

Popcorn Supply Claimed Adequate

Washington (UPI)—There should be plenty of popcorn to meet the 1959 demand of all ball parks, amusement centers, motion picture theaters, zoos and the like, according to a production report by the Agriculture Department.

The 1958 crop of popcorn for commercial use totaled 484,000,000 pounds. This topped the previous 1945 record of 420,000,000 pounds by 15 per cent. It was 91 per cent above the 1957 crop and 88 per cent more than the average of the past 10 years.

Iowa was the leading popcorn producing state last year with 88,000,000 pounds. Indiana was second with 80,000 pounds, followed by Illinois, 62,000,000; Kentucky, 60,000,000; Nebraska, 54,000,000; Ohio, 48,000,000; and Missouri, 35,000,000.

The department estimated the farm value of the 1958 popcorn crop at \$11,663,000. It also said the quality of the grain was "good."

Frances Anne Kemble, famed English actress who died in 1893, wrote several plays and poems.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Most Everybody Bathes. Even Animals (Well, Most of Them)

The daily bath is not the haphazard, once-a-week chore it once was. Now it is a national institution and the manufacturers of soaps, bath-tubs and pipe fittings are mighty glad of it and so are the rest of us.

Man is not alone in his knowledge that a clean body is essential to good health. With few exceptions, most of Nature's creatures are confirmed bathers. They do, however, show a rather wide preference in the manner in which cleanliness is attained. Water, to some, is just not the right "stuff" at all.

Abhor Water

Cats and monkeys abhor water in anything greater than drinkable amounts. So do the mice and rats. These animals keep immaculately clean and well-groomed by using built-in washrags—their tongues. The rabbit and a few of the others do the same while the monkey doesn't

bother with either method. He, like some people, just doesn't care whether or not he is "half safe" or wholly offensive.

The dog can be forced to endure a bath but he never really gets imbued with the idea that he would be more pleasant to live with if he cleaned himself or willingly permitted water to be poured over him.

Some of the birds take several baths a day. Others, such as the English sparrow, neglect it entirely. Those, however, who do not like the wet, soggy feeling of water used as a substitute and luxuriate in regular dust-baths. By a sudden and violent shake of the body the dust and dirt are shaken off and the bird seems clean. The chicken and sparrow, too, are dust bathers.

Squirts Water

An elephant squirts water over himself with his trunk, using it like a hose. A horse or a cow takes a bath the easy way, they just stand still in a rainstorm.

The common housefly, as well as the cockroach, take very good care of themselves. With their front pair of legs these insects accomplish the equivalent of a complete bath by carefully grooming themselves after every meal. But even granting the truth of the axiom, "cleanliness is next to godliness" these insects are considered by everyone to be the dirtiest things that inhabit the same premises with us.

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Astro-Rangers to Be Organized in City

A flight of Astro-Rangers is to be formed in Medford under sponsorship of the Civil Air Patrol, according to CAP Chief Warrant Officer Richard Chapman.

Boys and girls between 10 and 13 years of age will be selected for membership. Those who are interested in aviation and membership in the Astro-Rangers may contact Chief Warrant Officer Richard Chapman, Springfield 2-6946, between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

About four-fifths of Canada's residents are native-born citizens.

Memorial Books Pay Tribute to About 50 People

Tribute has been paid to approximately 50 persons during the past seven years through Memorial Books in the Jackson County Library, according to Librarian Helen Webster.

Some have been civic leaders, others have been small children, many have been members of the armed forces. In each case thoughtful friends have commemorated a citizen's memory through providing the community with one or more worthwhile books.

"Gifts for memorial books need not be large sums," Miss Webster said. "Four, five, or ten dollars will buy books worthy of the purposes; and the amounts are as frequently received from individuals as are larger sums from groups or organizations."

Especially Active

"American Legion Post 15 is especially active in making memorial donations of books, 37 of the 50 persons thus honored having been memorialized by this organization," she said.

