

PARKING METER TRIAL ORDERED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE is some GOOD news today.
If nothing drastic happens between now and harvest, according to the crop reporting service of the department of agriculture, production of corn and wheat in the United States this year will break all existing records.

BASED on July 15 prospects, the crop reporters assert, the U. S. corn crop this year should reach a total of 3,487,970,000 bushels. The highest previous record was set in 1944, when 3,228,000,000 bushels were produced.
The previous record crop of wheat was last year, when the harvest came to 1,123,143,000 bushels. If present prospects are realized, this year's crop will reach a total of 1,132,075,000 bushels.

THE corn and wheat outlook has been getting steadily better since July 1. The July 15 report indicates an improvement of about 146,000,000 bushels in the corn crop since July 1 and some 42,000,000 bushels in the wheat crop.

THESE are PROSPECTS, of course. We must always remember that a crop can never be counted until it is finally harvested and stored. Still, with the world food supply what it is, even prospects for a record crop are encouraging.

If people throughout the world can be FED AGAIN they will THINK STRAIGHTER. History tells us that people seldom think straight on an empty stomach.

YOUR first quick thought may be that outside the American South, people don't eat much corn bread. Your soberer second thought will tell you that an adequate meat supply depends upon an adequate supply of feed grains. Corn, in America, is the No. 1 feed grain.

ON the other side of the picture, L. H. Norton, western regional director of PMA (Production and Marketing Administration—a government bureau this writer didn't even know existed) tells a gathering of his directors and committeemen at Spokane that wartime agricultural production records have taken a "tremendous" toll of the nation's cultivated land.

"During the war, when farmers were establishing wonderful production records, a tremendous drain on soil fertility occurred. This was due not only to the actual removal of fertility from the soil through huge crop production but to lack of time to protect the soil against erosion and other menaces."

He adds:
"During ONE MAN'S LIFE-TIME, the nation's top coat soil has been reduced from nine inches to six inches."

THAT is a heavy loss. Still, over a period of years, lost soil fertility can be restored by proper methods.
At the immediate moment, this drain on the nation's soil fertility (if it has been as great as PMA's Norton estimates) is a powerful argument for INCREASED RECLAMATION in the West.

Reclamation brings in NEW LAND to fill the gap created by war-time loss of the nation's soil fertility.

AS these words are written, OPA is hanging in the balance again.

A new compromise bill that clips OPA wings sharply but retains the principle of price control (including RENT control) has been agreed upon by the committee and has gone to the house and senate floor for action.
What the house and senate will do to it remains to be seen, but some kind of action without much delay is probable, as all

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Crop Prospects Brighten Bread And Beer Outlook

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—Prospective record-smashing crops of corn and wheat raised the possibility today of whiter bread, larger loaves and, perhaps, more beer, once the harvests are in.

At the same time the bumper crop outlook put pressure on government officials to decide soon whether to resume buying of grain for famine relief.

An agriculture department official close to policy making told a reporter it is possible there may be some easing of domestic restrictions on consumption of grains if the excellent crop prospects are realized. He asked not to be quoted by name.

Present regulations: 1. Prevent flour millers from producing for domestic demand more than 85 per cent of their 1945 output.

2. Require extraction of 80 per cent of wheat when flour is ground instead of the normal 72.

3. Cut bread loaf weights by 10 per cent.

4. Restrict use of grain in production of alcoholic beverages.

When the OPA died June 30,

Jews Admit Palestine Hotel Blast

JERUSALEM, July 23 (AP)—A message in Hebrew and signed by the illegal Irgun Zvai Leumi underground organization asserted tonight that the King David hotel was bombed by "soldiers" of that group.

The message was handed to the Associated Press by an unidentified messenger boy. It asserted that the loss of life in the terrorist attack yesterday was caused by the British themselves, who paid no attention to warnings.

The Associated Press previously had received the same kind of typed messages in the same manner when the Irgun Zvai Leumi had attacked the government and there was no reason to believe that the message today was not authentic.

Attack Recounted
"On July 22 at 12:05, soldiers of Irgun Zvai Leumi attacked the central British administration, the secretariat of the conquering government and headquarters of the conquering army," the statement said.

"The attack was carried out with a fight with army patrols and the British police force.
"According to a plan that was thought out beforehand an explosive was set to go off only a half hour (underlined) after it was brought into the building."

The message continued: "Immediately after the explosives were placed telephonic warnings were given to the main telephone exchange of the King David hotel, to the press bureaus telegraphic agencies and to the French consulate which is in the vicinity of the hotel."

"In addition to these warnings a warning bomb (non-harmful) was placed in front of the square of the hotel in order to inform residents to remove the public from the surroundings."

