

# 1955 Crops Challenging 1948 Record

WASHINGTON (AP)—This year's crops are challenging the record harvest of 1948, the Agriculture Department reported Tuesday.

Good growing weather late in the season and favorable harvesting conditions, the department said, are responsible for the improvement.

In its October production report, the department said crop tonnage now bid fair to be 1 per cent larger than expected a month ago, and close to the record output of 1948. In that year the volume reached 106 per cent of the 1947-48 base average.

Continued favorable harvesting conditions this month and next could well make this year's crop volume the highest in history.

Coupled with livestock, dairy and poultry products, agriculture's output this year will be by far the largest of record. The total volume is now indicated at nearly 112 per cent of the 1947-48 average, compared with the previous record of 108 per cent set last year.

The average acre yield of cropland also set a new record of 116 per cent of the 1947-48 base. The previous record was 108 per cent of the base, set in 1948.

# Interior Unit Accused of 'Bad Faith'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Chudoff (D-Pa) Tuesday accused the Interior Department of "bad faith" and "fraud" in the withholding of a legal opinion on a proposal to sell federal electric power in the Southeast.

Chudoff made the accusation during a hearing into the administration's public power policies before a House government operations subcommittee.

Chudoff is chairman of the group, which has held three months of hearings in a sort of preview of the potential public-private power issue for 1956 political campaigns.

The congressman took Interior Department officials to task for withholding, as he put it, an attorney general's opinion during negotiations for sale in power in Georgia from Clark Hill Dam.

Assistant Secretary of Interior Fred Aandahl disclosed during cross-examination that his department had requested and received an opinion on the legality of a "tricontract" proposal.

Under the proposal, private utilities would buy power and transmit it to rural electric cooperatives and other public agencies entitled by law to preferred service.

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# Meat Thief Handed Fine

LONDON (AP)—Mrs. May Hampton, 48-year-old housewife, admitted in court that she stole a slice of veal from a serve-yourself store but was indignant over her arrest.

"The public should be protected from this kind of shop," Mrs. Hampton declared Monday. "You can go in and take anything you want, and no one is any the wiser."

"The most extraordinary plea I have ever heard from a common thief," commented Magistrate H. I. Wightwich, fining her 5 pounds.

# Salem Obituaries

**Augusta Allport**—In this city Oct. 11th. Late resident of 430 S. Capitol, at the age of 78 years. Mother of Carl Allport. Announcement of services later by W. T. Rigdon Co.

**Alford N. Anderson**—Late resident of 328 N. 19th street, Salem, in this city, October 8, 1955, at the age of 77 years. Survived by four sisters, Mrs. T. M. Torgerson, Fergus Falls, Minn.; Mrs. O. J. Shel, Salem, Ore.; Mrs. Alma L. Anderson, Salem; Mrs. Emily Howard, Salem. Christian Science services will be held Wed., Oct. 12, at 1:30 p.m. in Chapel of W. T. Rigdon Co. Interment Belcrest Memorial Park.

**Lester L. Guthrie**—Late resident of 185 W. Wilson St., Salem, Oct. 10. Survived by wife, Charlotte Guthrie, Salem; daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Lott, Salem; Mrs. Eleanor Wakeland, Lacey, Wash.; Mrs. Lorriane Altieri, San Mateo, Calif.; sons, Harold Guthrie, Bakerfield, Calif.; Allen Guthrie, Burlington, Calif.; sisters, Mrs. Flossie Daniels and Mrs. Minnie Lopley, both of Salem; Mrs. Letha Kanaka, Cleveland, Ohio; brothers, Herman Guthrie, Gillman, Wis.; Alvin Guthrie and Floyd Guthrie, both of Indianapolis, Ind.; eight grandchildren. Services will be held in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 2 p.m. Interment Belcrest Memorial Park. Rev. John Cauble officiating.

**Georgia Mable Randall**—In this city at the age of 73 years. Late resident of 108 N. Sumner St. Survived by husband, Edgar H. Randall, Salem. Daughter, Mrs. Richard Herring, Salem. Brothers, Grant Aikire, Salem and Frank Chase, of Albany. Grandchild, Edgar Herring, Salem. Services will be held Thursday, October 13, at 2 p.m. in the W. T. Rigdon Chapel. Interment Belcrest Memorial Park. Rev. Wayne Greene officiating.

**George Winchell**—At the residence, 235 S. 22nd street, Salem, Oct. 10. Survived by widow, Mrs. Martha C. Winchell, Salem; daughter, Mrs. Grant Montgomery, Salem; George P. Winchell, Portland; two brothers, Harvey and Edward Winchell, both of Freeland, Mich.; two grandchildren, Ronald and Angela Winchell, both of Portland, Ore. Services will be held in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

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# Dead Eugene Woman's Body May Be Found

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)—Sheriff's investigators Tuesday began a study to determine whether the body of a woman found beside a lonely road Sept. 18 could be that of Mrs. Cecil Alford, 57, missing from her home in Eugene, Ore.

Sgt. Robert Presley said Sheriff Fred Reaksecker of Clackamas County, Ore., forwarded information furnished by Mrs. Alford's daughter, Mrs. Earl Shook, Milwaukee, Ore. She said her mother had gone on a trip to California about the time the unidentified body was found 17 miles south of Palm Springs, Riverside County.

