

US May Order Cotton Crop Cut in West

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The federal government is expected to order California and other major cotton producing states of the West to cutback their cotton plantings by about one-third or more next year.

Agriculture Department sources report that Secretary Charles F. Brannan is certain to order rigid production controls on the 1950 cotton crop this fall in view of the big stocks on hand, the big crop being harvested now and the new cotton control legislation enacted by Congress.

A reduction of one-third in California's cotton output probably would mean a drop of about \$50 million in that state's farm income.

Cotton growing states in the deep South also would have to reduce plantings under the control program. But they would not have to take as big a cutback as the Western states where plantings have skyrocketed since the war.

This became apparent from an examination of the control legislation sent to the White House this week. The President is expected to sign the bill without delay.

The new law continues the old authority for acreage allotments and marketing quotas on cotton. Acreage allotments tell a grower how much cotton he can plant without losing price support benefits. Marketing quotas tell him how much he can sell without having to pay a stiff penalty tax.

Quotas must be approved by two-thirds of the growers. Approval by producers is accepted as a foregone conclusion by agriculture department officials inasmuch as price support benefits would be lowered drastically if quotas were proclaimed and growers rejected them.

15-Year-Old Arrested For Making \$10 Bills

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A 15-year-old boy was arrested Wednesday for making his own \$10 bills—for use in crap games.

Secret service agents, who caught up with the high school student, turned him over to the district receiving court pending juvenile court action. Two of the youth's would-be accomplices—both adults—were held under \$1500 bond each for grand jury action.

According to the treasury sleuths, the youth was to receive \$5 each for the spurious bills. They said the two men hoped to pass them for the real stuff whenever the opportunity arose at dice games.

The agents said there was little chance of that because the bills were so crudely made. They reported that the boy evidently used crayons to color the seal and serial number on high-grade photographic paper.

Incidentally, they added, the boy learned the process while working at a shop less than three blocks from the U. S. Treasury.

CAR DOES ACROBATICS

FORT WORTH, Tex. — (AP) — John J. Prachyl's car traveled every way but on four wheels. He collided with a truck, after which his car traveled 60 feet on two wheels, then toppled on its side and slid 100 feet, and finally rolled over on its top for another skid of 240 feet. Prachyl received minor bruises.

GAR Survivor 'Perks Up' To Attend Final Encampment

PONTIAC, Mich. — (AP) — "Uncle Joe" Clovese, 105, sole negro survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic, broke a lifelong rule to get "perked up" for the GAR's final encampment.

He slept until after sunrise at the home of his friends, one day this week.

"A body ain't got no business in bed after sun-up," he said. But he "figured as how" he could relax a bit more when he learned that one of his GAR "buddies" went to a hospital to rest up for the last call of the boys in blue at Indianapolis Aug. 28.

Clovese is one of five or six veterans expected at the final encampment. There are only 17 survivors.

"I'll be mighty proud to see the boys again," he said, "even if it does take breaking in a new pair of shoes."

The wizened, but fairly spry ex-drummer boy has been taking a walk in "them durned shoes" almost every day for three months to get them in shape. He figures he's about got them whipped.

"Sure I'm going to make that encampment," he said. "Why some of those other fellows are older than I am."

The oldest at the convention is expected to be James A. Hard, 108, Rochester, N.Y., the "youngster" is Theodore Penland, 100, Portland.

Uncle Joe, a one-time Louisiana slave, walks with a cane. His vision and hearing still are fairly good. He spends most of his time on the front porch, with his memories of a life that started on a plantation near New Orleans in 1844.

He came from slave family of

15, outlasting them all including his wife and three children.

Uncle Joe's only excess was cigars. He chain-smoked them until he was 95. Then a doctor told him he'd have to give up smoking.

"The doctor who told me to quit is dead and gone, but I'm still here," he said.

He's a great admirer of Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight champion, although he thinks the bomber was a "mite young" to relinquish the championship crown.

Although he was the plantation owner's "pet," Clovese said he ran away when he was 18 because "an older fella talked me into it." At first the army wouldn't let him join up, he said. But when he explained that he wanted to help free his mother "they gave me a paper to sign."

Uncle Joe served his first year with the 6888 Colored Infantry as a drummer boy. In 1863, he was transferred to garrison guard duty and took part in the siege of Vicksburg.

"We sure did surround them," he said. They ate up all the cats in town to keep from starving."

He was discharged in 1865. Ten years ago Mrs. Valrie Daniel, a New Orleans neighbor, started caring for him. Last year he moved here with the Daniels. She will accompany him to Indianapolis.

In numerous irrigated sections of the west, less than one quart out of every gallon of irrigation water ever benefits growing crops. The rest is lost by evaporation, seepage, and "waste" water which often causes soil erosion, water-logging, or alkali conditions.

March of Dimes Fund Fades

CHICAGO — (AP) — The widespread outbreaks of polio across the nation are reducing March of Dime funds at a rapid rate, the president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis warns.

Basil O'Connor said the foundation would take steps to "replenish" its funds if they were depleted to the danger point.

He told a conference that \$4 million has been expended to local chapters already and the peak of the outbreak is still three weeks off.

As of Aug. 6, he said, the nation had 10,748 polio cases this year compared to 7030 last year.

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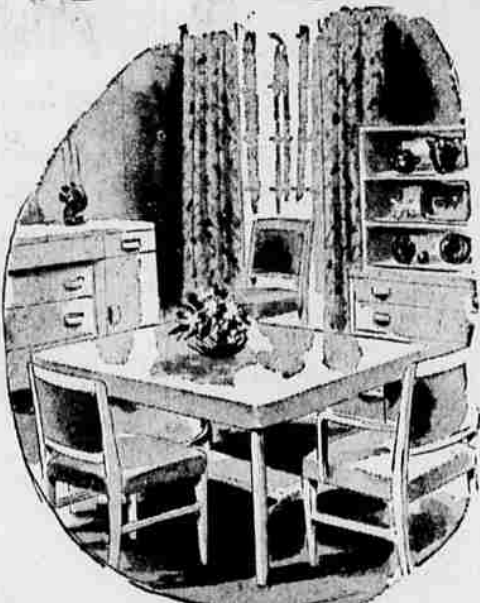
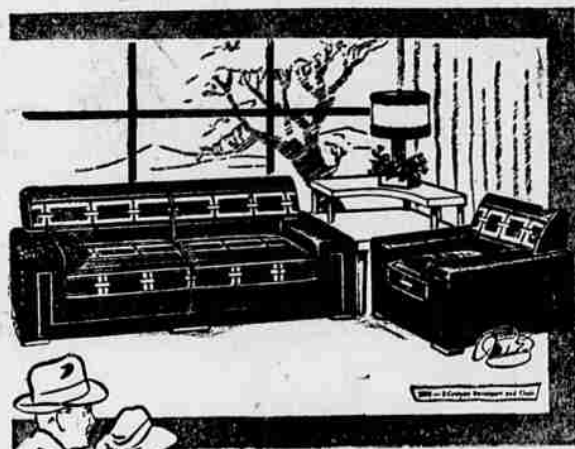
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