

# CORN PRODUCTION UPPED IN LATEST CROP PREDICTION

Present Outlook For 3,196,977 Bushels; Wheat Outlook In Slight Reduction.

Washington, Oct. 11—U.P.—The agriculture department today predicted that the 1944 corn crop will total 3,196,977,000 bushels as compared with 3,101,319,000 bushels forecast a month ago and a 1943 harvest of 3,076,159,000 bushels. The report was based on conditions as of Oct. 1. The crop reporting board estimated an average acre yield of 38.2 bush-

els, compared with 31.8 bushels indicated a month ago and the 1943 average of 32.5 bushels.

**Less Wheat**  
The overall 1944 wheat crop is now indicated at 1,108,881 bushels, compared with 1,115,402,000 bushels indicated a month ago and a harvest of 836,298,000 bushels in 1943, the board said.

The wheat total included the unchanged estimate of a 786,124,000-bushel winter wheat harvest plus a spring wheat crop of 322,757,000 bushels, compared with 329,278,000 bushels estimated on Sept. 1 and 306,692,000 bushels in 1943.

"If the weather does not unduly interfere with the tremendous harvesting job that lies ahead, this year's crops may rank with those of 1942 as the greatest ever produced in this country," the board said.

**More Oats**  
The oat crop is now placed at 1,192,234,000 bushels as compared with 1,190,540,000 indicated on Sept. 1 and 1943 production of 1,143,867,000 bushels.

The board made these other predictions, listing the indicated October production, the Sept. 1 indicated production, and the 1943 harvest respectively:  
Barley 187,091,000 bushels, 280,036,000, 322,187,000.  
Grain sorghums, 151,551,000; 149,962,000; 103,168,000.  
Soybeans 185,070,000; 179,024,000; 195,782,000.  
Sugar Cane 6,303,000 tons; 6,166,000; 6,510,000.  
Sugar beet 7,239,000 tons; 7,204,000; 6,522,000.  
Hops 47,250,000 pounds; 46,785,000; 42,297,000.  
Rice 70,010,000 bushels; 67,950,000; 70,025,000.  
Commercial apples, 21,687,000 bushels; 22,633,000; 89,050,000.  
Peaches, 29,536,000; 29,225,000; 24,585,000.

Successful Farming magazine suggests that if you send just one box to your serviceman that you include several smaller, individually wrapped packages inside the larger one. Five small packages are more fun than just one.

## Gates Will Lead Forum At War Food Conference

W. A. Gates of the Medford Groceries will go to Portland this week-end where he is scheduled to conduct a forum discussion for the third annual convention and war food conference of the Oregon Food Merchants' association being held there Sunday. Gates is a past president of the association.

"Solving Your Problems" will be the title of the forum and according to a release from the Portland office of the association, is scheduled to answer any knotty problems which the delegates may have. Gates is a national committeeman for the association and has served in Washington, D. C., on numerous food committees.

It is understood that other local food merchants plan to attend the conference which, according to the state secretary, will have a program touching on all phases of the food distributive industry, with special stress

on the practical matters of merchandising and operating. Two of the main speakers will be E. H. Whitaker, Pacific coast district manager of Swift and company, and A. J. Falk, president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and general manager of S and W Fine Foods, Inc.

## Jap Home Front Told To Whip Up

By United Press  
Premier Kuniaki Koiso assured the Japanese today that Japan's armed forces were waiting the opportunity "to crush the enemy forces with a single stroke" but he warned this blow might be impossible unless the home front speeded up production of war goods, particularly aircraft.

Koiso, speaking on a Japanese home broadcast recorded by FCC, said war production had "just reached a point where one can harbor hopes and it certainly can not be said that this is sufficient."

## Barbara K. Stone To New Station In Navy Service

Mrs. Barbara K. Stone, seaman second class in the WAVES, has just been assigned to her first active duty station, the U. S. Naval Air Station, Seattle, yesterday reported Recruiting Specialist Herbert W. Crain, recruiter-in-charge of the Medford U. S. Navy Recruiting Substation which handles WAVE applications in this area. Seaman Stone is a daughter of Mrs. B. K. Bevan, 9 King street, Medford.

Seaman Stone has just completed basic training and indoctrination at the U. S. S. Hunter, U. S. Naval Training School for WAVES, New York City. Previous to enlisting in the

WAVES Seaman Stone was a reservation clerk with the Southern Pacific Railway here. She is a graduate of St. Mary Rose high school in Portland. Seaman Stone is now wearing the uniform of the armed services along with her husband, Donald R. Stone, now serving with the Third Air Force overseas. He has just been awarded the Air Medal and Seven Oak Leaf Clusters for outstanding service.

Dr. John Jeffries of Boston financed the first balloon flight across the English Channel in 1785. He also accompanied the pilot, Jean Pierre Francois Blanchard, on the historic crossing.

