

YEAR'S PEAR CROP EXCEEDS LAST BY OVER 5 MILLIONS

\$16,193,000 Given as Value 1934 Crop — \$10,780,000 Value Last Year— Apples Also Far Ahead

By STEPHEN L. McDONOUGH (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Crop production in the United States was estimated by the department of agriculture today to have declined 22 per cent below last year, due to drought and government control of output.

The total value of all crops produced was \$4,782,826,000, compared with \$4,114,265,000 last year and \$2,862,195,000 in 1932.

The acreage devoted to growing crops was estimated at 288,608,000 acres, excluding land devoted to fruit. This was a decline of 40,500,000 acres, or 12 per cent, from last year and was about 10 per cent below the average acreage harvested during the past 10 years.

"It was probably the lowest total harvested in more than 30 years," the year end crop report of the department declared.

Many Poor Yields. Exceptionally low yields were obtained in many crops. Field crops averaged about 15 per cent less than last year and about 20 per cent below the average during the preceding 10 years.

Final figures of acreage and production this year and its value, together with last year's figures were announced as follows:

Winter wheat: Acreage 32,945,000; production, 405,034,000 bushels, and value \$354,136,000, compared with 28,485,000 acres, 350,792,000 bushels and \$250,735,000.

All spring wheat: Acreage 9,290,000; production, 91,435,000 bushels, and value \$78,305,000, compared with 19,425,000 acres, 178,183,000 bushels and \$108,313,000.

Durum wheat: Acreage 990,000; production, 7,086,000 bushels, and value \$7,733,000, compared with 2,310,000 acres, 16,737,000 bushels and \$10,929,000.

Other spring wheat: Acreage 8,300,000; production, 84,349,000 bushels, and value \$70,572,000, compared with 17,115,000 acres, 161,446,000 bushels and \$97,764,000.

Barley: Acreage 7,144,000; production, 118,929,000 bushels, and value \$91,836,000, compared with 10,099,000 acres, 155,825,000 bushels and \$63,497,000.

Production and value of other crops this year and last were: Hay (all): \$6,890,000 tons, and \$770,530,000, compared with 74,807,000 tons and \$885,549,000.

Beans (dry edible): 10,150,000 bags of 100 lbs., and \$35,159,000, compared with 12,338,000 bags, and \$33,383,000.

Soybeans: 17,762,000 bushels, and \$19,648,000, compared with 17,870,000 bushels, and \$18,410,000.

Corn: 5,296,000 bushels, and \$2,912,000, compared with 5,806,000 and \$5,308,000.

Potatoes: 385,287,000 bushels, and \$180,999,000, compared with 320,203,000 and \$223,880,000.

Apples: 119,855,000 bushels, and \$102,178,000, compared with 142,981,000 and \$97,540,000.

Heroine Of Tragedy



Mrs. Iotis Warrington, stewardess on a passenger bus in which three men were killed as a tree fell on it near Sinoquinia Pass, east of Seattle, Wash., was praised for her heroism in meeting the emergency and keeping the remaining passengers calm. (Associated Press Photo)

\$44,000 BALANCE URSCHEL RANSOM YET TO BE FOUND

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money and buried it at scattered points throughout Oregon and Washington.

"We knew that Mrs. Feldman and Alvin H. Scott, her brother-in-law, had knowledge about the money. We didn't want to arrest them unless we could get them with the money on them."

"Scott was hurt in an automobile accident near Roseburg, Ore. When they took his clothes off at the hospital federal agents searched them. We found some ransom money. Then we began questioning certain people and found out where some of the other money was buried."

"If you have ever dug for buried treasure you know what a job we had. If you are one foot off the exact spot you might as well be a mile away. But we finally got some definite information and some help from people that knew the exact location."

Some Found in Medford. "We dug up about \$6000 from the wood shed of Scott's home near Medford. It was contained in fruit jars."

"Then we got other information and found some more of the treasure buried in fruit jars and thermos bottles in other parts of Oregon and Washington. Altogether, we recovered about \$46,000, and nearly \$60,000 was recovered in Texas."

"I tell you, it was a real treasure hunt and a story that goes Robert Louis Stevenson one better. But the government cannot try its cases out of court. The real story of all this is going to come out at the trial."

Mrs. Feldman and her son, Edward, have been arrested in connection with the case.

The ransom recovered in Texas was believed to be the share of George (Machine Gun) Kelly and his wife, Kathryn, both convicted and sent to prison for the kidnaping.

The kidnap victim, Charles F. Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma oil man, was held captive on the Paradise, Tex., farm of H. G. Shannon, who with his wife and the Baileys are serving life terms.

Edward Feldman was brought here to aid Nathan in the Denver treasure hunt but was returned to Oklahoma Monday night.

Laufer in Denial. Laska was released from custody after bond had been provided. He issued a denial of the government charges after he was released.

