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## Bumper Crops In State And Nation Again Seem Sure

Currently over-all crop prospects are good to excellent in Oregon and have seldom been better nationally according to a review of USDA crop reports by the O.S.C. Extension service agricultural economics section. The condition of United States crops was the best in seven years, except 1942.

The preliminary corn crop estimate at 3.3 billion bushels would be the greatest of record. Near record crops of wheat, oats, potatoes and rice appear in prospect, but the barley crop will be 20 per cent below average and the rye crop even less than the small crop of 1945.

The total output of feed grain may be the largest ever produced, if the corn crop turns out as well as indicated on July 1. On the other hand, carryover grain stocks are low, except oats.

The national hay crop probably will be below the level of the last four years, but the carryover is large. Large crops of most vegetables and fruits are expected. Sugar production is expected to exceed 1945 about 25 per cent. Total plantings of vegetables for processing may be as much as 5 per cent above 1945, although snap beans for canning are down about 6 per cent.

The estimated production of wheat in Oregon is nearly six million bushels above average, with barley and rye slightly above average. Corn, oats and hay were expected to fall somewhat below average in Oregon.

Oregon's potato crop was estimated at 11.2 million bushels, slightly below 1945 but substantially above the ten-year average. Apple production will be considerably below average in Oregon and nationally, although much larger than last year.

Total pear production in the whole country is expected to be slightly below last year but slightly above average. The Pacific coast Bartlett pear crop will be considerably smaller than in 1945, although slightly above the average. Pacific coast prospects for dried prunes are nearly the same as last year, about 25 per cent above average.

## NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

Under the auspices of the National Christian Council of India, deputations of Christian leaders of India will visit Great Britain and the United States during the autumn and winter "to interest the churches of the West in the churches of the East." The members of the deputations will travel widely and speak in churches and elsewhere as opportunity permits. Among those who are coming to America are Bishop J. A. Subhan, former Moslem mystic, now a bishop of the Methodist Church in India; Mr. B. L. Rallia Ram, a leading layman; and Dr. R. B. Manikam of the Christian Council.

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Because the percentage of people over sixty-five years of age in the American population has about doubled since 1900, the churches of the land have a new problem in adjusting programs and services to minister more adequately to these people, says Dr. Seward Hiltner of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The Council has asked Dr. Hiltner and the Commission on Religion and Health, which he heads, to study this problem during the next two years. "In addition to the challenge the churches face in the rapid growth of the old-age group," says Dr. Hiltner, "there is also the problem now of those older people, once retired, who went back to work during the war, and must adjust their lives a second time."

Pointing out that there are at least 20,000 children in more than 3,000 city and county jails in the United States, "many of whom are awaiting opportunity to have their guilt or innocence proven," the Northern Baptist Convention recently urged its member churches to investigate jails in their communities, and to urge the establishment of detention homes for children to keep them segregated from adult criminals. It also urged pastors to cooperate with all agencies attempting to protect children and to lessen juvenile delinquency.

## Airplanes For Sale

Two and four-engine transport airplanes of the new liaison type, and still in the original crates, plus a variety of other types of personal and cargo planes, will be put on sale by War Assets Administration in two sales beginning July 22 and 29, the Portland regional office at Swan Island disclosed this week. Priority groups will have the first opportunity to buy the planes originally built for the armed forces but now declared surplus by the government.

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## Vets' Mail Bag

As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper will publish a weekly column of questions most frequently asked contact men of the Veterans Administration in this area. For more detailed information, veterans should contact or write to the nearest VA contact unit at 1919 S. W. 10th Ave., Portland.

**Q.** I am receiving training under the vocational rehabilitation program (Public Law 16). Will I be allowed additional subsistence for my child which is to be born this month?

**A.** You are allowed in addition to your subsistence of \$90 as a married veteran, \$10 for the first child and \$7 for each additional child. If your combined pension and basic subsistence are less than \$115 a month, you are also entitled to additional subsistence to bring your monthly income to that amount.

**Q.** How long do I have in which to pay if I buy a home using the government guarantee under the G. I. Bill?

**A.** The bill provides for a maximum of 25 years to pay. However, the lending agency will set the time limit, which in most cases does not exceed 20 years.

**Q.** Can I be treated at a VA hospital for malaria even though my service record does not show evidence of the disease?

**A.** Yes. The VA rules that malaria may be service connected even though no attacks occurred prior to the veteran's release from the service.

**Q.** I have leased a small grocery store, partially stocked. I feel that it will be a much better business if I increase the stock. Is it possible for me to obtain a guaranteed business loan for this purpose?

**A.** If a lending agency considers your venture sound and is willing to lend under the circumstances, the VA will guarantee the loan. However, the loan cannot extend beyond the length of the lease.

**Q.** Is there any time limit for dependents of a soldier killed in service to file a claim for pension?

**A.** No. However, for the pension payments to begin from the date following death, the claim must be filed within one year from date of death. Otherwise payments will start as of the date claim was filed. Parents must prove dependency.

## Oregon Accidents On Farms Serious But Under Nation

Oregon farm residents and workers on 9200 farms covered by the Industrial Accident commission, suffered 1719 accidents in 1945 of which 10 were fatal. These figures, compiled by J. B. Avison, statistician for the commission, were released in connection with the third annual National Farm Safety week July 21 to 27, of which Dean Wm. A. Schoenfeld of Oregon State college is state chairman.

While these are doubtless the larger farms of the state, it is not certain whether the accidents per farm on the total of some 64,000 farms of Oregon would be greater or fewer. Applying the ratio would give approximately 12,000 total farm accidents and 70 fatalities for last year in this state.

