

# What Can Average Man Do About Atom Bomb? Nothing, That Is Columnist's Advice

By HAL BOYLE  
 NEW YORK — (AP) — Naturally everyone today is wondering what he should do about the atom bomb.  
 The best possible advice to follow is—don't buy one now on a rising market.  
 Why have one around the house at all? You can't tune in a baseball program on it like you can on a television set. It's too heavy to throw at a cat and too big to fire at a burglar. And the resale or trade-in value of a used atom bomb is practically zero.  
 Nope, you might as well turn the whole matter over to the international diplomats of the United Nations, whose theme song is: "You show me your stockpile, and I'll show you mine."  
**Bored By Bomb**  
 I think the average man will be glad to let it go at that. For he has become bored to death with the atom bomb. He is annoyed at seeing what was to be the century of the common man turned into the century of the big



**ALL-AROUND PIG**—Besides being round all around, Barney's extremely versatile as pigs go. Not only does he stand in for a horse for eight-year-old Dick Hough, Barney also points game birds for his master in Portland, Indiana. The porker's career as a hunter is soon to be ended, though—it's a tight squeeze trying to get 325 pounds of pork-out-the-hoof through a fence.

firecracker. And he isn't happy to know that the \$64 question of his generation will may be, "Where do we blow from here, boys?"  
 Today a duel with atom bombs could be as mutually deadly to nations as shotguns at five paces would be to two individuals.  
 Atom bombs can be delivered by plane, ship, submarine, or rocket—every way except by parcel post. All nations that took part in any such merry warfare would suffer, and the casualties would be measured by entire cities rather than platoons.  
 Imagine the communique: "A joint force of allied bombers today attacked and wiped out Minsk, according to plan. Our interceptor fighter engaged an enemy flight over the eastern seaboard and shot down 50 planes. Boston is missing."  
 Four years ago I toured stricken Nagasaki, black scar in the hills. Room by room I explored a shattered concrete and steel modern hospital in which every patient had been killed. But the dead had been carted away by then, stacked, doused with gasoline and burned. What impressed me most were the windows—the glasses had melted and run like dribbles of candle wax.  
 There is much wise talk about how to protect yourself in the event of atom warfare. The experts agree that dispersal is fine. But they don't explain how a man who owns a delicatessen store off Broadway can move it to a cow pasture in Wisconsin and still sell enough sandwiches to make his living.  
 Actually about all the ordinary citizen in any country can do about the atom bombs to dislike it—and pray that nobody blows a bugle.

## Federal Funds To Aid Program For School Lunches

More than \$570,728 in federal funds will be allocated to Oregon under the National school lunch program for 1949-50. The funds are used to reimburse participating schools for a part of local purchases of food for school lunches. Besides providing nutritious lunches for local school children, these purchases enlarge the market for locally produced foods.

Federal funds are apportioned according to the number of children of school age and the per capita income of each State. The law requires that Federal funds must be matched equally by funds from sources within the States, except where the State's per capita income is lower than the U.S. average.

For this year's program, Congress appropriated \$83,500,000, of which \$6,625,000 has been distributed to the 48 states, the District of Columbia, and the Territories of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Alaska, and the Virgin Islands. This is \$5 and 3/4 million more than was allocated last year, when appropriations totaled \$75 million. The portion not allocated is used by the Department of Agriculture for administrative expenses and for the purchase and distribution of foods of special nutritive value to participating schools. For 1949-50, \$17,250,000 has been earmarked for such purposes.

The program is administered by the department through state educational agencies. More than 1.1 billion school meals were served last year to about a fourth of the nation's school children.

## Gadgets To Check Cows' Difficulties With Heat

DAVIS, Calif. — (AP) — Cows, too, have trouble with the heat. University of California scientists are studying the problem. They have constructed two miniature weather stations to find out how hot it gets in corrals in the Imperial valley.

The idea is to find out how much shade and moisture can help cattle under extreme heat. Cattle in the valley feed normally in the morning during hot weather. But when the sun begins to set they seek shade until driven out to forage by hunger.

Prof. F. A. Brooks of the College of Agriculture Experiment Station says the new weather recording gadgets weigh less than 100 pounds. They will record air temperature, relative humidity, air velocity, soil temperature and rate of evaporation.

## Soybean Industry Rise In America Spectacular

WASHINGTON — (AP) — In 40 years soy beans have risen from almost nothing to one of the major U. S. crops, says W. J. Morse of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The department first became interested in the crop in 1908.

The beans were imported from China. At first there was little use made of them in this country. Mostly they were planted when some other crop failed. Then they were used for many years mainly as a forage crop.

After 1930, however, soy beans began to have a place in many crop rotations. Now they are widely used as a cash crop. The beans are sold for food and industrial uses.

## Filbert Prices To Be Near Those Of Last Year

DUNDEE, Ore. — (AP) — Prices for this year's filberts will be only a cent below last year's, a Northwest Nut growers' association spokesman announces.

J. E. Trunk, general manager, said the opening prices would be from 18 1/2 to 22 cents a pound on Barcelonas and Brixnuts, and 18 1/2 to 21 1/2 on Du Chilly types. The prices are for bulk lots, f.o.b. at the plants.

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## Oregon Peppermint Oil Harvest To Hit New High

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The state will produce about 40 percent of the national total. Producing states which trail Oregon are, in order, Indiana, Washington and Michigan.

In 1933 Oregon planted 900 acres to peppermint. This year's acreage is 14,500.

## Oregon Farm Income Tops Lumbering, Meeting Told

HILLSBORO, Ore. — (AP) — Farm income now is more important to Oregon than lumbering, previously regarded as the No. 1 industry in the state.

So stated Lowell Steen, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation at a regional meeting of the organization here.

He told the 75 delegates from Northwestern Oregon counties that farm income had outstripped lumbering in recent years.

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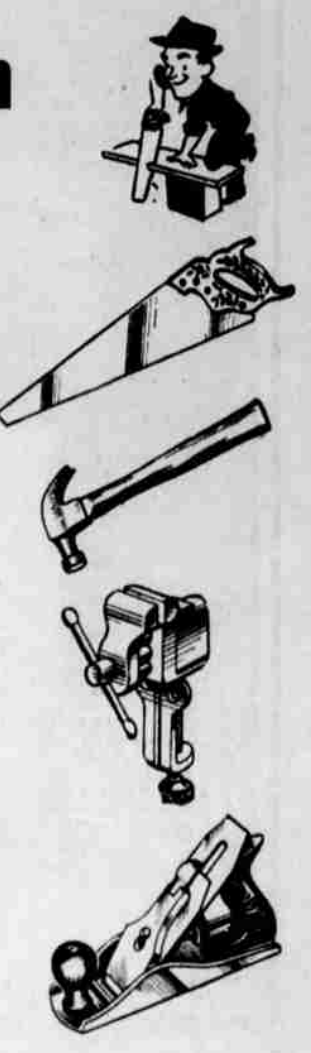
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