

## Cautious Optimism On Tomato Outlook

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Crop evaluators with the Indiana Employment Security Division expressed cautious optimism today about the tomato outlook but added realistically "you can't tell until you have them in the cans."

Reports from around the state indicated tomato vines are heavy with fruit and everything points to a good crop, according to the weekly crop summary.

The report said 2.31 out-of-area workers were on duty in Indiana last week, and 250 tomato pickers will be needed within two weeks, largely because the tomato and sweet corn harvest will overlap.

The report by areas:

Logansport—Cultivation of pickles, weeding of muck crops and detasseling of hybrid seed corn progressing favorably.

South Bend — Much irrigating being done particularly in muck crops. Crops doing better than last year at this time and labor needs have been greater. Light picking of peaches and tomatoes to start first week of August.

Lafayette—Detasseling started July 19, probably will peak about end of month. No labor shortage. Anderson — Labor in balance. Corn detasseling picking up rapidly.

Fort Wayne — Crop activities slow. Weeding and spraying main work. Light picking of pickles and peppers. Labor in balance.

Indianapolis — Tomato vines heavy with fruit, prospects good.

Will need 50 tomato pickers within two weeks. Early sweet corn will overlap tomatoes, necessitating extra workers. Little disease showing up in either crop.

Kokomo—Weather favorable for growth. Tomato harvest may start by Aug. 6. Labor force sufficient for present demands.

Marion—All crops look favorable at present. Good fruit set on tomatoes.

Muncie—Indications points to simultaneous ripening of tomatoes causing increased labor demands at crop peak.

New Castle—Farm activity slow, main activities spraying and weeding of tomatoes. Seed corn detasseling started.

Connersville—Wheat and oats coming chief activities. Tomato crop continues to look good.

Evansville—Weather clear and

hot. Seed corn tassels popping at peak. Labor holding up.

Vincennes—Snap bean crop harvested. Yield 2½ to 3 tons per acre. Cool nights affecting harvest of Irish potatoes because chilled potatoes cannot be used to make chips. Early peach harvest at peak. Cantaloupe harvest latest in several years. Watermelon crop may not be ready to harvest until about Aug. 10-15.

A kitchen range with all burners and ovens operating releases enough heat into the kitchen and surrounding rooms to keep a three-ton air conditioner operating for several hours to remove it without doing any additional cooling of the house.

**Seeing at Night**  
AMES, Iowa (UPI)—Help your eyes get accustomed to the darkness by sitting in your car for a few minutes without turning on the lights before pulling into traffic.

The tip to help improve safety among night-time drivers is from Lillian Schwenk, director of Driver and Safety Education at Iowa State University.

**Toothy**  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Public Health Service reports that 1,878 communities are fluoridating water.

By the end of 1959, the percentage of all communities that had adopted fluoridation was as follows: population over 500,000, 61 per cent; 500,000 to 100,000, 35 per cent; 100,000 and under, 42 per cent.

## Better Farm Prices Foreseen This Year

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (UPI) — Hoosier farmers will get a better break on prices this year than they did in 1959, a Purdue University agricultural economist said Monday night.

Ronald H. Bauman told a group of farmers and farm managers at the Honey Creek School near here higher 1960 hog and egg prices will offset weaker prices for feed and cattle, and added that the farm price picture will remain relatively stable through 1961.

However, Bauman commented that rising non-farm prices probably will counteract most of the price rise in farm market commodities.

He also warned that both cattle and hog number cycles may peak at about the same time in a couple of years and may result in a critical period for Hoosier farmers.

Demand for farm products during the coming year probably will register a normal two per cent gain, Bauman said. Market supplies of cattle and dairy products will be a little larger and hog and egg market supplies will be somewhat smaller.

Bauman emphasized that the forecast was based on the major assumptions that international tensions would remain unchanged, that the level of defense spending would rise only moderately, that there will be no significant change in the demand for food and that any major changes in farm programs would not come early enough to affect the 1961 crop year.

## Joe Bell Featured In Newspaper Story

Joseph A. Bell, son of Fred Bell of 239 South Second street, well-known author of many magazine feature articles for Coronet, Reader's Digest, True, and others, was the subject of a front-page feature article in the Columbia City Post recently.

The versatile book and magazine feature writer has a summer cottage at Shriner Lake near Columbia City, and works in a former garage which he has converted into an office and guest house.

**New Book Published**  
His first book, "Seven Into Space," will go on sale the first week in September.

The book is the outgrowth of two articles, "The Story of the Seven Mercury Astronauts" which appeared in two parts in the December, 1959, and January, 1960, issues of Popular Mechanics magazine.

Bell was at the astronaut training center in Hampton, Va., in September and the articles were written in October. He returned to Virginia in January for additional material for the book.

**200 Pages Long**  
"Seven Into Space" is about 200 pages in length and is published by the Popular Mechanics Press. It has a map of the planned course which the first astronaut will follow around the earth in outer space.

Another recent magazine article by Bell appeared in the May issue of American Home on the "Youth Center in LaGrange, Ill." where the Bell family has a home. This fall they plan to leave for California, where they will spend a year.

