



Yuletide

WE wish to extend our most sincere good wishes to our fellow-townsmen and to any strangers that may be within our gates at Christmas time.

The Bright Spot
Corner 6th and Main
Bekins Building

FRENCH IN WAR DRILL

Toulon, France.—An air raid drill was conducted in France's biggest Mediterranean naval base. Arsenal workers left their building when sirens sounded an alarm and took refuge in a specially designed shelter. Firemen and first aid crews went thru the maneuvers of caring for victims of an imaginary attack.

OIL FOUND NEAR MANSION

Oklahoma City.—Oil—it's "black gold" in Oklahoma—all but spouted in Gov. Marland's front yard. A well flowing 12,000 barrels a day "blew in" only a block from the stately stone executive mansion.

The public is cordially invited to the Christmas eve program on Main street. Christmas carols and other numbers will be broadcast over the public address system. Program will begin after the programs in the various Sunday schools.

See the goods you buy. Catalog descriptions are flowery enough, but how about the goods when you get them?



We Extend Our Best Wishes

Stewart's Cafe
Mr. Moffitt, Prop.

Production for State is Figured at \$157,809,000

Reflects Better Farming and Business Conditions, Although Still Below the Average.

Nebraska's crops are worth \$157,809,000 based on Dec. 1 prices and final estimates of production. This is the highest crop value since 1930 and reflects not only higher prices of farm products but the marked improvement in other business, says the state and federal division of agricultural statistics. Hay production is above average but grain crops as a whole are considerably below. Crop yields are only 77 percent of the ten year average.

Crop values since 1929 are as follows: 1929, \$157,809,000; 1930, \$83,750,000; 1931, \$125,708,000; 1932, \$86,880,000; 1933, \$140,845,000; 1934, \$245,134,000. Since the leading crop, corn, is producing considerably less than half of the average and wheat is only 70 percent of the average, these valuations reflect a substantial gain in prices of farm products as all yields are only 77 percent of the average. These gains in crop values are largely responsible for the marked gain in other business since agriculture is the leading basic industry of the state.

Corn fell below previous expectations with 105,570,000 bushels compared with the 1928-32 average of 225,053,000. All wheat is above the preliminary estimates with 39,472,000 bushels against the five year average of 56,538,000 bushels. Oats are about 10 percent above the average with 75,980,000 bushels as compared with the five year average of 68,916,000. Barley is about the average with 15,686,000 bushels against the five year average of 15,758,000. Rye production is more than twice the average with 7,250,000 bushels against the five year average of 3,150,000 bushels.

All tame hay totals 2,957,000 tons against the five year average of 2,630,000 tons and wild hay, 2,475,000 tons against the five year average of 2,033,000 tons. Both tame hay and wild hay are considerably above the average.

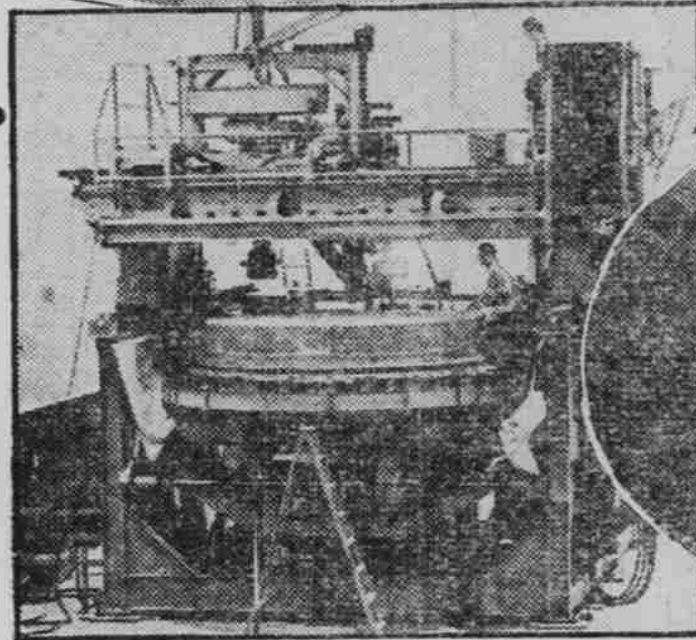
Potatoes are about 90 percent of the average with 8,694,000 bushels against the five year average of 9,159,000. Sugar beet production of 613,000 tons against the five year average of 996,000 tons. Dry edible beans total 104,000 bags against the five year average of 68,000 bags.

