

# Year's Crops Second To '49's Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—A final agriculture department survey showed yesterday that crop production this year was second only to last year's record.

The big volume produced surpluses in some crops—and led the government to propose reestablishment of prewar controls to hold down production next year.

No longer do postwar shortages exist.

The big showing was the result of uniformly large production of most crops, with only a few either outstandingly larger or smaller than usual.

No. 1 Corn—the No. 1 crop from the standpoint of size and importance to the food supply—was estimated at 3,378,000,000 bushels. This was 8 per cent below last year's record of 3,682,000,000 bushels, but 21 per cent above average.

Production controls of some kind or another already have been announced or are expected to be announced soon for next year's crops of cotton, major types of tobacco, wheat, peanuts, soybeans, rice and potatoes.

Acreage The crop acreage harvested this year was the largest since 1932.

Record crops were shown this year for rice, dry beans and peas, but relatively large crops included soybeans, grain sorghums, peanuts, cotton, cottonseed, wheat, oats, flaxseed, tobacco, apples, peaches, cherries and sugar cane.

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**OBSERVER**—Looking like a Roman, the statue of John Adams stands surrounded by workers' scaffolding as workmen reconstruct the capitol's Statuary Hall. It is the first new coat of paint for the hall in 26 years.

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BANG!

BOOM! BOOM!

## Eugene to Punish Parents For Misdeeds of Children

EUGENE, Dec. 20 (AP)—When a child turns into a budding burglar, whose fault is it?

"The parents," decided Eugene's city councilmen this week. And they backed up their decision by passing an ordinance that the parents—not the child—should be punished.

"It's fairly stiff punishment, too: up to \$200 fine or 100 days in jail for a parent judged responsible for conditions which have led his child into delinquency.

Eugene is the largest Oregon city to base penalties on the growing sociological theory that a child takes the criminal path because his parents, unwittingly or not, have shoved him that way.

In a Gallup poll taken last spring the majority approved the Oregon (it started in Baker, Ore.) "parental delinquency" plan. Social workers, increasingly, blame parents. And in Chicago this week a judge bitterly condemned the parents of a much older criminal.

Judge Julius Miner, hearing the trial of a 21-year-old mother who had strangled her infant, called the mother's parents before him.

"I have been shocked by the testimony about your treatment of your daughter," Judge Miner told Mrs. Chester Lamont of Astoria, Ore. "No one is more responsible than you for the fact that she is on trial for murder."

Murder—or other serious crimes—would not come under Eugene's new parental delinquency control. It applies only to the light offenses with which a child usually starts a delinquent career: petty theft, disorderly conduct, other misdemeanors.

Eugene thinks it will work. It has in the small city of Baker, Ore., where Police Chief Guy V. Church dreamed up the idea two years ago. Church was being plagued by a teen-age club known as the "Pan-

## Bids Opened For Oiling Sprague Road

The state highway department yesterday opened bids for 17.91 miles of surfacing and oiling on the River road between Chiloquin and Sprague River.

Low bid for the job was that of J. M. and M. J. Conley Construction company of Portland, the firm which did the widening and surfacing job on the Merrill highway this fall. The Conley firm's bid was \$123,048.

A street surfacing project at Chiloquin on Chocktoot street was bid in by the E. C. Hall construction company of Portland at \$3170.

## Unemployment Aid Filing Scheduled

The United States employment service will begin itinerant service for the filing of claims for unemployment compensation in Beatty and Bly on Thursday, according to Jack Almeter, manager of the local bureau.

All claimants living in the Sprague River and Beatty areas will meet at the Beatty store at 9:30 Thursday morning, and those living in Bly area will meet at the Jack O'Neill place at 11:30 a. m. Thursday.

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## Philadelphia Yule Spirit On 2 Fronts

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (AP)—Don't tell Charley Willis there's no such thing as Christmas spirit.

Charley workers in the Philadelphia Inquirer library. Months ago he and his fellow workers decided to chip in a quarter each a week to create a Christmas party fund. The name Sunshine Club was chosen.

Two months ago, Charley's three-year-old daughter was critically burned in a gas stove mishap.

Without taking a formal vote, the Sunshine Club gave Charley the \$160 in the club treasury to help defray medical expenses. And the scheduled party at a Philadelphia restaurant was cancelled.

Restaurantier Frank Palumbo heard the story and tonight Charley—his daughter well on the road to recovery—will join his friends at the party they planned, with Palumbo picking up the check.

## Klamath's Delinquent Taxes Low

Klamath county's delinquent taxes for the years from 1938 through 1949 amounted to only 0.96 per cent of the total roll, according to a summary compiled by the state tax commission.

The county's percentage of collection over the years was the third best in the state. Only Morrow county with 0.52 per cent and Wasco with 0.72 had lower delinquencies.

Highest percentage of delinquencies during the period was in Curry county, 4.38 per cent. Lake county's percentage was 1.37.

## Italian Film Voted Best

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—A post-war Italian film is the best picture of 1949, says the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures.

Choice of the film, "The Bicycle Thief," was announced yesterday by the board's Committee on Exceptional Films. The movie's director, Vittorio de Sica, was named the year's best director.

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films were "The Quiet One," "Intruder in the Dust," "The Heiress," "Devil in the Flesh," "Quartet," "Germany Year Zero," "Home of the Brave," "Letter to Three Wives," and "Fallen Idol."

The committee chose Ralph Richardson's acting in "The Heiress" and "Fallen Idol" as the best in 1949.

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