

# Winter Grain Estimate Huge

## Good Crop Forecast Cause of Inactivity; Exporting Stirs Some Life

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—A 1941 winter wheat crop of 633,000,000 bushels—the largest since 1938—was indicated on the basis of a December 1 condition of the crop, the agricultural department reported today.

Such a crop, coupled with an average spring wheat crop and existing surpluses, would provide a supply of around 1,200,000,000 bushels for next season, one of the largest on record, officials said.

Spring wheat production usually averages about 183,000,000 bushels. The present surplus has been estimated at about 390,000,000 bushels.

Unless foreign markets should open up, a supply of this size, officials said, might require a grower referendum on marketing quotas to keep a portion of the new crop off the market.

A winter wheat-crop of the size indicated would be about 7.5 per cent larger than the 1940 harvest of 589,000,000 and 9.8 per cent larger than the 10-year (1929-38) average of 571,000,000 bushels.

Production in 1938 was 686,000,000 bushels.

Conditions of the 1941 crop, which was seeded last fall, was 84 per cent normal—the best since the 1931 bumper winter wheat crop of 825,000,000 bushels.

Condition of the 1940 crop on the corresponding date was, by comparison, only 55 per cent of normal.

The department said 46,271,000 acres have been seeded to winter wheat, an increase of 5.6 per cent over the 43,820,000 acres planted for this year's crop, but slightly less than the 10-year average seedings of 47,808,000 acres.

An abandonment of about 11 per cent of the seeded acreage is indicated, the department said. Abandonment in 1940 was 17.5 per cent, the same as the 10-year average.

The department said the improvement in the condition of the crop above last year was greatest in the Great Plains, Rocky Mountain and Pacific northwest states.

"In those regions," it said, "the moisture conditions that favored seeding operations and generally brought the wheat up to good stands, and heavy top growth."

Grass seed ready at county agent's office.

# Salem Salesman Wins Contest, \$50



N. J. Vickerman, at right, Pontiac district manager, rewards Clark Van Orsdal, salesman for Herral-Owens Co. Pontiac dealer here, with \$50 check for selling largest number of 1941 Pontiacs during Pontiac's preferred order campaign last October, as B. E. "Kelly" Owens, left, and Robert Herral look on.

# Salem Market Quotations

Table of market quotations for various commodities including butterfat, hogs, and livestock.

# Quotations at Portland

Table of market quotations for Portland, including grain, produce, and livestock prices.

# Stock Market Has Poor Week

## Few Favorites up at Closing Time; Tax Worries Slow Buying Ardor

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—(AP)—Buying support came in for scattered favorites in today's stock market, but the list on the whole, finished a generally unsatisfactory week with inconclusive trends.

Shipbuilders stepped out in front at the last of the brief session, on steel and specialties.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was unchanged at 43, leaving it about where it was in September of this year and 1939.

Year-end tax-selling in several low-price stocks again accounted for a sizable portion of the volume which amounted to 420,992 shares compared with 390,360 last Saturday.

Aside from the restraint of account adjustments for the income blanks, brokers said, buying timidity was attributed partly to pessimism over next year's tax bill and lack of anything particularly stimulating in the new news budget.

As a group the better performers were American Motor Credit Co., Steel, Sears Roebuck, Glenn Martin, American Telephone, Anaconda, Kennecott, US Gypsum, Standard Oil of NJ, Texas Corp, Santa Fe, NY Central, and Great Northern.

A program was presented by the P.L. Girls club and included for the foundation of his new home, Calvin Bressler is doing the work.

JEFFERSON — A Boy Scout troop in Jefferson has been reorganized with ten boys, Irvine Wright is the scoutmaster.

TURNER — The Turner grade school closed Thursday noon due to the high percentage of pupils ill with influenza.

MEHAMMA — Several persons have had attacks of the influenza which is making its rounds but so far it has not warranted the closing of school.

SILVERTON — The Silverton grange members are planning a no-host supper at 6 o'clock on the night of December 27.

# "Strictly Private" By Quinn Hall



Dear Mom: I think the sarge is hintin' that I bring him along home for over Christmas. Today he kept harpin' on what I'd be doin' but I promised to write and let him know.

Your son Private Peter Link Company B.

# Closing Quotations

Table of closing quotations for various stocks including American Can, J.C. Penney, and others.

# Salem Nut Growers Ship to 44 States

Christmas packages of walnuts and filberts have been shipped in the past week to 16 different states by the Salem Nut Grower's Cooperative, Manager M. P. Adams of the Hood street plant said yesterday.

Throughout the season shipments were made to all the states with the exception of Florida, South Carolina, Alabama and Louisiana.

Present were Mrs. John Ridings, Mrs. Lotta Bowlin, Mrs. O. G. Fogleason, Mrs. G. H. Gregory, Mrs. C. A. Connert, Mrs. Oliver Buxton, Mrs. Tom Ridings, Mrs. Ray Helpe, Mrs. D. R. Allen, Mrs. R. L. Holman, Mrs. Alfred Shaver and Mrs. F. M. Henriksen.

SILVERTON — Judging in the outdoor home lighting contest for the Christmas season will be done December 27, according to announcement made by the Active club, in charge of the contest.

WEST SALEM — Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Dashiell entertained the local grade school teachers with the annual Christmas party at their home on Rosemont avenue Friday night.

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# Wheat Depressed In Chicago Pits

## Bumper Crop Anticipated by Experts; Largest Since 1938 Indicated

CHICAGO, Dec. 21—(AP)—Except for short covering associated with the winding up of trading in December contracts, the wheat market today was under the depressing influence of the government's preliminary forecast of a big 1941 winter wheat crop.

Previous short sellers who had to choose between buying back their December contracts or delivering actual grain before the end of the month were active particularly during the final hour.

The December closed unchanged to 3/8 higher, compared with yesterday at 89 3/8-80. May and July, the latter representing the new 1941 crop, rose 3/8 in sympathy with December at one stage but closed 1/8 lower than yesterday at 84 1/2-84 and 79 1/2-78 3/8.

Some wheat buying was attributed to export interests, possibly in connection with Red Cross purchases. There was talk of improved flour business and Ireland took 150,000 bushels of Canadian wheat.

# 1939 Planting of Fish Announced

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—The forest service planted 609,700 fish in the streams and lakes of national forests in Oregon during 1939, the department of agriculture announced today.

Forest service officers, working with sportsmen's organizations and state officials, carried the fish in trucks, by pack train, in airplanes and even on their backs to the distribution points.

At the same time the department announced that there was a trend toward planting legal size fish, which become immediately available to sportsmen and tend to eliminate the throwing back of undersized fish.

The department added that data gathered by the forest service indicated fishing was second only to sightseeing among the varied interests of many millionaires who visit the national forests annually.

# 4H Clubs Report Pastel Drawings

RIVERDALE — Members of the 4H art club have been working on their pastel pictures. Minnie Keegstra is the leader.

A 4H sewing club has been lately organized with Laura Macklin as leader. The president is Calvin Pearsall; vice-president, Thelma Macklin; secretary, Shirley Pearsall.

It was Kemp's orchestra that the Duke of Windsor often danced to in London clubs when he was Prince of Wales.

For the past three years Kemp, a specialist in sophisticated modern music, had been studying symphony daily. Soon he was to have entered the guest conducting field.

Mrs. Adams Improved

SILVERTON — Mrs. H. W. Adams, wife of the superintendent of schools, is reported much improved.

Mrs. Adams had been ill with influenza and had practically recovered when she had a relapse a week ago.

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Table of stock and bond averages for December 21.

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