Farm Exports for Fiscal 1962-63 To Be About Same

Washington — (UPI) — The Agriculture Department says another year of high-level farm exports is developing for American agriculture in fiscal 1962-63.

Assuming that there will be no major changes in international tensions, the department said that U.S. agricultural exports this fiscal year will not differ greatly from last year's record of $5.1 billion. Volume will remain firm, nearly equaling the previous year's total.

Continued Growth Seen

The agency said that among the major developments that probably will contribute to another year of large agricultural exports are continued economic growth in the more industrialized countries and record holdings of gold and dollars in many principal importing countries. In addition, the United States will be continuing its aggressive market promotion program to benefit from increased consumer purchasing power in the leading dollar markets. For countries lacking sufficient dollars, exports will be made available under U.S. government-financed export programs. Export assistance, especially through export payments, will enable certain U.S. products to be competitive in world markets.

Adverse Effects Possible

The department said the Common Agricultural Policy of the Common Market may begin to have adverse effects on U.S. farm exports in 1962-63. Of particular importance in the CAP is the system of variable import levies put into effect last July 30. These levies are designed to offset the difference between world prices of commodities and desired prices in the Common Market. More than 20 per cent of all U.S. farm exports went to Common Market countries in fiscal 1961-62.

Dollar sales in 1962-63 are expected to be $3.4 billion, while sales under government-financed programs are likely to reach $1.7 billion, the department said.

Animal Products Up

Exports of animal products in 1962-63 probably will be about 17 per cent above last year's $627 million. Biggest increases are expected in butter, cheese, nonfat dry milk, and tallow. Declines are expected in exports of poultry meat because of recent Common Market regulations. Shipments of lard likely will be reduced as a result of increased European production and competition. Little overall change is seen in exports of hides and skins and red meat.

Exports of cotton are estimated at 3 million bales, slightly more than last year's total of 4.8 million bales.

Exports of wheat are expected to total 600 million bushels, compared with a record 716 million bushels in fiscal 1961-62. Exports of feed grains are expected to be about one million tons below the record 14 million tons of the previous year.

Expectant Mothers Warned Against Drugs

Chicago — (UPI) — Pregnant women should not take any drug in the first three months unless it is essential to the preservation of the mother's health, a San Francisco obstetrician said here.

"We do not know and we may never learn how many drugs currently in use may affect embryonic development in a small percentage of cases," said Dr. Ernest W. Page at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

TOO MUCH BAGGAGE — All's well that ends well, but how about the start? Pretty Bobbie Mason of Peru, N. Y., just can't get her suitcase as tight as she'd like. She is going home on her much-awaited Christmas vacation. Bobbie's a sophomore at the University of South Carolina where she is majoring in journalism. (UPI)

Religion in America

Church Giving Away Building Fund Nominated as Top Story

By LOUIS CASSELS
UPI Correspondent

The Religion Newswriters Association, a professional society of men and women who cover religion for daily newspapers, is currently conducting a membership poll to select the 10 biggest news stories of 1962.

I have a belated nomination to offer.

It's the story of a suburban church which gave away its building fund.

My RNA colleagues won't need to be told that this is a newsworthy event. "Man bites dog" is a relatively common occurrence compared with "church gives away building fund."

The church which performed this reckless act is the Hildale Park Presbyterian Church of Cedar Knolls, N.J. Cedar Knolls is a suburban village of about 2,500 persons. Many of its residents commute to work in Newark or New York City, about 30 miles away.

In some respects, Hildale Park Presbyterian is typical small suburban church. It has a hard-working young pastor, the Rev. A. Loy McGinnis, 29. It has a congregation of 275 members. And it has growing pains. The tiny white frame church is jammed to overflowing for both services each Sunday morning. And the Sunday School has to hold its classes in a nearby public school building for which rent is paid.

Considers Fund Drive

Like tens of thousands of similar congregations, Hildale Park Presbyterian began thinking, over a year ago, of putting up a bigger and fancier building, with plenty of Sunday School rooms.

The session of the church met to make plans for a building fund drive. So far, everything was going according to the Great American Pattern.

