

Winter Wheat Within Quota

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The agriculture department in its first report on 1950 crops today forecast a winter wheat crop of 884,658,000 bushels next summer.

That would be the smallest winter wheat crop in four years, but still the fourth largest in history. It would be only 17,000,000 bushels smaller than this year's, even though growers had cut back plantings for 1950 by 15 per cent from the record-high 1949 acreage.

The report said 53,023,000 acres have been planted for next year's crop.

This indicated that most winter wheat farmers had planted within their 1950 acreage allotments. That would make them eligible for price supports on any of the wheat they produce next year.

To prevent surpluses the government last summer announced a planting allotment which called for a cutback of 17 per cent in total winter and spring plantings for the 1950 crop. The 1949 acreage was a record high, but production was held down by poor yields.

Congress, after the allotment was announced, passed new wheat control legislation which had the effect of reducing the proposed cutback to an estimated 14 per cent.



The Mayor Takes a Wife—Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York slips the ring on the third finger, left hand of Miss Elizabeth Sloan Simpson during the wedding ceremony at St. Joseph's church, Stuart, Fla. Left to right are David Martin, best man, Mayor O'Dwyer, Miss Simpson and Mrs. Edward Bernecker, matron of honor. (AP Wirephoto)

Grains Pushed Lower on Mart

Chicago, Dec. 21 (AP)—Weather and government crop reports helped to push grains lower on the board of trade today. The market pattered along until near the close without much price change, but selling pressure then got the best of prices.

Early support came from mills, reflecting better domestic flour business, and exports. Moisture in the winter wheat belt was also expected to aid the 1950 crop, which the department yesterday forecast as only slightly under this year.

Trading became very active in the closing minutes with numerous stop-loss orders touched off as the market plunged downward.

Wheat ended 2 to 2 1/2 lower, March \$2.17 1/2-5/8, corn was 1 1/2-2 1/2 lower, March \$1.30 1/2-1/2, oats were 1 1/2 to 2 cents lower, March 71 1/2, rye was 3 1/2-4 1/2 lower May \$1.41 1/2-3/4, soybeans were 3 to 3 1/2 lower, March \$2.28 1/4, and lard was unchanged to 5 cents a hundred pounds higher, January \$10.65.

Inventor Killed By Own Device in Doorway of Cabin

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—The body of an eccentric inventor was found yesterday in a small woods cabin which the man had rigged with a doorway booby-trap.

Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff H. Christofferson said Fred Stern may have fallen a victim of his own invention. The deputy described Stern as a hermit-like character.

The booby-trap involved a shotgun in a floor pit aimed at the door. A rat trap was found under a loose board at the doorway, set to release the gun trigger by a wire.

Christofferson used a pole to deflect the gun muzzle and then found the shell had been discharged. He said Stern may have been wounded by the device and staggered to a cot to die alone.

A party out to cut Christmas trees made the discovery.

Jacques Stern Dies in Plunge

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Jacques Stern, French minister for merchant marine in 1933 and minister for colonies three years later, plunged to his death today from his ninth floor duplex apartment.

Police said the 66-year-old ex-cabinet member, who also was a retired banker, left two notes. His death was listed as probably suicide.

Detective F. K. Farrell said on note was addressed to Stern's maid, Carmen Imperial, and the other—pinned to the dead man's lapel—asked authorities to notify a lawyer of his death. Stern had been ill for some time.

His wife, who lives on Fifth avenue, was said by police to be suffering from a heart ailment. A son, Jacques, Jr., 18, is a poliomyelitis patient in New York hospital.

The French Information Service said Stern was a minister of colonial before the war.

Mill City Forum President Mill City—At a board of directors meeting of the Mill City chamber of commerce this week, Robert Venes was elected president for the year 1950. J. C. Kimmel was elected vice president and Julia Bassett was elected secretary-treasurer.

Venes announced an expanded program of activities for the chamber in 1950, anticipating a population increase due to the construction of the Detroit dam, and stated that increased membership would be sought by inviting all residents of the community to join who wished to lend a hand.

STOCKS

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Indians Entertain State Employees Association—Northwest Indians attending Chemawa present Yakima Feather dance for entertainment of members of the State Employees association dining at Chuck's Steak house Tuesday night. Dancers shown on the floor are Mitzie Charley and Laritta Shoppay.

