

### TOLL OF DROUGHT CLEARLY SHOWN IN REPORT ON CROPS

#### Corn and Wheat Suffer Drastic Reduction During Height of Dry and Torrid Weather Current Summer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. — (AP) — Drouth's severe toll was indicated today by the department of agriculture. September crop report showing the indicated corn crop to be 1,484,692,000 bushels and wheat production 493,285,000 bushels.

A month ago corn production was indicated as 1,607,108,000 bushels after drastic decline in prospects during July as a result of the drouth and extremely high temperatures, which reduced production by almost one quarter from the previous month's indication. The 1927-31 average production was 2,516,307,600 bushels.

#### Wheat Hopes Decline.

The indicated wheat crop compares with 490,960,000 bushels as forecast a month ago, 527,987,000 bushels produced last year, and 888,359,000 bushels, the average for the five years 1927-31.

Spring wheat production is indicated as 92,763,000 bushels, as against 90,438,000 bushels a month ago and 176,370,000 bushels produced last year. Durum wheat production, included in the spring wheat total, was indicated as 6,081,000 bushels, compared with 6,531,000 bushels a month ago, and 16,109,000 bushels last year.

Other spring wheat production is indicated as 86,682,000 bushels, compared with 84,357,000 bushels a month ago, and 160,261,000 bushels last year.

#### Date Under Average.

Production of oats is indicated as 845,870,000 bushels, against 845,345,000 bushels a month ago, and 731,524,000 bushels last year, and 1,188,958,000 bushels, the 1927-31 average.

Production of other crops as indicated by their September 1 condition, with comparative figures for the production indicated a month ago and for last year's crop, follow:

Barley, 123,000,000 bushels, compared with 119,000,000 a month ago and 157,000,000 last year.

Buckwheat, 7,100,000 bushels; 6,100,000 and 7,800,000.

Flaxseed, 3,300,000 bushels; 5,300,000 and 6,800,000.

Hay (tame), 50,700,000 tons; 49,000,000 and 66,000,000.

Beans (dry edible), 9,100,000 bushels of 100 lbs.; 9,200,000 and 12,300,000.

Apples, 112,000,000 bushels, 111,000,000 and 143,000,000. Peaches, 45,700,000 bushels; 45,400,000 and 44,000,000.

Grapes, 1,800,000 tons; 1,800,000 and 1,910,000. Potatoes, 337,000,000 bushels; 327,000,000 and 320,000,000.

Sugar beets, 7,470,000 tons; 6,800,000 and 11,950,000. Broom corn, 29,000 tons; 25,000 and 31,800.

Hops, 36,900,000; 35,300,000 and 39,500,000.

The condition of the various crops on September 1 and on that date a year ago was reported as follows:

Corn, 43.3 per cent of a normal, compared with 61.9; all spring wheat, 32.1 and 50.2; durum wheat, 24.5 and 46.2; other spring wheat, 32.8 and 50.7; oats, 39.2 and 46.3; barley, 49.2 and 47.8; buckwheat, 73.1 and 72.8; flaxseed, 55.1 and 41.6; hay (tame), 45.1 and 67.3; pasture, 43.1 and 69.2; beans (dry edible), 55.5 and 67.0; soy beans, 70.0 and 68.4; cowpeas, 64.7 and 68.7; apples, 42.7 and 54.1; peaches, 32.1 and 50.9; pears, 52.4 and 58.2; grapes, 61.5 and 63.7; pecans, 40.5 and 51.7; potatoes, 61.0 and 59.1; sugar beets, 59.8 and 63.4; brown corn, 55.6 and 54.8; hops, 76.3 and 90.2.

The condition on September 1 and indicated production of important crops by principal producing states follow:

Durum wheat: Minnesota, 60 and 654,000; North Dakota, 23 and 4,604,000; South Dakota, 13 and 348,000; Montana, 30 and 175,000.

All other spring wheat: Minnesota, 80 and 10,488,000; North Dakota, 17 and 18,850,000; South Dakota, 20 and 2,748,000; Montana, 34 and 17,805,000; Idaho, 75 and 11,854,000; Washington, 71 and 14,293,000; Oregon, 69 and 9,393,000.

Potatoes: Maine, 88 and 49,500,000; New York, 74 and 24,720,000; Pennsylvania, 79 and 23,160,000; Michigan, 60 and 22,630,000; Wisconsin, 70 and 23,786,000; Minnesota, 80 and 23,380,000; Nebraska, 20 and 5,760,000; Idaho, 65 and 19,610,000; Colorado, 38 and 6,825,000; North Dakota, 36 and 7,392,000; Washington, 71 and 7,949,000; California, 84 and 7,790,000.

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### RANGER GRIBBLE LEAVES SERVICE AFTER 27 YEARS

After over 27 years of faithful service, Senior Ranger John M. Gribble has retired from the U. S. forest service.

Mr. and Mrs. Gribble and their daughter Catherine returned recently to their home, 139 Kenwood avenue, after a six weeks' auto trip through Oregon and Washington, where they visited many old friends and relatives.

Mr. Gribble started work under the first supervisor on the Skikyou forest, in June, 1907, helping to cruise timber near the headwaters of the Coquille river. His work has been of vast and varied kinds and he has worked with many other men and on six or eight different forests.

During the winter of 1907-08 he was in Curry county for about three months examining timber and brush canyons. Working was the popular mode of traveling then. At that time there was not a foot of railroad or telegraph line; not a bake-shop, butcher shop (nor service station) in Curry county. It was said game laws didn't enter the county.