Estimates of production of the leading crops in the United States this year and the 1928-32 average are as follows: Corn, 2,202,852,000 and 2,562,147,000 bushels. All wheat, 603,199,000 and 869,570,000 bushels. Oats, 1,195,435,000 and 1,217,646,000 bushels. Barley, 292,249,000 and 282,841,000 bushels. Rye, 57,936,000 and 38,855,000 bushels. All hay, 87,920,000 tons and 80,374,000 tons. Potatoes, 356,406,000 and 363,367,000 bushels.

What Secrets Will New 200-Inch Eye Reveal?



View of 200-inch "eye"



Machine for polishing disk

Site of new observatory on Mt. Palomar

What secrets of the universe will be revealed to man when the new 200-inch telescope swings its huge "eye" in sweeping arcs across the heavens? This is the question which has challenged the imagination of scientists the world over since the giant mirror-disk was taken from its oven at the Corning, N. Y., glass works and found to be technically perfect. This "cyclopean eye" will enable astronomers to penetrate the universe to a distance of 1,200,000,000 light years. Its strength is a million times that of the human eye. It will bring the

moon to within 25 miles of the earth and should reveal whether there is life on Mars. The Einstein theory of relativity, the question of whether the universe is "expanding" and other mysteries now beyond the realm of man's knowledge may be answered when the giant new telescope swings into position at the new observatory being built on Mt. Palomar, near San Diego, Cal. Before that, however, nearly two years will be required to polish the mirror-disk to the required accuracy for observations.

MANLEY NEWS

Messrs Paul Mann and Harold Brunkow were out to Aurora one day last week, where they went to attend a sale of pure blood cattle.

Oscar E. McDonald was called to Plattsmouth on Monday of last week, where he was looking after some business matters for a short time.

Miss Letha Peters, of Talmage, was a visitor with her sister, Mrs. Theo Harms, over the week end, returning to her home early last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Harms and son, Junior, are to enjoy Christmas day at the home of the mother of Mrs. Harms, Mrs. Henry Peters, of Talmage.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Brien were enjoying a visit in Omaha last Monday, calling on friends there and at the same time doing some Christmas shopping.

Mesdames John C. Rauth and Walter Mockenhaupt were shopping in Plattsmouth last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Rauth driving them over in his auto.

Frank Stander, of Omaha, was a visitor in Manley for a few days during the past week, meeting his many friends and looking after some business matters while here.

Rev. Theo Hartman, pastor of the brick church north of Manley, and Fred Fleischman, the barber, were looking after some business matters in Lincoln Monday of last week.

Herman Dall and the family and Mrs. R. Bergman and daughter, Miss Margaret, were over to Omaha on Monday of last week, where they were visiting with friends and looking after some Christmas shopping.

Mesdames Herman Rauth, Rudolph Bergman and Oscar Dowler were enjoying a Christmas party at the home of Rasmus Lawrensen on Monday of last week. A very pleasant afternoon was had and there was an exchange of Christmas presents.

Has Operation on His Feet

Virtus Haws, who has been troubled with falling arches for some time past, underwent an operation for relief from the trouble and was able to come home early last week. He has to keep off the feet for some six weeks, during which time he is getting around with the use of a pair of crutches. Virtus thinks this is a very poor manner of locomotion.

Visiting Relatives Here

John Rough, of Tekamah, was a visitor in Manley and vicinity, being a guest at the home of his brother, Arthur Rough, and as well was visiting his sister, Miss Agnes Rough, of Weeping Water. He had just returned from Lincoln, where he had been visiting with a brother, A. D. Rough and two sisters, Mesdames Guy Lake and J. J. Donelan.

Enjoyed Christmas Party

The members of the Royal Neighbors of America held a meeting at their hall in Manley on Wednesday of last week and enjoyed a most interesting and pleasant afternoon to-

gether. The program was in keeping with the season and there was an exchange of Christmas gifts as well as some very delicious refreshments to further enliven the occasion.

