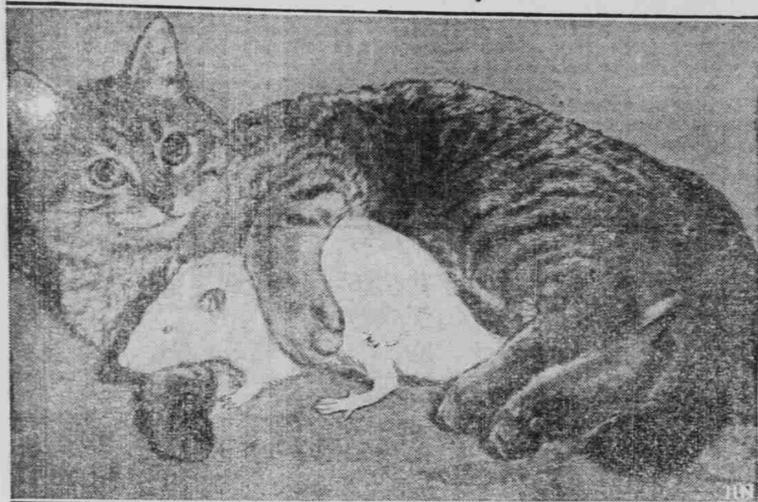


Rat Nips Cat When Tabby Gets Kittenish!



Although enemies by tradition, "Fluffy", a cat owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Olson of Salt Lake City, Utah, and "Mickey", eight-month-old white rat, are in reality friends and playmates except when "Fluffy" gets tough and then "Mickey" nips her a few times to stop her kittenish ways.

12 Per Cent Gain in Farm Income for 1935

Corn Continues to Be the Country's Most Valuable Crop, Estimated at \$1271,489,000

Washington.—The agriculture department estimated the gross income of United States farmers increased 12 percent to \$8,110,000,000 in 1935, although its "bird's eye" view of crops showed "about average yield on a rather light acreage." Secretary Wallace said he was greatly pleased with the higher income figures, the first of the season to estimate values.

The department estimated income from 79 crops at \$3,400,000,000; income from livestock and livestock products at \$4,320,000,000, and benefit payments at 489 millions. Income from the 79 crops in 1934 was \$3,043,000,000; from livestock and livestock products, \$3,629,000,000, and from benefit payments 594 millions, a total of \$7,266,000,000.

Wallace attributed the estimated decrease of about 114 millions in AAA benefit payments for 1935 to a saving in payments made in the corn-hog program.

Production and Income Rise.

Prices received for this season's crops the department said, were about 13 percent below those of last year when crops were reduced sharply. The higher total income was said to have resulted from heavier production.

The estimated income from crops alone this year was reported almost 12 percent above that last year, and from the sale of livestock, 16.6 percent higher.

The area for harvest of 44 of the principal crops was estimated at 327,661,000 acres, an increase of 41 millions or more than 14 percent over that harvested last year, but a reduction of 28 millions, or 8 percent from the average harvested from 1928 to 1934.

Corn continued as the nation's most valuable crop, with this year's production estimated at 2,202,852,000 bushels, valued at \$1,271,489,000, compared to production of 1,377,126,000 bushels valued at \$1,124,321,000 in 1934.

Wheat Value Increases.

Wheat production for 1935 was placed at 603,199,000 bushels valued at \$605,394,000, against 496,929,000 bushels valued at \$420,805,000 last year.

A slight decline was noted in the value of the 1935 cotton crop, attributed by department economists partly to greater production. This year's crop was estimated at 10,734,000 bales, valued at \$593,677,000, compared to 9,636,000 bales and \$595,602,000 for 1934.

A sharp reduction was noted in potato production, accompanied by an increase in value of the crop. Production last year was 355,421,000 bushels valued at \$180,761,000 compared to 356,406,000 bushels valued at \$208,713,000 for 1935. In planning administration of the new potato control law, the AAA has aimed at an annual production of about 350 million bushels.

PITTS' APPEAL SET

Omaha.—The appeal of Lieut. Col. Younger Pitts, chief air officer of the Seventh corps area and one of army's foremost aviators, on a municipal court conviction on reckless driving charges, will be heard in district court next month. Pitts was sentenced to thirty days in jail on the reckless driving charge and fined \$25 for operating a car without a driver's license. A drunken driving charge growing out of a collision with a motor car driven by George Huffman, Council Bluffs, was dismissed. Mrs. Huffman was injured.

DISTRIBUTE \$400,000

The Nebraska RA program for rehabilitation of farm families under the supervision of State Director White is reaching needy families in all sections of the state, a survey reveals. Since Sept. 1, more than \$400,000 has been distributed to 3,261 farm families in either long time budgeted farm loan plans or subsistence grants which may later be worked out by the farmer's own labor. Total farm loan plans prepared to date amount to 2,115 in the sum of \$381,201.16.

WORKERS ORGANIZE

North Platte.—The Nebraska Workers Alliance organized here this week with a membership of 100. G. B. Patterson, Chicago, vice president of the Illinois branch, was the principal speaker. G. D. Lepley, secretary of the Omaha unit aided in the organization.