It was a paradise for secluded vacations. At that time the four-horse-and-wagon stage left Myrtle Point in the evening, reaching Remote at 6 o'clock next morning—if all went well. Horses were changed at Camas Valley, reached at noon, where other horses were supplied. Ollala was the evening station, where a fresh team was put to the grind. Roseburg, 62 miles from Myrtle Point, was reached about midnight. Last week Mr. Gribble drove from Myrtle Point to Roseburg in two hours.

In March, 1908, Mr. Gribble returned to Grants Pass from a cruising trip in Eden valley, where it had snowed four feet in four days. A few days later he came to Medford, where he helped to open the office of the Mazama national forest in the Jackson County Bank building. The forest was made up of parts of the Klamath, Skikyou and Cascade South forests.

Much of 1909, 1910 and 1911 was spent in examining and reporting on homesteads and other claims within the national forests of Washington and Oregon.

Conditions of all claims had to be reported before final proof could be made. Newspapers and public sentiment were extremely bitter during those early days, and Mr. Gribble came in for more than his share of harsh criticism. However, fair and impartial dealings with the public finally brought about an entirely changed sentiment, and many bitter claimants came to him later and expressed confidence and satisfaction in his truthful and unbiased treatment of their cases.

In 1910, Mr. Gribble had charge of the forest fires which threatened to destroy the Ashland watershed, if not the city itself. Finally, with the cooperation of a number of good citizens the stores were closed and the people turned out and fought fire.

The fire-spreading crews were called in; the city put up 500 upon which Mr. Gribble drew warrants and paid off undervaluers in order to get rid of them at once.

With the loyal help of Ashland citizens and 60 soldiers the fires were soon stopped. Mr. Gribble recalls many changes and improvements in forest fire detection and suppression. The old pack-horse or the man-back-pack trips are largely replaced by airplanes and autos. Roads now traverse many formerly almost impenetrable mountain areas.

Public sentiment has also vastly improved toward forest protection and fire prevention. Yet, he observes, man's carelessness or wilfully criminal destructiveness still causes most fires.

In 1913-14, he did land classification work on the Siuslaw forest. Over 1300 applications were made for homesteads. In going over much of the same country in 1931-33, while doing forest resource survey work, he saw scores of deserted cabins, fragments of clothing, children's toys, etc.—evidence of where families had worked hard trying to make a home, but which was finally abandoned as brush and ferns recaptured their little garden spots.

Mr. Gribble's last work in his service was in charge of a Port Orford cedar timber sale on the east fork

### ROYAL NEIGHBORS FEEL PROSPERITY

During the first six months of this year new business written by Royal Neighbors of America fraternal insurance society, increased \$6,964,020 or 119 per cent over the amount for the same period in 1933, according to information received today by Margery Person, recorder of Mistleton camp No. 4713, located in Medford.

The business increase was announced from the supreme offices of the society in Rock Island, Ill.

From January 1 to July 1, 1934, new insurance written by the society amounted to \$12,907,790, while in the first six months of 1933 the total was \$5,943,775.

Between January 1 and July 1, 1934, the society obtained 25,112 new members, whereas the corresponding period a year ago showed 9,674 per members. The new membership for the last six months is composed of 8,705 adults and 16,597 juveniles, and between January 1 and July 1, 1933, the division was 4,618 adults and 5,958 juveniles.

"This increase in new business," Miss Erna M. Barthel of Rock Island, supreme recorder, said today, "indicates to the supreme officers of the society that there is an improvement in economic conditions throughout the country. The new business was written in the 45 states in which the society operates and makes the total membership of the organization approximately 600,000."

"Royal Neighbors of America also encountered another sign of better times in the first six months of 1934. In this period the number of members temporarily suspended was 37 per cent less than the number for the same period in 1933, while the proportion of suspended members, who were reinstated in the first six months of 1934, was 39 per cent above that in the corresponding period of 1933."

### STOLEN SPARKPLUGS GET TRANSIENT IN BAD

ASHLAND, Sept. 11.—(Sp.)—Hoo James, 50, a transient from Medford, was arrested today by Chief of Police Tolent after he had attempted to sell a new box of sparkplugs to several dealers in Ashland. The plugs had allegedly been stolen from Littrell Parts company of Medford.

Chief Tolent was called by one of the dealers, who gave him a description of the "boss" salesman. Medford police were notified, and they came and got their prisoner.

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### CITY CHILDREN SHOULD TAKE PRE-SCHOOL TEST

Parents with children below the school age who wish to have them enter school this fall, should make arrangements immediately with Mrs. Blanche Canode for pre-school tests.

This series of tests is in no way connected with the tests being given at the county school superintendent's office. The same types of examinations will be given in both groups, however.

Parents may telephone Mrs. Canode at 1573-L.

### AIR SPEED ACE TAKES NEW RACER OVER CITY

Roscoe Turner of Los Angeles, well known aviator, passed over Medford yesterday afternoon flying a specially built Boeing 247 from Seattle to Los Angeles, having had the ship made to order at the factory.

Turner will use the new plane in the London, England-Melbourne, Australia, air races this fall, according to officials at the Medford airport.

The Boeing 247 is the same type of plane in regular use through Medford on United Airlines airmail and passenger service.

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### FIRE SQUAD SETS 30-SECOND RECORD

According to Karl Janouch, supervisor of Rogue River National forest, a record was set when 39 men from Star Ranger station "got away" in 30 seconds on a forest fire Sunday night on the Big Applegate road, one mile above Neal creek.

Lee Post, district ranger, was in charge of the crew, which left the ranger station with full equipment just half a minute after the blaze was reported.

The fire, which covered five acres before being suppressed, was of unknown origin.

Dwight Phipps, district fire warden, stated today that the grass and brush fire in Sams Valley Sunday afternoon was incendiary. The blaze was suppressed by 12 men from the state fire patrol, after burning over from 25 to 30 acres.

### SKUNK PROMENADES ON GRANTS PASS STREET

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