

RECORD HOG CROP BUT NATION HEADS FOR MEAT FAMINE

Huge Pork Supply Won't Compensate For Reduced Amounts Of Other Meat.

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Chicago, Oct. 19—(U.P.)—Corn belt farmers are preparing to market the biggest hog crop in history, but the nation still is heading for a severe meat shortage next year.

not compensate for reduced amounts of other meats, particularly beef.

The hog population estimate based on the crop of 74,000,000 pigs produced last spring, with another large crop expected this fall.

Peak This Winter

M. M. Conway, statistician for the National Livestock Marketing Association, said the nation's meat supply would reach a peak this winter.

"There will be plenty of meat, including beef, up to December," he said. "But after that, beef will drop off, the lamb and mutton supply will be way down, and pork production will drop in February and March."

Conway believes there will be little meat for civilian consumers next summer.

The record hog crop which soon will begin streaming toward mid-western stockyards was made possible by the second bumper crop in two years.

Farmers have chosen to feed their corn to hogs instead of selling it through commercial chan-

nels for using it to fatten cattle. The price ceiling on corn has discouraged farmers from selling it, and there is more profit in fattening hogs than there is in feeding cattle.

Corn Is Key

As the raw material which helps produce meat, corn is the key to the nation's food problem. Ordinarily, a bumper crop means a rich larder of meat, poultry, milk and eggs.

But this year, corn has not been distributed equally. Many corn-belt farmers who have a surplus, Conway said, plan to hold their corn until next year rather than sell it under the ceilings.

As a result, he said, corn in surplus areas is not moving into regions where it is needed urgently to feed livestock.

Much corn may be wasted, he said, because many farmers are planning to send their hogs to market heavier than usual.

"These hogs will be heavier than the government wants them to be," he said, "and there will be a lot of lard on them—"

Bette Davis In Sunday Show



Bette Davis and Paul Lukas, starting a three-day run at the Craterian Sunday.

"Two Tickets To London" Coming



In another two-layer program of solid entertainment, Alan Curtis and Michele Morgan come to the Rialto Sunday starring in "Two Tickets to London," whose companion feature, "Gals, Inc.," features loads of lovely girls, music and song.

lard we don't really need now."

Will Market Sows

Conway believes many hog farmers will liquidate their crops this year by sending sows to market, with a resultant small pig crop next spring.

The outlook for beef production is unfavorable, he said, because large numbers of cattle shipped to market from the western ranges are being slaughtered.

Ordinarily, they would be sold to midwestern cattle feeders who would fatten them for market, assuring the country of an even supply throughout the year.

But because of the shortage of feeds other than corn, and the high price of available feed, cattle feeders are not in the market for the range cattle they usually fatten.

Wallace Talks Of "Showdown"

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 20.—(U.P.)—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace asserted last night that organized labor is strong enough to combat successfully "those businessmen who want a showdown in terms of power."

Wallace, addressing a gathering of Dallas labor representatives, said the nation's prosperity depends on cooperation and understanding between business, agriculture and labor.

"And I am happy to say," he said, "that many leaders of business realize this."

"But," he said, "there is a certain small group that only thinks of labor in terms of power, that seems to hunger and thirst for a showdown with labor in terms of power."

"And if it is a matter of power against power—let us meet power with power if the time shall come."

SOCE WOMEN SPONSOR PLAY, SUPPER TONIGHT

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Oct. 20.—(Spl.)—The Women's Athletic association is sponsoring a student body play followed by a buffet supper tonight.

The group was organized this year under Berthel Nelson of

Forest Creek

Foots Creek, Oct. 20.—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. Byron Flick sold their property last week to Mr. and Mrs. Wholford of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Flick will leave soon for Berkeley, Calif., to be with their only son, Wilson, who graduated from Berkeley High school this year and is now attending college there, but expects to soon enter the service, and then they will go to Los Angeles where Mrs. Flick's father and sisters live. The Flicks will be greatly missed in the community.

Ruben Koster of Portland came October 11, to spend a two weeks' vacation with his brother, Ed Koster, here and his sister, Mrs. Amy Ross of Gold Hill.

Club met October 13 with Mrs. John Barnes. Present were Mesdames Carvery, Bowen, Miller, Lance, Potter, Cleo Barnes, Pickard, Burton and Bolt. The afternoon was spent sewing on a quilt. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Ed Bolt at Homestead on the Rogue, Wednesday, October 27.

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