

# Weather Big Factor In Prices of Food

**By SAM DAWSON**  
**NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)**—Freakish weather plays hob with merchants, farmers and government planners alike. Immediate effects dot the business picture across the nation. Long-term effects are taking shape, some good, some bad.

A misplaced summer heat wave in the eastern part of the nation drives all thoughts of winter clothing and furnishings out of the minds of shoppers. Sales in department stores in New York and Philadelphia are 14 per cent lower than at the same time last year. Hardest hit are the apparel and fur departments.

**Storm Damage**  
 Tropical storms did tremendous damage to unharvested rice, vegetable and cotton crops in Texas. Government planners are trying to assess the effect on their subsidy and control plans. Merchants in the area are wondering how they'll move their stocks.

High winds flatten the ripened corn crop in Iowa and Nebraska. If the loss to the farmers is as great as first believed, it will show up this winter in the sales figures of storekeepers in the areas hit, and perhaps next fall in the size of the pig crop in those sections.

Just now the housewife is finally reaping the benefit of the bumper corn crops of last year. Hogs are rolling into market. In the weeks ahead, your butcher should have plenty of pork chops and loin roasts. That fine corn growing weather the nation has enjoyed for two years should mean lower pork bills for you. And still later, thanks to the weather man, last year's corn crop should mean plentiful and lower priced beef unless the government can hold prices up.

**Headache**  
 Because that good corn growing weather is now just a headache for the government, Washington is scurrying around right now to find aluminum to build bins in which to store farmers' surplus corn. Because steel is a strike casualty. Subsidy officials are trying to figure out how to hold up the prices the farmer gets for his hogs. The government will support both the price of hogs and of the dressed pork.

There was good prune-growing weather, too, and now there is a surplus in the growing areas on the west coast. Subsidy payments are reported planned to induce exporters to ship prunes to the Marshall Plan countries. That will help keep prune prices up.

**Big Cotton Crop**  
 There's another big surplus cotton crop coming up. Favorable weather sends the government crop estimates higher and higher. More and more bales will go into government warehouses.

The effect of bad weather, as well as good, is showing up in the price scales now. Last winter's blizzards in the sheep country are part of the reason that wool production is at a new low this year, and that American mills are bidding high in the Australian wool auctions. And that lamb prices aren't dropping along with pork.

Last winter's freeze in Texas and this fall's hurricane in Florida have cut the grapefruit crop so that a

## State Medical Society Scans Poliomyelitis

**EUGENE, Oct. 12 (AP)**—The topic of poliomyelitis was first on the agenda today as the Oregon Medical Society opened its 75th annual session.

Dr. Albert G. Bower, clinical professor of medicine at the University of Southern California, school of medicine, was scheduled to lead off the initial general session with a paper on polio.

**Panel Talks**  
 Panel discussions on the disease were to be conducted at a noon luncheon by Dr. Bower, Dr. Robert S. Dow and Dr. Lawrence Noall, both of Portland, and Dr. Robin M. Overstreet, of Eugene, with Dr. J. B. Bilderback, Portland, as moderator.

Another California school professor, Dr. High T. Jones, was to read a paper on "Geriatric Principles in Home Surgery" at the afternoon session.

The evening dinner will be followed by a panel group session on orthopedics with Dr. Harry C. Blair, Portland, the moderator.

## Body Found; May Be 1945 Victim

**EUGENE, Oct. 12 (AP)**—A body recovered from Salt creek yesterday by a construction crew is held here for possible identification by relatives of a family that drowned in a 1945 Christmas week tragedy.

Deputy Coroner Fred Buell said he believes the body is that of John Mitchell. The family car plunged off the highway near Oakridge December 28, 1945. His wife, a son and daughter were also victims.

Buell said relatives from Spokane, where the Mitchell family lived prior to moving here in 1944, were expected here to attempt positive identification.

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**AFL PRESIDENT!** — Actress Peggy Dow has been elected president of Hollywood's AFL, but not the AFL you're thinking of. The Hollywood AFL stands for "Anti-Falsie league" and was dreamed up by some of the screen's lovely ladies to prevent any false fronts in pictures.

## Cemeteries For War Dead In Good Shape

**PHILADELPHIA, (AP)** — American World War I cemeteries in Europe have been placed in perfect condition again. This is the report of John F. Harbeson, of Philadelphia, a consulting architect to the American battle monument commission, following a six-weeks' inspection of these and new permanent American cemeteries for American World War II dead.

Harbeson said there no longer are signs of the enforced neglect of the older cemeteries caused by the mass conquests and occupation. He said the construction of chapels for the new cemeteries will begin next spring. These new chapels are being designed for individual meditation and prayer on the part of visitors and not as places of formal services he explained.

Harbeson noted during his tour of Europe that more and more Americans are making pilgrimages to both the old and new cemeteries.

## Civic Club Card Party Saturday

**PORT KLAMATH** — The Civic Improvement club of Fort Klamath is sponsoring a card party Saturday night in the clubhouse with Mrs. Jerry Sizemore in charge of the card playing, Bridge, pinochle, 500 and bingo will be in play during the evening, and refreshments will be served at the close of cards, all for a small admission charge.

The public is invited to attend the affair, and this notice is especially directed to Chilquin and Klamath Agency residents.

## U.S. Forests Timber Sales Drop in NW

**PORTLAND, Oct. 12 (AP)**—Timber sales and cut in the 19 national forests of Washington and Oregon dropped sharply during the third quarter of this year compared with the same period in 1948.

The U. S. forest service reported yesterday that sales were down to 392,825,000 board feet, less than half the 615,953,000 a year ago. Value was \$2,254,063, down from \$8,556,610.

The timber cut slid from 690,377,000 feet to 452,492,000 for the months of July, August and September.

Sales in the Chejan forest totaling 110,089,000 feet, boosted the Washington total ahead of Oregon for the first time in recent years. Sales in Washington were 187,925,000 compared with the Oregon total of 114,880,000.

The cut in the national forests of Washington was 192,224,000; in Oregon 260,270,000.

**BOOK BAN ASKED**  
**SEATTLE, Oct. 12 (AP)**—Forty-five of the 72 pictures in the comic book "Murder, Inc." showed crimes being committed, Dep. Pros. F. A. Walterskirchen said yesterday in recommending that the book be barred from the newsstands.

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