

# Bumper Surplus Crop In Prospect For '56

Washington—(U.P.)—A bumper surplus-loaded crop is in prospect for this year despite administration pleading and pending legislation to cut production by reducing farm acreages.

The Agriculture Department's March 1 report on prospective plantings, which were issued Friday showed farmers intend to plant 352 million acres of the nation's 59 principal crops. This compares with the 355 million acres on which last year's near-record crop was grown.

**Biggest Cut**  
The biggest cut in planting acreage is expected in corn. The department said farmers expect to plant a "remarkable small" corn crop of 78,686,000 acres this year. This would be 3.5 per cent below 1955 and the smallest acreage on record.

The three-million-acre overall reduction is far from the 35-million acres Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said should be retired from crop production under the soil bank plan and other restrictive legislation now being considered by Congress.

If farmers carry out their planting intentions and the growing season is good, this year's crop should come close to 1955 production. Such a crop would

add to the administration's surplus woes.

**Acres Planted**  
The report on 16 specific crops, the big ones from a production and consumption standpoint, showed about 283 million acres would be planted. This is 3.4 million acres less than in 1955.

Besides corn, principal reductions from last year's crops include: oats, 2 million; barley, 1.3 million; rice, 750,000. Slight reductions in acreages are in prospect for potatoes, sweet potatoes, peanuts, dry beans, and tobacco. Indicated increases are soybeans, 2.1 million acres; spring wheat, 700,000; flaxseed, 273,000, and moderate to slight increases for hay crops, sorghums, dry peas, and sugar beets.

## Irene Joliot-Curie Dies in Hospital

Paris—(U.P.)—Irene Joliot-Curie Nobel Prize-winning discoverer of artificial radioactivity, died in a hospital here Friday night. She was 58 years old.

Madam Joliot-Curie was the famous daughter of famous parents, Marie and Pierre Curie, discoverers of radium.

She became one of the most noted women scientists of her time but was refused membership in the American Chemical Society in 1934 because of her pro-Communist leanings.

She and her husband, Jean Frederic Joliot, won the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1935 for their discovery of the year before of artificial radioactivity.

They both became involved in leftwing French activities, though, and the French government dropped him from its atomic energy commission in 1950 and then in 1951.

In 1948, Madame Joliot-Curie was held on Ellis Island for one day by U.S. immigration officials when she flew to New York for a speaking tour under the left-wing Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

## Bulldozer Brings Up Buried Treasure

Columbia, S. C.—(U.P.)—A bulldozer which sliced through a buried treasure cache, scattering old coins and silver spoons, looked as good as new Saturday.

The county sheriff's office said souvenir hunters have been plucking bits of silver from mud encrusted on the machine and then scraping the mud off in search of more bits of silver.

As a result the bulldozer is almost as clean as when new.

## Russian Freighter Permitted To Dock In Honolulu Harbor

Honolulu—(U.P.)—The Russian freighter Jana was permitted to enter Honolulu harbor Saturday after coast guardsmen subjected the vessel to an inside-out, top-to-bottom search.

A coast guard spokesman in Washington said the investigation was in accordance with U. S. regulations authorizing port officials to search alien vessels for fissionable materials, bombs or other illegal cargo.

The Jana arrived here Friday towing a floating drydock and trawler from Kaliningrad on the Baltic Sea to Vladivostok.

All three vessels were thoroughly searched, with coast guard skin divers examining the outside of the hull below the water line. The trawler and drydock were allowed to tie up at a pier Friday night but the Jana was kept in the "explosives anchorage" until noon Saturday.

**Officers Ashore**  
Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Wilson, coast guard port captain, said only the officers of the three vessels would be allowed ashore, and then only under strict supervision of the ships' agents, Oahu Land and Railway Co.

Newsman went aboard the drydock and trawler and interviewed the captain, Nikolai Petrovsky, 51, Leningrad, who expressed surprise at the coast guard precautions.

He said the three vessels left Kaliningrad Nov. 15, 1955, sailed through the North Sea to the Atlantic and stopped off at Trinidad before passing through the Panama Canal, Feb. 22, 1956, without incident.

## Team to Study Water Condition Named

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Crown Zellerbach Corp. named Dr. Herman P. Amberg Saturday to head a research team to find means of improving water conditions on the Columbia river.

