

U.S. Government Has \$7,300,000,000 Tied Up in Surplus Items

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Washington — (U.P.) — Uncle Sam's supply of surplus food and fiber represents millions of bales and bushels, and billions of pounds and dollars.

Final figures of weights and measures of Government stocks and the money they cost taxpayers in the 1955 fiscal year which end today won't be known for several weeks. But the figures are a cinch to be higher than those now available.

\$7,500,000,000 Surplus
The government as of April 30 had a total investment of about \$7,300,000,000 in surplus products. A year ago the investment was \$6,188,000,000. The huge amount represents outright ownership of food and fiber costing about \$4,600,000,000. The remaining \$2,700,000,000 was made up of outstanding loans to producers by the Commodity Credit Corp. The products involved included cotton, dairy products, grains and seeds, naval stores of resin and turpentine, tobacco, wool, and oils from cottonseed, linseed and tung nuts.

It not only costs the government billions to buy up the surpluses in these products, it pays plenty to store them. Storage costs for all products amount to about \$1,000,000 daily. The cost of wheat storage alone ranges upward from \$150,000,000 annually.

The government inventory will receive a notable skyward kick on Aug. 1 when price support loans become due on more than 6,600,000 bales of cotton costing an estimated \$1,135,000,000. CCC will take over the cotton.

Wheat Biggest Item
The biggest item in the inventory now is wheat — 956,000,000 bushels which cost \$2,478,000,000 in tax money. Corn occupies the next largest niche — 580,500,000 bushels worth \$972,000,000. Cotton — exclusive of the carryover due Aug. 1 — totals 1,674,000 bales worth \$292,115,000.

The government-owned butter, cheese, dried milk, and whey products total 668,000,000 pounds, representing an investment of about \$267,000,000.

Barley, beans, flaxseed, grain sorghums, oats, rice, rye, soybeans, hay seeds, clover seeds, peanuts vegetable oils, tobacco,

and wool make up the remainder of the inventory. The total, both weight and dollarwise, is considerable.

Crown Zellerbach, Gaylord Container Study Merger Plan

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Crown Zellerbach Corp. and Gaylord Container Corp. announced plans for a possible merger yesterday on a basis of two shares of Crown Zellerbach common for three shares of Gaylord.

J. D. Zellerbach, president of Crown Zellerbach and Edwin J. Spiegel, president of Gaylord Containers, jointly announced the merger had been agreed in principle and that the transaction would be completed as soon as all legal requirements are fulfilled.

The transaction would involve approximately 1,800,000 shares of Crown Zellerbach common, now authorized, but unissued, and 2,700,000 Gaylord common now outstanding.

With the completion of the merger, Zellerbach said his company would increase the dividend rate of Crown Zellerbach to match the present dividend income of Gaylord.

Crown Zellerbach is the largest western producer of printing, wrapping and specialty papers, with large holdings in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. Gaylord Container, with its headquarters in St. Louis, has 16 converting plants in the Middle West and South.

BPA Purchases Mobile Transformer Unit
Portland — (U.P.) — Bonneville Power Administration said today it had purchased a \$62,925 mobile transformer from the Portland General Electric Company.

The unit will be transported on a standard semi-trailer and will be used for emergency replacement at substations in event of equipment failure or service overhaul.

Purchase of the 15,000 kilovolt ampere portable transformer will give BPA two such units for emergency replacements.



CHANCELLORSHIP CHANGES — Dr. Charles D. Byrne, (left above) for five years chancellor of the state system of higher education, turns over the reins to Dr. John R. Richards (right) July 1. Richards came to Oregon in 1953 as vice-chancellor, from New York University. Both have been frequent visitors to southern Oregon.

New Record Forecast In Auto Production

Detroit — (U.P.) — The booming automobile industry, whose activity is one of the best pulses of the nation's economy, finished up the first half of 1955 today with the biggest year in its history — the first seven million cars year on record — almost assured.

The fear that many had earlier in the year that the keystone industry wouldn't keep up its rapid early pace was all but gone.

Strike Only Threat
The only possible trouble in sight appeared to be the threat of a steel strike.

Production was expected to be down for the three month quarter starting tomorrow, as the industry prepared for model clean-up and introduction of new models. But the "slack quarter" will be one which would have looked like a rip-roaring production period in any other year.

Slack Period
With sales still booming at record rates, production is scheduled to slacken to only a 1,500,000 mark for July, August-September summer months while the industry finishes selling 1955's and readies plans for 1956.

But one and a half million cars for a quarter is turning them out at a better than a six-million-car-a-year mark. Only twice before in history — in 1950 and 1953 — have more than six million cars been turned out

in a year. The record of 6,674,933 in 1950 was expected to be left far behind by Dec. 31 this year.

Dr. Byrne Stepping Down as Chancellor
Eugene — (U.P.) — Dr. Charles D. Byrne will step down as chancellor of the State Board of Higher Education tomorrow.

Successor to Dr. Byrne will be Dr. John R. Richards, who has served two years as vice-chancellor and board secretary.

