

2nd Biggest Crop Assured in Nation

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WASHINGTON (U) — The Agriculture Department reported Wednesday that favorable harvesting weather has assured the nation its second largest crop output on record, but added that prospects for some 1953 crops are disturbing.

This year's bountiful production is being typed by a very good quality corn crop that has been exceeded only once in size. A large feed grain crop was needed to prevent a lower production of meat animals, milk and poultry products.

The combined production of crop and livestock products this year will be the largest in history.

City Industrial Development Breakfast Set

Plans to develop and augment Salem industry and build payrolls will be presented by the new Industrial Development Council at a kickoff breakfast next Wednesday.

Carl W. Hogg heads the council, part of Salem Chamber of Commerce, which will launch its drive for pledges to finance its long-range program.

Plans for the breakfast, at 7:30 a.m. in the Senator Hotel, were completed by the committee Wednesday. All persons interested in seeing Salem grow were invited to participate by E. Burr Miller, breakfast chairman.

Principal speakers, on main points of the plan, will be William H. Hammond on encouragement for existing industry, Clair L. Brown on seeking new and allied industries, Robert L. Jones on encouraging development and greater productive use of natural resources, Edward Schreder on searching for expanded distribution for local production, L. O. Arens on opportunities for enterprises to fill gaps or supplement existing industry.

Hogg will outline benefits to Salem area business of the program, developed over the past 11 months.

Others participating will include Arthur Atherton, Roy Harland and E. Burr Miller as joint masters of ceremonies; Dr. Robert W. Fenix, chamber president, to review the council's work to date; Mayor Alfred W. Loucks and Marion County Judge Rex Hartley, offering city and county governmental endorsement of the program; Dave Hoss, introductions; Linn C. Smith, Robert Sprague and Judge Hartley, greeting.

The department, in its semi-final report of the year, said the volume of all crops combined will be only about 2.5 per cent below the record set in 1948. The volume is nearly one per cent larger than that indicated a month ago.

But fall-sown grain crops for harvest next year—such as winter wheat, rye, barley and oats—were said to be in a precarious condition in widespread areas because of dry weather.

Despite the large corn crop estimated at 3,300,000,000 bushels, livestock men in some areas face shortages of feed because of drought in their areas.

Aggravating the feed situation in the West is the fact that dry weather has caused range pastures to deteriorate to the poorest condition since the big drought of 1934. Small increases from the October forecast were shown for rice, potatoes, dry bean, peanuts, sugar beets and grapes.

On the other hand, sorghum grain, tobacco, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, apples, pears, cranberries and pecans did not quite hold up to earlier estimates.

Fruit production is estimated 9 per cent below last season and 5 per cent below average.

The indicated production of crops by major producing states included:

Apples (commercial): Washington 22,630,000 bushels; Oregon 2,700,000; California 8,820,000. Pears: Washington 4,909,000; Oregon 5,498,000; California 15,834,000. Potatoes: Idaho 310 bushels an acre for 43,710,000 bushels; Oregon 350 and 12,600,000; Washington 420 and 10,920,000.

Stern Talks to Co-Op Council

PORTLAND (U) — Efficiently operated co-operatives benefit the consumer through competitive pricing, the Agriculture Co-operative Council of Oregon was told here today.