Home from the Hospital

Mrs. Robert Wiles, formerly Miss

Amanda Krecklow, who was taken to Lincoln some ten days ago, where she underwent an operation for relief from appendicitis, was so far recovered she was able to return home on Friday of last week. The husband and father went over for her on last Friday.

A Cooky Crock at Christmas Time

EVERY HOME should have a cooky jar at Christmas time. Its fat sides, bulging with spicy bits of goodness, are a symbol of ample hospitality. Throughout the holiday the whole family will be lured, one by one, into repeated visits to the pantry shelf to savor the skill of your baking. Keep a variety of choice tidbits tucked away in this jar so there will be some new surprise in each layer—big round sugar cookies, wafer thin; crisp molasses cookies; rich, nutty fruit bars; sturdy oatmeal cookies—all the old favorites with a few new ones for novelty. Your family will be delighted with this quaint old custom, and relish the cookies made by these recipes:

Crisp Rice Flakes and Chocolate Cookies—Cream ½ cup fat (at least ½ butter), add 1½ cups sugar and cream together. Add 2 eggs, beating thoroughly after the addition of each egg, then add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Sift together twice 4 cups sifted pastry flour and ½ teaspoon soda and stir one-half of the flour mixture into the butter mixture. Mix remaining flour with 1 cup Rice Flakes, measured, then rolled with rolling pin. Add this to first mixture. If time permits, chill dough for 1 hour. Melt 2 ozs. chocolate over hot water and allow to cool until thick, but not hard. Divide dough into halves. Lightly roll one-half of dough to ¼ inch in thickness, spread with one-half of the cooled chocolate, and sprinkle with about 1 tablespoon of sugar (may be sprinkled with very finely chopped pecans, too). Roll as for jelly roll, then wrap in heavy waxed paper. Chill in coldest part of the refrigerator for at least 6 hours. Turn the roll so it does not flatten on the side. Cut in very thin slices, place on greased cooky sheet, and bake in a hot oven (425°F.) for 5 minutes. Divide remaining dough in three parts. Line a small square or oblong pan with waxed paper. Spread ¼ of the dough in the pan to form a rectangle ¼ inch thick. Cover with melted chocolate and sprinkle with sugar. Repeat, and top with remaining third of the dough. Chill in refrigerator for 6 hours. Slice wafer thin, place on a greased cooky sheet, and bake in a hot oven (425°F.) for 5 minutes or until lightly browned. (Cooky dough may be left in refrigerator and cookies baked as needed.)

Chocolate Mounds—Cream ½ cup butter, add 1 cup sugar and cream together thoroughly. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla, then 2 eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after addition of each. Stir ¼ teaspoon soda into ½ cup Apple Butter and add to the butter and sugar mixture. Add 1 cup chopped nut meats. Sift together twice 2 cups sifted pastry flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder and ¼ teaspoon salt, then add, blending well. Stir 3 ozs. bitter chocolate, which has been melted over hot water and cooled until lukewarm, into cake batter. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto a greased cooky sheet, and bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) for 15 minutes. Cookies will brown only slightly, but will spring back when touched with finger when done.



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON
Director, Heinz Food Institute

Filled Cookies—Cream ½ cup butter, add 1½ cups granulated sugar or 1½ cups brown sugar and cream thoroughly. Add 2 eggs, one at a time, beating until fluffy after addition of each. Add 1½ teaspoons vanilla. Sift together 3½ cups sifted all purpose flour, 3½ teaspoons baking powder and ½ teaspoon salt and add to butter mixture alternately with ½ cup milk. Chill, if time permits. Roll out thinly and cut into large cookies. Place cookies on slightly greased cooky sheet, place any desired filling in center of cookies and top with cookies of equal size. Press edges together with fork or fingers and bake in center of a moderate oven (375°F.) for 10 to 12 minutes, depending upon size of cookies.

Date and Peanut Butter Filling—Press seeded dates flat. Spread with a thin layer of Peanut Butter and top with a second date. Place in center of cooky, cover with another cooky, press edges together, then bake.

Currant Jelly and Peanut Butter Filling—Spread a teaspoonful Peanut Butter in center of cooky and cover with Currant Jelly. Top with second cooky, press edges together, then bake.