When books are donated in memorial at the Jackson County Library, a suitable bookplate designed for this purpose, which carries the name of the donor as well as the name of the person for whom the book is presented "in memory," is inserted in each book.

The family of the deceased is notified of the gift and the donor as soon as the book becomes available and is given the first opportunity to read it.

Choice of Books

Choice of books to be used as memorial books may be left to the librarian, or the donor may indicate the type of book desired. Usually the library tries to select a title which will express the special interests of the person who is being commemorated.

Memorial books have been instituted in most libraries throughout the United States and full details about them can be secured from the Jackson County Library.

Some of the most recent memorials, the books for which are now on order, include Douglas Decker, Mrs. A. R. Hedges, and Roy Junge.

COP BREAKS LAW

Ipswich, England (UPI)—Police officer Roy Rushmore, charged with overtime parking, told the court: "I knew that 20 minutes is the parking limit in the area except with special permission from a uniformed policeman. I was in uniform, so I gave myself permission." He won.

Wrens will stay away from anything painted yellow.

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Statehood Increased Hawaiian Stamp Value

In addition to being the 50th state of the Union, Hawaii has the peculiar distinction of being the only state that was once a full-fledged kingdom—one, furthermore that issued a substantial number of postage stamps.

And since statehood has meant a tremendous surge of interest in things Hawaiian, it is a virtual certainty that the Royal Hawaiian postage stamps will be affected, too. Particularly in the older issues and that means specifically among the 13-cent stamps.

Why the 13-cent stamp will be affected is not so much because of people considering the number as either lucky or unlucky. Instead, it is because there are so many of them and because they show such a variation in value.

Prior to statehood, their values in the catalogues ran from a low of \$35 to a high of \$9,000. Within the next year or so, thanks to increased interest, the values of the lower bracket 13-centers should increase substantially, regard-

REBELS IN GEORGIA MINTED GOLD DOLLAR

The most valuable United States gold dollar is one that the United States did not mint, but rather, one struck off by the Confederacy.

The dollar is the 1861 issue, and it bears a D, the mint mark for the Dahlonega, Ga., mint. How the Confederates happened to mint it was that when they took over the U.S. mint there immediately after secession, they saw no point bothering to make new dies.

Gold was gold, regardless of the design on it, and so they set the machinery running and turned out all the coin they could for the purchase of arms and supplies overseas.

How many of these tiny coins were struck off is not known. The Confederacy apparently didn't keep accurate records, or they have not come down to us. In any case, the amount of the coins struck would be far greater than could have been made from the amount of gold on hand at seizure. For one of the first things the Confederacy did was step up the output of the Georgian mines. Thanks

to the quick blockade of southern ports that was their only chance to get gold for export.

NOVEL FOUND IN ATTIC BROUGHT PROFIT TO DEALER

William Dean Howells' novel "The Rise of Silas Lapham" was one of the books I had to suffer through in grammar school. It struck me so dull I could never see how any good could come out of it, even by accident.

But it did—and quite by accident—for one day when I came across an old copy of it in the attic, I decided to take it and some other old books down to a bookstore and turn them in for what they might be worth. Luckily for me the book seller was one I had long done business with.

He called me next day. Had I really intended to dispose of the Silas Lapham copy? I had.

Very well then. The next time I decided to put a first edition in with a lot of run-of-the-bookstore stuff, would I please call his attention to it. It was only by accident that he and not one of the clerks had gone through the box.

I went right down to see him. The book, published in Boston in 1885, happened to be one of the first issue of

less of how little the rise may be for the most valuable ones. The stamps referred to were printed in 1851-52 and for a year or so after that. The least valuable currently is a dark red stamp with the phrase "United States 8 cts." in a right-hand column and "Hawaiian 5 cts." in a left hand column. In three of the four corners appears the numeral "13." in the fourth is the abbreviation "CTS."

The value of this stamp is given as \$35 used and \$50 unused, according to Scott's catalogue. But if you find one which has been surcharged by addition of a large 5 across the face, the value immediately jumps to \$200 and \$400 respectively.

