

Tumbleweed Crop Grows Over Texas

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (AP)—A great many farmers around here face some pitchfork drill this fall and winter. They'll harvest a crop they can't sell, can't eat, can't feed their cattle, can't afford not to harvest.

The plant is the tumbleweed—a joy to romping children, a ghost to a scary horse and a burden to dryland farmers.

Many billions of the weed are ripening in unused fields. High winds last weekend loosened a few million.

They whipped a across level ground until they hit a fence or other barrier and then they piled up. They buried the fence.

Sheltered lawns also were buried several feet deep.

Tumbleweeds range from knee to waist high. Their limbs grow into a light, ball-like mass of tough branches. They break from the ground easily and children like to race them as the wind rolls them along. A nervous horse shys away from them almost as fast as from a rattlesnake's buzz.

Where the weeds pile up, they can burn as if they were gasoline-saturated. If they're left along a fence row, winter winds bury them in silt and can completely cover the fence in dirt. Nothing less than a bulldozer moves them successfully.

Soil conservationists blame two things for the severe infestation: dry weather in the early summer which caused fields to be abandoned for the season, and later rain which nurtured the tumbleweeds.

Elmer Kelton, San Angelo Standard-Times agricultural editor, has his own explanation:

"The tumbleweed is nature's way of trying to provide cover for bare ground.

"Nature can't abide a bare spot, and where man fails to cultivate or remove the grass, the old dame steps in and puts tumbleweeds or other weeds as her own conservation measure."

URANIUM MAP—For 50 cents, any would-be uranium prospector can buy a government map showing areas known to be richest in the atomic-age ore. Secretary of the Interior McKay announced availability to the public of the new map.



BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN AUXILIARY, gathered in Klamath Falls over the weekend for a state meeting. These regional and national officials were greeted on their arrival Friday on the Shasta Daylight by members of the Klamath Falls chapter. From left to right are: Edna Hansen, warden of the local chapter; Mary Gorman, grand president, Cleveland, Ohio; Margaret Donahue, vice grand president, District No. 8, Seattle, Washington; and other officers of the local chapter, Katie Eck, president, Norma Hansen, vice president, Mary Knight, treasurer and Lucille Knight, drill captain.

Electric Strike In Second Day

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A strike of 43,000 members of the CIO International Union of Electrical Workers against Westinghouse Electric Corp. went into its second day today as negotiators tried to end a deadlock.

Although hours of negotiation proved unfruitful yesterday, another session was called between James B. Carey, president of the

union, and Vice President Robert D. Blaiser of Westinghouse. Neither had any comment when they broke up a long session early today.

Meanwhile, peaceful picketing continued at the 27 plants in nine states where the CIO-IUW has bargaining rights.

So far there has been no report that operations have been affected in some 30 Westinghouse plants having contracts with other unions.

The IEU strike was ordered in support of 2,200 members who struck Aug. 8 at the East Pittsburgh plant. This walkout was called because the union said Westinghouse had violated the national contract in starting a time study of certain operations in an efficiency move. Westinghouse denied the charge, declaring it had a right to manage its own business.

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Rocket Expert To Leave U.S.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—One of the world's foremost rocket experts, Dr. Hsueh-shen Tsien, head of the nonmilitary jet propulsion center of California Institute of Technology, will leave for Red China Friday under a deportation order.

Immigration officials said the order alleged that Dr. Tsien was a member of the Communist party before he entered the United States in 1936. He was granted a permanent residence permit in 1947.

Robert Robinson, acting officer in charge of the Immigration Service here, said yesterday that in leaving the United States, Dr. Tsien would, in effect, be deporting himself.

Friends of the Chinese said, however, that he was bitter against the United States for first ordering his deportation and later refusing him permission to leave the country for five years. The ban on his leaving was lifted last Aug. 4 and Dr. Tsien resigned from Caltech shortly thereafter.

Dr. Tsien has denied membership in the Communist party. He was arrested Sept. 7, 1950, by immigration officers as he was about to sail for China. Eight cases of scientific papers were seized on the dock. They had been consigned to Dr. Tsien by himself for delivery in Shanghai. Examination of the 1,800 pounds of documents indicated that they did not include any classified material. Subsequently, they were returned to him.

The deportation order was returned after a hearing at which two retired members of the Los Angeles Police Department's "Red squad" identified him as a card-carrying Communist in the late '30s. No implementing order for his deportation came through, however, and Dr. Tsien, under \$15,000 bond, returned to his duties at Caltech, where he was primarily concerned with analytical, theoretical and educational problems.

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