"Parts of this story are so insane and insane that they don't require any explanation," Laska said. "The statement by Edward Feldman, Mrs. Bates' son, that he gave me \$60,000 and I never even counted it or looked at it is one that doesn't require a denial."

FOREIGN WAR VETS GIVE LARGE CLASS INITIATION RITES

Opening shot by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in their drive for membership, was fired Monday night when Orator Lake post No. 1833 initiated a large class of recruits. Several recruits were unable to attend because of sickness, but will be taken in with another large class January 7, at the regular meeting.

Commander Etha W. Wall, in his address of welcome to the new members, stressed the ideals and aims of the order and in turn cautioned every member against any act that would reflect on the order or the individual.

"It is the aim of our order to help in every way possible, every worthy veteran and his family and to keep in mind at all times the high ideals for which we stand," he said.

Short talks were made by all the new members, expressing their sentiments relative to the order. The Del Rogue post of Orante Pass sent a delegation, headed by Commander Frederick Paquette, who made an interesting talk on veteran welfare work and the general good of the order.

Dance tickets for the Veterans' Gold Cherron ball, New Year's eve, at the Oriental Gardens, were distributed to the members, with the assurance of one of the gayest events of the year.

Main event of the evening was a Dutch lunch prepared by the ladies of the auxiliary, for 100 people. During the lunch an auction was held, the funds derived to help cover expenses of the kiddies' Christmas tree, to be held at the Armory Friday night. Many amusing incidents marked the opening of the packages bought "alight unseen."

ENGLISH NOVEL CLASS ENDS WORK OF TERM; START AGAIN JAN. 7TH

Students of the extension class in contemporary English novel taught here during the fall month by Dr. Arthur Taylor of the Southern Oregon Normal, completed their work with the last meeting of the class Monday evening.

This class, together with other extension classes over the state, has been put under the supervision of the Oregon state system of higher education with full credit at the university, the state college or any of the normal schools. Extension classes have heretofore been conducted by the university.

Considerable interest has been noted in the course to be taught by Dr. Taylor during the winter term. Contemporary American novel. The class holds its first meeting at the Medford Senior High school Monday evening, January 7.

The members of the class just completed are: Floyd V. Barrett, Clarence F. Davies, R. W. Erickson, Eagle Point; Edna P. Wisely, Talent; Margaret Burroughs, Alan Carley, Ruth E. Dickerson, Mrs. Grant H. Edwards, H. W. Guatin, Alta Lundsey, Mrs. J. R. Murray, Blanche Runels, W. E. Thomas, Medford; Florence P. Allen, Edith L. Burk, Doris Hitchcock, Marie Prescott, Fred Schuerman, Lorne Sewel, Lydia Smith, and Bertha A. Stephens, Ashland.

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SENATE PROBES DELVE INTO MUNITIONS SECRETS



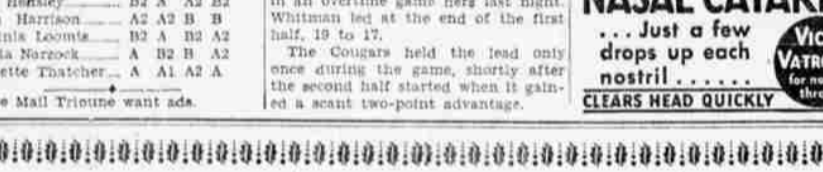
The senate committee reopening its investigation of the munitions business heard evidence that arms manufacturers knew six years before the World War that "a tremendous conflict was brewing" but Irene DuPont (below, center) munitions manufacturer, declared business was "almost dead" during that period. Above, members of the committee are shown in conference; left to right: Senators Vandenberg of Michigan, Nye of North Dakota, Clark of Missouri and Pope of Idaho. In the rear are Senator Barbour of New Jersey, Alger Hiss and Stephen Raushenbush, chief investigator. Below are Irene and Pierre DuPont (left) with counsel, William Donovan (right). (Associated Press Photos)

32 ON HONOR ROLL AT MEDFORD HIGH IN 6-WEEK PERIOD

(By Harold Grove.) Apparently the coming of Christmas and New Year's day has had no ill-effects on some of the students of Medford high, for as the second six weeks close a total of 32 students succeeded in getting placed on the Medford high school honor roll. They are:

