for quantities going to European countries and some adjacent areas.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will continue to supply wheat to all areas outside the Western Hemisphere and the Philippines, except that amounts not in excess of 100 long tons may be exported through commercial channels.

**Hunters On Lookout For Mountain Lion**

PRICE, Utah, Aug. 2. — (P) — Government hunters have launched a search for a mountain lion blamed for the greatest sheep kill reported here in recent years.

Owen M. Morris, district agent for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the single animal is known to have killed more than 350 sheep. The predator operates in the Avintaguin district north of here.

Morris said the lion, after making a kill, devours a portion of the sheep and then attempts to cover the remainder of the carcass with leaves and loose brush. Tracks indicate the slaughterer is all the work of one lion.

Arnold Button of Kanab, Utah, predatory animal hunter, and Erl Stevens, field supervisor, have been assigned the difficult task of tracking down the animal without benefit of winter snows. Hunters say lions are rarely caught unless there is a trail for dogs to follow.

**Oregon Demos To Have Dollar-A-Month Club**

PORTLAND, Aug. 2. — (P) — The state democratic executive committee has okayed a dollar-a-month club to help swell the party's political coffers.

The plan was proposed by Chairman Austin Flegel during sessions Saturday.

The committee also overhauled the party's state constitution. The basic change was a revision allowing mail balloting of state central committee members on party issues, but only if a majority of the officers or the executive committee call for the ballot.

Jim Goodsell, Astoria newspaperman, was confirmed in his job as the party's first paid executive secretary. He will have headquarters in Portland and arrange party functions and publicity.

**Milk, Eggs Reach High Despite Hot Weather**

Milk production per cow on July 1 was the highest of record for the date, despite reduced pasture feed and hot weather. June milk production, while slightly more than in 1948, was otherwise lowest in 9 years. Production in each month of 1949 has exceeded that in the same month of 1948.

Egg production continued at a relatively heavy rate, both in total and eggs per layer. Chicks and young chickens on farms number 12 per cent more than a year ago, but still 5 per cent below average. Prices of eggs and chickens, compared with feed prices, were more favorable for producers than a year ago.



**JAP PORT HONORS PERRY** — C. K. Huston, U. S. diplomat, speaks at the Perry Memorial, Yokosuka, on 95th anniversary of Commodore Perry's landing in Japan.

**Bill In Congress Would Establish Military Academy**

PENDLETON, Aug. 1. — (P) — Oregon Representative Lowell Stockman and several other congressmen introduced a bill in Congress recently to establish a third academy to train military officers, preferably in eastern Oregon.

The Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, recently appointed a service academy board to study service academy needs for the national military establishment and to decide whether the proposed academy will be an air academy or a general one for the three services.

Stockman said: "I am convinced there is need for another service academy, since due to plant limitations it is impossible for the present military and naval academies to be expanded.

Even with a third academy the congressmen estimate that these schools would be sufficient to supply one-fourth of the estimated active-duty officer strength of the services.

Stockman further explained that the study of the board is to be a very broad one on the academy problem. The needs of military service for educated men who are to be the future officers and leaders of the three services are evident, he said.

**Man Kicked To Death As Onlookers Kept Away**

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 2. — (P) — A man was kicked to death Sunday by two men who brandished a knife to keep a downtown crowd from coming to his aid.

Police called it one of the city's most brutal crimes. They said there was no apparent motive for the attack.

The victim was Edward Conrad O'Brien, a bottling company employee. He died on the way to a hospital.

Detective Capt. Dewey E. Williams identified the two men being held in connection with the

**Milk Production Study Made By Government**

The U. S. Department of Agriculture and state agricultural experiment stations in different parts of the country are making careful checks of the amount of milk cows produce when on good pasture.

At the Beltsville station of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, dairy cows on fertilized pastures are producing around 5,500 pounds of milk a year. At Lewisburg, Tennessee, an acre of well fertilized pasture produced 3,677 pounds of milk a year. At the Maine station they produced 5,000 pounds of milk from an acre of ladino clover and good land.

In Oregon cows on good pasture produced 5,760 pounds of milk.

In arranging a buffet table place the silver and china in a symmetrical design so that they will be easy to reach. Unless the table is a very large one it is usually best to bring the dessert, with its accompanying china and silver, after the main course has been served.

attack as Harry Burdette, 25, and Fred Painter, 30.

Police said O'Brien was attacked after he had stopped at a newsstand to buy a paper.

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**Chamber President Dies Watching Baseball Game**

MADRAS, Aug. 2. — (P) — Guy F. Wade, 49, president of the Madras chamber of commerce, died of a heart attack Friday night while he was watching a sandlot baseball game.

of his career, Wade had opened a real estate and insurance firm here only three years ago. Before that, he had been in banking at White Salmon, Wash., at Madras, and served from 1944 to 1946 with the state banking department and the state tax commission at Salem.

The widow, Marjorie, survives.

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**'49 Wheat Support Is \$1.93 A Bushel**

Government price support on the 1949 crop of wheat will be \$1.93 a bushel to farmers in Douglas county, according to J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee. Loans will be available through the Commodity Credit corporation through January, 1950, and will mature on April 30, 1950, or earlier on demand.

The national average loan rate to farmers for 1949-crop wheat is \$1.95 a bushel, which is 90 per cent of parity as of July 1, the beginning of the marketing year. Last year's rate was \$2.00.

Wheat support prices at terminal markets will range from \$1.16 to \$2.38 a bushel for 1949 crop No. 1 wheat stored in eligible warehouses at specified terminal markets. The rate quoted for Portland is \$2.16 per bushel.

Only wheat grading No. 3 or better, or No. 4 or No. 5 because of test weight or because it contains wheat of the classes durum and/or red durum, will be eligible for loan or purchase. A schedule of premiums and discounts for various qualities of the 1949-crop wheat, differing slightly from those in effect for the 1948 crop, will be issued at an early date.

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