But then Hildale Park Presbyterian ceased to be a typical suburban church.

A boiler salesman named A. L. Behrens, who is one of the church's elders, raised a question that is not often seriously debated by churches on the brink of building fund campaigns:

How can we justify spending so much money on ourselves when there are thousands of Christian congregations in other parts of the world in far greater need of new buildings?

The Rev. Mr. McGinnis and several other members of the session thought the question was worth thinking about and praying about.

Praying is always a dangerous thing for a session, or a vestry, or a board of deacons, to do. It may lead to highly impractical acts.

It led Hildale Park Presbyterian to proceed with a building fund drive (which netted $18,000) — and then to give every dollar of the money away, to build a new wing on a mission hospital at Rio Verde, Brazil.

At Cedar Knolls, Presbyterian children still are attending Sunday School classes in the public school building. It's still hard to find a seat at either Sunday service. But no one seems to feel that these inconveniences are terribly important.

On the contrary, the congregation recently decided to make it a regular policy to contribute to mission... every year at least one dollar for every dollar spent on local expenses. That will mean raising $15,000 a year for missions in addition to the $15,000 it takes to operate the little white frame church.

"We don't feel that we've done anything great or heroic," said the Rev. Mr. McGinnis. "We simply decided it was time for the church to get off its haunches and begin taking seriously the idea that Christians are supposed to be a 'servant people'.

"A lot of people warned us that we were being foolish . . . that we couldn't continue to attract families to our church unless we put up a fancy new building with all the modern comforts. But it hasn't worked out that way. We have families who drive 20 to 30 miles to attend our church. They tell us that they've been hunting for a church that takes it Christian mission rather than itself seriously.

"I suppose you could say that we took a chance on survival, as a local church. But our Lord said, 'Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.'

"We just took Him at His word. And we're glad we did."

New Boat Licenses May Be Purchased

Salem — The new annual boat license for pleasure and commercial craft registered in Oregon can now be purchased, the state marine board has announced.

The Marine board also has reminded boat owners who obtained their Certificate of Number in 1960 that the number will expire during 1963. Boat owners will receive a notice from the board approximately three weeks before the number expires.

Notices to boat owners whose numbers expire during January have already been mailed; however, the board reported that a few have been returned due to the boat owners having changed addresses and not notifying the board of the new address.

The board plans to ask the next Legislature to revise the present boating laws enacted by the 1959 Legislature by streamlining the registration requirements.

In presenting its plan, which has already been drafted, the board will point out that the Certificate of Number, which is issued on the three-year basis, and the annual boat license could be combined and result in considerable savings in the cost of administration, as well as eliminate some of the confusion which exists regarding the two requirements. There would be no increase in the present registration fees should the plan be adopted.

The Certificate of Number is required by Federal law and is issued by the state under the Federal Boating Act of 1958.

Salt is used in making soap, shoe leather, dyes, pottery, glass and thousands of other everyday items.

School News

Crater High School

By KAREN GRIGGS

Holiday wreaths now adorn the halls of Crater High school after the annual wreath making party held Dec. 13 in the ag shop by the Future Homemakers of America and the Future Farmers of America.

The FFA provided the bows, snow and wire and the FFA furnished fir boughs.

About 50 wreaths were made and placed on the classroom doors of the school. Before going home, cocoa and donuts were served by the FHA members.

A regional Future Teachers of America executive meeting was held at Crater High recently. Attending were President Janice Cline from Gold Beach, vice president from Coos Bay, Secretary Mary Lou Briggs from Coos Bay, historian from Gold Beach, Representatives Mike Mathinsen from Medford, Mary Daniels and Karen Griggs from Crater, and the advisors, John Mast, Medford, Mrs. Shirley Drysdale, Crater, and Mr. Culy from Marshfield.

Milk Purifier Removes Radioactive Substances

New York — (UPI) — The principle of ion exchange through a plastic membrane can be employed to remove radioactive substances from milk at a cost of perhaps a half cent a quart, reports Dr. Harry P. Gregor, of Brooklyn Polytechnic institute.

