

## Toy Purchases Expected To Hit \$1.5 Billion; Highest in History

New York—(U.P.)—The biggest stack of toys and games in history—more than \$1 billion worth—will be nestled under this year's Christmas trees.

Industry spokesmen said this whopping expenditure will account for the bulk of this year's total toy sales, which are expected to approach \$1.5 billion.

The 1956 volume will be some 12 per cent greater than last year, they added.

Consumers are in a spending mood, a fact that has kept the

economy booming in 1956. Total retail sales in 1956 are expected to be in the neighborhood of \$192 billion—a new record high.

Gilbert G. Southwick, president of the toy manufacturers of the U. S. A. Inc., said the average toy buying family will spend around \$30 this year.

Santa Claus' huge toy pack will include—besides the usual assortment of dolls, soldiers, electric trains, plus a raft of new outer space and atomic paraphernalia.

Children in the two to six age

bracket will receive 50 per cent of all the toys and games purchased this year, he said.

Southwick attributed the anticipated rise in toy sales this year to increases in consumer income and population, and to the exodus to the suburbs which provides more room to play.

Benjamin F. Michton, chairman of Ideal Toy Corp., said "child population, a major factor in toy sales, is over 49 million and another record was broken this year in the number of new births."

He said another factor behind the industry's rising sales is the \$1 billion of Christmas club savings which shoppers have at their disposal.

## Value of Farm Assets Expected To Reach Record High Jan. 1

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department said Wednesday the total value of farm assets next Jan. 1 will reach an all-time high of \$176 billion, an increase of \$5.6 billion in a year.

The department said the proprietors' equity, what's left after debts are subtracted, on next Jan. 1 will be a record \$155.9 billion, an increase of \$3.9 billion.

\$20.4 billion, up \$200 million, or 1 per cent.

The liability side of the ledger put the farm mortgage real estate debt at \$9.8 billion, up \$800 million, or 8.9 per cent; the non-real estate debt at \$6.2 billion, up \$300 million, or 3.8 per cent; and loans held and guaranteed by the Commodity Credit Corp. \$2.7 billion, up \$900 million, or 42.1 per cent.

The balance sheet of the nation's agriculture was worked out in the department's publication, "The 1957 Agricultural Finance Outlook."

## Boy Sets Car Afire; Baby Sister Killed

Little Change Predicted

Department economists predicted "little change" in the financial situation of farmers as a group during the next year. They said farm debts probably will continue to rise, and values of farm assets also may rise, although a slowing down may occur in the rate at which farm real estate values are rising.

In another publication, "The Farm Income Situation," the department said farm income has turned upward this year after four consecutive years of decline, and predicted "some further increase" in 1957. Frederick V. Waugh, head of the department's Agricultural Economic Division, has said the 1957 rise will be about 5 per cent over 1956.

Sunland, Calif. — (U.P.) — A panic-stricken mother saw her 22-month old daughter burn to death Wednesday after her 4-year-old son threw lighted matches in the family car, police reported.

The victim was Susan Bordeaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Bordeaux of nearby Sun Valley. Officers said Mrs. Bordeaux left the children in the car while she shopped in a market.

A clerk in the market noticed the car was in flames. Mrs. Bordeaux ran outside and had to be restrained from entering the burning car.

Net income for the first nine months of 1956 was up 4 per cent over 1955. It was at an annual rate of \$11.7 billion in the first three quarters, compared with \$11.3 billion for the whole year 1955.

Real Estate Value Shown

An Agriculture Department balance sheet showed the value of farm real estate at \$106.4 billion, up \$3.7 billion, or 3.6 per cent, from the first of this year.

Non-real estate assets were valued at \$49.2 billion, up \$1.9 billion, or 4 per cent. Financial, or liquid, assets, were listed at

Morse To Return To Oregon Tonight

Portland—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) is scheduled to return to Oregon tonight, landing at the Portland International airport at 9:15 p.m.

The senior Oregon senator was summoned to Washington shortly after he won reelection this month to attend a special meeting of the senate foreign relations committee.

He will tour the state for the next two weeks before returning to the nation's capital.

United Press Correspondent  
By ALINE MOSBY

## Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Neither immigration troubles nor medical school will keep an Indian student named Kuldip Singh from becoming the next Lawrence Welk or Liberace in America.

