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November crop report shows record volume

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department's November crop report showed that 1963 maintained the record volume indicated a month ago despite ravages of drought in some areas.

The crop reporting board said Tuesday that corn, sorghum grain, rice, and cotton were major crops showing increased prospects on Nov. 1. But continued soil moisture shortages in the South lowered prospects of soybeans and peanuts.

The increase in the corn estimate was enough to counteract a decline of an estimated 9 million bushels in the soybean crop. As a result, the total 1963 field crop maintained its position of almost 2 per cent larger than the 1962 output, and now is 110 per cent of the 1957-59 average production.

The total volume of the four feed grains—corn, oats, barley, and sorghum grains—now is expected to weigh in at about 153.1 million tons, 1 per cent more than a month ago and 7 per cent larger than the 1962 total.

The department said that while dry October weather lowered prospects in some areas, the net effect of the above-normal temperatures and delayed frost was to permit full development of late acreages of corn and sorghum grain, and speed harvest activity.

The number of persons working on farms in October reached 7,596,000. This was the smallest of record for the month, although only slightly below October, 1962.

Farm operators and family members working on farms totaled 5,382,000, the lowest of record for the period. Hired hands totaled 2,187,000 persons, down 1 per cent from October, 1962.

Venable, Roth found guilty

DENVER (UPI) — A U.S. District Court jury Tuesday convicted two building supply company employees of fraud in connection with federal home improvement loans.

The jury returned the verdict at 1:45 p.m. after eight hours of interrupted deliberation last Friday and Tuesday.

Defendants were Theodore J. Venable, 44, of Medford, Ore., and Thomas M. Roth, 32, of Rockford, Ill. Both are former employees of Statewide Builders Supply Co. of Denver.

They were accused of illegally enticing prospective customers for aluminum siding to apply for Federal Housing Administration loans. Prosecutors said the men told homeowners their houses were selected as show places by Reynolds Aluminum Co., and promised bonuses which were never received.

The demolition worker, well in his cups, started bragging to his buddy. "We saw it all," he said. "And we got all the loot while the real bandits got nothing."

His buddy called police. The other witness was a demolition worker who, apparently, had no part in the looting. He told private detective Anthony Negri, 28, he had seen a station wagon near the robbery scene. Several men were near it, he said, looking ill at ease.

One man, the witness said, stashed a briefcase in an old boiler lying discarded on the lot. Negri found the briefcase, filled with jewels, in the boiler and called police.

By dawn Tuesday, dozens of detectives and FBI agents, dressed in neat business suits, were probing the debris with shovels, long poles and with their hands.

At least five demolition workers admitted their part in the looting, and led the detectives to hiding places. Some were accompanied home to get diamonds and emeralds that had been hidden in teapots and cookie jars.

Hidden jewels were unearthed in the ruins of the building being torn down. A pump was rushed in to drain the basement of several feet of water. A filter was placed over the hose to catch any loose gems. Some workers didn't realize this, and stationed themselves downstream to catch any diamonds that might come floating by.

Model submarine shown by Navy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Navy has an 18-foot model of a futuristic submarine that some day may be able to resist the pressure of water at the mile-and-a-half depth at which the nuclear-powered Thresher was lost last April.

Built in The Netherlands at a cost of \$100,000 the model has rotating propellers powered by electrical motors outside the hull. The hull itself is of solid construction like the gondola of the deep-diving bathyscaphe Trieste.

The submarine model was exhibited Tuesday at the David Taylor Model Barn in nearby Maryland. Hydrodynamic tests are to start next week.

Bold bandit image turns into brass

By Bryce B. Miller UPI Staff Writer

NEW YORK (UPI) — Five days ago even New York detectives grudgingly admired the careful manner in which hijackers planned and staged the biggest jewel robbery in the city's history.

But today the golden image of the bold bandits was turning into brass. The miracle in Manhattan had become a comedy of errors. It was not exactly a laughing matter, not with an estimated \$3 million worth of loot involved, but it was a bungled job.

And all because of an automobile that had become something of a relic in these days of automatic transmission and power steering.

The wrong man was in the driver's seat of the getaway car, a station wagon loaded with the stolen diamonds, emeralds, rubies and gold. He was unfamiliar with shifting gears and could not get the car rolling.

He gunned the motor and the vehicle jerked forward a few feet and stalled. It happened repeatedly.