SQUIRRELS westward ho

The gray squirrels are migrating again from New England. Nobody has yet found out the real reason why so many thousands, perhaps millions, of these little animals go westward in the early winter. They have lately been crossing the Hudson River over the bridges, on the ferry boats and some of them even swimming across.

The latest theory is that they are driven out of their homes by the smaller but more pugnacious red squirrels. Farmers and hunters have been encouraged to kill hawks, because hawks kill game birds; but hawks also are fond of baby red squirrels, and a possible explanation is that the red squirrels have multiplied, as the hawks have diminished in number, and there isn't room in the woods for both the red and the gray squirrels.

It is just one of those interesting phenomena illustrating the constant effort of nature to maintain the balance between all the various forms of life.

TAXES plain figures

I asked five intelligent people at a social gathering the other night if they knew how much they paid in taxes to the federal government on each package of cigarettes. Nobody knew the answer. The revenue stamp on the cigarette pack simply says "20 cigarettes" and does not disclose the fact that the manufacturer pays six cents for each stamp and adds it to the price of the cigarettes.

I think it would be a very useful law, if congress could be induced to enact it, to require that every tax stamp tells the buyer of the taxed article just how much tax he is paying. We will never get real economy in government until the "man on the street" realizes that he, too, is paying a share of the cost of the government.

QUALITY pays

One of the wealthiest men I know is Herbert L. Satterlee, brother-in-law of J. P. Morgan. Mr. Satterlee is still using an automobile which was built for him in 1915. The 20-year-old car has gone over 300,000 miles and is capable of 60 miles an hour in a pinch. Mr. Satterlee tried one or two high-priced modern cars and discarded them because they were not as comfortable to ride in as the old machine that he sticks to.

Wealthy people can afford to be unfashionable. They can also afford to buy the highest quality of goods in the first place. I know one mil-



WE wish to thank all our friends and customers for their kindness and patronage during 1935. Will set our first hatch January 18.

BRINK HATCHERY
PLATTSMOUTH

Honnairre who has worn the same overcoat for 20 Winters, but he paid \$300 for it when it was new. I have spent more than that for a succession of overcoats in the same period. In the long run, it always pays to buy the highest quality of any commodity, if you can afford to tie up enough of your capital in the initial purchase.

FINGERPRINTS accurate

One of the reasons why there is a popular prejudice against being fingerprinted was disclosed the other day when the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, in Washington, reported that several hundred former criminals had been detected by a comparison of fingerprints, taken when they applied for jobs, with the fingerprint records of convicted criminals on file in Washington. Any business concerns and some municipalities and states now require a fingerprint record of every applicant for a job, and send these records down to the Department of Justice.

I have long believed that the time would come when everybody's fingerprints would be recorded in infancy as a matter of course and kept available for identification at any time in later life. There is no good reason why this should not be done.

LONGEVITY but why?

An eminent scientist, Dr. William Mariais Mallisoff, predicted the other day that scientific research would find ways of lengthening human life until men might ordinarily live for possibly hundreds of years. In view of what has already been achieved in this direction, that does not seem to me at all possible.

Mere longevity, however, does not seem to me of any great value, either to the individual or to society, unless some way is found at the same time of utilizing intelligently the experience which only the passage of years enables one to accumulate. It is interesting to imagine a world in which the majority of inhabitants were centenarians. It would, at least, be a world in which fewer futile social experiments were undertaken.

Rock surfacing of farm to market roads as WPA projects offers as fine a method of expending relief funds as could be devised.

Our Best WISHES for HAPPINESS

1936



Wentworth Bakery
PLATTSMOUTH

PEACE ON EARTH



GOOD WILL TO MEN

THE silent night of centuries ago has long since given way to the joyous peal of bells which ever will ring out, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

May You Have a Very Merry Christmas

C. E. Wescott's Sons
Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Happiness

HAPPINESS is the ultimate that anyone can wish. It is that we wish when we say to you and to all in Plattsmouth, a very Merry Christmas.



Vallery Brothers



Merry Merry Christmas

To think of Christmas is to think of home. To think of home is to think of its people. To think of those people is to think of our friends and patrons. . . . To think of friends and patrons brings the desire to wish all of them, each and every one, a most joyous and happy Christmas.

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