

NEW CORN ENDS RAIDS OF BORER, TESTS DISCLOSE

EAST LANSING, Mich.—(UP)—A new variety of Golden Bantam corn, so distasteful to the destructive European corn borer that it would rather starve than eat it, has been developed at Michigan State college experimental station here.

Its development, and the fact that the borer's distaste does not extend to human palates, were disclosed at the recent convention of the Michigan Vegetable Growers' association at Grand Rapids by Prof. C. H. Mahoney.

"We have been working on this new corn for six years," Mahoney, college vegetable specialist, said. "We have placed as high as 90 borers each on each plant. As the eggs hatch the larvae crawl off the leaves and strive to death searching for edible corn."

"We don't know exactly why the borers won't eat this corn, but we do know there is something distasteful about it."

The new corn is a cross between the well-known American Golden Bantam, favorite of corn eaters, and a South American field corn known as the Maize Amargo. Grasshoppers will not eat Maize Amargo, Mahoney said, adding that it is believed the South American variety has provided the quality in the blend which the borer finds unpalatable.

"The new variety, however, is as sweet if not sweeter than Golden Bantam," Mahoney added. "The ears are somewhat larger than the Golden Bantam. We have produced the new corn in 8, 10 and 12 row strains."

Two more years of development will be required before the corn can be released for commercial production. The new variety promises to save the industry in American states where the European borer has caused untold crop destruction.

Coincident with the disclosure of the new corn, Mahoney revealed that the college experimental station is developing a new variety of honeydew melon that may make Michigan independent of imports from other melon-producing states.

"Our tests," he added, "show the new melons will keep perfectly for longer periods of time than usual varieties. But like the corn, it will require two more years to perfect."

One of the other experiments now being conducted by the college is that of creating an improved strain of brussels sprouts adapted to Michigan soil.

Surplus Shown by City As Tax Payments Gain

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Table with columns: Budget for the Year 1935, Budget Allowance, Disbursed, Over, Under. Rows include Recorder, Treasurer, Library, Police, Fire, Streets, Health, Law, Building and Light, Administration, Airport, Dairy, Emergency.

Table with columns: Recorder's Balance, Accounts Overdrawn, Held for Bond Red., Total, Treasurer's Cash Balance, Treasurer's Investment. Rows include General Fund, Water Fund, Consolidated Fund No. 1, Consolidated Fund No. 2, General Bond Fund, Water Bond Sinking Fund, Improvement Bond Sinking Fund No. 1, Improvement Bond Sinking Fund No. 2, Improvement Bond Sinking Fund No. 3, Sewer Bond Sinking Fund No. 1, Sewer Bond Sinking Fund No. 2, Sewer Bond Sinking Fund No. 3, Watermain Bond Sinking Fund No. 1, E. Main St. Improvement Fund, Sewage Disposal Sinking Fund, Sewage Disposal Construction Fund.

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CHILD WELFARE AIDE APPOINTED

SALEM, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Governor Martin appointed Mrs. Verne Dusenberg of Portland to the state child welfare commission, to succeed Mrs. Folger Johnson, Portland, resigned. She will serve until the first of the year.

Appointment of the delegation to represent Oregon at the national wild life conservation conference in Washington, D. C., next month was announced as follows: Herman Oliver, John Day; J. G. Barratt, Heppner; William P. Vernon, Lakeview; Archie Weinstein, Burns; Brigadier-General Thomas E. Riles, Salem; Dean William A. Schoenfeld, Corvallis; Dexter Rice, Roseburg, and George Aiken, Ontario.

BRITAIN RUNS LOW ON MILLIONAIRES, BIG LEVIES DROP

Number in Higher Bracket Class Declines From 850 to 452 in Five Years—Vast Estates Vanishing

LONDON.—(UP)—Great Britain is running low on millionaires and the exchequer, which collects about \$435,000,000 a year from the deaths of its wealthy citizens, is becoming alarmed.

Back in 1930 before the grip of the depression had become so straggling, Britain boasted about 850 millionaires, mostly men of the old money who had inherited vast estates dating back to feudal times.

But a millionaire in England is a wealthier man than the millionaire of the United States for the British man of this class must possess a million pounds, or \$5,000,000.

Within a year's time this number of millionaires dropped to 678 and today the exchequer can find only 452 men with a million pounds or more on tap. The drop of nearly 50 per cent is of vital concern to the master mathematicians of the exchequer who each year place an estimate on how many wealthy persons can be expected to die the following year and how much the government can expect to collect from their estates.

Inheritance Taxes High. Death duties in Great Britain account for 12 or 13 per cent of the nation's total revenue.

This figure is in sharp contrast with the system of taxation in the United States where inheritance taxes supply only 4 or 5 per cent of the total amount needed to maintain government operations.

Despite the sharp decline in the number of listed millionaires the exchequer has suffered no loss in death duties during the last year, largely because of an unusually high death rate among the monied class.

Deaths brought \$425,000,000 to the government coffers in 1934 and the figure for 1935 is expected to be somewhere near that, probably a trifle less.

The collections that make up this huge sum range from \$5 paid on a \$500 legacy, to the \$25,000,000 paid on the \$125,000,000 estate of Sir John Ellerman, shipping magnate.

Great Britain's ailing scale of death taxes somewhat similar to the graduation of the American income tax makes the rich man the backbone of the death duties just as the middle class business man is the backbone of the income tax.

