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**Growers Get Top Prices For Grass-And Legume Seeds**

Grass and legume seeds were moving rapidly and bringing growers record on above average prices on September 15, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Timothy was bringing growers an average of \$20.47 per hundred pounds in mid-September, the highest price on record. About 80 percent of the crop had moved out of growers' hands as compared with a usual 64 percent.

Sweet clover averaged \$13.87 per hundred, compared with the 1943-47 average of \$9.72 per hundred; 63 percent of the crop had moved out of growers' hands as compared with the usual 41 percent.

Alsike clover seed sold for \$28.17 per hundred as compared with the average of \$27.63. About 45 percent of the crop had moved compared with a usual 38 percent.

Other September 15 prices, average prices and percentage of seed moved at \$47.10 per 100 pounds, compared with the average of \$14.08.

Farmers buying cover crop seed on September 15 were paying \$13.30 for common and Willamette vetches and \$15.70 for common ryegrass, as compared with \$12.40 and \$12 respectively a year ago.

Prices of other cover crop seeds were lower than a year ago: Austrian winter peas \$8.14 (\$10.40 a year ago); hairy vetch \$20.60 (\$25.10); crimson clover \$27.50 (\$30.30); blue lupine \$6.65 (\$7.61).

**Industry Profits Turn Upward In Third Quarter**

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. — (AP) — Profits of American industry turned upwards in the third quarter of this year for the first time in 12 months.

They stand only slightly below the all-time high mark of a year ago, when third quarter earnings were the peak in the record year of 1948.

An unusual feature of the third quarter was the substantial increase in earnings of automobile companies, which off-set a sharp decline in oil company profits.

The compilation by the Associated Press of earnings reports of 314 leading corporations in all major fields showed today a total net profit of \$1,003,644,061 in the July-September quarter.

That is 4.3 per cent higher than the total of \$962,102,819 reported by the same corporations in the second quarter of this year.

It is only 4.1 per cent lower than the \$1,046,983,291 earned by these companies in the third quarter of 1948.

Corporate earnings slid lower in the final quarter of 1948 from their third quarter peak, and the decline continued in the first and second quarters of this year.

The upturn was not surprising to those who watched the recession of early 1949 give way gradually to an economic recovery around mid-year. The present profit trend confirms that rebound.

Largely responsible for the all-over good showing are the earnings of two automobile companies.

The increase in their earnings more than balanced the decline in profits shown by the oil companies.

Chrysler and General Motors increased their earnings by more than \$98,000,000 in the third quarter of this year over a year ago, while the earnings of 22 oil companies fell nearly \$97,000,000 below the level of the third quarter of 1948.

A comparison of the third quarter of this year with the previous quarter shows the two motor makers added more than \$41,000,000 to their earnings, while the oil companies fell back by some \$13,000,000.

Out of the 24 principal groups of companies, only seven showed increases in earnings in the third quarter over a year ago, but 14 of them increased their earnings in the third quarter over the second quarter.

The English sparrow was introduced into the United States in 1850, imported to free shade trees of destructive caterpillars — which, it turned out, it would not eat.



**SHMOOS TO YOU!**—The names of these two odd-looking creatures were not learned, but they appear to be ghosts of a different—well anyhow, they illustrate the influence of the currently popular Lil Abner comic strip.—(Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

**Government of Italy Is Facing Threat Of Upset**

ROME, Nov. 2. — (AP) — Italian socialist wrangling today threatened to upset Premier De Gasperi's coalition government.

Dissension among the nation's small groups of moderate, anti-communist socialists brought the sudden resignation last night of three of their number from De Gasperi's cabinet.

While the moderate socialists count for little in the overwhelmingly Christian-Democrat government, their action may automatically cause the entire cabinet to fall.

Should their resignations stand, traditional parliamentary procedure requires the premier and his whole cabinet to resign.

In that event, De Gasperi's re-appointment to form a new government seems certain, since his Christian-Democrat party won a heavy majority in the 1948 general elections.

Those resigning were vice-premier Giuseppe Saragat, leader of the Italian Socialist Labor party (PSLI), and two other PSLI representatives.

Saragat, minimizing the threat his socialists will continue to back Italy's pro-American policies in parliament. He promised the party's 40 or so deputies and senators would "continue to support the Atlantic pact and all general lines of Premier Alcide De Gasperi's government."

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**Subsidy Granted Farmer Tops In General Benefit**

Speaking on price supports, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan recently pointed out that many businesses have received price protection for a long time, on the assumption that these benefits were in the public interest.

"From the very early days of our Nation", the secretary said, "we have had protective tariffs for the benefit of industry. We have had airmail contracts to subsidize aviation. We have special concessions in our postal regulations—for the benefit of those engaged in the publishing business."

"The justification for all of these subsidies is that they are intended to serve the whole American people. But I doubt very much if any subsidy gives as much to the entire American people per dollar of cost as we all have derived from the agricultural price support programs of the past and that we can derive from an improved price

**Sheriff's Kin, Another Soldier Face Charges**

EVERETT, Nov. 2. — (AP) — Two soldiers stationed at Paine field have admitted being in a stolen Army truck that last Thursday night crashed into two cars, injuring four persons, two critically. Police revealed today. The soldiers were identified as Ernest S. Murphy and Jerry L. Evans, both 21.

The two men were being held in the city jail without charge and officers state that charges to be brought against them hinge on the recovery of the seriously injured victims. These are Lawrence Warnock and Harvey McFarland, both of Everett. Warnock is a cousin of Tom Warnock, Snohomish county sheriff.

stabilization program in the future.

"The protection of the farmer's income also protects indirectly the income of industry and the wages of labor. There is hardly a single place of business that does not prosper when the farmer prospers. There is no one who is not affected to a marked degree by the level of farm purchasing power."

**Wedding Will Be Quiet, Vice President Barkley Says**

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 2. — (AP) — Vice President Alben W. Barkley and Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley announced Monday their wedding Nov. 18 will be a quiet and simple one.

It will be performed in the Chapel of St. John's Methodist church here at noon.

Only members of their immediate families will be present, the couple said. There will be no formal invitations.

Barkley's best man will be his son, David M. Barkley of Paducah, Ky. Mrs. Hadley was not ready to say who will stand with her.

The 71-year-old vice president and the 38-year-old bride-to-be disclosed their wedding plans to reporters here.

After the wedding, the "veep" and his bride will move to Barkley's home near Paducah, Ky. The place is known as "The Angles."

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