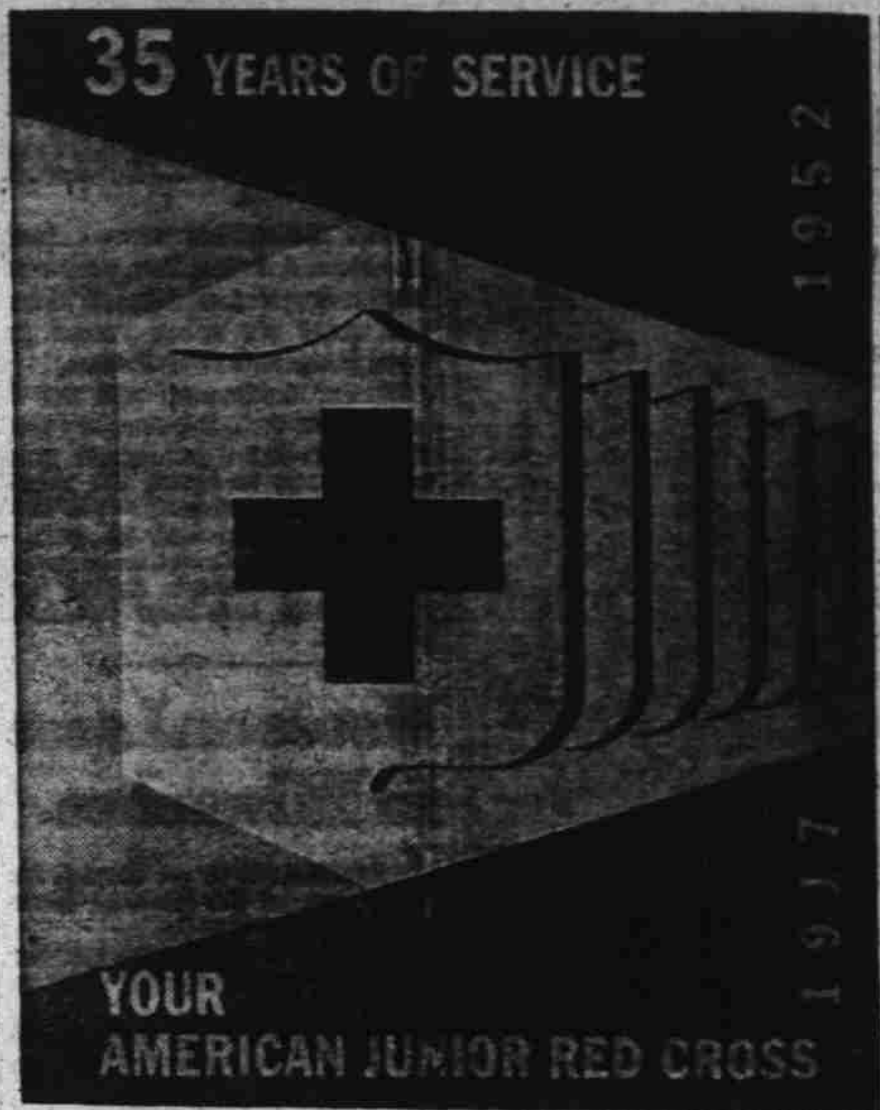
The statement was made by J. K. Stern of Washington, D. C., president of the American Institute of Co-operation.

He said that farmers' income has declined in the past five years despite increased production through more efficient methods. He added that the number of farmers also is decreasing.

The Oregon council ended its 32nd annual meeting Wednesday.

The group re-elected John Trunk, Portland, president. He is general manager of the Northwest Nut Growers. Also re-elected were H.R. Rohe, general manager of Oregon Egg Producers; Portland, vice-president; Paul Carpenter, Corvallis, secretary; and Mary Holthouse, Corvallis, Treasurer.

The association voted to increase dues for member co-ops as a move toward getting a paid secretary.



Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the American Junior Red Cross, this poster was created by Joseph Binder, internationally famous artist. The organization is starting its annual drive for enrollment this week. It offers practical lessons in civic and social responsibilities within the community for its members.

Applicants for Salem Police Jobs Take Test

Thirteen applicants for Salem policeman jobs were grilled Wednesday by civil service commission examiners to test their fitness to be policemen.

The examination was given by City Recorder Alfred Mundt with William J. Entress, chairman of the commission, Police Chief Clyde A. Warren and Police Capt. Glenn Bowman sitting in.

The questioning Wednesday was preceded by a complete physical examination of all applicants. The morning was spent on written tests and the afternoon in individual oral examination. Questions asked the men covered geography of the city, a working knowledge of the city laws, an aptitude test, problems in arithmetic and numerous problems in traffic situations.

Grading of the examination probably will be completed within a week, Mundt said. He pointed out that in order to pass the test, an applicant must qualify in 75 points out of a possible 100.