As for the more valuable 13-cent stamps, the one listed at \$9,000 can be identified by the phrase "H.I. & U.S. Postage" across the top. The abbreviation stands for Hawaiian Islands and the United States. Another has the phrase, also across the top, "Hawaiian Postage."

And since most of the gold money struck by the Confederacy was sent abroad, it quite naturally happens that more of these Confederate gold coins are found in England and France than in this country.

One collector I know managed to get one of the 1861 Dahlonega minted gold dollars in France last summer. It was in fair condition, and because of that, plus the fact that he paid for it in American currency, he was lucky enough to get it for only \$250. Maybe the troubles attendant on de Gaulle's rise to power had something to do with the low price, too.

In any event, it was a most highly satisfactory purchase. These gold dollars, with a female Indian head on one side and a wreath of cotton and wheat on the other enclosing the date and denomination, generally bring from \$400 to \$900.

I was happy to get it and asked for one more piece of information. Were any other of Howells' works so valuable? Not one of them, the book seller said.

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Yreka Students Win Scholarships

Yreka—Five Yreka High school students have received college scholarships, Principal Stanley Balfrey has announced.

They are Valedictorian Patricia Anne Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Martin; Salutatorian Beth Marie Beckwith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beckwith, both of Yreka; Miss Frieda Marie Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arnold, Grenada; Don Solus, Bib Springs; and Miss Patricia Joyce Swickard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Swickard, Yreka.

Miss Martin won the 1959 Bausch and Lomb honorary science award medal, making her eligible to compete for one of three scholarships at the University of Rochester totaling about \$9,600.

Miss Beckwith received a \$600 state of California scholarship award; Miss Arnold received the \$150 Yreka Lions club scholarship; Solus has been awarded a \$400 scholarship to the University of Cal-

ifornia at Davis; and Miss Swickard won the \$300 regents scholarship from the University of California at Davis.

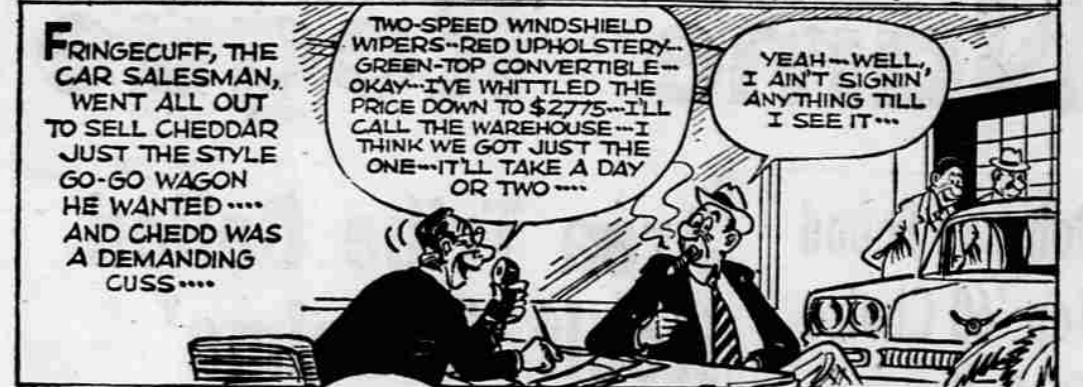
Vulcan, which stands atop Red Mountain overlooking Birmingham, Ala., is the largest iron statue in the world.

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Examinations Listed For Civil Service

New examinations for positions with the United States Civil Service have been announced for filling vacancies in federal agencies.

Opportunities for employment were reported for positions of cartographer, mathematician, and range improvement aid, and for various air reserve technician jobs.

Further information is available at the Medford post office.

Most of Stockholm is built on and around 13 islands. The McKenzie river drains the Great Slave lake.

James W. Basker, C.P.A., and Edward T. O'Connor, C.P.A., partners in B. K. Herndon & Co., announce the purchase of Mr. Herndon's interest in the Grants Pass office of the firm.

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