

Oregon Produces 1942 Crops Exceeding 10 Year Average By 20 per Cent; New High Set

Crop production was on a very high level in Oregon in 1942. The combined production of field, truck and fruit crops was about 20 per cent above the 10-year (1930-39) average and slightly above the favorable season of last year.

compared with 1941, but there was some less due to a scarcity of pickers, especially in the Rogue river area. Early season prospects were for a substantial increase in the production of sweet cherries but a large part of the western Oregon crop was lost through a shortage of labor and rain damage, particularly the latter.

The production of prunes in eastern Oregon was about the same at last year while in western Oregon there was an increase of 13 per cent. There was a decrease of 27 per cent in the quantity of prunes canned and cold packed and a slight increase in the output of dried prunes. A considerable quantity of western Oregon prunes was not harvested due chiefly to the labor situation.

Due to favorable moisture conditions, yields per acre of practically all field crops were better than average and compared well with the high yields obtained in 1941. The yield of winter wheat at 28.5 bushels, while below the 1941 record of 30.0 bushels, was much above the average of only 19.5 Total wheat production approximated 19,953,000 bushels compared with last year's crop of 23,538,000 bushels and the average of 18,620,000 bushels. Oregon's corn crop was down 13 per cent compared with 1941 due to a smaller acreage. Oats production was 19 per cent above last year and the largest crop since 1936 while barley production established a record. The rye crop however was relatively small, as more than the usual proportion of the acreage was cut for hay.

The combined production of truck crops for market and processing compared favorably with the high level of production in 1941 and was much above the average. There was a slight increase in the acreage of snap beans but production fell below last year due to somewhat lighter yields.

The production of beets was also a little lower due to a slight reduction in the acreage while there was a 20 per cent decline in the production of sweet corn brought about by a rather heavy drop in yields.

The production of peas for processing estimated at 40,300 tons was however 15 per cent larger than last year. On fresh market vegetables, the acreage of lettuce was down but production exceeded the previous year on account of much improved yields. Onion production was up about 7 per cent from last year to 950,000 sacks. There was an increase of 22 per cent in the acreage but yields in the Willamette valley were relatively light on account of mildew damage. A rather small crop of celery was produced. Early season prospects for strawberries were very good but due to continuous rain during harvest about 15 per cent of the crop was lost from this cause, also on account of a shortage of pickers.

The total production of tree fruits and nuts, while about 8 per cent above last year, was a little below average due primarily to the downward trend in the production of prunes and apples. Commercial apple production exceeded that of 1941 by 8 per cent but more than the usual proportion of the crop was processed and furthermore a small part was not harvested. The state's Bartlett pear crop was also 8 per cent larger than last year. Production was smaller in Hood River, about the same in Rogue river, but somewhat heavier in the other districts. Fall and winter pear production was up 12 per cent

"Strictly Private" By Quinn Hall



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Filbert Price Control Urged

Growers Meet Called, Portland Wednesday To Discuss Union

To discuss the future of the filbert industry, a committee of filbert growers has called a dinner meeting at the Imperial hotel in Portland, Wednesday, for all northwest filbert growers.

Claude I. Sersanos, who heads the committee composed of C. E. Greile and Fred E. Chambers of Eugene, will preside at the session. Sersanos says, "We are calling the growers together to startle them from the complacency they now enjoy with high prices which cannot possibly be maintained under the present un-united filbert marketing system."

"Filbert growers are now enjoying an unearned paradise. The high prices are due to a complete shutdown of European imports. Formerly we imported as high as 12,000 tons of filberts. Now we are reaping profits under the unhealthy situation of trying to fill a 12,000 ton US demand with a 5000 ton northwest filbert production."

"At the present time we are operating on a poor policy—that is shrinking the ultimate demand while we are increasing production. This is getting us into bad habits which will prevent us from knowing how to expand our markets when we need to do so."

"Right now the filbert marketing situation is so disorganized that it is impossible to do anything about expanding markets. There are three cooperatives and five or six independents all with divergent interests active in the marketing field. This is responsible for a duplicity of brokerage setups with sometimes five or six brokers haphazardly covering one territory. Instead there should be one central organization controlled by the growers with one hard-working brokerage setup."

Demos Seeking Peace With White House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—With the new congress convening less than a week hence, a number of democrats searched Friday for a remedy to a lingering estrangement between the White House and a segment of the majority party on Capitol Hill.

Unless an adjustment is made, they said, prospects of teamwork between the executive and legislative branches will be jeopardized in the vital two years ahead when America not only must fight a world-wide war but may have the large responsibility of planning a global peace.

Cities' Milk Price Raised

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Temporary increases in fluid milk prices in Chicago, the New York metropolitan area and the Duluth-Superior area until April 1 were authorized Friday by the office of price administration.

The action was taken, OPA explained, to prevent interruption in the supply of milk in those centers while Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard prepares a program of economies in the marketing, delivery and processing of milk in the three areas. The price increases are effective Monday, January 4.

The price advances replace subsidies which have been paid to milk distributors to keep prices down in the face of higher milk prices aid to farmers.

