

FARMERS TELL ACREAGE TO GO FOR 2 CEREALS

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The nation's farmers have reported to the department of agriculture they intend to plant corn this year on an area equal to 95,692,000 acres for harvest and that spring wheat plantings will be on an area equal to 17,847,000 acres for harvest.

Last year's corn harvested acreage was 87,486,000 and produced 1,390,718,000 bushels, the smallest crop since 1881 because of the severe drought. The 1933 harvest acreage was 100,200,000 with production 2,351,658,000 bushels, and the 1932 acreage 108,668,000, with production 2,908,873,000 bushels.

Last year's spring wheat harvested acreage was 9,290,000 with production 91,435,000 bushels. The 1933 harvested acreage was 19,425,000 producing 178,183,000 bushels, and the 1932 acreage 21,898,000, producing 267,497,000 bushels.

Of the proposed spring wheat acreage, that to be planted to durum wheat is 2,042,000 acres, and to other spring wheat, 15,805,000 acres.

The indicated acreages of other crops, as reported March 1, follow:

- Oats, 39,108,000 acres.
- Barley, 11,954,000 acres.
- Flaxseed, 1,845,000 acres.
- Tame hay, 53,117,000 acres.
- Beans (dry edible), 1,909,000 acres.
- Soy beans, 4,997,000 acres.
- Cowpeas, 1,720,000 acres.
- Peanuts, 1,840,000 acres.
- Potatoes, 2,272,000 acres.

Release Attempted For Two Americans

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Ambassador Joseph Daniels at Mexico City advised the state department yesterday that Mexican military authorities are trying to effect release of two Americans held for ransom in a mountainous section of Zacatecas.

He said one of the kidnaped men, Louis F. Vremsak of Pasadena, Cal., was seized March 12 at Juchi Pila. The other, Mark Fowler, mining engineer, was kidnaped at the Leonara mine in the same district March 15.

CLOUDS ARE SEEN ON PLANET MARS

Cambridge, Mass., March 21 (AP)—The observation of exceptionally brilliant white clouds on the planet Mars by Kuiper, Dutch astronomer, and by Dr. William H. Wright, of the Lick observatory in California, are reported in a communication made public by the Harvard college observatory.

The announcement received from Dr. R. G. Aitken, director of the Lick observatory, said:

"Exceptionally brilliant white clouds have been observed here on Mars, between longitudes of approximately 90 and 130 degrees. These were first seen visually by Kuiper in a casual observation of the planet on the morning of March 12 and have since been photographed with the use of color filters by Wright. 'They are very conspicuous by ultra-violet light but face in the usual manner of such objects when colors of a longer wave-length are employed.'

NEW SCHEME SUGGESTED TO HAMPER CRIME

Formation of a department of justice for Oregon along lines recommended by the American Bar association will be the major study for the Oregon state crime commission during the coming biennium, Chairman Edwin D. Hicks informed Governor Martin.

The commission, created by the 1931 session, was kept on the job by the last assembly, even though major recommendations of the group were turned down by the senators and representatives. These included equalization of the number of peremptory challenges by both prosecution and defense in criminal cases, and setting aside the state penitentiary annex as a reformatory for first offenders between the ages of 16 and 30.

Before launching its next two-year survey, the commission was to submit its findings to the state crime conference called by Governor Martin for March 29 and 30 in Portland. United States Attorney Carl Donough was named by the executive to conduct the conference.

Weakness and inefficiency in the administration of criminal law in Oregon are due to "an almost complete lack of organization and control," the commission told the governor in a report.

"An alleged mass-bungling of investigations and prosecutions" is the result, the crime students said.

"It is our firm conviction that the problem of centralization of police forces and activities, the re-

lution between politics and police and prosecuting officials, the selection and discipline of personnel and rural policing must be thoroughly understood before a constructive approach may be made toward improvement in our system."

Members of the crime commission are Martha Randall, William F. Woodward, Ralph S. Hamilton, Mrs. J. Francis Drake, Judge Robert Tucker and Dorothy McCullough Lee, all of Portland; L. G. Lewelling, Albany; Judge D. R. Parker, Condon; Philip A. Parsons and Wayne L. Morse, Eugene.

