

# Cotton Crop Production Expected To Exceed Output of Last Year

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department today estimated 14,843,000 bales of cotton will be produced this year, up 915,000 bales or nearly seven per cent from last month's forecast.

The estimate, based on conditions Nov. 1 when the crop was virtually all harvested, compares with output last year of 13,696,000 bales and 10-year average production of 12,952,000 bales.

This year's prospective crop, combined with a carryover of more than 11,000,000 bales, will meet consumption demands both foreign and domestic for about two years.

The supply of the fiber is so great the Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson already ordered a four per cent cut in cotton acreage for 1956 in an effort to cut down the mounting surplus. He has set the 1956 acreage at 17,391,304 acres and proclaimed a national marketing quota of 10,000,000 bales, the minimum required by law. Farmers will vote on the marketing referendum Dec. 13.

The 1955 acreage allotment of 18,113,208 acres also was supposed to produce 10,000,000 bales. The crop was underplanted and actually was grown on 16,514,000 acres. Favorable techniques shot the production far above the marketing quota.

The Crop Reporting Board estimated cotton yields this year will average a phenomenal 431 pounds of lint an acre. This compares with last year's 431 pounds—the previous record—and a 10-year average of 279 pounds.

## Veterans Day Plans Slated

Final plans for Veteran's Day observance will be announced at a meeting of the Medford American Legion post 15 at 8 p.m. today, M. E. (Bud) Fisher, commander, said today.

Fisher urged legion members to attend today's meeting and Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The regular French 75 breakfast will be held between 7 and 10 a.m., and following a parade there will be a Dugout.

A membership stag party of the Medford and Central Point posts was held recently in Central Point at which Congressman Harris Ellsworth spoke. Department Vice-Commander Don Eva of Portland conducted initiation ceremonies.

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PROMOTING 1955-56 SCHOOL savings plan, Margo Humphrey, 13-year-old granddaughter of Treasury Secretary George M. and Mrs. Humphrey, holds savings bond poster which will be presented in certificate form to all students who enroll in plan. (International)

## Committee Urged To Force Benson To Halt Farm Income Decline

Stillwater, Okla. — (U.P.) — Oklahoma Gov. Raymond Gary (D.) called on the Senate Agriculture committee today to "force" Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson to halt the decline in farm income.

Gary's demand came in a statement filed with the committee here as it opened the 11th in a series of coast-to-coast "grass roots" hearings to gather advice on farm price supports.

Further hearings this week were scheduled tomorrow and Thursday at Alexandria, La., and Saturday at Macon, Ga.

Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D-Okla.), joined Gary's blast at the Republican administration in a statement saying Benson's flexible price support program has "completely failed."

Regain Parity Income Farm prices are made in Washington by the administration and Congress, Gary asserted. "That is why Congress must . . . force the secretary of agriculture to immediately reinstate programs halting the 'price' decline and regaining parity income for farm families," the governor said.

"We beg for a working farm program but we get only platitudes and evasions," from the administration, he charged. Gary offered the committee his

own farm program which included supports at 100 per cent of the "fair income" parity level on all farm commodities. This would be 10 per cent above the ceiling provided in the administration's 75-90 per cent of parity flexible supports scale.

Earlier, three Republican members of the Senate committee criticized their party's charge that the committee's tour is part of a Democratic "smear campaign."

Statement Criticized "A very unfortunate statement," said Sen. Milton R. Young, (R-ND), and Sens. Andrew F. Schoepel (R-Kan.), and Edward J. Thye, (R-Minn.), concurred.

Young said the charge, issued by the GOP National committee, indicated "a lack of understanding on the committee's part."

Monroney said in his prepared statement that the "continued bogganing" of farm prices is a result of the administration's "sliding parity supports that slides only downward."

The senator said prices of perishable products, like pork, should be boosted back to 90 per cent of parity by government purchases when they fall below that figure.

## Land Lease Sought for Clackamas Project

Washington — (U.P.) — Portland General Electric Co., has applied to the Federal Power Commission for a license to lease certain national forest lands for its proposed north fork hydroelectric project on the Clackamas river in Clackamas county, Ore., the FPC said today.

An FPC spokesman said about 25 per cent of the land for the proposed project is located in Mount Hood national forest. He said it will be necessary for the Portland firm to get FPC approval to lease the land from the government before it can proceed with the project.

The proposed development would include a concrete dam about 180 feet high, a reservoir about four miles long with 7,700 acre-feet of storage capacity, a 43,500-kilowatt powerhouse and other facilities. Estimated total cost is \$13,300,000.

## Motion To Dismiss Filed by Attorney

A motion to dismiss charges of disorderly conduct against Sherman Francis Egger, 38, Grants Pass, was filed by Attorney George Rode in Medford city court today.

Egger was arrested by Medford police Oct. 16 at the Veterans club, 24 North Front st. Rode asked that charges of disorderly conduct be dismissed on grounds that the Veterans club is not a public establishment since membership cards are required for admittance.

Municipal Judge James Main took the motion under advisement and asked that briefs be submitted.

Testimony in the case continued with several witnesses scheduled to take the stand today.

William Lester Hurst, 34, 1125 West 10th st., Medford, who was arrested with Egger, is scheduled to appear in city court Thursday on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He has pleaded innocent to the charges.

