

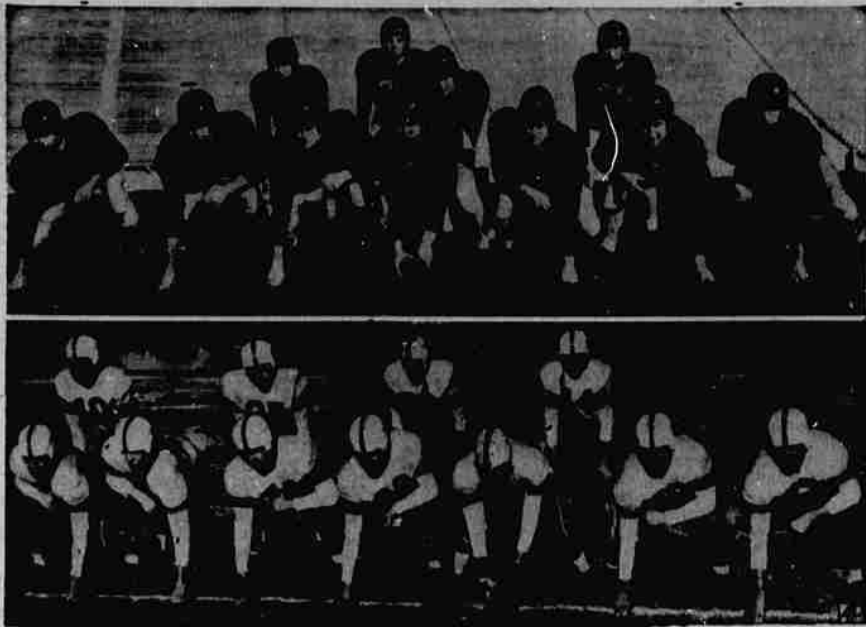
### Crop Production For Year Second Only To 1948's

WASHINGTON—(P)—A final Agriculture Department survey shows that crop production this year was second only to last year's record.

The big volume produced surpluses in some crops—and led the government to propose reestablishment of prewar controls to hold down production next year.

No longer do postwar shortages exist.

The big showing was the result of a uniformly large production of most crops with only a few ex-



**OFFENSIVE ROSE BOWL TEAMS**—University of California's offensive team (top) which will face Ohio State Jan. 2, in Pasadena's Rose Bowl are, line (L-R): Norm Pressley, Jim Turner, Rod Franz, George Stathakis, Ray DeJong, Jim Cullum and Dan Bedgovich, Backfield (L-R): Jim Monachino, Pete Schaberu, Bob Celeri and Frank Brunk. (bottom) Ohio State's offensive starters as they ran a signal drill at Pasadena, Calif. The line: Jim Haque, Capt. Jack Wilson, Dick O'Hanlon, John Biltz, Bob McCullough, George Tonoff and Dick Schnittker. Backs, (L-R): Ray Hamilton, Pandel Savie, Fred Morrison and Gerald Krall. (AP Wirephoto)



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### Williams Tops Batters; Records Shattered

ther outstandingly larger or smaller than usual.

Corn—The No. 1 crop from the standpoint of size and importance to the food supply—was estimated at 3,378,000,000. This was eight percent below last year's record of 3,682,000,000 bushels, but 21 percent above average.

Production controls of some kind or another already have been announced or are expected to be announced soon for next year's crops of major types of wheat, soybeans and potatoes.

The crop acreage harvested this year was the largest since 1932.

Record crops were shown this year for rice, dry beans and pears, but relatively large crops included soybeans, grain sorghums, wheat, oats, flaxseed, apples, peaches and cherries.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 — (P)—Boston's Ted Williams was officially crowned the American league's 1949 slugging king today while an assortment of 30 major league records was certified as broken or tied for the season.

Williams, shaded out of the batting title by Detroit's George Kell 3429 to 3427, hammered .650 in the slugging division, this percentage is figured on total divided by times at bat.

Williams and his teammate, Vern Stephens, finished in a dead heat for the RBI honor, each slugging in 159. Each had a chance to take the crown outright on the final day, but both failed to produce against New York pitching.

Joe Second Joe Di Maggio of the Yankees, sidelined until midseason with a painful heel injury, was second among sluggers with .596. Stephens, the stocky Red Sox shortstop, was third with .539. Di Maggio belted in 67 runs in 76 games. Williams and Stephens were in 155 games.

Williams again was the most feared batter, with pitchers giving up 162 walks to him—13 more than to Philadelphia's Eddie Joost, second in this bracket. Ted famed 48 times. Dick Kokos of the St. Louis Browns was the No. 1 strikeout victim. He was whiffed 91 times, once more than Cleveland's Larry Doby.

Among the major league records broken were 217 plays by Philadelphia, and a total of 103 errors committed by Cleveland, lowest in history. Cleveland also tied its own fielding mark of .893.

In double plays, Boston also cracked the old record with 207, finishing second to the Athletics in a season, 1487, and fewest passed balls, 53.

Other major league records broken:

Most years 100 or more home runs—New York, 26.

Most bases on balls by one club, season—835, Boston.

Most bases on balls by one club, inning—11, New York.

Most pitchers used in a game by one club—9, St. Louis.

Most double plays, season, league—1,487.

Fewest unplayed games, season, league—eight years.

Most consecutive years leading bases on balls—6, Williams.

Most consecutive years, 100 or more bases on balls—6, Williams.

Most times grounded into double plays for one club—160, Philadelphia.

Most times grounded into double plays by one player—31, Doerr.

Most assists by first baseman, season—155, Mickey Vernon of Cleveland.

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