Kuldip, as TV viewers know is the boy-makes-good-in-America dream come true. A short time ago he was an unknown student. Today the handsome, 23-year-old Hindu is a recording star besieged with TV and movie offers—all because he appeared as a contestant on a quiz show.

The student, who never had sung in public before, obliged with tune on Groucho Marx TV show. Overnight he signed with RCA-Victor to record songs. He was rushed onto the George Gobel show and did a return performance on the Marx program at the demand of 9,000 viewers. He has counted 10,000 fan letters (mostly from middle-aged women) and already has 65 fan clubs around the country.

Unfortunately, the smiling Kuldip was so busy answering fan letters he forget to apply to the Immigration Service for a work permit. He was in this country on a student visa. He'll have to leave the United States by Dec. 15, but he can re-enter on a visitor's visa. A spokesman at the Immigration Service says Kuldip probably will get one.

"I hope I will be able to come back," sighed Kuldip. "The people of America like me, and that is bigger than anything in the world."

Although Kuldip appears distressed about his standing with the government, he also is overwhelmed by the change in his life. Last month he was living in a \$75-a-month boarding house near Los Angeles State College and living on a modest allowance from his father, a merchant who moved to Trinidad from Kashmir, India, when Kuldip was three months old.

New Apartment Occupied

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## Youth, 16, Confesses Setting Forest Fire

San Diego, Calif. — (U.P.) — A 16-year old Indian boy has confessed to setting a 44,500-acre forest fire which burned to death 11 firefighters.

"I just got a crazy idea to throw a match in the grass to see if it would burn," Gilbert Paipa, a high school student, told Elwood Stone, U.S. Forest Service fire investigator.

The boy was arrested Wednesday at the Pine Hills fire camp where he had been employed as a firefighter two days ago. The Forest Service said he confessed to tossing a match last Saturday in grass near a cabin on the Inaja Indian Reservation where his family has lived for two generations.

Paipa was turned over to authorities here, Stone said a felony complaint was being sought from Deputy District Attorney Claude Brown.

Dorsey's Funeral Held in New York

New York — (U.P.) — Band leader Tommy Dorsey will be buried today at Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, N.Y.

Funeral services for the "sentimental gentleman of swing" will be held at Campbell's Funeral church.

At Greenwich, Conn., Police Chief David W. Robbins said Wednesday that Dorsey's death at his home there early Monday was "clearly accidental" and that a "highly personal note" left to his estranged wife had no relationship to his death.

## Eisenhower Appoints Refugee Chairman; Endorses Salk Vaccine

Augusta, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today selected a former Republican congressman, Tracy S. Voorhees of New York, to head the new American refugee and rehabilitation program for Hungary.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said one of the reasons for selecting Voorhees was the fact the President wanted to be sure "that the Hungarian refugees are taken care of in housing, food and employment."

Former Army Man

Voorhees, a former Army colonel, was a special assistant to Army Secretary Robert P. Patterson during the Truman administration.

The President Wednesday night announced Salk anti-polio vaccine has become plentiful enough for use by adults. He urged persons between 18 and 35 years old to take advantage of the new supply.

Mr. Eisenhower gave his personal endorsement of use of the vaccine, on the basis of a report to the White House by Marion B. Folsom, secretary of health, education and welfare.

"Secretary Folsom's report on the Salk polio vaccine deserves the attention of every young adult—of every parent—in America," the President said.

Urges Prompt Use

"I join with Secretary Folsom, the surgeon general of the Public Health Service and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in urging that the vaccine be used promptly—before the next polio-myelitis season arrives."

Folsom reported that about 17,000,000 doses of vaccine are "lying unused in the hands of the manufacturers" and said "additional vaccine is stockpiled in drug stores and physicians' offices."

## Oil Dealer Chosen To Succeed Holmes

Astoria — (U.P.) — Dan Thiel, Astoria oil distributor, was chosen yesterday by the county courts of Clatsop and Columbia counties to fill the State Senate vacancy created with the election of Robert D. Holmes as governor.

Like Holmes, Thiel is a long time Democrat. He was Holmes' campaign manager in Clatsop county in the gubernatorial race.

A week ago the courts met and found a tie between Thiel, from Clatsop county, and Ken Magruder of Clatskanie, from Columbia county. Since then the Democratic Central Committees of both counties met and agreed upon Thiel.

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