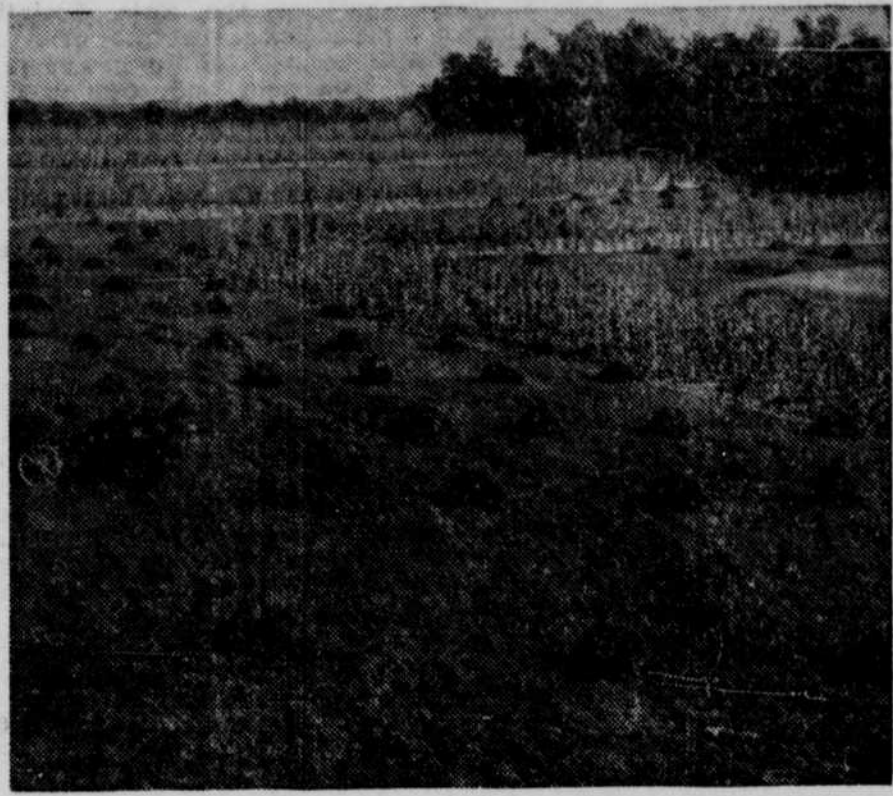


Optimism Shown Over Bumper Crop Conditions As Government Makes Final Survey for 1945

Wheat Leads Off With Largest Harvest Ever Grown in the Country

America's 1945 farm outlook gives promise of a total production higher than for any year on record except the bumper seasons of 1942 and 1944.



Hay and corn have been strip-cropped on this North Carolina farm to protect the soil from erosion and to help increase crop yield.

The previous record crop of 1944. It is 43 per cent greater than the 10-year average for 1934-43.

Wheat production is up 14 per cent over last year. Estimated acreage of all wheat for harvest is 64,961,000 acres, 9.5 per cent above 1944.

Oats—Oats production is expected to be the largest since 1920, a total of 1,546,032,000 bushels.

Corn—Marked improvement in prospects during July has resulted in an August 1 estimate of about 2,844,000,000 bushels of corn in 1945.

Crop Prospects Reported. Naturally, farm production cannot be calculated as accurately as industrial production.

Wheat—Largest crop of record, and the third U. S. billion-bushel crop. Estimated at 1,146,000,000 bushels.

N. E. Dodd, chief of the Agricultural adjustment agency which has the job of helping U. S. farmers work out acreage goals.

Preserving the Land. Despite the hard use to which the land has had to be subjected during the war years, it is still going strong.

Soybeans—A total of 13,283,000 acres grown alone for all purposes appears to be about 46 per cent larger than the 10-year average.

Potatoes—A crop of record proportions is indicated for 1945—some 420,206,000 bushels.

Hay—Second largest hay crop ever produced in the U. S. is expected this year.

Faxseed—Indications are that a flaxseed crop over half again as large as the average for 1934-43 will be harvested in 1945.