Even these seemingly high figures indicate a better farm safety record in Oregon than for the nation as a whole, Dean Schoenfeld points out. The farm resident accidental death toll for 1945 is estimated by the National Safety Council at 16,000. As Oregon has about one per cent of the nation's farms, the proportional share here would thus be about 160 fatalities, though the national figures may include traffic deaths of farm residents.

Of the farm accidents reported to the Oregon commission the highest percentage consists of sprains, cuts and bruises at 44 per cent, followed by cuts and lacerations at 30 per cent. Fractures rate third with 12 per cent.

The Oregon commission does not list the exact causes of the accidents but does give the general nature. Thus the greatest farm hazard is being struck by some object, causing 37 per cent of the accidents. Individuals striking against objects caused 13 per cent of the injuries. Falls of various kinds brought 21 per cent of the casualties.

Of the 10 persons killed doing farm work, six were general farm hands, two were car or truck drivers, one was killed while picking fruit and another while pruning trees.

Farming is probably the most

## Salvage Facilities Checked On Throughout State

A comprehensive survey of fat salvage facilities throughout the state is being made by county agricultural conservation (AAA) committees, reports E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee.

The survey is being made to make sure that housewives in each community have a collection center where they can turn in used fats, and that dealers in turn have a regular method of getting the collected fats to a rendering plant.

"Both industry and government people say that salvage of used fats is just as important now as at any time during the war," Miller pointed out. He asked housewives and dealers to report to county committees any instance when the collection system is not operating smoothly.

## Low Down From Hickory Grove

You know, for Ph. D. type of palpatin', our U. S. A. doffs its chapeau to no man. We are in a continuous sweat—our pores are open 24 hours—don't have time to catch our breath between problems. Honk for the car in front if it even hesitates for the red light. Have a nervous breakdown before we sprout wisdom teeth.

Alright, says Henry, I can listen a couple minutes. Make it snappy. Like fish in a rain barrel, I says, it is easy to fix. Us folks here, we just don't know what kind of sucker we are—been one so long, it is chronic. That is what causes our dilemma. We never tune-out our radio, and the boys who dish up the problems, they eat well—they stay in office. First it was inflation—now they say it is deflation. But whatever it is, they can fix it—just keep 'em there a little longer. Their swivel chair, it is nice and comfortable.

I'm still listenin', says Henry. That is a compliment, I says. Go out now, I says, and preach the gospel. Tell the first guy you meet that Uncle Josephus said he was an out-and-out sucker. That will make him hoppin' mad—he will agree with you.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA

## S P Orders New Equipment To Serve Northwest

Southern Pacific's postwar orders for streamlined, lightweight passenger equipment, including all units of the Shasta Daylights for the Portland-San Francisco run, now total 52 cars and five powerful Diesel-electric locomotives, it was announced recently by J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent.

It is expected the new equipment will be delivered so that the Shasta Daylights can go into operation in the late spring of next year all this now depending on the ability of manufacturers to make deliveries. The twin 14-car red-orange-black Shasta Daylights will leave Portland and San Francisco in the morning and arrive at the opposite terminal in the late evening of the same day, Ormandy said.

With general design of the new cars now definitely established, Ormandy pointed out that a distinctive feature of the Shasta Daylight will be the spacious windows of extra height to give travelers greater views of scenic attractions. Also included will be reclining, rotating seats with foam-rubber cushions, fluorescent lighting, electric water coolers, electric elevators for ease in handling luggage, rich fabrics and modernistic interior tints, and a new recorder device to improve broadcasting of music when radio reception is poor.

Mechanical features for safety and increased riding smoothness will include tight-lock couplers, rubber cushioned draft gear, electro-pneumatic brakes, anti-wheel-slip devices, lightweight trucks with rubber anchor rods and hydraulic shock absorbers, and added insulation to eliminate exterior sounds.

## Milk Needs Special Care

Convincing proof that milk should be refrigerated promptly—and stored alongside the freezing compartment—is found in a Meal Planning Guide published by the Westinghouse Home Economics Institute. It includes the information that if milk is kept at 40 degrees—the acknowledged safety line—bacteria multiply only about two-and-one-half times in 24 hours. But at a temperature of 55 degrees bacteria multiply 25 times in 24 hours.

hazardous of any single major occupation as one-fourth of the occupational deaths in the United States occur in agriculture.

## Damaged Hay Good As Soil Builder

Clover and other legume hay which may have been damaged beyond usefulness for feed purposes by recent rains are still valuable as soil builders or fertilizer material, according to Palmer S. Torvend, County Agent.

Although it is impossible to put definite value on organic matter when added to the soil, it is known that organic matter is necessary in the soil to make the most in crop growth.

Disregarding the value of humus and sulfur, and basing an estimate only on the commercial value of the average standard mineral content based on normal prices, the cash value of these crops is about as follows:

Alfalfa hay, \$9.80 per ton; clover hay, \$8.68 per ton; oats and vetch, \$8.50 per ton. Under present-day conditions they are worth more.

These values are only a small part of the total worth of these materials to the crop land. With

commercial fertilizer supplies somewhat difficult to obtain, orchardists as well as farmers should not overlook this bet, said the County Agent. It has also been definitely proven that soils which are high in organic matter make much better use of the commercial fertilizers when applied. Recent rains have made some hay crops practically unfit for feed purposes. Therefore, Torvend urges those who must remove the crop from the field to use it as fertilizer material rather than to burn it. Spoiled hay can also be used as a mulching material in orchards or on berry land.

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