

CROP PRODUCTION THIRD LARGEST, SURVEY REVEALS

Over-all Output Exceeded Only in 1942, 1944; Acreage Largest Since 1932.

Washington, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—The agriculture department, in its final 1945 survey, reported today that crop production for the year was the third largest on record.

The report was based on crop conditions as of Dec. 1. Over-all output has been exceeded only in 1942, when production was two per cent larger, and in 1944 when it was one and one-half per cent greater.

"High yields on acreage that was the second largest since 1932 accounted for this outstanding achievement in face of numerous difficulties," the report said. "The crop reporting board said in summarizing the farm achievement in the last war year.

Corn Crop Under
The board said the 1945 corn crop reached 3,018,410,000 bushels. This is six per cent below the 1944 production of 3,203,210,000 bushels, but about 25 per cent above the 1934-43 average.

Yield per acre was estimated at 33.1 bushels compared with 33.0 bushels last year and 26.8 bushels for the average.

Wheat production for 1945 was placed at 1,123,143,000 bushels, a new record. This compares with 1,072,177,000 bushels in 1944 and an average production of 789,080,000 bushels.

Wheat yield per acre was 17.3 bushels compared with 18.1 a year ago, but 14.7 in an average year.

Winter Wheat Better
Winter wheat production was estimated at 823,177,000 bushels compared with 758,930,000 bushels a year ago.

Spring wheat was estimated at 299,966,000 bushels compared with 313,247,000 bushels.

Final estimates of production for other crops in 1945 compared with 1944 and the 10-year average:

Oats—1,547,663,000 bushels compared with 1,154,666,000 and 1,068,399,000.

Barley—263,961,000 bushels and 278,561,000 bushels and 273,481,000.

Rye On Increase
Rye—26,354,000 bushels and 25,500,000 bushels and 41,434,000 bushels.

Rice—70,160,000 bushels and 68,161,000 and 52,344,000.

Hay—104,951,000 tons and 97,954,000 and 87,559,000.

Soy beans—191,722,000 bushels and 190,406,000 and 86,732,000.

Peas—2,079,600,000 pounds and 2,110,775,000 and 1,478,325,000.

Potatoes—425,131,000 bushels and 383,134,000 and 375,091,000.

Wood and Coal Combination HEATERS
Younger's Appliance
31 N. Bartlett

J'VILLE CHAMBER SLATES ELECTION

Jacksonville, Dec. 19—Final nominations and election of officers for 1946 will be held when the chamber of commerce convenes here tomorrow.

All members are urged to be present for the session which opens at 8 p. m.

Peter Schafer, who came here recently from Vancouver, Wn., has purchased the Miners' cafe from O. H. Holden, and upon completion of renovation will operate a fountain lunch in the building.

He expects to open for business in mid-February.

Holden, former owner, has moved to Port Angeles, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robbins have bought the Olive Stump building on 3rd street here from Mrs. Roy Wyant of Medford.

Mrs. Robbins, who operates a hamburger stand at the corner of 3rd and California streets, states that for the present the building will be utilized as a residence. Later on the hamburger shop may be opened there.

Half of County's Service Men Now Home, Boards Say

Nearly half of Jackson county's servicemen have been discharged and are returning to the county, according to a statement released yesterday by the local Selective Service boards.

Over 1,000 veterans reported to the county boards during October and November under the Veterans' Assistance program.

In addition to men who entered the service from Jackson county, many who were stationed at Camp White during the war are now returning to Medford to make their homes, the boards said.

Business men of the valleys have been urged to register employment opportunities with the United States Employment Service, 45 North E. street, or to call the Selective Service boards. Under the Veterans' Assistance program all possible aid toward employment is given returned servicemen, the selective service boards said.

TIME EXTENDED FOR BANKING OF TOKENS

Due to the slowness of the return of red ration tokens to banks, the original date has been extended to Jan. 5 according to a news release from the district Office of Price Administration.

The release points out that the red tokens are government property and must be taken out of circulation.

Tokens now in the hands of the trade must be surrendered to banks, but it is not necessary to count them and no credit need be given, the release states.

The world's longest regular non-stop railway run is that between London and Edinburgh, 393 3/4 miles, and the second from London to Carlisle, 293 miles, according to British Railways.

The city of Calistoga in Napa county, Calif., was incorporated January 6, 1886.

These Northern 'Neighbors' Do Things in Big Way



Chile's President Juan Rios pauses on good will tour of United States to measure girth of giant redwood at Muir Woods, Calif., with the help of 11 members of his party. President Rios (center) is entertained in typical diplomatic pomp during two-day stay at San Francisco.

All Honorably Discharged Offered Truman Appreciation Testimonial

Washington, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Every honorably discharged serviceman of World War II is now eligible for a testimonial of appreciation from the President of the United States, the army and navy announced jointly today.

The testimonial, bearing the great Presidential seal, will go to all honorably discharged who served for any period in any service between Sept. 16, 1940, and the date that is established as six months after official close of the present emergency.