The machine invented by Dr. Gregor, described in "Dental Times," resembles in its operation the so-called artificial kidney which removes uric acid and other substances from the blood of persons whose kidneys are temporarily non-functioning.

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Azaleas Last Longer In Cool Atmosphere

Washington — (UPI) — Azaleas last longer if they are kept out of the direct sunlight in the coolest room in the house, the American Society of Florists reports.

Home Economists Say Eggs 'Hard-Cooked' Not 'Hard-Boiled'

Lincoln, Neb. — (UPI) — Eggs aren't hard-boiled and don't like to be called hard-boiled either!

So say University of Nebraska home economists who claim high temperatures and overcooking toughen eggs. Souffles and other dishes leavened with eggs will fall, the crust will be thick and tough and the inside will be heavy and soggy.

They suggest hard-cooking eggs for salads and entrees, not boiling them.

Storybook Bavarian Village Readies for Winter Season

By RALPH VILLERS
United Press International

Garmisch — Partenkirchen, Germany — (UPI) — This small Bavarian town is one of those rare places where it is hard to arrive in the dark of night when you cannot see anything except the lighted entrance to your hotel.

That makes the morning all the more breath-taking when you roll from your bed, look out the window and are struck by the sight, all about you, of Alps that won't quit. It is nothing short of overwhelming to catch sight of the rugged gray rock and snow trim of the towering mountains all at once, rather than have them gradually grow in view during a daylight approach to the valley in which Garmisch-Partenkirchen nestles.

Alpine Peaks

Bavaria's loftiest alpine peaks hover around the 2,300-foot-high valley, and within sight is the tallest mountain in Germany, the famed Zugspitze, rising 9,720 feet.

Germisch, the popular name for this resort of two villages that grew together to become the one town, lives by and for its alpine surroundings. Playing host to visitors is its industry of 300,000 persons stayed in Garmisch at least one night last year, another 2 million passed through), and it knows its business well.

Now, after the lull of the late fall, it is readying for the second big rush season of its year. The first is in the summer months when the refreshingly moderate days and mountain paths and trails lure the normal holiday crowd. The second, of course, is the high winter season, which attracts the snow birds to its countless ski trails, skating and other winter sports.

Reward in Itself

But the reward in season neither addicted to the seemingly endless ski trails down the broad mountain slopes, nor to level or steep (you can have your choice) mountain and forest paths, Garmisch still is a reward in itself.

Garmisch is a town out of a storybook. Its little streets are lined with chalets, their broad eves hanging out over windows with colorful shutters and balconies rimmed with intricately worked dark wood railings.

The stuccoed fronts of many of the houses and stores are a huge canvas for fresco paintings, the luftlmalerei, or air paintings, that are a part of Southern Bavaria.

Along the streets walk men in native costume, halter-held lederhosen or leather or corduroy knickbosen (knee-length breeches with long stockings), loden jackets and their heads topped with dark green alpine hats set off by lowering enthusiasts.

Cable cars and ski lifts reach into the mountains all around Garmisch. The most spectacular run, however, is the 11 miles by cog railway to the 6,859-foot level on the Zugspitze. First the tracks trace through the pastures of the valley, past little storage barns looking for all the world like the face of a cuckoo clock, then past the blue-green lake waters of the Eibsee, up into the dark green of the forests and finally, at the timber line, into a two-and-three-quarter-mile tunnel cut through the mountain.

Garmisch still calls itself the "Olympic Village," dating from its selection as the site of the 1936 Winter Olympics. The stadia with their ice rinks, ski jumps and bobsled runs still are used by sports enthusiasts.

'Live for Today' Mood Is Shown by West Berliners

By RALPH VILLERS
United Press International

Berlin — (UPI) — This one-time capital of Germany, now situated 110 miles behind communism's Iron Curtain in Europe, almost compels a visit by any American traveling on the Continent.

Aside from The Wall dividing East and West Berlin, which in itself has become a lure for travelers, Berlin offers an atmosphere unable to be found anywhere else in Europe, and approximated elsewhere only in Hong Kong, which sits virtually surrounded by Red China in the Far East.