Dr. Amberg, assisted by Dr. J. E. Cormack, of Camas, Wash., will begin by studying the causes and possible remedies for slime fungus growth in the Columbia which has concerned commercial fishermen.

The project will be started at the Camas branch of the Zellerbach firm and will work with Dr. E. J. Ordal, University of Washington microbiologist, director of the Washington Pollution Control Commission, to direct the slime fungus study for the state.

Before accepting the Zellerbach research post, Amberg was West Coast resident engineer for the National Council for Stream Improvement with headquarters at Corvallis, Ore.

## Cutters Wage Increase May Boost Meat Prices

Portland—(U.P.)—Several Portland meat dealers predicted yesterday that higher wages promised Friday to organize meat cutters would mean a one-half to one-cent increase in meat prices in the city.

The wage boost was offered in a last minute effort to avert a strike of meat cutters in chain and independent markets.

Ray Hiatt, chairman of the Oregon Independent Meat Dealers Association, said retailers had, in the past, tried to absorb most increased labor costs but that the latest increase would probably have to be passed on to consumers.

One retailer claimed that 10 to 12 cents of each meat dollar represented labor cost.

## Firemen Thank Thief Who Stole Fire Truck

Farmington, Iowa—(U.P.)—Firemen said the thief who stole their fire truck apparently did them a favor.

The drive shaft broke before the thief could get more than three miles away and firemen, who have repaired the truck, said it was a good thing that didn't happen on the way to a fire.

Pre-World War II models make up about 18 per cent of the passenger cars in use today.

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	15-18-20-29	15-18-20-29	45-69-78
TAURUS	21-22-23-24	21-22-23-24	35-40-41-84
GEMINI	3-7-12-19	3-7-12-19	30-38-76
CANCER	5-11-16-22	5-11-16-22	46-53-62
LEO	23-24-25-26	23-24-25-26	70-82-88
VIRGO	2-6-17-24	2-6-17-24	29-64-83-88

1 Don't 31 May 61 Unearthed  
2 Don't 32 Your 62 Secret  
3 Sabbath 33 Evident 63 The  
4 Do 34 And 64 Resort  
5 Things 35 Stimulated 65 A  
6 Be 36 Never 66 A  
7 Sermon 37 Move 67 More  
8 Renew 38 Helpful 68 Support  
9 Things 39 For 69 Better  
10 Old 40 Be 70 Air  
11 Connections 41 In 71 Agony  
12 Could 42 People 72 Help  
13 You're 43 Energies 73 Take  
14 In 44 Today 74 Confidential  
15 Ask 45 A 75 Con-  
16 Moderation 46 Use 76 Encouraging  
17 Too 47 Romance 77 Matter  
18 God's 48 Will 78 Week  
19 Prove 49 May 79 Accomplish  
20 Help 50 Be 80 Freely  
21 Mentally 51 Be 81 People  
22 Consense 52 Hosty 82 Be  
23 Ambition 53 Of 83 To  
24 Friendliness 54 Be 84 Today  
25 Hidden 55 And 85 Action  
26 Sure 56 Dealing 86 Adventurous  
27 Is 57 Of 87 Now  
28 Rules 58 Mix 88 Pressure  
29 Don't 59 In 89 Objectives  
30 Inspiring 60 With 90 Immediately

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## As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

**Seek Congenial Friend In Church Or At Work**

When a woman has devoted the major part of her life to the care of her parents, she is left high and dry when this responsibility comes to an end.

(Q) "Having lived with my mother until she passed away two years ago, I now find it very lonesome. I have a job but that does not keep me busy all the time and I miss the companionship of my mother. It is very lonesome living alone. I am 52 years old, single, and neither drink or smoke. I attend church regularly and try to live a good life. I would like to find a nice companion to live with but where can I find such a person?"

Miss R.

(A) There are two places you should begin your search for a congenial companion, your church and your work. Surely your minister knows widows or single women of a suitable age who are in much the same boat as you and who would welcome an opportunity to find a congenial companion to be with.

In your work, do you not find other women who are single and who are not living with their families? One of them might be only too glad to share a home with you and thus eliminate the lonely hours she spends when she is not at work.

Because you have been accustomed to living with your mother for so many years, you would find sharing a home with a stranger or near-stranger difficult at first. It would therefore be better to invite the person you thought might be congenial to visit you for several weeks to see how things work out.

Anyone would, I am sure, appreciate the fact that living with another means many adjustments. People you like and find congenial in work or social life might not prove to be congenial companions if you were with them all the time.