The presidential statement reads as follows:

"To you who have answered the call of your country and served in its armed forces to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of a grateful nation. As one of the nation's finest, you undertook the most severe task one can be called upon to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace."

Personnel already discharged can get their testimonials by presenting their discharge papers, in person or by mail, at any army, navy, marine corps or coast guard installation.

not begin construction for some time.

He returned here five months ago after service in the navy.

JACKSONVILLE HI ACTIVITIES LISTED

Jacksonville, Dec. 19—A three act drama entitled "Twixteen" has been selected by the high school seniors here as their annual play to be presented late in February. Mr. John Harr, English teacher, will direct the presentation. The cast has not yet been chosen.

Purchase of a new sound movie projector and accessory equipment has enhanced the entertainment and educational program of the school here according to G. B. Goddard, principal. The equipment includes a turn-table for record playing at programs and parties and a portable public address system which will be used in English classroom work as well as at assemblies.

New members for their organization have been nominated by the Torch Honor society at the high school. Names are being withheld pending faculty consideration of the candidates.

IOOF AND REBEKAHS TO HAVE YULE PARTY

Medford's I.O.O.F. and Rebekah lodges will hold their annual Christmas party for their families and invited guests Thursday starting at 7:30 p. m. in I.O.O.F. hall. The affair is planned each year as a treat for the children. Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute gifts and the children will present a program of music, songs and readings.

L. M. CLINE TO BUILD JACKSONVILLE GROCERY

Jacksonville, Dec. 19—Erection of a structure for his grocery concern is planned by L. M. Cline whose store now occupies the building previously housing Amy's cafe.

Cline recently bought the vacant lot at the corner of 4th and California streets as the site for the building but will

An inexpensive gift is to be brought for the Christmas tree and gift exchange.

Initiation of juvenile officers will take place during lecture hour and a large crowd is requested to welcome the new officers.

It is impossible to drown in the Great Salt Lake in Utah, where the water is 25 per cent salt, but it is possible to strangle.

4 SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

Greeting Cards - Seals - Wrappings
SHOP for GIFTS

AT THE WEST SIDE SHOPPING CENTER

The Rexall Store, Medford, Oregon

West Main and Grape Phone 3330

EX-SOLDIER TAPS CARD GAMES WITH "GYPPO HARNESS"

Elko, Nev., Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Jetter P. Chandler, a modern version of "Cameo Kirby," fictitious king of gamblers, was in jail here today following a 60-day tour of Nevada towns during which he allegedly "tapped" various black jack dealers for thousands of dollars with the aid of an ingenious card-manipulating device.

Chandler, 38-year-old war veteran who admitted to police that he had made a deliberate round of Nevada cities for the purpose of "outridding the 21 dealers," was arrested in Elko when police became suspicious over his possession of a large number of victory bonds, ranging in denomination from \$30 to \$1,000.

Found at Table
The ex-soldier was taken into custody at an Elko gambling casino where officers, acting on reports of witnesses regarding the bonds, discovered him playing cards.

A subsequent examination disclosed that Chandler had acquired the documents legally, however, strapped to his leg and "running up his waist and around his neck and down his sleeve," officers discovered a "gyppo harness" which Chandler had utilized to leave a trail of disgruntled "heavy sugar rifiers" in Reno, Las Vegas, Tonopah, Ely, Winnemucca and Lovelock.

District Attorney Alexander Puccinelli of Elko, said that Chandler, who was a native of South Carolina, had lived in Oregon before entering the service and had admitted perfecting the device just prior to his discharge two months ago.

THIEF MISSED CALLING

Indianapolis (U.P.)—Taxi Driver Jack Higgins was glad he got his cab back, but he begrudged the thief \$4 in fares he made while the cab was missing.

Higgins reported the car stolen. A short time later, police

found it, doing business as usual. The driver, who admitted the theft, had a passenger when he was caught. He said he'd taken in \$4 in less than an hour.

In California, twice as many people are now employed in agriculture as 50 years ago, and on approximately the same amount of acreage.

Diamonds

for Christmas gifting

Dazzle her with that star-bright, heart-stirring gift—a diamond! Choose it from our collection of sensational diamond values. In weight, color, freedom from imperfections, and beauty of faceting, our stones are all outstanding! Come early to take advantage of our large pre-Christmas collection.

For Your Convenience
We Will Be Open
Thursday, Dec. 20.

Prophecy's
JEWELERS
MEDFORD, OREGON

SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT

"SO FRESH...
SO FLAVORFUL
...SO GOOD!"



BREAD
IS AT ITS BEST

when it's

MORNING FRESH

NOW! MORE THAN BEFORE!
SO ASK AGAIN FOR

William Penn

MORE PEOPLE...
NOT QUITE ALL...
CAN NOW
ENJOY THIS
FINE
WHISKEY

THE GEM OF THE BLENDS

Blended Whiskey,
86 proof,
65% grain
neutral spirits

GOODERHAM & WORTS, LIMITED PEORIA, ILLINOIS