No Trace Yet Of Lost Pair

Extensive search of the Eagle ridge-Shoalwater bay area of Upper Klamath lake yesterday and today has failed to recover the bodies of two men who disappeared on the lake Sunday and are believed to be drowned, but planes and boats still are continuing to scour the water and shoreline for traces of the missing men.

Keith Gordon, 56, and John A. Jack, Henry, 43, disappeared while on a water trip from the Geary canal bridge up the lake to Malone springs Sunday morning, and their small red boat, was located yesterday morning inside Shoalwater bay, floating upside down.

Sheriff Lloyd Low and a party of searchers towed the boat in to Ziegler's dock yesterday afternoon. A kayak life cushion, one of two believed to have been in Gordon's boat, was found washed up on the west shore of the bay.

Gordon and Henry had put the 10-foot boat into the water at Geary canal about 6 a. m. Sunday, and were to reach Malone springs about noon. Searchers believe that they reached the Eagle ridge area in about an hour, roughly at 7 o'clock, and probably did some fishing there.

Baited Rig Found
When the boat was found, both men's tackle was still lodged in the cockpit, and one rig was baited with a piece of pork rind, indicating that probably one man fished while the other operated the boat.

The steering ropes on the wheel had been loosened, and evidently they were steering the boat by hand. The motor was clamped on and padlocked. The

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1946 year to date 12.97
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Forecast: Continued heat tomorrow.

Vote Slated At End Of Six Months

Parking meters were ordered for Klamath Falls streets by the city council last night, but with the provision that there will be a popular election after six months trial to determine whether the meters will stay.

Councilmen said the meters will be installed for the trial period without cost to the city, and the vote will dispose once and for all of the parking meter issue that has agitated civic and business circles here for many months.

The retail trade bureau, however, voiced disapproval of the idea of a trial followed by a vote. Headed by Nick Long, representatives of the bureau told the councilmen they want a vote at the November election BEFORE a trial, and that petitions will be circulated in an attempt to force a vote at that time.

November Vote Rejected
At last night's meeting, the merchants' group presented a suggested action of the council calling for a vote in November, but this was not acted upon by the council. Instead, it proceeded with the trial-vote program, with Councilman Rollin Cantrell making the motion. The vote was unanimous, with Cantrell, Angus Newton and Harvey Martin voting. Mayor Osterdorf was out of town and Paul Landry, council president, was in the chair. C. P. Van Doren was absent.

Landry told Long and others present that the council was of the people to decide whether or not meters should be installed on a permanent basis here, and that the council considers the intelligent plan is to have a trial which will form the basis of informed public opinion on the matter.

The council plans to finance (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Mercury Holds At High Level

The temperature was 93 at 2 p. m. today.
Early morning clouds, which promised cooler weather for Klamath residents Tuesday, vanished into the blue by noon as the temperature rose to 87 at 12:30, three degrees above Monday's recording for the same time.

Scattered lightning and thunder showers started a grass fire about four miles south of Bonanza. Report of the fire reached the Klamath Forest Protective association and fire fighters were dispatched. In early afternoon the extent and condition of the flames were not known by authorities.

A fire on the Casebeer ranch near the Gerber reservoir was spotted Monday afternoon by the Horse Fly mountain and Yainax lookouts. The flames burned about five acres of timbered area before they were brought under control by four fire fighters. The blaze, which was spotted a little after 3 p. m., was in rough terrain which eliminated the use of fire fighting equipment.

Throughout the Pacific northwest, continued high temperatures were predicted by weather bureau spokesmen today as the evergreen playground's heat wave went into its fourth successive day.

Seven fires were reported in six of the inland empire's national forests but all were held to less than 10 acres. Several blazes in Oregon forests also were brought under control.

Mercury reports yesterday failed to show any century-breaking efforts for the day, with Boise's 89 and Yakima's 97 apparently tops.

Mead Wants Army Men Disciplined

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.) of the senate war investigating committee demanded today that the war department "discipline" high-ranking army officers in the Garson munitions case. He specified those shown to have traveled on official military orders during wartime to a gay wedding party for the daughter of a munitions maker.

Mead's demand came as the committee received official war department records that travel orders entitled them to ride at government expense with per diem allowances, had been issued for six officers to allow them to be in New York at the time of Natalia Garson's wedding.

The investigation of the munitions work of the Garson brothers, Henry and Murray, took another turn with red-haired Jean Bates, former secretary of the munitions makers' Washington office on the stand.

She testified that Henry Garson and Joseph Freeman, Washington office manager for the Garsons, had asked her to be "hazy" in testifying before the committee. She said she met their proposal with a refusal to "perjure myself."

