

Large Wheat Crop May Bring Reduced Stock Feed Crop

Washington—(U.P.)—Agriculture Department officials have expressed concern that the bumper wheat crop in prospect this year will result in a reduced livestock feed crop.

With the third largest wheat crop on record forecast for this year, officials pointed out that the vast acreage seeded to wheat would cut down on the land available for badly needed livestock feed crops.

They conceded, however, that in a pinch—which is likely—more wheat than usual can go into feeding the cows, cattle and pigs that furnish meat and dairy products.

In its first production report of the year, the department forecast a 946,845,000 bushel winter wheat crop. This would be topped only by the record crops of 1947 and 1948.

Combined with the estimated spring wheat crop of 307,000,000 bushels, the winter wheat would bring the overall wheat crop to 1,253,845,000 bushels, or about 88,000,000 more bushels than were called for in department goals.



CUT OFF BY FLAMES from escape, Fire Lt. Richard Lollack awaits ladder while fellow firemen spray him with water during \$500,000 blaze which swept two San Francisco industrial plants, destroying one and completely gutting another. (International)

Marine Firemen Considering Strike

Seattle—(U.P.)—Marine Firemen's union members will decide Thursday whether to strike West Coast ports or submit their disputes to arbitration.

The independent union called off its strike against the Alaska Steamship company after the company filed a federal court suit asking damages for each day the strike tied up Alaska's vessels.

Vincent Malone of San Francisco, general president of the union, said the union seeks overtime pay rates for coastwise and Alaska firemen equal to those of offshore firemen.

San Francisco Chinatown's "joss houses," the Chinese temples, derived their name from "Dios," Spanish and Portuguese word for God.

Hearing Set on Josephine Dispute

Grants Pass, Ore.—(U.P.)—April 16 was set Friday as the tentative date for a hearing on the labor dispute in the Josephine county road department here.

Members of the road workers union—48 employees and give foremen—had walked off their jobs Monday on county roads after the county court refused to fire County Road Superintendent Roy Slette.

County Judge Raymond Lathrop said most of the men returned to their jobs Wednesday.

Dick Willis, Portland, state union organization representative, presented a list of grievances against Slette and demanded he be discharged.

The Rev. F. G. Shere, Eugene, set the date for a hearing, after

the state board of conciliation; He is chairman of the The highest elevation of Arkansas is about 3,000 feet.

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY United Press Correspondent

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Joan Bennett won't decide whether to reconcile with Walter Wanger until he deals with the law for the shooting of Jennings Lang, her friends said Friday.

The lovely brunette is in seclusion until she goes to Chicago April 21 to appear in a play, "Bell, Book and Candle."

But close associates of the actress reveal that she has yet to make a decision about her life with the man who is scheduled to go on trial Tuesday for pumping a bullet into agent Lang's groin December 13.

"She'll wait until it's all over... but I doubt if they'll ever live together as man and wife again," one friend said.

No Spicy Trial Seen
The Hollywood grapevine also is predicting that the case never will reach the courtroom as any spicy jury trial. Instead of laying bare the lives of those involved, Wanger reportedly prefers to plead guilty if the charge of assault with intent to kill can be reduced to a lesser assault with a deadly weapon.

Meantime, Wanger, Miss Bennett and Lang have been trying to stay out of the public eye.

The graying producer and his lovely wife dined twice last week at her Holmby Hills mansion. He stayed for dinner Saturday night after escorting their daughter, Stephanie, to a children's party given by Actress Theodore Lynch.

To Dinner Parties
Joan has attended informal dinners at the home of her

friends, James and Pamela Mason. She took her children to an Easter party at Blum's Candy Shop and Sunday night she treats them to dinner at the Brown Derby.

But most of her day she spends rehearsing, alone, for her play.

"She's more quiet now, and has lost weight, and she seems resigned to the fact she has to work again for financial reasons," a close friend says. "She has to support her family, and she's nearly broke."

Wanger's bankruptcy forced them to mortgage her home. She had to refuse an offer to appear in an Italian movie because an unpaid income tax bill prevented her from legally leaving the country.

Withdrew From Play
Miss Bennett was signed for the Chicago play three months before the shooting. After Wanger pumped a bullet into Lang's groin, she withdrew from the part in favor of Rosalind Russell. Now Joan feels free to take the role. She won't be needed at any trial, since a wife can't testify against her husband.

The shooting tripled her fan mail, associates say. They insist the letters are sympathetic to her return to acting.

Wanger is preparing production on a new movie at Monogram studio. He often eats alone at night at the counter in Schwab's drugstore.

Lang has recovered and "is as good as new," his friends say. He stays home nights and looks at movies on a home projection machine.

The University of California has maintained seismographic stations at Berkeley and at Mount Hamilton since 1887.

Motorship To Be Towed to Holland

Portland—(U.P.)—The 4,000-horsepower Dutch tug Zwartee will tow the burned Danish Motorship Erria from Portland to Rotterdam next month.

East Asiatic line officials here said Friday word had been received from the home office of the line in Copenhagen, Denmark, confirming the towing arrangements. The 200-foot Zwartee, most powerful tug in the world, was expected to leave Holland Sunday and arrive here May 10.

Officials also confirmed that the Erria, which burned last December 20 off Astoria, Ore., and claimed 11 lives, would be rebuilt at Rotterdam as a freighter. The former passenger-cargo liner once had luxurious accommodations for 110 passengers.

The tow of the Erria to Rotterdam was expected to take about 45 days.

House Committeemen Start Tour of Bases

Seattle—(U.P.)—Five members of the house appropriations committee left here Friday on the first leg of an inspection tour of installations at Alaskan and Pacific bases.

Members of the party include Reps. J. Vaughn Gary, D-Va.; Gordon Kenfiew, R-N.J.; Otto Passman, D-La.; Earl Wilson, R-Ind.; and Alfred Sieminski, D-N.J.

Mt. Vernon, Wash.—(U.P.)—Gerry D. Hines, 24, sailor stationed at Whidbey island Naval air station, was killed and six other persons were injured when their car overturned and struck a light pole 10 miles west of here Thursday.

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