

# COAST PEAR CROP MILLION BUSHELS UNDER 1938 YIELD

## Winter Pear Production of 5,941,000 Bushels Predicted—Last Year's Harvest 6,972,000 Bushels

PORTLAND, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Abnormally dry weather and high temperatures reduced expected yields of winter pears in Oregon when the condition continued through August, the department of agriculture said today in its September 1 crop report.

Fruit and nut production of Oregon and Washington declined four percent from August 1 estimates. Crop summaries included: PEARS—Pacific coast Bartlett production at 13,885,000 bushels, a slight decrease from August 1 but seven percent above average. Production of other pears, chiefly winter varieties, placed at 5,941,000 bushels, compared to 6,972,000 a year ago and average of 3,877,000 bushels. Oregon crop estimated at 2,710,000 bushels, 7 percent under a month ago.

WHEAT—Spring wheat production estimated at 58,708,000 bushels for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, slightly under August 1 forecast. Adding winter wheat estimates, northwest production is placed at 130,792,000 bushels, 26 percent under last year but 7 percent above average.

OATS—Pacific northwest yield estimated at 26,046,000 bushels, unchanged from month ago and above average.

BARLEY—Little change in production forecast with estimates at 13,828,000 bushels, far above average.

CORN—Weather conditions unfavorable; production in Oregon Washington and Idaho estimated at 4,090,000 bushels, slightly above 1938 but below average.

POTATOES—Prospects slightly improved during August and crop probably about the same as last year in northwest and 16 percent above average. In 18 surplus late potato states, prospects up 2 percent to 252,177,000 bushels, about average.

HOPS—Oregon, Washington and California expected to produce 39,060,000 pounds, the same as on August 1 and above 1938 yield of 35,361,000 pounds. Estimates are on total production.

APPLES—Oregon-Washington commercial crop, averaging 20 percent of nation's production over 10-year period, estimated at 22,300,000 bushels, less than 22 percent of 1938, 2000-bushel forecast for United States. The 1938 Oregon-Washington production was 27,735,000 bushels.

PRUNES—Total production in Oregon, Washington and Idaho indicated to be 212,400 tons, compared to 133,800 tons a year ago and an average of 160,320 tons. Western Oregon and Washington yield estimated at 165,900 tons, compared to the 1938 crop of 89,700 tons.

NUTS—Hot weather resulted in a slight reduction of the Oregon-Washington walnut crop to 4,200 tons (orchard run basis), compared to 5,500 tons a year ago and a 10-year average of 1,940 tons. Oregon's filbert crop continues promising with prospective production at 2,880 tons, compared to 1,860 tons in 1938. A Washington crop of 560 tons, compared to 380 a year ago, is expected.

# TRIBUTE SOUGHT FOR EX-SLAVE

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (UP)—Negro women are renewing a campaign seeking \$5,000 for construction of a memorial over the grave here of Sojourner Truth, the illustrious Civil war era Negro who preached, fought for her race, and talked with famous writers and President Lincoln. The drive, first begun in 1929, was abandoned because of the depression, but now its sponsors hope to obtain sufficient support to place in a Battle Creek cemetery near a modest tombstone marked "Is God Dead?" a

# U-BOAT CAPTAIN 'VERY FAIR' SAYS RESCUED VICTIM

## Skipper of British Freighter Ordered Aboard Sub Before His Ship Sent to Bottom—Adrift Six Hours

By Toby Wiant  
NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Captain Thomas Geoghegan, whose British freighter Winkleigh was torpedoed off the Irish coast, said today upon arrival of the Holland-American liner Statendam that the submarine captain "was very fair, considering our nations were at war."

"But," he added, "I am anxious to get back to England as soon as possible to help in any way I can." Aboard the Statendam were approximately 1700 passengers, including several hundred Americans. Geoghegan, who was on a boat torpedoed by the Germans in the first year of the war, and the 36 members of his crew, including Philip Lewis, 13-year-old cabin boy of Victoria, B. C., were picked up by the Statendam six hours after the Winkleigh sank.

No Escape Attempt  
The captain told this story of the torpedoing: "We sighted the submarine first when it was four or five miles away. We made no attempt to get away because we realized we didn't have a chance. When the submarine drew up to within several hundred feet, I saw a small signal flag. Then it fired one shot over our ship. I ordered the engines stopped and the crew to assemble on deck. The submarine signalled for me to come aboard it."

"The captain, who spoke broken English, looked over my papers and kept one or two to certify that he had sunk our ship. Then he told me to get my men into the life boats."

Geoghegan said he knew exactly where he was and that he was

point: also Des Moines, Kansas City and St. Louis, proceeding to Chicago for a national restaurant convention October 2-6. At a meeting of all pear bureau fieldmen in Chicago at the time of the convention they will rehearse the new "road show"—the pear bureau's vehicle for the new season's program—before going to their separate territories. Webster will be headquartered in Boston after the middle of October, but will make trips as needed to other territories to assure the smooth functioning of the program. This will be Webster's fourth season with the pear bureau, having originally been "loaned" the bureau by a large New York fruit receiving organization. He now considers the west his permanent home, and has moved his family to Seattle.

# CHEMISTS PARE PLASTICS' COST

AMES, Iowa (UP)—In bagasse, or sugar cane after the juice has been removed, federal scientists believe they have found a low cost plastic compound which may replace synthetic kinds now on the market.

Dr. S. I. Aronovsky, acting chief of the U. S. by-products laboratory here, estimated that bagasse can be processed for this purpose at "less than half the cost of the cheapest synthetic compound on the market."

In experiments the cost ranged from about 2 to 4.5 cents per pound, depending on the process used.

It is adaptable, Aronovsky said, to buttons, ash trays, fountain pens and even larger items.

# \$300,000 BLAZE IN CONEY ISLAND PARK

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—(AP)—A fire that threatened to destroy Steeplechase park in historic Coney Island was brought under control late Thursday. Damage was unofficially estimated at \$300,000.

Several firemen were overcome or suffered burns as they battled the blaze which destroyed approximately 300 feet of the board walk, numerous small concessions, and a portion of the park.

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# FASCIST NEWSPAPER SEES ITALIAN GAIN WHEN GERMANY WINS

ROME, Sept. 15.—(AP)—The Bologna newspaper Il Resto Del Carlino asserted today that Italy in her present neutrality was pursuing the policy of the Rome-Berlin axis.

The newspaper, regarded as an important fascist organ, predicted flatly Germany would win the war, and added:

"And in the hour of passage of power between the old plutocracies and the young totalitarian states, Rome will take the place which belongs to it."

The article was regarded as the most outspoken to appear in the fascist press since the war began. The newspapers have scarcely mentioned the axis or military alliance with Germany.

"Italy disdained to wait," the article continued, "and marched straight ahead. War will end with a German victory."

The newspaper recalled Mussolini had assured Italy she would reach her goals. It added that among these goals were Tunisia, Jibuti and Suez.

Old School Deserted.  
SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—The Center-view school in the Waldo hills near here will not open this year for the first time in 81 years. It was said that not enough children live in the district to warrant opening the pioneers' school this year. Old-timers said the first year the school opened, 1878, 21 students enrolled.

Save Few Belongings  
He and the crew had time to get only a few belongings, but the life boats were "fully provisioned because we were afraid something like this would happen."

Norman Nash, fourth engineer, also said the submarine captain "was very fair in giving us time to get away safely."

The crew included three boys slightly older than the cabin boy, and eight negroes.

The Winkleigh left Vancouver August 3 with 4,000,000 feet of lumber.

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