Generals Present
Among the army officers listed in the war department travel orders were Brig. Gen. Paul X. English, former head of chemical war service, procurement division, and Maj. Gen. Alden H. Waitt, its present chief. The orders read that their presence in New York was "necessary for military service." English has since left active military duty.

Presentation of the records followed introduction of copies of records of the Hotel Pierre in New York, where the wedding was held January 2, 1944, showing that Murray Garson, father

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Turnbull Heads U. Of O. School

PORTLAND, July 23 (AP)—George S. Turnbull was named dean of the University of Oregon School of Journalism for a one-year term by the state board of higher education today, and Russell Ira Thackrey of Kansas State college was designated as his successor.

The action of naming two men to one post was unprecedented in university history and was taken, board members said, because Turnbull will reach retirement age in 1948.

He has been professor of journalism for 29 years and acting dean for the past two years. Among his numerous writings is the highly regarded "History of Oregon Newspapers."

Thackrey is dean of administration and professor of journalism at Kansas State college. He was on the faculty there from 1928 to 1935 when he joined the staff of the Associated Press. He later edited a weekly newspaper in Missouri and from 1937 to 1940 was on the University of Minnesota faculty. He returned to Kansas State in 1940 to head the journalism department.

Truman Dilemma Looms Over Tidelands Oil Bill

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—Congress appeared ready today to dump the politically explosive tidelands bill on President Truman's desk. But even legislators who think they sometimes know the White House attitude in advance admit they are puzzled about its fate.

Granting the states' clear title to often oil-rich tidelands extending three miles or more into the ocean, the bill involves a long-standing controversy between Edwin W. Pauley and former Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes.

Despite the vigorous opposition of Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky) the senate passed the measure by a 44 to 34 vote yesterday and sent it back to the house for expected early agreement on its final form, Barkley said he hopes the president will veto it.

But any such action would be a slap at Pauley, California oil man who favors state ownership. And it would be a feather in the cap of Ickes, who has been critical of the president since he resigned from the cabinet.

As it stands, the tidelands bill would leave in unchallenged effect all state oil permits such as those Pauley's company held. Because of this, republicans

indicated they will attempt to make political capital of the measure if Mr. Truman signs it.

Senator Tobey (R-NH) hinted at such a possibility when he told the senate yesterday that a "sordid picture" had been created by oil company lobbyists who he said had been "cajoling" senators to support the bill.

Tobey, who led the fight against Pauley's nomination to the navy post, joined Barkley in opposing passage of the tidelands measure. The democratic leader said the bill represents an effort "to give away hundreds of millions of barrels of oil in the tidelands in order that it might be exploited by private operators."

"I hope," Barkley shouted, "that if this bill goes to the president it will be vetoed by him in the interests of national defense."

Sponsors, however, contended the legislation simply would write into law what the courts long ago have held. The pending bill would also give states undisputed possession of lands beneath navigable rivers—within their borders—something which was declared in debate never to have been questioned. It has nothing to do with control of navigation on these rivers.

House OK's Compromise OPA Revival

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—The house today approved the new compromise OPA revival bill.

The action sent the measure, working out in a senate-house conference committee, to the senate for action there.

The plan was to obtain senate action later this afternoon so that the measure, if finally approved, might go to the White House by nightfall.

The house earlier decisively rejected a move to strip all price controls from the compromise bill, which would have left the measure as a simple authority over rents.

The plan was defeated first on a standing vote of 159 to 120, and then rejected on a formal roll call 229 to 135.

The move to limit controls to rents was made by Rep. Lea (D-Calif.).

Sweeping Move
His motion was to send the compromise measure back to the senate-house conference, with instructions to remove from it all except the rent control authority.

The proposal was supported by a large block of republicans and some democrats, most of whom had spoken against the compromise.

Administration leaders drove hard to get the house and senate to agree that would put the compromise legislation on President Truman's desk by nightfall. The president's signature then could restore trimmed-down price controls and full rent authority immediately.

Chairman Spence (D-Ky) of the house banking committee, a leader of the administration's bitter OPA battle, told reporters "we hope to have price control again by midnight."

Capitol Hill felt certain Mr. Truman would sign the measure even though (1) he vetoed the first congressional attempt to trim OPA's powers and (2) the new compromise bans price ceilings on major foods for at least 30 days.

Redin And Family Start For Russia

SEATTLE, July 23 (AP)—Faces wreathed in smiles, Russian Navy Lt. Nicolai Gregorovich Redin, his wife, Galina, and their baby daughter, Irina, bade Seattle goodbye today. They were en route to Portland to board a ship for home.

Lieutenant Redin was acquitted by a federal court jury last week of charges of espionage and conspiracy in connection with secret navy plans and specifications for its new design destroyer tender, the USS Yellowstone, built here. He was attached to the Soviet purchasing commission here.