Presley said there are some similarities in fingerprint classifications and in dentures of Mrs. Alford and the dead woman but not sufficient evidence yet to even make a tentative identification.

He said it will require further study of fingerprint comparisons and, particularly, more detailed comparison of the dentures to make any determination. It may be necessary to have Mrs. Alford's dentist come here or take the dead woman's dentures to him, Presley said. Both women had full upper and partial lower plates.

# Crash Sinks Spanish Boat

VIGO, Spain (AP)—The 250-ton Spanish freighter Conde de Barbate sank Tuesday after a collision with the French liner Colombie. Two crewmen drowned and three others were missing.

The accident occurred in heavy fog about five miles off this port. The 16,000-ton Colombie, enroute to the Caribbean with 592 passengers, ran down the little freighter when it stopped to wait for the fog to lift.

# Shostakovich Seeks Exchange of Artists

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet composer Dmitri Shostakovich said Monday he would like to see a greater exchange of Soviet and American artists.

"We'd be glad to welcome American artists here," he said. Shostakovich's views were carried by the magazine, "News," in a cross section poll on what the Russians think about Soviet-American relations.

# DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Covered with stones
  - Grates
  - Weird
  - Nebraska city
  - External seed coverings
  - English estate
  - Woody perennial
  - Sun god
  - Greek letter
  - Man's nickname
  - Terminal part of arm
  - Greek letter
  - Cut off as the tops
  - Greek coin
  - Beginning
  - Island off Greece
  - Egyptian goddess
  - Playing
  - Music note
  - Pack away
  - Board of ordinance (abbr.)
  - Resort
  - Ahead
  - Man's nickname (poss.)
  - Freight
  - Found on tropical islands
  - An airy, prankish spirit (Shakespeare)
  - Sphere of action
  - Fiver ducks
  - Untidy
- DOWN**
- Location
  - Area of ground, as for battlefields
  - Bay window
  - River in Africa
  - Affirmative reply
  - Native of Rome
  - Wine god
  - Rational
  - Unit of illumination
  - Girl's name
  - Knock
  - Torric
  - Flat-bottomed boat with flaring sides
  - Discloses
  - Hawaiian food
  - Minus
  - Exist
  - Large, overstuffed foot-stools
  - Hawaiian wreath
  - Chinese river
  - Bovine animal
  - A large weight
  - Implements (Mech.)
  - Discloses

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

36. Begone!  
37. Peel  
38. Melody  
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44. A rotating piece (Mech.)

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# Movie Stars Acquire Land

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Three movie stars have joined in buying part of a huge ranch in Northern California, the ranch owners said Tuesday.

Warren and Roy Farnam, who operate a 13,160-acre grain and cattle ranch seven miles west of Macdoe, Calif., said they sold a substantial part of it to Kirk Douglas, Doris Day, Gordon MacRae and a Texas oilman, George Darneille.

The price was not disclosed.

**CHURCH TALKS SLATED**  
LONDON (AP)—The archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, said Tuesday the Church of England and the Russian Orthodox Church will hold talks in Moscow next summer aimed at closer relations.

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# Ex-Official of Pension Union Tells of Reds

SEATTLE (AP)—A former state legislator who helped found the Washington Pension Union said Tuesday the Communists started moving into the organization's official circles in 1938.

The testimony was given by James T. Sullivan before a hearing of the Subversive Activities Control Board being conducted by Harry P. Cain to see if the union is Communist dominated.

Sullivan was a state representative in 1937 and a senator in the 1939 and 1941 sessions. He was president of the Pension Union from its beginning in 1937 until he walked out of its annual convention in 1940.

"When we formed that organization it was needed as bad as it is needed today," Sullivan said.

"Too many members of the Legislature listened to lobbyists. If a group hasn't got people down there to talk to them, they don't have a chance. After the Communists took over the leadership of the Pension Union, the Legislature has never given the old people of this state a break because of the leaders that went down there."

# Man Unearths \$50,000 in Thermos Jug

CORSICANA, Tex. (AP)—A 24-year-old Negro Tuesday told two Corsicana Sun reporters that he found nearly \$50,000 in an old thermos jug while digging under a Dallas, Tex., house.

Jackson Davis said that while working for a Dallas plumbing firm in January of this year he started digging along a sewer under the house.

He said his shovel struck something, he dug it up and found it to be an old thermos jug, stuffed with money.

Davis told reporters that Dallas officers came to his house here about three weeks ago and counted \$45,170 in the jug. He said they took him and the money back to Dallas and that he spent eight days in the county jail at Dallas before being released.

Davis said he did not remember where the house was located or the name of the man who owned the house.

Dallas police would not comment on the case, other than to confirm that Davis was returned here and then released. Reporters quoted Davis as saying he thought he had spent about \$1,000 of the money.

# Stock Market Closes Lower

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market was racked by a series of rallies and reactions Tuesday and managed to close only moderately lower.

The performance represented a slowdown in the headlong fall that has been going on for more than two weeks since President Eisenhower suffered his heart attack.

At the finish, gains and losses spread over a range of around 3 points either way.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was off 90 cents at \$163.40. It dropped \$4.60 Monday. Two weeks ago in its first major break the average fell \$11.40, second largest decline it ever has made.

The three components of the average all were down Tuesday — industrials \$1.60, rails 60 cents, and utilities 30 cents.

Volume came to 3,590,000 shares as compared with 3,100,000 shares traded Monday.

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