

# Automobile Production Hits Peak

DETROIT, Dec. 15 (AP)—There is better than an even chance passenger automobile and truck production this week will top all levels attained by the industry since the week ended June 28, 1941.

An indicated output this week of more than 117,000 units in the United States and Canada would compare with 137,936 assembled in the final week of 1941 of the last pre-war year.

Contributing to this week's increased volume is the mounting output of trucks at Ford's where a new model change-over in commercial vehicles has just been completed, expanded operation by Chrysler's Dodge truck division and the steady schedule planned by most Chrysler passenger car divisions and the Kaiser-Frazer assembly plant.

Shutdowns Stated

This week's production probably will stand as the best week's output from mid-year 1941 to well into next month, however. An inventory shutdown by Chrysler's Kaiser-Frazer is scheduled for the Christmas-New Year week and the switch-over to 1948 model operations planned by several other manufacturers will cut into assembly volume next month.

One of the possibilities of this year's final figures is that they may almost match the 5,100,000 recorded as the combined United States and Canadian output of 1941. So far this year the assembly lines in the two countries have turned out approximately 4,800,000 vehicles.

In figuring the average individual's chances for early delivery of a new car it must be remembered that a record-breaking peacetime total of commercial vehicles is included in this year's output. The year's total of trucks and coach and passenger cars in the two countries will go above the 1,350,000 mark. The peacetime record was last year's 1,429,624 units.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Another thing—I'm simply lost without a glass of water at three o'clock in the morning!"

# Harold Lloyd's Father Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 18 (AP)—The man who started Harold Lloyd in the movies—his father, J. Darsie Lloyd—is dead.

The comedian-producer's father died yesterday at the age of 93 in Hollywood Presbyterian hospital after a week's illness with pneumonia, complicated by heart trouble.

It was elder Lloyd's flip of a coin that settled his acting son's future, the comedian—now 34 and a multi-millionaire—recalled.

Young Harold had been bitten by the acting bug in Omaha and his father had decided to let him have a good whirl at it. The only question was: Where to start, New York or California, where those new-fangled movies were being made.

Dad Lloyd tossed a coin, and the flip set them on the westward trail. A year later, 1913, Harold made his first film appearance as an Indian in an old Edison company production at San Diego.

A decade later, after Harold had become famous as the bespectacled grandpa's boy, he formed his own Harold Lloyd corporation, and installed his father as vice president and general manager, a post he retained until his death.

# Woman Pilot Sets New Mark

INDIO, Calif., Dec. 18 (AP)—Aviation's speedy woman, Jacqueline Cochran, has laid claim to a double-barreled speed record at 413 miles per hour.

First, she claimed the mark as a new record by a propeller-driven craft for a three kilometer course; second, she reported it exceeded the old women's standard of 338 m.p.h. set by the late Larry Hurlburt at Tampa, Fla., March 16, 1947.

The flight was made along the shore of the Salton sea yesterday at roughly sea level and was timed by Charles Logsdon of the National Aeronautic association.

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# Sawmill Workers To Talk Pay Up

SEATTLE, Dec. 18 (AP)—Further action in their demands for a 30-cent hourly wage increase will be discussed in Portland January 3 by leaders of 33,000 A.F.L.-Pacific Northwest lumber and sawmill workers.

The Portland conference will include the Puget Sound council, the Coast-Columbia council and the Willamette Valley council. It will be followed by a meeting with employer representatives, Earl Hartley, president of the 18,000-member council, reported.

Hartley said the decision to hold the meeting was reached after local employers, meeting with the Puget Sound council last week, stated they "would prefer to reach an agreement on a regional basis."

"However, the employer representatives did not deny our claims to a substantial wage increase," Hartley added.

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# Fish Canning Outlook Gloom

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18 (AP)—British Columbia's multi-million dollar salmon canning industry today faces dark prospects for 1948 with the loss of the big British market to Russia and provisions of the Geneva world trade agreements which make possible the export of raw B. C. salmon to the United States for canning.

G. J. Alexander, deputy minister of fisheries for British Columbia, reported today that Britain, which during the war years had taken about 1,000,000 cases annually, had signed a contract to take 750,000 cases of canned salmon from Russia.

It is understood that a major portion of the contract provisions may be taken during 1948 and there is little likelihood of Britain taking much B. C. salmon next year.

The picture, however, provides a bright outlook for Canadian housewives who during the war were short of salmon, for the bulk of production, previously exported, will probably be allocated to the domestic market.

Mr. Alexander said it was understood that the contract signed by Britain with Russia provides for deliveries from canneries in the Kamchatka area which before the war were fished by the Japanese, and the only major source of salmon in the Western North Pacific.

# Farmers' Earnings Set New Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The nation's farmers earned about \$30,300,000,000 in cash this year, the agriculture department reported today.

Receipts from farm products were estimated at \$30,000,000,000, or 19 per cent more than last year.

# Grange Opposes Limitation Veto

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Albin A. Goss, master of the national Grange, said after a White House conference Wednesday he told the president that he opposes a proposal to delete from the reclamation law a 160-acre limitation on the acreage using water from government irrigation projects in the Central Valley area.

Goss said he told the president he thought the change would deprive large financial interests while the Grange believes in "family-size farms."

He said he found the president "sympathetic" with his view.

# Highway Upset Kills Three

SILVERTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—A woman and her young son were killed and another son seriously injured north of here yesterday when a truck trailer overturned, crushing the three who were riding in a jeep.

Police said Mrs. Louise Margaret Hoover, 43, Woodburn, was killed instantly and that her son, Jimmy, 5, died a few hours later in the hospital here. The injured boy, Jack, 4, suffered a skull fracture and other injuries.

The accident was on the Barlow-Monitor road.

Mrs. Morris Holman, deputy Clackamas county coroner, said the woman, driving the jeep, ran into the truck at an intersection.

The truck driver, Henry Budeau, 26, Silverton, escaped with minor injuries.

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