

Oregon Farms' Income Grows

Total Is up \$18,000,000 Over 1936, Despite Drop in Governmental Aid

For the first time, preliminary estimates of Oregon farmer's cash incomes from most of the principal crops are presented with the December crop report, covering the livestock and livestock products calendar year.

From crops for 1936, \$53,550,000; for 1937, \$64,700,000; from 1938, \$53,000,000; for 1937, \$60,125,000. Cash income for 1936, \$106,550,000; for 1937, \$124,825,000; Governmental aid for 1936, \$2,815,000; for 1937, \$2,486,000. Total for 1936, \$109,365,000; for 1937, \$127,311,000.

Year as Whole Good
The production of agricultural products in Oregon during 1937, with a few exceptions, was quite satisfactory. The crops seeded in the autumn of 1936 got off to a poor start on account of the unusually dry fall. The winter was more unfavorable than usual and it was necessary to reseed a rather large acreage of the fall seeded crops. Spring rains continued later than usual, which delayed spring seeding, reduced the production of some of the fruit crops, and resulted in some loss of the first cuttings of hay. The late spring rains and moderate summer temperatures were especially beneficial to the grain and grass crops, with the result that the summer and fall pastures were the best in several years and milk production held up quite well.

Prices of several of the major crops declined during the year, with the result that the value of production of the general field crops declined from \$58,504,000 in 1936 to \$52,949,000 in 1937. For the fruit and nut crops as a whole, there was relatively little change from the previous year in the value of production; the figures being \$13,585,000 in 1936 and \$13,322,000 in 1937. The value of truck crop production showed an increase over 1936, the values being \$5,876,000 in 1937 and \$1,639,000 for the previous year. The valuation for all crops for which estimates are available totals \$76,449,000, a decrease of about 6 per cent from the \$75,085,000 valuation of the same crops in 1936.

During the autumn months, the weather was generally satisfactory and at the end of December prospects for crop production in 1937 were very good. Soil moisture conditions east of the Cascade mountains are reported to be the best in many years, and present prospects are for good grain and grass crops in 1938.

60,000 See Races
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1 (AP)—Sixty thousand persons, the largest crowd in the history of Santa Anita racing, saw Couer, generally overlooked by the best, win the \$5000 New Year stakes race.

Season's End Federal Survey Shows US Farm Output Heavy; 24,000,000 Acres Drouth Loss More Than Offset

CASH INCOME, U. S. FARMS (Estimated)		
	1936	1937
Cash income from 78 crops	\$3,462,000,000	\$3,840,000,000
Livestock and products	4,171,000,000	4,280,000,000
Crops and livestock	7,633,000,000	8,120,000,000
Government payments	287,000,000	380,000,000
Cash income plus gov't paym't	7,920,000,000	8,500,000,000

The end-of-the-season survey of the nation's crops by the crop reporting board of the United States department of agriculture tended to confirm most of the earlier indications but showed heavier loss of acreage in the drought area than had previously been reported. The more precise figures now available show more clearly than before that in most parts of the country this has been a season of exceptionally heavy crop yields which more than offset the loss of acreage and low yields in the drought area. The report was up to December 1.

The acreage of principal crops planted for harvest this year and subsequently abandoned now appears to have been about 24,000,000 acres. This includes chiefly wheat, 10,660,000 acres of winter wheat, only a portion of which would be resown to other crops; about 10,000,000 acres of spring wheat, oats, and barley; and 2,673,000 acres of corn. The acreage of planted crops which failed was about 20,000,000 acres less than losses in the great droughts of 1924 and 1926, roughly comparable with losses in 1925 and 1933, and probably 8,000,000 or 9,000,000 acres more than in any of the previous nine years for which fairly comparable estimates have been made. This makes 1937 the fifth consecutive year of heavy drought losses, and much of the 1937 drought area is still unfavorable for crops.

Non-Plant Bowl Crop Good
Nearly everywhere, outside of the drought area, a full acreage of crops appears to have been grown. In the country as a whole, crop yields on the acreage harvested were about 16.4 per cent above the average for the 10 years preceding 1933, which was the first year of the worst drought period. The high average of yields this season appears to have been due largely to exceptionally favorable weather conditions, to an upward trend that is evident in the yields of numerous crops as a result of the wider distribution of improved varieties and seed strains, to extra care and attention to details induced by the high prices of the drought years and to certain aspects of the soil conservation program.

Yields of wheat, barley, grain sorghums, and wild hay were well above the average during the last four years, but because of the large acreage in the drought area were below the 10-year, pre-drought average. Practically all other crops gave good to excellent yields. Yields of commercial truck crops, as a group, were below the level of some years ago but the highest since 1930. The yield of cotton, at 264.6 pounds per acre, was more than 18 per cent above the previous high record, set in 1926 before the boll weevil was troublesome. The yield of soybeans was the highest on record; peanut, tobacco and potato yields per acre were near the highest; and the yields of feed grains as a whole and of fruits appear to have been the highest in 10 years.

West Has Edge In Shrine Tilt

But two Scoring Chances Fail, Charity Tussle Is Scoreless Tie

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1 (AP)—East and west locked grips today in a mighty football struggle that ended in a scoreless tie to the cheers of 58,000 fans.

The 13th annual classic, bringing together the cream of the country's gridiron talent, and fought out for charity, was more even than any contest since the game was established in 1925.