Dry Peas—Although considerably less than last year's big crop, the 1945 production will probably be about double the prewar average.

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THE BATTLE OF THE TINKERS

Galway, Eire.—The annual finals in the battles for the championship of the Tinkers will be held tonight.

The tournament began shortly after 9 p. m. Padraic O'Feeney, a top Tinker, began the boasting.

The bell rang for the first round, after two hours of this, and Terry Moolihann, the referee, called, "come out for your instructions!"

Numerous referees being always carried as "spares" at the Tinker fights, Garry Finnerty took his place.

Whereupon the two principals tore out of their corners. They had a little trouble finding each other.

Finally they met accidentally and fell into a clinch. The referee tried to part them but found he was separating two spectators by mistake.

O'Feeney fell on his face three times as he came from his corner. His opponent, falling but twice, was the sharper as they got to their feet.

The fight was then stopped as a FAKE. But it took 27 referees to stop it.

Our recollection of old-time horse sheds at Mansfield Grove, hard by the East Haven river.

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Contour Cultivation Grows on U. S. Farms

Bigger Yields Result From Soil Protection

Expansion of contour cultivation under the Agricultural Adjustment agency program has been rapid during the war years.

This method of farming "around the slope" instead of up and down the hill cuts down erosion by preventing water from carrying off the soil.

States in the north central area more than tripled their acreage of contour drilled crops and almost doubled their acreage of contour intertilled crops.

Studies have brought out that when contouring cuts the speed of the water run-off in half.

Some startling increases in acre yield have been reported in specific areas as a direct result of the conservation of moisture.

In New York, an increase of four bushels of wheat per acre in the Great Plains, and 29 pounds more cotton per contoured acre in Texas.

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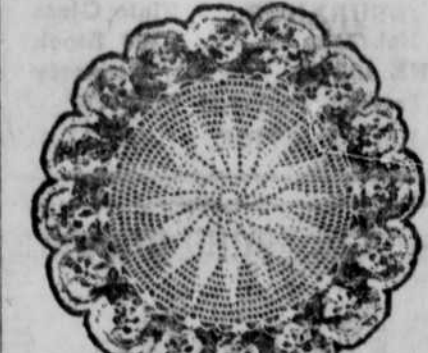
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Pullet flocks often are affected by a strange malady known as Pullet Disease, or Blue Comb.

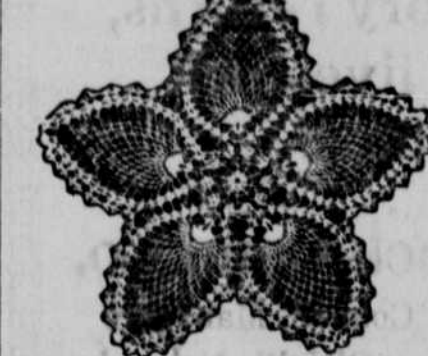
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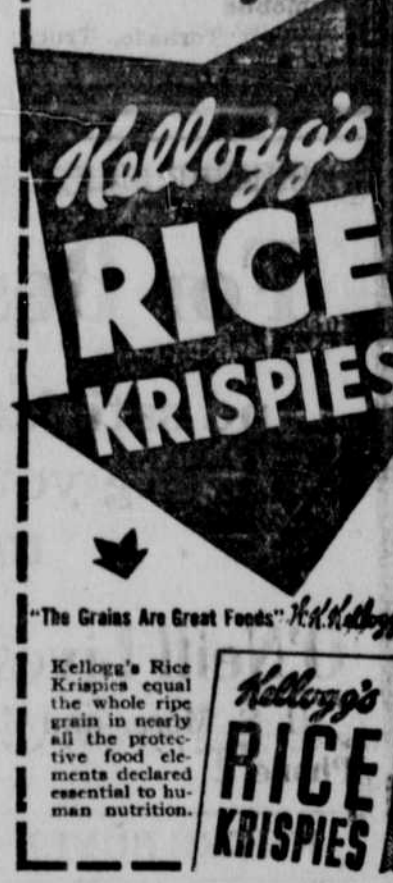
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