**Civil War Novel**  
Bell is now working on a new novel, "The Chicago Conspiracy," based on the Confederate plot to liberate Southern prisoners at Chicago during the Civil War.

His first major story was "Don't Snarl at U.S. Bus Drivers," appearing in the Saturday Evening Post.

**Born in Bluffton**  
Born at Bluffton, he was graduated from South Side high school in Fort Wayne, also attended by Mrs. Bell, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hartman, of Fort Wayne.

He enrolled in journalism at the University of Missouri and in his third year, 1941, entered the Navy Air Corps, getting his wings in 1943. He served as a flight instructor and overseas in a Navy air transport squadron.

Following his discharge from the military, he returned to college, and received his bachelor's degree in journalism. Bell worked as advertising manager for I & M and the Fort Wayne transit company, in Fort Wayne, and from there went with the Portland Cement company, Chicago office, making his home at LaGrange.

**Professional in 1954**  
In 1954 Janet and Joe Bell made the decision for him to give up regular employment and make a living as a writer. They remembered an early assignment when they camped all the way to the coast and back for a feature story on the lack of camping sites for overnight stops.

Mrs. Bell, who sometimes serves as critic and advisor on stories, says it takes confidence and faith to help a writer husband and not "get panicky" if the checks are late.

Bell pursues a program of self-discipline, which may mean saying "no" to well-meaning friends who think because he does not work regular hours that he can stop any time.

**Three Children**  
The Bells have three children:

David, 16, Patsy, 13, and Debra, 9. David seems especially interested in writing plays and musicals.

His father, in collaboration with Bill Medley, a pianist, is working on a musical show now based on his life in a trailer village while in college under the GI bill.

Bell often visits his father in Decatur, and they are well-known in this city.

## Asserts Women Are Good Politicians

CHICAGO (UPI) — To direct women's activities the Republicans chose a woman and Mrs. Clare Williams, the party's choice said today—women are good politicians.

Mrs. Williams is tall, attractive and poised. Her job is to sell Republicanism and she's convinced it's the best product anywhere.

Mrs. Williams, who addressed the Republican National Convention in Chicago Monday night, is the nation's top Republican woman. She's assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee and director of the woman's division at the conclave.

Clare Williams is especially proud of the part women are playing in today's politics. "Women are good on details," she said, "and it's one of the reasons they're good politicians."

**Up The Ladder**  
Judging from Mrs. Williams' accomplishments, one would be inclined to agree. The energetic woman from St. Petersburg, Fla., has come up the political ladder rung by rung both in the national Republican Party organization and in Republican Women's Club work.

She started out in her political career as a teenager driving voters to the polls. In 1954, she was elected Florida state committeewoman for Pinellas County and two years later was endorsed for the state post of Republican national committeewoman. She won reelection to the post this year without opposition.

Mrs. Williams was born in Syracuse, N.Y., the daughter of a dairy executive. She says she first became interested in politics when she was a young girl listening to family discussions across the dinner table.

**Woman Vice President?**  
A graduate of the University of Syracuse, she retired from her various careers as teacher and merchandising executive when she married the late Frank Williams, a St. Louis attorney.

Mrs. Williams has little doubt that Vice President Nixon will sweep the country in the November election. She believes American women will support the Republican ticket as they did in 1956 "because they're interested in Republican issues and what Republicanism has to offer."

On the subject of a woman vice president, Mrs. Williams says "not yet." "Until more women are governors, until more women sit in the Senate and in the House, and until more women hold responsible cabinet posts in their states," she said, they aren't ready to hold down the number two job in the nation.

**Chair Rungs**  
The glue will not always hold when the rung of a chair has pulled out of its hole and you try to replace it. Mix your wood glue with sawdust and fill half of the peg hole, insert the peg or rung and push it in tightly for a repair job that will hold up indefinitely under strain.

## Scully Popular On Movieland Radios

By VERNON SCOTT  
UPI Hollywood Correspondent  
HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Jack Benny fired off the first fan letter in his long career to the most listened-to man in cinema city—a celebrity's celebrity who has stars and moguls hanging on his every word.

Outside of southern California and Brooklyn this imposing figure is almost entirely unknown. But he can break up concerts, stop shooting on the sets and command fan mail on the grand scale.

He's Vince Scully, the man who announces the Dodgers baseball games.

An 11-year veteran with the ballclub, Scully has made southern Californians a sect of transistor radio fanatics. When Dodger games are in progress movie sets, TV stages and the streets are filled with semi-conscious listeners with wires running from tiny radios to their ears.

Scully, an engaging Irishman with a shock of red hair, is delighted with his popularity among movietown's bigwigs.

"I guess my biggest fan is producer Mervyn Leroy," Vince said. "He gave me a small role in one of his pictures just for the heck of it."

"Benny sent me a telegram of congratulations for the job I'm doing. He said it was the only fan letter he'd ever written. Kirk Douglas also sent me a nice letter."

During games in the Coliseum fans can hear Scully's account of the action clearly—there are that many transistor radios blaring throughout the crowd.

"I think that's because so many Californians are unfamiliar with major league baseball," he explains, "and they like to understand what is happening out on the field."

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