Byrne, who had been with the state board since its formation in 1932, became head of the organization in 1950 after serving as director of information, board secretary and assistant chancellor.

The outgoing chancellor at the December meeting asked to be relieved of administrative duties. He said he planned to return to the board on a "part-time, non-administrative" basis.

Richards came to Oregon in 1953 from New York University. He has been on the staff of Penn State and Wayne University, and is a former educational adviser to the Secretary of the Army.

Caraway seeds are brown, hard, about 3-16th of an inch long, curved and tapered at the ends.

Western Pacific Preparing To Start 'Piggy Back' Haul From Bay Area to Northwest

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Stockholders of the Western Pacific Railroad have cleared the way for the company to enter the "piggy back" business.

Stockholders approved a proposal to amend the company's articles of incorporation to allow it to haul loaded trucks and trailers on flat cars.

As a result, the company expects to start "piggy back" operations between the Bay Area and the Northwest about Sept. 1, in cooperation with Great Northern.

All directors were reelected at the annual meeting.

Stock Retirement
President F. S. Whitman told stockholders that earnings in the first half of the year should be about \$1,682,000 or \$12.97 a share. For the same period last year, they were \$1,757,000, or \$13.87 a share. The net this year is higher because of preferred stock retirement.

Whitman also fielded a pointed question from a stockholder, who wrote a letter asking why the 15 directors together own a little more than 1000 shares of WP stock.

The stockholder charged this showed "not only a complete disregard of the affairs of the company . . . but also indicates a complete lack of confidence in its stability."

Whitman replied that the company chose its directors for their skill and judgment rather than for the amount of stock they own. He said he is "well acquainted" with all 15 directors and "could not say enough" for their help in directing the company's affairs.

Should Be Proud
"I think the stockholders all can be proud of our directors whether they own stock or not," Whitman said.

Whitman also reported that shipments from the new Ford plant at Milpitas are higher than expected. He said Ford had expected to assemble 440 cars a day, but instead it is assembling 550 a day.

Hence, he said it appears the WP will gross from \$2,500,000 to \$2,750,000 from Ford shipments, instead of the \$2,000,000

anticipated originally. WP handles about 90 per cent of Ford's inbound parts shipments and 20 per cent of outbound auto shipments.

397 Enrolled in Adult Classes
A total of 397 persons have enrolled in adult education classes offered by Medford City Schools this summer, according to the school superintendent's office.

Self-improvement classes offered are braided rug making, tailoring, cake decorating, clothing construction, hooked rug making, casualty and surety insurance, fire and marine insurance, radio workshop, drawing and sketching, watercolor workshop, parliamentary procedures, and identification of mineral ores.

Apprenticeship related training classes include auto mechanics, body and fender repair, carpentry, dental technician, inside wireman, optical technician, machinist, plumbing, power line man, sheet metal worker, and welding.

Fees charged for class work make the program virtually self-sustaining, the office reported.

Tuesday Night Frost Harms Klamath Crops
Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Early grain, clover and grass seed were "considerably damaged" by frost Tuesday night, when temperatures in the Klamath Basin dropped to as low as 19 degrees.

The county extension agent's office said the basin's potato crop, except in protected areas, was generally frozen. Temperatures ranged from 19 at Mt. Hebron, Calif., to 29 at Merrill and Tulelake.

The county agent's office said undamaged crops should turn out all right, provided that the remainder of the season was warm.

Bill of Exceptions Filed for Sack

Portland — (U.P.) — Defense Attorney John P. Hannon yesterday filed a bill of exception in Multnomah County Circuit Court here on behalf of George F. Sack, Portland apartment house owner convicted of the first degree murder of his wife, Goldie.

Hannon claimed the court erred in refusing to grant a continuance of the trial after the defense contended that newspaper articles "inflamed and prejudiced the jury," against Sack.

Sack was originally sentenced to die last December for the slaying, but preparation of the appeal has delayed execution.

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Electronic Fish Pole Sure Thing for Lazy Fishermen

By JACK L. HEES
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Hamburg, Germany — (U.P.) — Two inventors here have figured out a way to take all the fun out of fishing. It's an electronic fishing pole, about the most diabolic invention to come out of Germany since the V-1 rocket.

Just Press Button
You stick your pole into the water and press a button. All fish within a 10-foot radius stop in their tracks and swing around like compass needles pointing at the tip of your pole. All you have to do then is reach in with a net or your bare hands and pick them out.

Sportsmen already are shouting that there ought to be a law

against it, and there probably will be. But the inventors don't care. Herbert Preglow and Conradin Kreutzer said they didn't have lazy anglers in mind when they devised the "Salmo-Super," which is what they christened their shocking brainchild.

Like Machine Gun
"It's the same as if a hunter would go after deer with a machine gun," Preglow admitted. "Nevertheless, the Salmo-Super for the first time in history allows controlled fish-breeding and fish-farming."

Preglow and Kreutzer invented the electronic pole in cooperation with the West German Federal Institute for Fishing Research at Hamburg.

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