REPORTS TAX INCREASE

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—Although Dawes county's old age pension tax total increased \$4,799 in 1935, the county's entire tax total for 1935 showed an increase of only \$614 over 1934, State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith reported Wednesday.

He said the county's 1935 tax total was \$345,507 based on assessed valuations of \$11,910,893 while the 1934 total was \$344,893 based on assessed valuations totaling \$12,498,163. He said County Clerk Leo Bump of Dawes county reported the old age pension taxes increased from \$1,801 in 1934 to \$6,600 in 1935.

State Loses Money on Irrigation Bonds

Principal and Interest Lost on the Whitney Irrigation District Totals \$44,928.

Rather than be barred from recovery of any part of the state's investment of \$60,000 in Whitney Irrigation district bonds, three members of the state board of educational lands and funds, Land Commissioner Leo Swanson, Secretary of State Harry P. Swanson and Attorney General Wright, met and completed the task of accepting \$10,976, the amount which a federal court decided in the district's bankruptcy suit, would be the state's share after a total of \$420,000 in outstanding bonds, including some outstanding warrants, are paid out of \$101,000 loaned to the district by the RFC.

In addition to the loss of \$39,024 of the state's principal, the state loses \$5,904.50 interest on the bonds for which the district is in default.

State Treasurer Hall, in a hospital, signified he favored the acceptance of whatever the state could get. Governor Cochran who had just returned from Washington, was not present when the board members adopted the offer made by C. S. Gund, Crawford banker, who is secretary of the district. "The district never should have been formed," said Gund, "but land owners may be able to irrigate now with less carrying charges."

The state board passed a resolution authorizing Treasurer Hall to turn the bonds over to the board and it in turn delivered the bonds to Gund who will give them to the RFC. The bonds were bought by the board in August, 1923, bearing 6 percent. The district refunded them in 1930, with consent of the board, but the district continued to default and took advantage of the federal bankruptcy law.

NO CHANCE FOR CHUMPS

New York.—A preview of an exhibit arranged by Dr. Helen M. Walker of Columbia university teachers college for a convention of the American Statistical association revealed that a thousand years before Christ gambling houses already had figured the odds against chumps and put them in use. About that time the spots on dice were changed to make opposite sides add to seven. Continuing the same endeavor, Dr. Aaron Bakst of Columbia presented a chart in the exhibit to prove that a perfect bridge hand turns up only in 158,753,389,875 times.

YOUTH KILLED IN CRASH

Dalton, Neb.—Clayton Mayer, 18, was killed in an automobile-motor truck collision four miles west of here. Riding with his sister, Evelyn, and Lee Shoemaker of Kimball, he was thrown thru the windshield and against the truck, crushing his head. Jake Vogt, driver of the truck, said he met the car at the top of a small hump in the road, swerved his truck but was not going fast enough to get out of the way of Shoemaker's car. Mayer was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayer. County officials are investigating.

CCC MONEY IS SENT HOME

Washington.—Robert Fechner, emergency conservation director, announced Nebraska CCC men had sent more than \$2,690,000 home since the civilian conservation corps program was initiated. From April 1, 1933, when the program started, he said, until November 30 of this year, the Nebraska enrollees sent \$2,698,000 to their homes to help care for dependents. CCC men are paid \$30 a month but with exception of a few war veterans and a small number of locally enrolled men, \$25 out of each check is sent by the war department to the proper dependents.

Nebraska is one of but very few states that has no bonded indebtedness.

Crossing Deaths Run High During Past Fortnight

Census Bureau Survey Shows July Leading Month for Fatalities in Accidents.

Washington.—A study of the census bureau disclosed that this is the month when more people try to beat the train to crossings with fatal consequences than any other month of the year. A few of the other things set out by its survey of last year's accident field were:

Enough people to populate a fair sized city were killed by accidents last year.

July was the month of horror. It led in number of deaths. In fourteen different kinds of accidents, July was the high month of the year. August, December and June were next.

Fewer were killed in February than any other month, with March and April standing also in the low month category.

The total of deaths by accident for the year was 132,922, an average of 361 a day. In July, the high month, there were 14,509. February, the low month, had 9,564.

Definite trends for some of the types of accidents were noted by experts in comparing the figures with those of past years. For automobile accidents, they found that, starting with February as the low month of the year, the number of deaths rose steadily thru the spring, summer and autumn to a high in November. There was a slight drop in December, another drop in January and a low in February.

One explanation given—and they found none that was fully satisfactory—was that fewer automobiles were on the streets in February and more care was exercised because of icy streets and roads. But as the

Jafsie Denies Charge



Dr. John F. Condon

Here is a new photo of Dr. John F. Condon, famous as the "Jafsie" of the Lindbergh case, as he spoke at Boston, proclaiming his willingness to face Bruno Hauptmann and have a showdown regarding claims of the doomed man that Condon held the "key to the case and Hauptmann's cell".

weather became balmier and more automobiles took to the highways, there were more deaths thru the summer and autumn.