It was a battle of ground power, as exemplified by the eastern all-stars, and a brilliant aerial attack which saw the western boys complete 14 out of 32 passes for a total of 151 yards.

Underrated and decided short-enders, the west squad, coached by Orin Hollingbery of Washington State college and Maj. Lawrence "Biff" Jones of Nebraska, actually held an edge on the offensive side.

City Leaguers Resume Firing

Chemawa Racers and CYO Will Mix

CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS					
Major Division					
	W	L	Pct. For Aft.		
Brooks Clothiers	3	1	.750	144	102
Chemawa All-Stars	3	1	.750	121	124
General Finance	2	2	.500	122	114
Udamsaette Frost	2	2	.500	100	121
CYO	1	3	.250	100	121
Safeway	1	3	.250	89	114

Holiday "time out" week past, both divisions of the city Y basketball league will resume firing on Tuesday and Thursday nights of this week, completing the first half schedule.

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Stray Dog Given Home Proves His Worth in Crisis

SPOKANE, Jan. 1 (AP)—Rufus, a stray shepherd dog taken gaunt and bedraggled from Spokane's streets, paid his debt to his owner, Ruth Sampson, today.

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"GIVE HER WINGS"

By MARIE BLIZARD

CHAPTER XVII
Once, when Julie had gone upstairs to powder her nose, she said to the girl in the mirror, "If I had a home like this, no one would ever get me into an airplane! I'd stay here and burrow right down in that nice green grass and get my view of the sky from there. Someday I'll have a place like this maybe."

She sighed. Dick would never have a place like the Cartridges. She had put Dick Jessup into a niche in her present plan. Nevertheless, she counted him among her assets. Rita had forgotten—or deliberately chosen not to mention him again and Julie had let explanations go.

"Miss Allerdyc!" Julie turned her head toward Mrs. Cartright. "We need you! I'm going to take some movies of Ivyplant mowing her new blue ribbon. Tom Hallbright says a picture of a horse without a pretty girl isn't interesting."

look at a picture of the lithe-limbed Julie whether or not his interest was in horses.

Hallbright said, "Mary, how about a little visual recording of my new plane? ... and will you, Miss Allerdyc, do the noble thing by me and pose getting into it?"

"I'll be glad to, but I think you ought to have someone else in the picture instead of me. I'm not what you'd call a ... isn't it called a camera hog?"

Julie began to enjoy her role as a moving picture actress. Well, maybe not an actress in the obvious sense of the word but actress she was. That enthusiastic half-run of hers toward the plane, eagerness in every line of her as she fastened a helmet over her tawny hair. See how gracefully, she gets a foothold on the strut, turns toward the camera with a quick, dazzling smile. Take note of the grace with which she lowers herself into the cockpit, the gallantry of her farewell salute as she raises her arm.

She said, "I don't know. Can you tell me a good reason why I might?"

"Yes and no. ... You're taking up flying in a serious way, I assume. Julie had nothing to say to that."

He roared with laughter and Julie pretended that she had meant it as a joke.

"No! Why shouldn't I be paid for it?" Julie said. "I'll try and explain: why did you take flying lessons? Stow it, sister, I know! Not because you 'just adore flying' but because you wanted to get a Big Chance. Well, this is it! It's come up and hit you in the face and you didn't even recognize it! Do it, sit tight and wait and see what it turns up for you. Well? ... Will you?"



POLLY AND HER PALS



A Willing Ghost!



MICKEY MOUSE



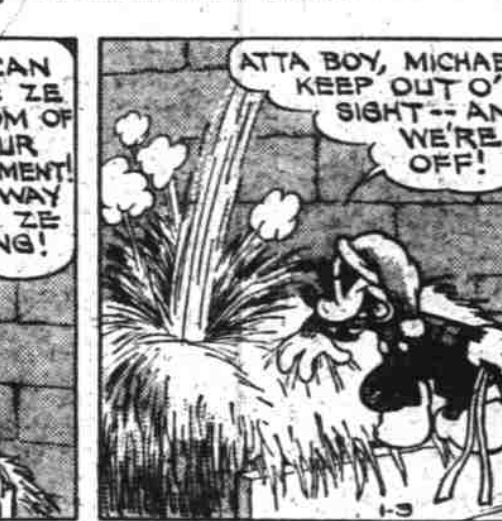
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LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY



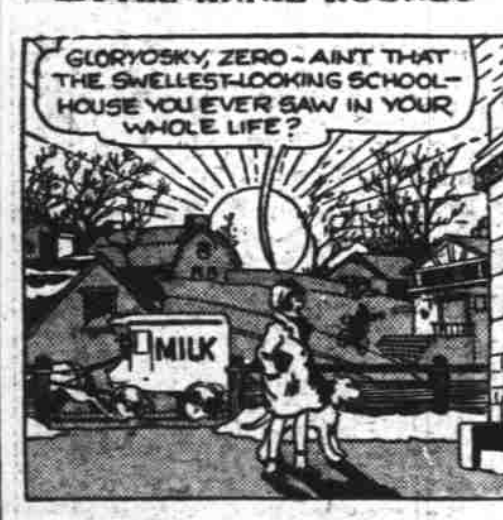
The Early Bird



TOOTS AND CASPER



The Colonel's Right on the Job



THIMBLE THEATRE



By JIMMY MURPHY



The King and the Pawn



By SEGAR