

1000 Farms Expected In Arid Basin

EPHRATA, Wash., Sept. 13 (AP)—The federal government is expecting 1000 farms on arid lands of the Columbia basin by 1952, William Warne, assistant secretary of the interior said here yesterday.

After reviewing the irrigation schedule in a four-day conference with bureau of reclamation officials, Warne said irrigation water would be available by then to 87,000 acres of new land.

He said government expenditure this year on the Columbia basin development would amount to \$200,000 a day. He added the reclamation bureau is working on the development as speedily as could be expected.

Under the schedule, another 71,000 acres would be irrigated by 1952, 77,000 the next year, and 91,000 in 1953. Some 536,000 acres would be irrigated by 1958, enough for 6700 farms.

Faye Says Friendly Rift

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (AP)—Actress Faye Emerson plans to bring divorce proceedings against Elliott Roosevelt as soon as she finishes work on a motion picture now in production.

The 31-year-old blonde actress, confirming yesterday that she and the late president's second son have separated, said "Elliott and I parted on friendly terms."

Roosevelt, who was reached by a newsmen in Providence, R. I., said the breakup of the marriage "is a personal matter—I have no comment."

Roosevelt, married twice before, and Miss Emerson, married once before, were wed in December, 1944.

Roosevelt, 38, and the actress, 31, separated in August.

Slash Incident
Mrs. Roosevelt was treated for a razor slash on a wrist last December 29 at Hyde Park. District Attorney W. Vincent Grandy, who questioned the husband and other persons, later declared the matter closed.

Three days after the incident, Roosevelt told newsmen that his wife cut herself accidentally, and that there had not been a family disagreement. Roosevelt said he wanted to set at rest "impressions that she tried to commit suicide."

POLIO DECLINE

SEATTLE, Sept. 13 (AP)—Washington polio cases last week followed in the footsteps of a decline in the week previous, the state health department reported yesterday. Thirty-five cases were reported last week compared with 50 cases for the week before, the department said.

Navy Prepares To Take Big Hitch In Money Belt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (AP)—The navy, with an ear to predictions of broad scale reductions in military spending in the next fiscal year, already is getting ready to put more warships on the shelf.

Starting later this month, the navy will begin to take ships out of the active fleet and tie them up.

The program will continue throughout the rest of this year and in the first half of next. The idea is that by the time the navy starts operating with funds for the 1951 fiscal year (starting next July 1) it will be pared down to fit the present guess of navy officials about the budget's size.

To the laid-up fleet, along with several carriers, will go other ships that support modern-day carrier task forces—including destroyers and probably some cruisers.

The defense department is scheduled to send the preliminary estimate of fiscal 1951's money needs to the budget bureau on September 15.

Most talk is that the overall budget for the army, navy and air force will be between \$13,400,000,000 and \$13,700,000,000.

Half Billion Cut
This would be at least one and a half billion dollars less than the \$15,283,000,000 budget for the fiscal year of 1949 which ended June 30.

Signs that the military can expect to tighten its belt have come espe-

cially from the navy high command in the last few days.

One sharp hint was contained in a speech that Undersecretary of the Navy Kimball gave in Richmond, Va. Other warnings were sent aloft in speeches by Adm. Louis Denfield, chief of naval operations, at Annapolis, and by Secretary of the Navy Matthews in Honolulu.

Kimball said in Richmond that the navy's budget for this fiscal year "will be roughly \$4,000,000,000." This is \$900,000,000 less than the navy had in 1949. It compares with the approximate \$4,500,000,000 that both the senate and house are willing to give the navy for fiscal 1950.

Kimball's disclosure was viewed as a hint that Defense Secretary Johnson may require the navy to hold down to a \$4,000,000,000 figure.

Plywood Business Outlook Brighter

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (AP)—Lawrence Ottinger, president of United States Plywood corporation, today reported a recent decided change for the better in the plywood indus-

try following a sharp price decline early this year.

"Our sales for August were almost identical with our sales during August last year despite substantially lower prices, which means we are moving a larger volume of merchandise," he told stockholders at the annual meeting.

NW Wheat Harvest Almost Completed

SPOKANE, Sept. 13 (AP)—The Pacific Northwest wheat harvest is almost completed, the production and marketing administration reported yesterday.

The administration's state branch reported only a few spring wheat fields at higher elevations remain to be cut. Although the spring wheat crop was better than expected, the announcement said some crops in higher areas failed due to June frosts. Some seeding for fall wheat already has started.

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Girl Leaders Plan Meet In Portland

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Mrs. James C. Parker of Grand Rapids, Mich., president of Camp Fire Girls National Council, will preside at the conference. The theme of the conference is "Youth—Outpost of Democracy."

Although professional staff members are to meet for workshops on Sunday, October 23, the opening session for all conference-goers will be Monday, October 24.

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