There was no explanation why December was the month in which more died by collision between automobile and train, and automobile and street car. Nor was there any explanation why October seemed to be the month when everything that wasn't fastened firmly fell on and with people. October led in the number of deaths by landslide, falling elevators and in mines and quarries.

Byrnes Believes Bonus Can Pass Even if Vetoed

Democratic Chieftains of Congress Survey Plans for Next Session—Bonus to the Front.

Washington.—Amid predictions of speedy passage, the controverted problem of the soldiers bonus surged to the front among congressional leaders returning to the capital. Speaker Byrnes said the issue ought to be disposed of by Feb. 1, but declined to forecast definitely that it would be enacted over a veto.

Almost before he finished speaking, however, Senator Byrnes, (d., S. C.) left President Roosevelt's office with an unqualified assertion that the compromise bonus measure he and Senator Steiwer, (r., Ore.), have introduced would override a veto. That bill, providing for financing thru a federal bond issue, would give veterans 97 percent of the face value of their adjusted service certificates and the full face value if they held them two years.

Back from a voyage to the Philippines, Speaker Byrnes sat on a corner of his desk, a red carnation in his lapel, and told reporters the chances of enacting the bonus over a veto would be strengthened if the inflation element was removed.

Inflation Foes Map Strategy. The Fatman bill, ready for a test in the house Jan. 13, would pay off the bonus in 2 billions of new money. Only by a narrow margin in the senate was President Roosevelt's veto of the plan upheld last session. Opponents of inflation already are

considering strategy for heading off another house vote on it by pressing forward with a noninflationary measure.

One of the leaders in this movement, Representative Vinson, (d., Ky.), arranged a conference with Chairman Doughton, (d., N. C.), of the house ways and means committee, with the bonus as a topic.

Most democratic chieftains declined to discuss detailed plans for dealing with other controversial legislation this likely to come before the next congress. Some said, however, that in addition to bonus, neutrality and NRA, this legislative list was virtually certain to receive a going over:

- Regular appropriations, plus a public works bill.
- Federal subsidies.
- War profits.
- Railroad pensions.
- Pure foods and drugs.
- Frazier-Lemke farm refinancing.
- Potato control amendments.
- Changes in the social security act, relative to private benefit plans.
- The Walsh bill requiring recipients of government contracts to comply with NRA standards.

WOMAN WAS HELD CAPTIVE

Red Oak, Ia.—A searching party disbanded here early Wednesday after a futile hunt for a man and a woman who, Miss Phoebe Oliver said, held her captive for several hours and beat her into unconsciousness. Miss Oliver told authorities the man and woman forced entry into her car when she stopped on the highway east of here in answer to a flashlight signal. She was forced, she said, to drive the couple to Council Bluffs, and later to drive into a side road, after which, she related, she was knocked unconscious by a blow on the head. When she regained consciousness she discovered she had been robbed of \$4.

GIVEN VERBAL SPANKING

Kansas City.—The Kansas City Star said "quite a warm spanking" had been administered by long distance telephone from Washington to some of Kansas City's young democratic leaders who had criticized Postmaster General Farley's suggestion for a \$10 Jackson day dinner. "Representatives of those high in the Roosevelt administration, it was reported reliably, have kept the wires heated in taking to task some of the youthful party followers," the newspaper said.

Leaders decided not to hold a dinner, as they considered the suggested price too steep, but to meet at a hotel and cheer the president's Jackson day address without food. Farley had suggested \$5 of each ticket price go to the democratic national committee to help reduce the 1932 campaign deficit, \$2.50 to the local organization and \$1.50 for food.

ROOSEVELT NO STRAW MAN

Joliet, Ill.—Asserting that President Roosevelt "is no straw man," Col. Frank Knox declared the president should be held directly responsible for the acts of his new deal assistants.

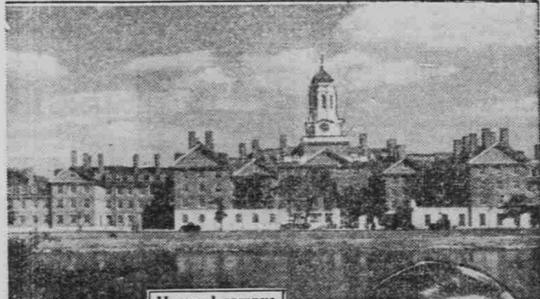
"I have asked myself if President Roosevelt is responsible for the things which have transpired, or is only a weak man, influenced by others," he said. "I am convinced, however that he is no straw man. The new deal is his deal. The Tugwells, the Mordecais and the Frankfurter boys are his appointees. He knows what they think and say and gives consent to both."

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New England to Campaign for Tourist Trade



Historic church



Harvard campus



Daniel Webster's birthplace



Gov. Curley

One of the first concerted moves on the part of a group of states to promote their mutual welfare is underway in New England. At a recent conference in Boston, attended by governors of six states, plans were outlined for "selling" the scenic beauties and historic shrines of the section to American tourists and travelers from abroad. Improved

highways, co-ordinated air service, development of parks and nature reserves, and publicizing of New England's charms are some of the objectives set up by the New England council sponsoring the movement by which New Englanders hope to win new revenue. Gov. James Curley of Massachusetts is one of the backers of the plan.