It's hard to escape an impression of frantic living for today, if you take even a brief plunge into the city's night life. In some of the "hottest" spots, it almost looks as if money is going out of style, what with a drink of scotch going at prices up to $5 or more.

Dance Spot

But neither is it necessary to "go for broke" to catch a glimpse of Berlin's famed, frantic night life. Young, and not too wealthy, West Berliners flock to a place called the Reni, as unique a fun and dance spot as is found anywhere. Guys and gals go in stag groups to the Reni and settle down around the hundreds of tables — all linked to each other by dial telephones and a pneumatic tube system.

Friends gab the night away on inter-table phone calls, completed via a fully automatic dial system right in the club. Others arrange a dance by messaging a prospective partner via the tube system.

Never have you seen more heart or hips put into the Twist than in the Twist room, one of many little rooms in a club called the Eden, where the younger set lives it up if a moderate price by nursing one beer through much of the night.

All Price Ranges

The night life comes in all varieties and price ranges — from a corner beer - stauranl, right up to Latin background music in El Panorama, high atop the Berlin Hilton, where you can sit and contrast the bright glow of the lights of West Berlin with the relative darkness of the Communist sector of the city.

But Berlin is fully as alive in daylight as at night. When the sun is up, the Western sector of this largest of German cities is busy and prosperous looking. The streets, many of them broad, modern boulevards, are heavy with traffic.

Sidewalks and sidewalk cafes, neatly glassed in and heated against the chill of winter, are crowded. The stores of the Kurfuerstendamm, that most famous of Berlin shopping streets, are filled with anything you want to buy from smart clothes to expensive silverware and cameras.

Relics of War

Most of the relics of the war are gone, although obvious signs of damage are about and empty lots, even near the city center testify to buildings that once were there. And right in the heart of the shopping area stands the Memorial church, or more correctly the facade, vestibule and bomb-damaged steeple of a once magnificient structure, deliberately left as a reminder of the war.

Berlin, once known as an architecturally heavy city, has taken on a modern look. Broad expanses of glass and trim lines mark the new buildings. The Kongresshalle, the convention center which was the gift of the people of America, is just about the most futuristic of buildings to be found anywhere, and has been dubbed both "the pregnant oyster," which it may look like, and "the baby scales," which its roof line definitely resembles.

Hansa Quarter

The Hansa Quarter with its blocks of unique apartments designed by world - famed architects, the quarter's ahead-of-the-times churches (one with a skeletal bell tower pushing skyward), and the Opera House with its glass wall all reflect a new architectural spirit in Berlin.

The hardest part about visiting Berlin is in leaving. It can even verge on the weepy, if, in that great semi-circle that is the Templehof airport terminal, the air suddenly is filled with the loudspeaker-blared words and music of "Auf Wiedersehen" as you walk to your plane.

Finger Painting With Cake Icing Suggested

Raytown, Mo. — (UPI) — Children can have a hand in the baking and be creative at the same time by doing finger icing, Mrs. Laura Burnett, of Raytown, reports.

A small bit of icing is placed in the center of a cookie and the child spreads it around with the same motion as in finger painting. Mrs. Burnett recently introduced a kindergarten class to the finger icing with such good results that teachers plan to make it a regular thing.

ALL-GIRL CREW — Wanted — an all-girl crew. Skipper of the 45-foot Neophyte, Lee Quinn, 35, is asking for just that, four lasses to sail on an indefinite South Seas sea-lark. So far he's signed on Giselle Meyer, 22, a dark-haired Franco-German, who is giving up a receptionist's job in Vancouver, B. C. Why the gentler sex crew? Captain Quinn answers "the feminine desire to please really means something aboard ship, tell her to do something and she wants to comply." Although it sounds like every man's dream, Quinn will pick up his wife, Mary Ann, in Hawaii, where she will replace the most "land lubber" crew member. (UPI)

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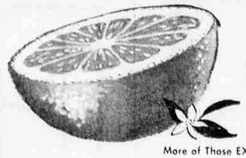

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