## Film Actor Files Suit for Damages

Hollywood — (U.P.) — British screen actor Leo Genn sought \$35,000 damages today in a suit filed against Russ-Field Corp., the movie producing unit headed by actress Jane Russell and her husband, Bob Waterfield.

Genn said the corporation agreed to pay him \$3,500 a week last July plus travel expenses to work in "Run For The Sun," a film being made in Mexico. Genn said when he arrived in Mexico he found that the script had been rewritten and the role assigned to him was not as important as it had been when he agreed to play in the movie.

Leo Genn Productions Ltd. filed the suit yesterday in Superior Court. It seeks Genn's salary for at least 10 weeks plus his expenses.

## Kaiser Declares Quarterly Dividend

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — A quarterly dividend of 18 3/4 cents per share on common stock has been declared by directors of the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation.

A 37.7 cent dividend was also declared on the corporation's new 4 3/4 per cent preferred stock.

Henry J. Kaiser, who was re-elected chairman of the board and president of the firm, told stockholders "all key facilities are running at or above rated capacity, and based on a strong aluminum market, there is every indication that this high rate of production will continue for the foreseeable months ahead."

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BIGGEST battle since end of Palestine war rages along Israeli-Egyptian frontier. Israeli army launches attack to drive the Egyptian forces out of the El Auja demilitarized zone. (International Soundphoto)

## Humanization Need Stressed

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Automation is placing a greater emphasis on the need for humanization in business, according to A. C. Beeson, former member of the National Labor Relations board.

Beeson, now general manager of the Valley Fair Shopping Center in San Jose, addressed 500 West Coast businessmen attending a three-day meeting of the National Office Management association conference and equipment show which opened yesterday.

Because of automation, Beeson said, office managers can no longer be mere straw bosses—they must stress the human needs of employees.

Earlie, J. Howell Turner, employee relations director of the C&H Refining Corporation, told the meeting that putting the right man in the right job is the key to the merit rating technique and increased office production.

Merit rating, or job performance rating, Turner said, enables management to discover immediately if an employee is suited or prepared to do work which he is assigned.

## Sixth Graders End Magazine Sales

Griffin Creek — The sixth grade of Griffin Creek school won the annual magazine selling contest just completed at the school according to Mrs. Myrna Frink, principal.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students sold a total of \$697.25 in magazine subscriptions she reported, realizing a profit of \$201.63 for the student body.

The sixth grade won a large teddy bear which will be sent to a child overseas through CARE. It was said.

Prize-winners within the grade were Linda Painter, first, who won a flash-equipped camera; Diane Roberts, second, a travel clock and Dean Evernham, third, a camera.

Mrs. Frink expressed the appreciation of the school for the cooperation of citizens who purchased magazine subscriptions during the annual sale, said the most successful ever held by the school.

## A LOT OF SODA

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — A man in a supermarket here moved into the checkout line with 38 boxes of baking soda in his basket. Tally Hanlin said the customer explained to the checker that he worked for a railroad and used the soda to clean diesel engines.

Mines at Yellowknife in Canada's District of Mackenzie produce gold molded there into 60-pound bricks. A ton of ore yields 3/4 ounce of the metal. Each brick, about the size of a building brick, is valued at about \$25,000.

## Navy Pilot Killed In Crash of Plane

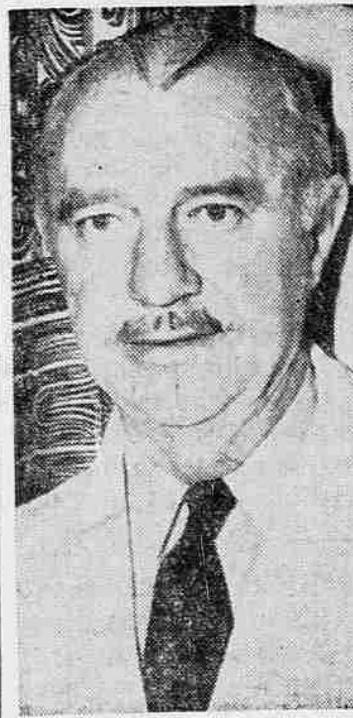
Moffett N.A.S., Calif. — (U.P.) — An unidentified Navy pilot was killed last night when his single-engine AD6 attack bomber crashed and burned in a plowed field 1000 feet west of the Moffett field runway.

The plane crashed just west of Bayshore highway, which runs along the field, causing a traffic jam which police straightened out.

Identity of the pilot, who was attached to the air station, was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

## CONVERSATION PRICE

New Richmond, Wis. — (U.P.) — Pete Blankenheim, barber, likes plenty of conversation from his customers and likes to talk himself. In his shop in this sign: Haircuts 50c; conversation 75c; haircuts without conversation \$1.75. Blankenheim says its worth 50c extra "to keep me shut up."



TOP CHEMIST—Dr. Vincent Du Vigneaud (above) of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., won the Nobel chemistry award for discovery of a process to produce synthetic hormones.

## MHS Seniors Compete For GM Scholarships

Medford High school seniors will be offered an opportunity to compete for 100 four-year scholarships under the General Motors National scholarship plan, Lester Harris, principal, has announced.

The plan provides for at least one scholarship in each state and 50 at large to any college or university of the contestant's choice in any field of study.

Details of the plan, including registration dates for examinations, are available from Mrs. Elsie Butler, scholarship chairman at Medford High school.



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