Portland Weather Wetter and Warmer

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Portland's weather in 1942 was wetter and warmer than the average, Edward L. Wells, government meteorologist, reported Friday. Rain-fall totaled 47.34 inches, 5.92 above normal. Mean temperature was 54.8 degrees, 1.7 over normal.

Salem Market Quotations

Table with columns for Poultry, Livestock, Grain, Hay and Seeds, Butter, Eggs and Poultry, and various sub-items like Corned hens, Leghorn fryers, etc.

Holiday Dinners Given, West Salem

WEST SALEM—Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sloper were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jarvel of Salem.

Emmett Dickson has returned to his home after undergoing an operation at a Salem hospital. Miss Ruth Thomas of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas and family of Dallas spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Thomas.

The Miller family were guests of Capt. and Mrs. P. L. Clark of Salem for their annual Christmas dinner and tree. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Bradford and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller of Clatskanie and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Miller.

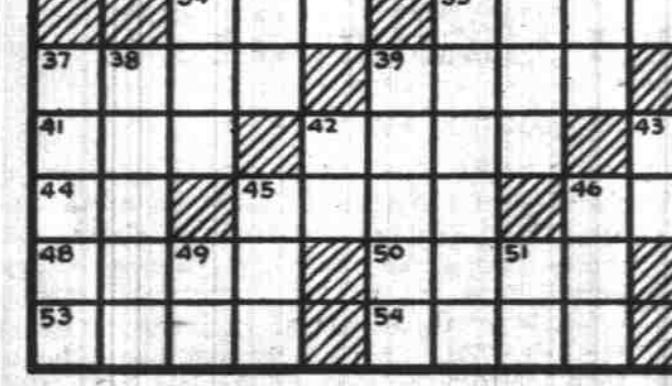
Mrs. Mary Johnson and Leila Johnson entertained with a luncheon the day after Christmas for Edith, Evans of Corvallis and her mother, Mrs. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Mack of Portland were home for Christmas. Mrs. Mack is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Vosburgh.

Dies of Injuries

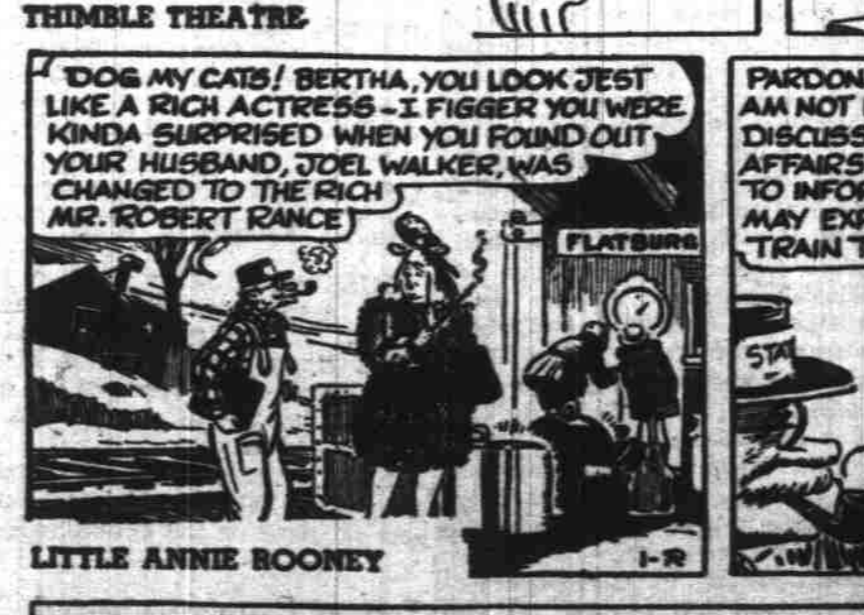
PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Albert E. Bush, 48, Portland, died late Thursday of injuries suffered Tuesday when he was struck by an automobile.

Cross Word Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL: 1. narrow bed, 2. wing-shaped, 3. wax, 12. single unit, 13. theater seat, 14. so be it, 15. declare, 17. peruse, 19. natrium, 20. name, 21. was aware of, 22. wager, 23. before, 24. executes, 25. English general, 26. music note, 27. ventilates, 28. Etruscan god, 29. party, 31. wooded tract, 34. male name, 35. inclination, 36. toward, 37. preserves, 38. corn bread, 40. for, 41. sloths, 42. conflicts, 43. macaw, 44. fish, 45. Quaker settler, 46. sightless, 48. close, 50. web-like membrane, 52. grow old, 53. serf, 54. fly aloft, 55. adult males, 4. lettuce, 2. Canadian province, 3. harass, 4. malt drink, 5. behold, 6. coincides, 7. sways, 8. vulgar person, 9. type measure, 10. resume, 11. growing out, 16. tantulum (sym.), 18. near, 21. golf warning, 22. caliber, 23. 8-shaped, 24. worm, 25. expired, 26. male deer, 27. land-measures, 28. solitary, 29. hotels, 31. bogs, 32. peculiar, 33. also, 35. Malay island, 37. English author, 38. assistants, 39. trousers, 40. king of Troy, 42. pronoun, 43. Albert, 45. before: prefix, 46. forbid, 47. lair, 49. article, 51. music note

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