

Henderson Says Moisture Lack Serious Crop Threat

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The unusually dry weather this spring is beginning to have considerable effect on farming operations. Dry land grain is seriously affected and unless heavy showers occur during May most of the dry land grain will be hardly worth threshing. In some cases where land has been summer fallowed or where thunder showers have hit, a fair crop may be secured. Wheat and rye are the

main dry land grains produced in this area although there is some barley, particularly the Utah Winter. Much land is ready for potato planting and heavy planting is under way now. In many cases growers are undecided on whether to irrigate before planting or to take a chance on irrigating after planting. Irrigating potatoes before planting is a rather hazardous practice and is one that the growers do not like to do. Good showers will greatly help this situation. The season is so far advanced now that irrigating before planting would make the planting date too late on all lands except particularly light, well-drained, sandy soil, where the water goes off rapidly.

Ranges Hit

The weather, perhaps, is having its most severe effect on ranges and dry land pastures. During dry years competition between cattle and insects is much keener and as a result there is not enough grass to go around. In wet years where there is plenty of grass, grasshoppers and cattle usually both do pretty well but in dry years much of the grass is taken by grasshoppers and the loss to stockmen is rather severe.

Present indications are that grasshopper infestations will be severe enough, particularly in the Upper Klamath marsh as well as to other areas to do serious damage to a short grass supply. Heavy spring rainfall during May could help this situation tremendously. It should be kept in mind that livestock, that is cattle and sheep, bring in more than \$5,000,000 each year and serious range damage will greatly reduce this amount.

There is yet time, of course, for good spring rains but the country is getting thoroughly dried out and heavy rains will be necessary to bring up the soil moisture. It would also improve spring farming conditions even under irrigation.

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 6 (AP)—A firecracker which was exploded in the courthouse corridor by a group celebrating a lodge convention gave County Collector Chilton Hurst a scare.

Several days previously, Hurst said, an irate taxpayer had told him: "I'm going to come back here and blow up the entire south end of the courthouse."

"I thought he had done it," Hurst said.

ROMANCE IN REVERSE

CHICAGO, May 6 (AP)—Mrs. Ruth Cole, 34, told Circuit Judge Leonard C. Reid yesterday that she wanted to divorce Glen Cole, 38, but she was willing to continue as his secretary.

Under terms of the decree granted by Judge Reid, Cole, who is head of a floor sanding company, will appear in his former home only to give dictation and make business telephone calls.

"In business we get along fine," said Mrs. Cole, who had charged cruelty. "But in marriage, no. He'll have to sleep and eat out."

Tumble Down Hotel Stairs Fatal

PORTLAND, May 6 (AP)—A fall down the stairs of the Northern hotel was fatal last night to William Butler, 57, who died in a hospital of a fractured skull.

In another accident, Donald B. Catton, 59, died of injuries suffered when he fell while at the De Lake beach and struck his head on a rock. He died in a hospital here last night.

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Autry Tells Young Actors To Get Start In Serials

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, May 6 (AP)—With production of B pictures cut to the nub, many observers are worried about where new acting talent will find a break. Gene Autry proposes a solution—serials.

The Tioga, Tex., cowpoke is a veteran of 18 years of cinema wrangling. He is currently completing his obligation with Republic and next month will blossom as a full-fledged producer of his own pictures at Columbia. His advice to youngsters who have that infernal movie urge is to try serials first, instead of hoping for overnight stardom.

"Look at Rita Hayworth, Jennifer Jones, Ann Rutherford," he suggested, and it's got a bad idea. "They and many others who are now on top got their start that way."

Gene observed that serials are big productions these days. There are now 13 instead of the traditional 12 chapters. Shooting schedules even run up to 30 days. (The average A picture takes 60 to 90 days; running time of a finished serial is two or three times a feature.)

"Actors can get their best training in serials," Gene said. "They've got to learn poise, timing and reac-

tion in a hurry. And they've got to do it well. 'Cause the kids are mighty sharp audiences."

"And you can't imagine, if the kids see an actor make a week for 13 weeks they get to know him pretty well. As a matter of fact they know up with the actor. And when the kids grow out of serials, the actor can graduate too, because he has the same audience in feature films."

Willamette River Dragged For Body

PORTLAND, May 6 (AP)—Harbor patrol boats dragged the Willamette river today in an effort to locate the body of Beverly Luciani, age 7, who was reported to have disappeared to have gone fishing and perhaps drowned while attempting to walk on a log raft near his home.

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Camp Fire News

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The Pansy Blue Birds have finished their picture making project, and will now enjoy a "fun" meeting next week, with plenty of surprises at the last meeting of the group.

Camp Fire Girls have been working on favors and skirts for the Business and Professional Women's club dinner this week. The BPW is sponsoring Camp Fire and Girl Scout night, and the girls have many interesting items in store for them.

Another project in the near future will be the annual dad-daughter dinner, which is being held this year after having been discontinued during the war. This will be held May 23, and leaders should receive detailed news of the plans in the mail this week.

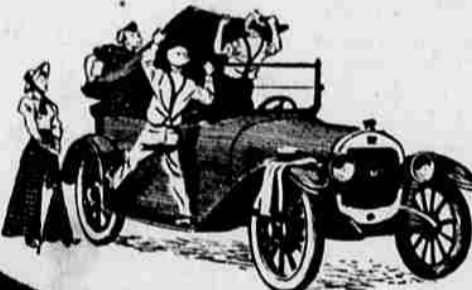
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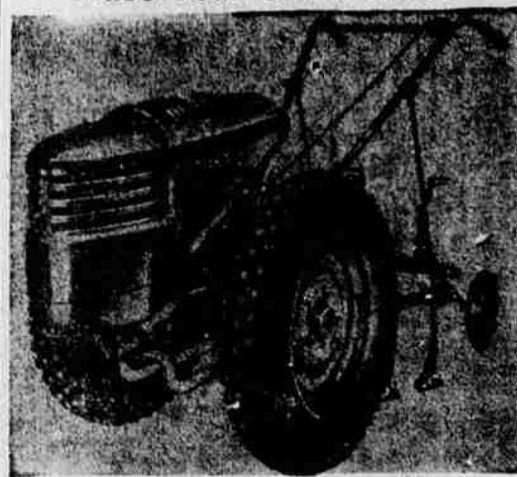


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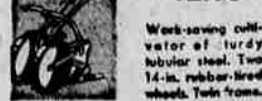
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