That is why it would be wise for you and the person you think you would want as a companion to try it out on a visiting

## Probationary Term on Naone Terminated

Portland—(U.P.)—The three-year probationary term imposed in 1953 on Charles Naone, 22, former Willamette University football player, has been terminated. Naone pleaded guilty to selling marijuana cigarettes in Salem.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon ended the probationary control after hearing Probation Officer John McFarland report that Naone had made a good adjustment. The former Willamette athlete now is employed by a steamship company in his native Hawaii.

Probation term for Charles J. Lewis, Jr., 23, Seattle, who pleaded guilty of the narcotics charge along with Naone, was kept in effect.

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## News About Books From the Library

By MISS HELEN WEBSTER Medford Librarian

One of America's greatest connoisseurs of the mystery novel recently published a list of 13 he selected as the very best of all those published during the past year. All of them are available at the Medford Public Library in both the free and the rent-1 collections.

As the "prime specimen of the purely formal whodunit, fairly clued and fiendishly deceptive," Anthony Boucher picks "Tour de Force," by Christianna Brand. "The years' most original and off-trail variant on the private-eye theme," is Boucher's description of "The Best That Ever Did It," by Ed Lady. The critic considers "Scales of Justice," by Ngaio Marsh, not only one of the best mysteries of the year, but that author's finest detective story in many years.

**New Top**  
Charlotte Jay continues to rank near the very top of serious novelists using the mystery form with her "The Yellow Turban." In "F.O.B. Murder" Doloris Hitchens, an ever-popular mystery writer, collaborates with her husband in a combination of mystery and railroading novel. Doris Miles Disney gives us a purely pleasant mystery, gentle, humorous, memorable, in "Room for Murder."

For those who savor shorter murder tales Thomas Sterling has written "The Evil of the Day." Those who like exotic adventure will prefer "The Rare Adventure," by Bernard Ferguson. The best of the year's hard-boiled entries is Thomas Dewey's "The Mean Streets." "The Tall Dark Man," by Anne Chamberlain is the suspense story of a 13-year-old murder witness.

**Others on List**  
Others on the Boucher list are "All Through the Night," by Whit Masterson, and "Beast in View," by Margaret Millar. Picked between detective-story and story-of-detectives is ex-policeman Procter's "Somewhere in This City," considered by Boucher the best of the season's

## Medford Jaycees Favor Fluoridation

The Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce unanimously voted in favor of the fluoridation of Medford city water at its meeting last week.

The action was in accord with a recent resolution passed by the Oregon State Jaycee organization, endorsing proper fluoridation of municipal water supplies. The measure has been adopted by many cities on the basis of scientific tests showing it cuts dental cavities as much as 70 per cent in some localities.

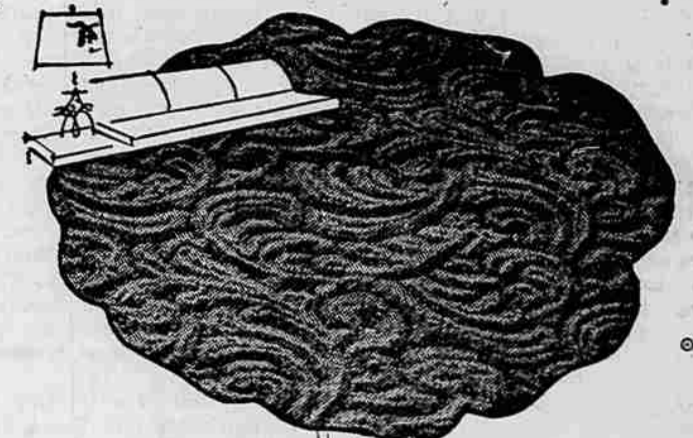
George Flanagan, manager of Elk Lumber company, was speaker at last week's meeting, telling of the problems involved in sawmill operations. He outlined new methods and improvements which are being or will soon be used in the industry.

The original term of a copy-right in the United States is 28 years, but it may be renewed within one year prior to expiration for another 28 years.

## Woman Dislikes Fishy Awarded Divorce

Hackensack—N.J.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Esther F. Solomon told Domestic Court Friday that her husband not only beat her twice but tried to make her eat fish. Mrs. Solomon, who was awarded a divorce from her husband, Irving, 34, said she is allergic to fish.

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