Taxes Up to 50 Percent. Sir John's estate paid \$22,500,000 to the government, because it's the law that a minimum of \$2,000,000 must be turned over from any estate of \$5,000,000 and the exchequer steps in and takes a full half of any fortune listed at more than \$10,000,000.

Eleven men of the \$10,000,000 class died in 1934 and their heirs forfeited \$100,000,000 to the government.

From a bookkeeping standpoint, these multimillional collections mean the income from \$5,000,000 for a year at 5 per cent interest. As capital, it would enable Great Britain to build three battleships of the first class, or maintain 11 land yards for two years—all from 11 men.

Great Britain's death taxes—properly known as estate duties—were invented by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the liberal minded chancellor of Queen Victoria's reign. He defended the heavy duties with the statement: "Why not tax the rich—we're all socialists now."

Harcourt's scale of duties brought an average of \$85,000,000 a year into the treasury for 10 years, from 1894 until 1904, or an amount of only one-fifth of the present yield.

Same Fortunes Relaxed. The exchequer has collected time and time again from several of Great Britain's large fortunes, depending upon the families' death rates.

The Wills family, of vast tobacco wealth, has lost 12 members since 1909 and these 12 heirs have passed on estates totaling more than \$2,000,000,000.

The manner in which the exchequer pays return visits to tap family fortunes was exemplified when Lord Cowdray of Midhurst died in 1927, leaving an estate of nearly \$20,000,000. The treasury cleared \$7,500,000. His son inherited about \$8,000,000 and when he, in turn, died in 1933 the treasury took 34 per cent of the son's estate. Of the original \$20,000,000 estate he left less than \$2,500,000.

No Appeal Possible. There is no appeal from Great Britain's death duties, except when two deaths occur in a family within a year. In such cases the government is content with half the ordinary tax in the second instance.

In the United States an estate is exempt from death duties for five years after any one payment. Nevertheless, British authorities point out, under the new American scale of inheritance taxes a man of Sir John Ellerman's vast wealth would have paid \$85,000,000 had he lived in the United States instead of the \$25,000,000 collected from his estate here.

Recent wallings from the Atlantic over the new California tax and reports reaching here that William Fowell would spend half his time in London to avoid the tax-chasers brought up the subject.

The only way for the movie stars to escape the American tax, and the British one as well, is to live five and a half months in Hollywood and the same length of time in England. They'll have to find

some other place to live the remaining months of the year. The California tax, according to the London expert, cannot be levied against anyone who has lived outside the state for six months or more of the year.

At the same time an American film star who lives for more than six months in Britain is subject to the British income tax, not only on the salary earned in the British studios but any remittances from the United States.

As a sidelight to this provision, it recently was established in a test lawsuit that a British subject earning salary in the United States could not claim exemption from the British income tax, even though he left his earnings in the United States.

This was a blow to the small army of British actors and actresses in Hollywood, many of whom had been there for several years. The British star in Hollywood, therefore, is subject to three taxes—the United States income tax, California state tax and British income tax.

Stars who are free agents, such as Charles Laughton, pay these three taxes out of their own pockets. Individuals on contract to companies in Hollywood or London—allien actors—have provisions in their contracts whereby their employers pay the tax. Merle Oberon, for instance, is said to pay only the British income tax. Her American taxes

it is stated, are paid by her employer, Samuel Goldwyn.

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Pretty Pauline Rosebrook refused an offer to go to London with other Hollywood beauties for show work. She declared there were more opportunities in Hollywood than in England. (Associated Press Photo)

DROPPING OF AN 'H' BY PRINCE OF WALES RELATED BY LAMPMAN

The Prince of Wales, now King Edward VIII of England, once dropped an h and thus almost caused a riot among the English population of Honolulu. It was recalled today by Rex H. Lampman, journalist and former Central Point resident.

The Prince was in Honolulu on a Pacific cruise in 1920 when the incident occurred. Upon his arrival it was announced he would give no interviews, but David Heeman, cub of the Star-Bulletin and roommate of Lampman, was determined to get a story. With Lampman he managed to obtain an interview.

The Prince chatted amiably and became interested in the discourse when he learned that Lampman had been at Rheinbrohl as a marine with the army of occupation after the World war, for Edward had visited with the troops there.

When the interview was over, Heeman asked Lampman what the feature of the story was, and the latter replied: "Why, he dropped an h. That's your story."

The next day the Star-Bulletin published a story stating that the future King of England was so English that he occasionally dropped an h. It was recalled today by Lampman, who then was with the Honolulu Advertiser but not assigned to see the prince.

The English population became frantic and declared the story to be an insult, but the Prince did not mind in the slightest and was not the least bit perturbed, Lampman said. Edward diverted attention from the yarn by indulging in exploits on a polo pony and a surfboard, the journals related.

"He's a glorious chap and will make a grand king," Lampman commented.

FULL MEMBERSHIP AT DRILL OF COMPANY A

Fifty-seven men, the full roster at present, attended weekly drill of Company A, 186th Infantry, at the Army last night.

Total strength of the company is 60 men, but three memberships, under the present reorganization plan, are being kept open for recruits who can attend drills regularly. Capt. Carl Y. Tengsvold, commander, said.

It was expected by the captain that the full active membership would be attained by next Tuesday night. Recruits, he said, should file applications during the week prior to the drill.

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