- Pauline Rogers — A1 A B1 A
- Betty Vilm — A1 A2 A2 B A2
- Dorothy Hammond — A2 A2 A2 A1 B2
- Betty Thordmyke — B2 A B A D1
- Lois Lowry — A1 A1 A A
- Lola Speker — A2 A A2 A2 A
- Wauvela Wilson — B1 A C1 B A
- Dorothy Hopkins — A2 B2 A2 A2 A
- Ruth Solinsky — B A A A B
- Jane Hodges — A A B2 B1
- Paul Lowry — A1 A2 A A
- Wallace Ludwig — C1 B A A B
- Nellie Moon — A1 A B1 B
- Mignon Phillips — A1 A B1 B
- Edith Willock — A A2 A2 A1
- Ross Johnson — A1 A2 A2 B
- Beverly Moore — A2 A1 B A
- Jerry Sampson — A1 B2 A2 A
- Lola Frazer — B1 A A2 A
- Dorothy Shamsi — A2 B1 A A
- Virginia Hammond — A2 A B1 C1
- Anna Scheel — B1 A A2 B
- Mildred Drury — A1 B1 B2 A
- Dorothy Armstrong — A2 B2 A2 A
- Billy Wilson — A2 A B2 A2
- Helen Chirgwin — B A2 A2 A
- Della Mae Dale — A A2 B A2
- Luella Ponge — A2 A A2 C1
- Roy Hendley — B2 A A2 B2
- Glen Harrison — A2 A2 B B
- Virginia Loomis — B2 A B2 A2
- Sopita Norzock — A B2 B A2
- Jeanette Thatcher — A A1 A2 A

Calling The Roll In Lindbergh Case



Thomas W. Trenchard, supreme court justice, presided at early proceedings at the Hunterdon county, N. J., courthouse in the trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the Lindbergh kidnaping. (Associated Press Photo)

HALL DAMAGE CASE UP TODAY

The damage suit of E. C. Hall, member of the contracting firm of Washburn & Hall of Eugene, against C. J. Perrine, well-known Ashland resident, for \$28,822.51, is scheduled to be called this afternoon in circuit court. The suit is based upon alleged false arrest in which Perrine swore to a complaint charging that Hall appropriated a quantity of lumber belonging to him.

Hall, at the time, was engaged in a contract calling for road work near Ashland.

Hall alleges that as a result of the swearing out of the complaint he was subjected to humiliation and inconvenience, when the warrant was served upon him at Eugene, and that he was delayed in arrival at an important conference in Salt Lake, Utah.

The complaint, charging Hall with grand larceny, was issued out of an Ashland justice court about June 1, 1933.

Hall asks \$28,822.51 special damages, \$5000 punitive damages and \$20,000 general damages.

Perrine, the complaint cites, charged Hall with the theft of plans owned by Perrine for use in highway construction.

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COLVIG, PHIPPS RANKED HIGH IN EDITORIAL TEST

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—(Sp.)—Seniors in journalism at the University of Oregon far outranked seniors and all other students in four other universities in a widely comprehensive contemporary affairs test given here in November. It was announced today by Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism, who has just received the returns from the co-operative testing service of the American Council on Education in New York.

The Oregon journalism seniors made an average grade of 125, compared to 104 for seniors in the other universities. Actually, the Oregon students surpassed the other seniors by a wider score than the other seniors scored over freshmen, whose score was 88. The average grades made nationally were: Freshmen, 86; sophomores, 96; juniors, 100; seniors, 104; Oregon journalism seniors, 125.

Ranking highest in percentile ranking for Oregon and as high as any other student of all those tested was Edward H. (Ned) Simpson, varsity football letterman, whose percentile ranking was 100. Simpson, by the way, is only a junior who was admitted to the senior editing class by special permission.

Fred W. Colvig, Medford, editorial writer on the Emerald, student daily, was second at Oregon with a ranking of 98. Five students tied for third with a ranking of 93. They are: Robert G. Lull, Sacramento, Cal.; Ruth McClain, Hood River; William E. Phipps, Medford, editor of the University of Oregon Daily Emerald; Gilbert A. Wellington, and Norman F. Titus, Portland.

The test, which was prepared by A. C. Rurich and E. E. Wilson at the University of Minnesota, with the editorial collaboration of 16 experts in various fields of science, social sci-

ence, economics and others, covers national and international affairs, politics, art, literature, science, sports, geographical locations, and includes a test knowledge of use of English as well.

A similar test will be given to the students in the spring, to measure their progress during the senior year, it is announced by Dean Allen.

LEGION SHOW HEADS TO MEET THURSDAY

Morris Leonard, general chairman of the American Legion's "Ten Nights in a Barroom" show, to be staged at the Oriental Gardens Friday evening, has called a meeting of all chairmen of committees working on the production at his store, the Leonard Electric company in the Holly Theater building, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The committee meeting will be the last before the performance Friday night and Chairman Leonard is anxious to have all committee heads present so that full details of the program may be gone over.

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FORMER GOVERNOR OF RESERVE BOARD DIES

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Eugene B. Black, 61, former governor of the Federal Reserve board, died at his residence here early today of a heart attack. He had been slightly indisposed the past three days.

An outstanding citizen of the south, President Roosevelt called Mr. Black to Washington on May 10, 1933, to become chairman of the federal reserve board. In that position he gained national-wide prominence in assisting the president in getting the new deal under way.

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