

# 1957 Corn Crop Will Be Produced Under Acreage Allotment Plans

Washington—(U.P.)—The 1957 corn crop will be produced under the traditional acreage allotment program instead of the soil base acreage plan for the 1956 crop.

Farmers on the 24-state committee area turned down the base acreage proposal in a referendum Tuesday.

A preliminary count in the Agriculture Department showed they cast 257,475 votes in favor of base acreage against 163,227 for the traditional allotment. The base acreage proposal needed a two-thirds majority to gain approval. It received only 61.2 per cent.

There were 17,745 challenged votes. Even if all those eventually are counted in favor of base acreage, the majority would be only 62.8 per cent.

**Other Quota Approved**

In four other referenda Tuesday, farmers approved overwhelmingly marketing quotas for cotton, extra long staple cotton, rice, and peanuts.

Adverse votes in the big corn-producing states of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Nebraska were chiefly responsible for the defeat of the base acreage plan. Other states which voted against the plan were Arkansas, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota and Virginia.

Opposition to the base acreage plan by the National Farmers Union was believed to be a key factor in the defeat of the proposal.

James G. Patton, NFU president,

said the proposal contained an "economic time bomb." He said adoption of the base acreage proposal "may very well torpedo not only the basic corn program but the whole structure of price support programs for other commodities as well."

**How Plan Worked**

Under a base acreage program, farmers would have been permitted to plant 31 million acres to corn in 1957. They would have been eligible for price support of \$1.31 a bushel, or 74 per cent of parity.

The base acreage plan was part of the 1956 soil bank law. Its use under the law would permit the secretary of agriculture to set the support rate at any point between zero and 90 per cent of parity.

The acreage allotment plan permits farmers to plant 37,248,889 acres in 1957, a cut of 16 per cent from the acreage allotment set for the 1956 crop before a base acreage program superseded it. The price support for 1957 will be \$1.36 a bushel, or 77 per cent of parity.

**Cotton Quota Approved**

Under the basic crop law, the support rate must be between 90 and 75 per cent of parity. Patton apparently was fearful that the 75 per cent floor under corn would be lost if base acreages were adopted.

Farmers approved an upland cotton marketing quota of 11,014,463 bales on 17,583,463 acres by 92.4 per cent. Quotas for extra long staple cotton were approved by 95.4 per cent.

Peanut marketing quotas of 725,395 tons on 1,610,000 acres were approved by 93.6 per cent. Marketing quotas of 41,325,000 hundredweight of rice in 1,652,596 acres were approved by a margin of 91 per cent.



ARRIVING at London's Palace Theater to attend French farce is Britain's lovely Queen Elizabeth. She was guest of French ambassador and wife. (International)

# Man With Only Last Name Declares No Hardship Encountered in Life

Doven, N. H.—(U.P.)—Parents, take it from Tift, there is no sense arguing about what to name your offspring.

Tift has lived 78 years without a first name and found it no hardship.

The retired Brooklyn, N. Y., lumber dealer, who settled in New Hampshire 20 years ago, explains that his parents couldn't decide what to call him.

"They finally agreed to let me choose my own name when I was old enough. I just never bothered," Tift said.

When Tift's first son was born 52 years ago, he was named Alanson Herbert Tift, after his

grandfather.

"I rather regret that now," he said. "We could have just called him Tift II."

Tift has another son, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. All are well supplied with first and middle names.

"So far as I know," Tift said, "I'm the only man in the country with just a surname. About the only difference it has made in my life is that people generally remember me a lot better this way."

"You can sum it up this way," he said. "I've never been miffed at just being Tift."

# New Weyerhaeuser President Elected

Tacoma—(U.P.)—Frederick K. Weyerhaeuser was elected president of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. yesterday at a special meeting here of the board of directors. He succeeds John P. Weyerhaeuser who died Saturday from leukemia.

Charles H. Ingram, formerly vice president and general manager of the firm, was elected executive vice president.

Weyerhaeuser will retain his chairmanship of the company's board of directors and the presidency of the Weyerhaeuser Sales Co. His headquarters will be in St. Paul, Minn.

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James Sidney Winslow, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Paul Richard Carson, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Roy Lincoln Bowen, improper passing and lane usage, \$5.

Mary Ina Mayo, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.

Don Rhodes, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Duff Gilford Durant, failure to stop at red light, \$5.

Bonnie LeaRoy Makinson, excessive noise, \$10.

Frank Haynes, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.

Walter Lloyd Fischer, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Fred James Knox, made turn against signal, \$5.

Herman Arthur St. Clair Jr., failure to stop at red light, \$5.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Frank Charles Thompson, passing at intersection, \$15.

Richard Dean Glenn, defective headlights, \$6.

Jeff Davis James, no PUC permit, \$15.

Wayne Ernest Young, improper turn, \$15.

John John Andrastta, no splash apron, \$10.

John Wentling Hilkey, no motor vehicle license, \$7.50.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Abe Unruh vs. Janet Unruh, divorce decree.

Mary Lou Hudson vs. Harold Hudson, divorce decree.

Patricia Ann Gustafson vs. John William Gustafson Jr., divorce decree.

Alice Faye Wehren vs. James Joseph Wehren, divorce decree.

Violet Lorraine Robertson vs. Vean Elmer Robertson, divorce complaint.