He told interviewers as he left his apartment today that one of the good things he experienced in the United States were his contacts with American business and navy officers. "The American people will always have a friendship with us," he added.

USS Hornet Flies Citation Pennant

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23 (AP)—The USS Hornet, berthed at the San Francisco naval shipyard today flew the presidential citation pennant for "extraordinary heroism" as one of the carriers of task forces 38 and 58 in the American offensive against the Japanese during the war.

The citation was made last Thursday by President Truman to Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, who commanded task force 58, and yesterday the pennant was received by Captain Charles F. Coe, commanding officer of the carrier.

Red Cross Gives Helping Hand



Representatives of the Klamath Falls chapter of the American Red Cross were on hand Monday to see that occupants of three hospital cars received fruit, reading material and refreshments. Hospital trains usually carry these supplies but this time they had not been provided. Handing a case of soft drinks to Arlo Breedlove of Arkansas is Fred Fleet. Mrs. Arthur Epperson and Otto Smith are holding newspapers and oranges.

Klamath Valley Hospital Sold

Klamath Valley hospital, founded in 1920, has been purchased by the Klamath Medical Service bureau, it was disclosed today.

The sale to the medical bureau was made by Dr. Warren Hunt, sole owner of the hospital, and the transaction also involves the Valley hotel adjoining the hospital on Pine street near 4th.

Klamath Medical Service bureau will take over the hospital property about August 1, Joe Hicks, manager of the bureau, said today.

The bureau is also the owner of the Hillside hospital, the other major hospital here. Hicks said that the bureau had had no pre-determined plan of controlling all hospital facilities here, but that "circumstances developed."

To Chicago



Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall, former medical chief of the Klamath Marine Barracks, has accepted appointment as chairman of the department of medicine at the University of Chicago, and has taken over his duties there. Capt. Coggeshall won the Gorgas medal for outstanding medical service to U. S. armed forces in connection with his work on tropical diseases at the Marine Barracks here. He moves to Chicago from the University of Michigan, where he occupied the chair of tropical medicine.

Oregon Lays Out 'Welcome Mat'

RAINIER, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Oregon laid out today the first "welcome mat" for the tourists that it hopes eventually will become the state's second biggest industry.

With Washington and Oregon state officials watching, a log sign, "Welcome to Oregon," was dedicated on the Oregon side of the Longview bridge. Similar signs will be placed at every main highway entrance to the state.

After the ceremony, officials and businessmen attended a luncheon at Longview where Keep Oregon Green and Keep Washington Green programs were outlined.

Truman Signs OPA Fund Bill

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—President Truman signed into law today a bill providing \$75,000,000 for OPA operations during the fiscal year which started July 1.

The measure contains a ban on use of "propaganda" by the agency in support of price controls.

The legislation also includes approximately \$2,000,000,000 for the Veterans Administration and a new \$465,000,000 contribution to the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration.

The UNRRA allocation contains a section permitting the secretary of state to deny use of the funds in any countries which he finds do not permit "a reasonable number" of accredited press representatives to report on the agency's operations without censorship restrictions.

The legislation is known as the third efficiency appropriation bill. It carries a total of \$2,652,860,866.96 in funds for various agencies.

Interior Secretary Plans Alaskan Trip

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug will leave by plane August 11 for a 10-day visit to Alaska.

Dutch To Ask Border Shift

THE HAGUE, July 23 (AP)—Queen Wilhelmina told the parliament today that The Netherlands intends to seek a limited rectification of its frontiers with Germany.

No details were given. Outlining Dutch foreign policy, the queen said:

"With the purpose of establishing international peace and freedom and to make atomic energy beneficial instead of disastrous to humanity, The Netherlands will strive for furtherance of good international relations on the basis of the charter of the United Nations.

"The Netherlands favors the speedy realization of final peace treaties."

Speaking of the Indonesian problem and Dutch regions outside Java and Sumatra, the queen said that proper conditions were still lacking on Java and Sumatra for fulfillment by peaceful and loyal means of the Indonesian national desires. She added, however, that she was "confident these conditions will soon be present." She continued:

"Final liquidation of the Japanese invasion and the return of law and order are essential conditions for The Netherlands to be able to give themselves fully to their vocation of building up, with the realm and together with the Indonesians, a self-government system for these peoples."

Conferees Mull Atom Energy Bill

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—House and senate conferees set out today to compromise differences over atomic control legislation as a group of scientists contended that certain house proposals would "seriously hinder" development of atomic energy.

Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex) told a news conference that some kind of control legislation is necessary and voiced confidence that the conferees will be able to work out a satisfactory measure.

Pageant Calendar

All square dancers, musicians and callers will meet at the Eve Benson dance studio Wednesday, 8 p. m., to practice dances.