Fear of Shake-Ups Doesn't Hamper Golf

Talk of shake-ups in state departments by Governor Martin hasn't kept state employees from one thing—golf.

A ladder tournament for men who expect to play in the annual spring golf tournament against divot diggers who are on the state of Washington's payroll has started here. The tournament will be played May 12 at Vancouver, Wash.

Glasgow, Scotland, will raise salaries of city employes.

FIRST TOURNAY HERE RECALLED

Memories of the first state high school basketball tournament were brought to mind as 16 district championship teams gathered here for the 18th annual meeting on March 20-21-22-23.

In 1920, Willamette university sponsored the first state-wide tournament. For three years previous to that time Willamette had staged an invitational tournament for high school teams, then evolved a system of district representation similar to that used at present.

In the group of about 100 young men who played in the 1920 tournament were "Slats" Gill, now head basketball coach at Oregon State college, and his brother, Luke Gill, now coach at the University of Hawaii.

The Gill brothers were the first tournament heroes. Playing for Salem high, the Gill family ganged up on Lincoln high of Portland to win, 12-11, the final game and the championship practically by themselves. Both were chosen on the first all-state team.

"Slats" went on to coach Oregon State to its first Pacific coast

championship in 1933, and again this year to skipper the Beavers into a northwest championship and miss the coast title by one point in the deciding game of a series with University of Southern California.

JOHN JACOB ASTOR TAKES COMMON JOB

New York, March 21 (AP)—John Jacob Astor III, whose marriage last year to Ellen Tuck French was a social sensation, went to work yesterday.

Although an heir to millions, Astor accepted a \$25 a week job from the International Merchantile Marine company because:

"I like ships. It's the business I've always wanted to get into."

He will do clerical work at first.

Airway Buildings Put Up In Sections

Buildings erected at stations on the Federal Airways system by the bureau of air commerce, department of commerce, hereafter will be purchased in panels and put together with bolts, according to Rex Martin, acting director of air commerce.

Martin said today that a number

of small power sheds, housing automatic generator sets to supply electric current for beacon lights, already have been constructed in this manner and found to be satisfactory, and therefore the type has

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FARM EXPORTS HIT 20-YEAR LOW MARK

American farm exports in January hit the lowest point in 20 years, said the federal bureau of agricultural economics.

Index figures for shipping of farm products from the United States in that month was 57, where a year ago it was 93 and in December it stood at 62.

With the exception of fruits, every farm commodity was exported in less than pre-war quantities. Grain and its products was at 17 per cent of the pre-war level; animal products 33 per cent, dairy products and eggs 69 per cent, fruit 189 per cent, wheat and flour 14 per cent, tobacco 87 per cent, hams and bacon 18 per cent and lard 45 per cent.

Forest Facts

The average cord of four-foot split wood contains between 85 and 90 cubic feet of wood and bark, and from 38 to 43 cubic feet of air spaces, according to measurements recently made by the Pacific northwest forest experiment station.

Burls from Oregon and Washington hardwood trees, especially maple, myrtle, madrone and ash, form an increasingly large export to European ports where they are converted into highly figured veneer to be used in furniture and cabinet making.

There are 300 board feet in a cord of small logs as compared to 640 feet in a cord of large logs. The discrepancy arises because the log scale falls to account for all the actual wood volume in small logs.

The recently completed forest survey of the Douglas fir region shows 25 per cent more timber on the national forests than did the former estimates, according to the Pacific northwest forest experiment station.

The Willamette national forest in Oregon with its 40 billion board feet, log scale, has more timber than any other national forest in continental United States.

On the national forests of western Washington species suitable for pulp, such as hemlock, spruce and the balsam firs make up the major portion of the stand, while on the national forests of western Oregon, Douglas fir is the predominant tree.

There is estimated to be about one billion two hundred million board feet, log scale, of Port Orford cedar in the world, practically all of which is in southwestern Oregon.

Safety First, Mother! Give That 10-Year-Old A Children's Laxative!

Doctors Deplore Giving Children Grown-Ups' Laxatives!

If you have a child of any age from infancy to fifteen you want to be careful what you give him in the way of laxative.

As any doctor will tell you — an adult's organs are one thing; a child's another. The laxative that may be perfectly suitable to an adult may be entirely too strong for a child. It may hurt his insides.

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