Katherine Maxine Davis vs. Kenneth Dode Davis, divorce decree.

Lester P. Matthes vs. Jessie B. Matthes, divorce decree.

Goetta Pearl Morales vs. Francisco S. Morales, divorce decree.

James Armp Collins vs. Judith Lynn Collins, divorce decree.

Betty Lou Morrison vs. Dwayne Dell Morrison, divorce decree.

William Thomas McLaughley vs. Cora Jean McLaughley, divorce complaint.

Delvene Merrifield vs. Jack W. Merrifield, divorce complaint.

# Theft of Power Customers Denied

Washington—(U.P.)—An official for Pacific Power & Light company denied here yesterday that private power companies in the Pacific Northwest want to take customers away from co-op power groups or destroy them.

John Dierdorff, vice president of PP&L, was questioned by Evelyn Cooper, attorney for the National Hells Canyon association which is protesting Pacific Northwest Power company's application for license to build the Pleasant Valley and Mountain Sheep dams on the Snake.

Mrs. Cooper questioned Dierdorff regarding actions of his company in the Springfield, Ore., and Kallispell, Mont., areas.

Dierdorff said the city of Springfield and PP&L offer duplicating service and that the company is interested in buying out the city's plant only if the voters approve.

He said he had no knowledge of any negotiations aimed at buying the Flathead Electric cooperative in Montana.

**UP A TREE**

Norwalk, Conn.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Benjamin Jackier didn't hesitate when the flower boy for her niece's wedding climbed a tree and refused to come down. She ordered the wedding to proceed without the rhesus monkey that had been trained to serve as flower boy.

# Increase Told in Soil Bank Payments

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department today announced a sharp increase in soil bank payments to farmers for the coming year.

The amounts paid to farmers per acre for not planting their full allotments will be substantially higher in 1957 on all five of the so-called basic crops.

The average per acre payment rate for not producing corn will be \$42.66, compared with \$33 in 1956.

Other 1957 soil bank average rates are wheat, \$20.04, compared with \$8 this year; cotton, \$54.15, compared with \$24 in 1956; rice, \$68.18, compared with \$50 this season.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said there are no plans to include peanuts or extra long staple cotton in the soil bank acreage reserve next year.

The per acre payment rate was based on national average yield figures and the national base unit rates.

# Icy Wind Fans Fires Into Major Blazes in Three Midwest Cities

A cold wave, spilling out of Canada swept the West and Midwest today, borne on icy wind gusts of 40 miles per hour.

The high winds fanned fires into major blazes at Superior, Wis., Keokuk, Iowa, and Chicago.

Firemen at Superior braved temperatures of 5 degrees below zero in battling a six-hour blaze that destroyed two downtown buildings. The fire raged about 12 apartment dwellers in one of the buildings and damages were estimated at more than \$300,000.

**Variety Store Destroyed**

An explosion and fire destroyed a variety store in the heart of the Keokuk business district, but firemen prevented the wind-whipped flames from spreading to adjacent buildings.

Two fires in Chicago were fanned into extra alarm blazes by high winds. One of them razed a garage on the near north side and the other destroyed a variety store on the south side.

The wave of frigid air extended from Washington State through the Great Lakes and forged as far south as Northwest Texas. Temperatures plunged to near 15 degrees below zero overnight near the Canadian border and ranged to near 10 degrees in South Dakota and Southern Minnesota and Wisconsin.

**Inch of Snow**

Snow flurries in the cold air area accumulated to about an inch from South Dakota through Colorado, and westward through Idaho and Utah.

Weathermen warned of freezing rain in the Central Plains and moderate snowfalls in Nebraska and Iowa and from the Great Lakes eastward.

# Eight Die in Crash Of Private Plane

Bartlesville, Okla.—(U.P.)—A Phillips Petroleum Co. plane carrying eight persons rolled crazily in the air, crashed and exploded south of here today, killing all aboard.

Officials at the Bartlesville Airport said the twin-engine Lockheed Lodestar plane took off from the airport and developed engine trouble a minute later. Witnesses said the pilot, Bob Ulrich of Bartlesville, decided to fly on to the Tulsa airport and land, but didn't make it.

Copilot of the plane was Joe Bower, son-in-law of C. R. Antony, Oklahoma City, president of a department store chain. Other victims were identified as Ulrich, C. W. Binkley, a company engineer, A. M. Ripple, W. C. Reed, D. F. Mayfield and a Mr. Young and Mr. Sneed, all connected with the concern.

**Phone Service to Santa Set Next Week**

Youngsters of Medford vicinity who wish to place their 1956 Christmas orders with Santa Claus will have that opportunity next week.

Medford Kiwanis club has arranged for telephone service with Santa and children will be able to call him directly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 17, 18, 19 and 20. Hours will be from 6 to 9 p.m. each day.

The special phone number to be dialed will be announced by Kiwanians next Monday.

Arrangements for the "Hello, Santa Claus" service has been made here annually by a service club or civic organization.

# Malenkov Appears At Theater Function

Moscow—(U.P.)—Former Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov, whose absence from the public scene had caused much speculation, made his first public appearance in a month Tuesday night.

Malenkov, now a deputy chairman of the Soviet Presidium and minister of electric power stations, turned up with other Presidium members at a Bolshoi theater performance. He last appeared in public Nov. 10.

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