Nine of the 13 applicants were already on temporary appointment on the city force, Chief Warren explained.

Damaged Car Limping Away From Crash

Glenn Zetterberg, 1097 S. 13th St., was wondering Wednesday how he happened to scare away a driver who struck the back of his fuel truck Tuesday.

Zetterberg, driver for the Home Fuel Oil Company, said he had his truck parked in the street when a car struck the truck from behind. He stepped from the truck to get the usual information for an accident report just as the other driver drove away. He reported that his truck wasn't damaged but the car's grill and bumper appeared to be considerably bent.

Also Wednesday Mrs. Vyrle Christie, 443 N. 17th St., reported that the left door of her car was badly bent by a hit-and-run driver sometime Monday night while the auto was parked in front of her residence.

Chest Collections Far From Goal

Some \$600 more in contributions came to Salem Community Chest office Wednesday, but it was far from adequate to fill the budgets of local and state youth and welfare agencies.

The added money came both as

Truck Weight Tests Begin on Idaho Road

Controlled experiments regarding effect of truck weights on roads have started on a special test road south of Malad, Idaho, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock of Oregon announced Wednesday.

The project is sponsored by 11 western state highway departments in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, Automobile Manufacturers Association, Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association and others. Studies have been delegated to the highway research board of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D. C., by the Western Association of State Highway Officials.

Participating states include California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Two test loops with 1900 feet of two-lane straightaways made up of asphalt pavements of different thicknesses were constructed during the summer. Truck semitrailers with tandem axle loads of 32,000 pounds are running in one lane of the southern test loop alongside vehicles with 40,000-pound tandem axle-loads in the adjacent lane. Simultaneously, vehicles with 18,000 and 22,000-pound single-axle loads are running in the two adjacent lanes in the north test loop.

It is proposed to compare the relative effects of the various axle loadings on the different pavement thickness. The trucks are operating for two 8-hour shifts daily, until the pavement freezes, when the project will be shut down for the winter.

Each test section is to be subjected to about 200,000 applications.

Baldock said instruments have been installed in the pavement to measure quantitatively the relative effects of these loads on the pavement, and any visible damage to the various pavement sections will be carefully studied.

The road test is part of a nationwide attempt by highway engineers and the highway transportation industry to develop factual information upon which to base designs of highways for various truck loads, to guide legislators in enacting equitable tax laws for highway users, and help truck manufacturers and operators determine reasonable and efficient vehicle sizes and weights.

a follow-up of Tuesday night's porchlight campaign attempting to reach this year's goal, and in late funds from various employee groups solicited earlier. Several persons came into the office to augment donations.

Income of the two days was enough to put the total past the \$100,000 mark but still nearly \$17,000 short of the goal.

One of Them May Succeed Lie



NEW YORK—These four men are prominently mentioned as successors to Trygve Lie who resigned as secretary general of the United Nations. Left to right are Noroishi Endo, foreign secretary of Japan; Lester B. Pearson, foreign secretary of Canada and president of the U.N. General Assembly, and Carlos F. Romulo of the Philippines. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Umatilla County Minus Authority To Buy Ferry

Umatilla County has no authority to purchase the corporation which owns the Umatilla ferry across the Columbia River, Attorney George Neuner ruled Wednesday.

Neuner said the state constitution forbids counties and cities from becoming a stockholder in

any company, corporation or association.

The opinion was requested by District Attorney George H. Corey of Umatilla County.

In another opinion Neuner held that county courts have authority to permit over-weight and over-length logging trucks to operate on county roads. Neuner said this authority has contained in a 1951 law.

Neuner was advised that a logging truck operator in Lake County desired to haul loads exceeding the legal weight and length limits

on part of a little-used county road.

The opinion held that the Lake County court could not accept the operator's offer to reconstruct and maintain that section of the highway.

BODY RECOVERED

FLORENCE, Ore. (U) — The body of William Neal Paxson, 21, Springfield logger, was recovered from the ocean near here Wednesday. He drowned on a fishing trip with Leslie Roy Troedel Oct. 4. Troedel's body was recovered earlier.

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