Lion Kills Woman Trainer While Children Try Rescue

Thousand Oaks, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—With a roar, a savage lion sprang at a widely known woman animal trainer and quickly killed her while her horrified children tried to save her.

Mrs. May Kovar Schafer, 42, was in the cage yesterday with the lion, Sultan, attempting to break him into treading. The powerful animal lunged at her, bore her down and bit her in the neck, severing the spine.

Her children, Michael Kovar, 18, and May Kovar, 14, were watching their mother, who was working with a chair and whip when the sudden attack occurred.

The children, armed with short poles, rushed through the cage door. But the beast, with Mrs. Schafer's neck in his jaws, ignored their pokes.

Michael and May and three-year-old Sandra Schafer, who was nearby, screamed for help. Rudy Muller, 59, an elephant trainer, ran to their aid.

"I grabbed up a pitchfork and an eight-foot length of pipe," the frail man said. "The lion was very quiet. I stabbed at him with the pitchfork with one hand and then brought the pipe down on his head with the other."

"That made the lion drop her and back up. Must have stunned him for a second because he sagged back on his haunches. "But I didn't have much time," Muller said. "Just enough to pick up Mrs. Schafer. Then the lion started for me and the children."

"I backed out, inch by inch, never taking my eyes off the lion. The children got out. Little May held the door open for me and I got out. It was a near thing for those youngsters. He probably would have got them too."

Australia Political Victor Says 'Left-Wing' Fear Beat Labor

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The unsetting of the labor government in Australia resulted from public fear of "left-wingism" and "the all-powerful state," says one of the men who sparked the victorious liberal and county parties.

The voters wanted change, contends one of the losers, but some of them "don't know why."

Reporting for the winners was Richard G. Casey, who was sworn in Monday in Canberra as minister of supply in the Australian cabinet.

Casey said he believes that the defeat of the Australian labor party after eight years of power—coming as it did on the heels of a similar political change in New Zealand—"will have at least some influence on the coming elections in Britain."

His views were reported in an overseas telephone interview with the U.S. News and World Report, weekly news magazine published at Washington.

Casey's answers to questions put by the magazine indicated that the political campaign was fought out along the lines of "free-enterprise" as opposed to socialization and nationalization. He said his was a "free-enterprise party and completely opposed to socialization."

He added, however, that "this does not say we are opposed in any way to social services." His party, he explained, had said it would not reduce the scale of social services.

Asked if he thought the voters were "discontented" over any particular issues, Casey answered: "The issues were quite distinct. We were fighting 'left-wingism.' And the vote for us and against the labor government was very definite and very positive all over Australia."

He added: "It was not discontent as much as fear of left-wingism and the all-powerful state. The theory of left-wingism, of course, is the all-powerful state."

The magazine also published interviews with J. B. Chieffey, the retiring prime minister of the labor government, and H. A. M. Campbell, editor of the Melbourne Age. It termed the Age

SALEM MARKETS QUOTATIONS

Table of market quotations including Live Stock Market, Portland Produce, Portland Wholesale Market, etc.

Roses Queen - Blonde, blue-eyed Marian Brown, 19, who was chosen from an original group of 200 coeds, will reign as queen of the 1950 Tournament of Roses parade at Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 2.

Miss Brown is a secretarial major at Pasadena City college. (Acme Telephoto)

Marian Brown Queen Of Rose Carnival

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—A blue-eyed blonde, 19-year-old Marian Brown, was named queen Tuesday of the 1950 Tournament of Roses parade.

She was picked from among seven finalists, who in turn were chosen from some 2000 women students at the city's two junior colleges, Muir and Pasadena City.

A Temple City girl, daughter of Mrs. Ada Brown, a widow, Marian is a 13th grade student at Pasadena City college. She is a native of Los Angeles, 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs 125.

She's the second of her family to wind up with an honor spot in the parade. Her sister, Lorraine, was a princess previously.

Church Holds Program

Unionvale—There were 190 attended the Unionvale Evangelical United Brethren church Christmas exercises. Mrs. Owen Turner was in charge of the Sunday school program and Rev. George Millen brought the Christmas message. The primary classes gave the program. There were about 40 attended the evening services by the Youth Fellowship Carolers.

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