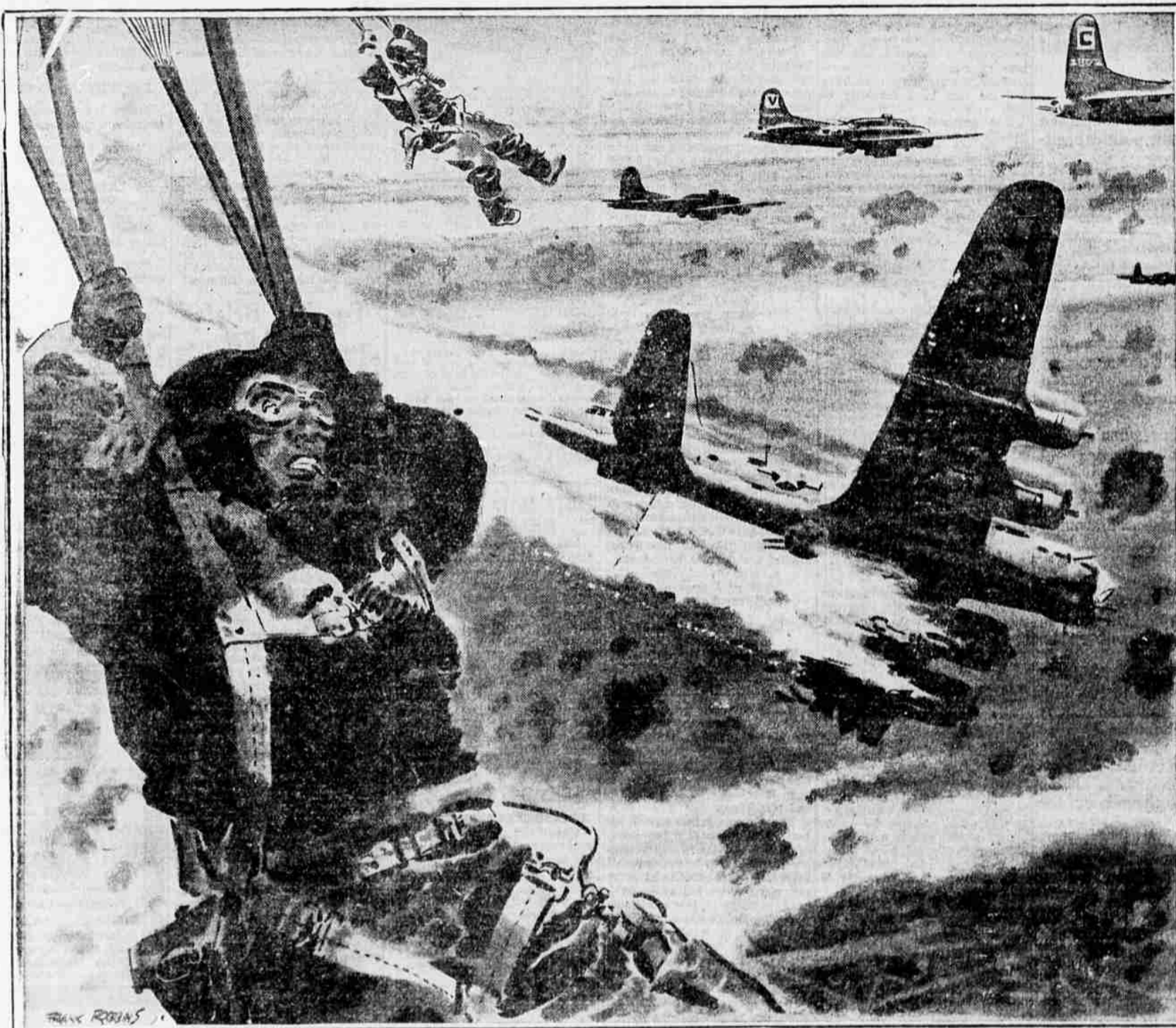
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# In Just 10 Minutes They'll Need Your Help



## BACK HOME, the headlines read—60 U. S. Planes Lost.

The full news account may mention that 600 airmen were shot down with them. But nowhere will you find mention about how many of those men landed alive and are now in enemy prison camps. There is no way of knowing.

Actually, about 60 per cent of all American airmen shot down over enemy territory survive—as prisoners of war.

Some prison camps are devoted exclusively to airmen. But these camps are little different from the others. In all, the men behind the barbed wire live the same empty life. There is nothing to do but wait—wait—and try to hold on to your sanity while you wait.

That's why War Prisoners' Aid was formed. It provides the wherewithal to buy for prisoners of war the things that will help them hold on to their sanity during those empty days of waiting. Books. Games. Athletic equipment. Make-up kits for amateur theatricals. Musical instruments.

It takes money to buy these things. More and more money as more and more of our men wind up in prison camps. The only way War Prisoners' Aid can get that money is through your contribution to your local community drive. Your gift is also shared by war refugees, the U.S.O., Merchant Seamen, welfare services here at home. Give once for all these. Give generously.

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