"Hey," he called to a group of workers nearby. "How do you get this damned thing to go?"

Empty-Handed

One of the men made a vulgar remark. Without another glance, the driver got out of the station wagon and sprinted empty-handed down the street.

The workers examined the car and helped themselves to the loot.

"A grab bag situation developed," said Capt. Charles C. Holt Jr. of the detective division. "It was finders keepers."

He emphasized that many of the workers neither witnessed the heist nor took part in the looting, but several stuffed handfuls of jewels—diamonds, emeralds, a few rubies—into their pockets. They left behind bars of jeweler's gold and the gems they could not easily carry away. None returned because they figured the police would show up at any minute.

Some hid the jewels in the building being torn down. Others took them home. One even took gems to his weekend farm near Gettysburg, Pa., and buried them. Another man had more than \$200,000 worth in a briefcase.

Late Monday night, the real story—the story of the "badly bungled" heist—began to seep out. It came from two separate sources. One a witness who talked to a private detective, and the other a demolition worker who "got a snootful" in a Manhattan bar and talked too much.

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Television in review

TV has never lost faith in simple-minded entertainment

By Rick Du Brow UPI Staff Writer

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — "Calamity Jane," a 90-minute CBS-TV special that aired Tuesday night with Carol Burnett, is the kind of simple-minded musical-comedy that the movies stopped making years ago because paying audiences outgrew them.

Television, however, has never lost faith in simple-minded entertainment or the parasitic use of leftovers.

The fact that CBS-TV described as a "special" this flat remake of a 10-year-old film with Doris Day and Howard Keel that was undistinguished in the first place, gives you an idea of the real difference between the quality of movie and television entertainment.

The story, the form, the execution, the mentality were all so far behind the times that this is the kind of musical that is already prompting nostalgic parodies from the creative end of the theatre. The fact that there was little attempt to successfully adjust Tuesday night's opus to the new demands of the 1963 audience left it merely outdated by another decade.

The tale, of course, was the well-worn one of a tomboyish girl of the Old West (Miss Bur-

nett) who finally gets a yen for men, and learns to look like a lady, finally landing six-shooting Wild Bill Hickok.

But what can one say of a show where there are such serious lines as "This town ain't big enough for the two of us," and comic lines such as "I was happy as a butcher's dog"? Believe me, there was no tongue in cheek. It all made one feel guilty for not being a kneslapper or a tattooed cigarette-smoker.

The new laughs of the 90 minutes were milked by the hard-working Miss Burnett in her moments of being a Plain-Jane who is suddenly man-crazy over a lieutenant — but this is the type of character one has seen her do countless times before. As Hickok, Art Lund sang well. But there was not a single distinguished musical number or show-stopping sequence of any kind in the long yawn. The script was extraordinarily witless; it takes hard work to be so dull.

CBS is so used to making situation comedies of a folksy nature that the whole offering seemed to be a victim of this thinking. The lines were so telegraphed that a messenger boy could have delivered them.

OFBF again names Beach

SALEM (UPI) — Harold Beach of Hermiston was re-elected president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation at its annual convention Tuesday.

Joe Hobson of Ontario was named as third vice president in voting on the only other officer's post to be filled this year.

Frank Setniker of Hillsboro was named to the federation's board of directors and Mrs. Blaine Johnson of Glendale was chosen chairman of the women's committee of the organization.

The federation ended its three-day meeting today.

The Channel Swim: A new executive producer, director and choreographer will try to do something with CBS-TV's Judy Garland series, starting with the 14th show. Miss Garland's guest Sunday is her daughter, Liza Minnelli, in their first formal public appearance together.

A one-hour ABC-TV documentary, "The Soviet Woman," examining the Russian female, filmed behind the Iron Curtain and including an interview with Mrs. Nikita Khrushchev, airs Dec. 10. . . The noted father-and-son Soviet violinists, David and Igor Oistrakh, will appear on NBC-TV's "Telephone Hour" later in the season.

Former President Dwight Eisenhower is expected to serve as grand marshal of the televised New Year's Day "Tournament of Roses" parade . . . with Mrs. Eisenhower, the ex-Chief Executive is scheduled to lead the cavalcade through Pasadena.

STATES POLICY

AMMAN, Jordan (UPI) — King Saud, marking his 10th anniversary as ruler of Saudi Arabia, said Tuesday his country favors a policy of non-intervention in the affairs of other Arab states.

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