

INDIANA WHEAT OUTLOOK BEST IN DOZEN YEARS

Crop Condition on April 1
Reported 93 Per Cent
of Normal.

By Times Special
LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 18.—Yield prospects for the 1931 crop of winter wheat in Indiana were better on April 1 than in any year since 1919, according to the crop report of the monthly issued by the department of statistics of the Purdue university agricultural experiment station. The condition for the state as a whole was reported at 93 per cent of normal, which is 22 points above a year ago and 18 points above the ten-year average. The probable crop this year in the state is indicated at 28,000,000 bushels, nearly a million bushels short of last year, but about a million and a half above the average.

NATIONAL AVERAGE HIGHER

The wheat crop for the United States is reported at 88.8 per cent of normal, which is eight points above the average. The national production is estimated at 643,920,000 bushels, which is more than 38,000,000 bushels higher than the 1930 crop.

The rye crop in the state is well above the average, being reported at 92 per cent of normal, but pastures are seven points below the average, at 73 per cent. This reduction in condition is attributed to the severe drought during 1930 and thus far in 1931.

MILK DECREASES

The average production of milk per farm in April was 90.7 pounds, slightly below normal, as a result of a small reduction in the production per cow. The average Indiana farm flock includes 104 hens, which lay 58 eggs a day, while a year ago there were 111 hens to a farm and they laid 64 eggs a day.

For every farm job, there are 1.85 men waiting to take it, as compared with 1.2 men per job a year ago. Farm wages are lower than at any time in the last fourteen years.

LIQUOR CHARGE DENIED AFTER SHOOTING AFFAIR

By Times Special
FARMER West of Columbus wounded Neighbor With Shotgun.

COLUMBUS, Ind., April 18.—Beverly Allen, 27, farmer west of here, was arrested following a shooting affair at his home in which a neighbor, Charles Gates, was seriously wounded. He pleaded not guilty in Bartholomew circuit court to possession of a still. He will likely not face charges in connection with the shooting of Gates, as he claimed it was in self-defense and witnesses support that statement.

William Gates, brother of Charles, who was also wounded during the affair, pleaded guilty to intoxication and was fined \$10 and costs amounting to \$40. He pleaded not guilty to driving an automobile while intoxicated. The Gates brothers called at the Allen home and beat on a door, and when it was opened, it is claimed Charles attacked both Mr. and Mrs. Allen with a knife, and Allen wounded him with a shotgun.

Officers reported discovery of a twenty-five-gallon still, 200 pounds of sugar, a quantity of mash and a supply of empty bottles and jars at the Allen home.

STUDENT TO TAKE TRIP

Earlham College Will Be Represented at University of Mexico.

By Times Special
RICHMOND, Ind., April 18.—An Earlham college student will spend the summer studying at the University of Mexico, it was announced here after a campaign for \$300 to finance the expenses had succeeded.

The plan is backed by college organizations, classes, faculty and individual students, and was under the direction of the international forum, composed of students interested in world affairs.

The student who will make the journey will be selected by popular vote from six candidates nominated by the student-faculty committee. He will leave for Mexico as soon as the present semester ends to study economics, sociology and languages and make a general survey of the culture of Mexico.

By Times Special
COLUMBIA, Ind., April 18.—Work has been completed by fire department employees on the first unit of an underground alarm system. More than 10,000 feet of cable was laid by the department to replace the present overhead system in one section of the city. The Indiana Bell Telephone Company donated a duct and as a result, the wire was installed at very little cost to the city. While official action has not been taken, it is believed that a part of the underground system will be installed each year until the entire system is underground.

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., April 18.—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Pauline B. Hurst, wife of Clemen C. Hurst, who died Thursday after a long illness. The last rites were held in the house where Mrs. Hurst was born and spent most of her life. Besides the husband, she leaves a niece, Mrs. Phoebe C. Davidson, and a nephew, Blake Conley, both of Indianapolis.

By Times Special
COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., April 18.—Mr. and Mrs. William McCoy have received word of the death in Korea of their granddaughter, Marilyn Ann McCoy, the 4-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCoy. The father is in the employ of the Oriental Consolidated Gold Mining Company.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 18.—Winners in the final event of the first annual Indiana high school mathematics contest, held at Indiana university here Friday, were Vearl Farrow, Waldron, first; Ralph Rautenkranz, Urbana, second, and Julius Sanders, Columbia City, third.

Receives Grant



Professor Neiswanger

ROTARIANS WILL LAY STONE FOR HOSPITAL UNIT

April 28 Date Marking Culmination of Eight Years' Effort.

Indiana Rotary clubs will mark the successful culmination of more than eight years of intensive work in behalf of underprivileged children when they join the Riley Memorial Association here April 28, for the laying of the corner stone of the Indiana Rotary convalescent unit of the James Whitcomb Riley hospital for children.

Date for the event was approved at a joint conference between Robert E. Heun, former governor of the Indiana district of Rotary clubs and chairman of the Indiana Rotary advisory committee, and Riley Memorial Association officials.

Honorary members of the advisory committee joined in extending an invitation to every member of Rotary International in Indiana to attend the stone laying ceremonies. Other members of the committee are C. O. Grafton, Muncie, and Ben Sherwood, Bedford, former district governors; William F. Hodges of Gary, governor of the Twentieth Rotary district, and Obie J. Smith, Indianapolis, president of the Indianapolis Rotary Club.

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., April 18.—When police investigated an automobile accident near Clifford, six miles north of here, a blood trail led them to a bottle of liquor which was hidden in a clump of bushes at the side of the road. Five persons were injured in the accident, including Mrs. Ora Johnson and son George, 5, of Clifford, both of whom are in hospital here; Philip Mohr, Clifford; Morris Talkington and Foster Forest, both of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Johnson suffered a crushed pelvis and a shoulder was dislocated. Her son sustained a fracture of his right leg. Her condition is serious. The men escaped with cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Johnson and her son were riding with Talkington and Foster in a car which collided with one driven by Mohr.

Lawyer-Convict Holds Secretary Post in Prison

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., April 18.—Olin R. Holt, serving a federal prison term at Leavenworth, Kan., for conspiracy to violate the prohibition law, has written his former law partner, Carl Broo, that he has been given employment as a secretary in the office of the warden.

Holt says he is receiving excellent treatment; the food is good and, aside from the confinement, he has no complaint.

Ora Butler, former sheriff convicted with Holt, is employed in the telephone system of the prison.

Already friends are active here in efforts to have Holt reinstated to membership in the bar association at the conclusion of his sentence. Holt was active in Democratic politics and sought the nomination for state office in the campaigns of 1924, 1926 and 1928. He left a lucrative criminal law practice when he went to prison. He carried his fight to the United States supreme court in an effort to avoid serving the prison term.

By Times Special
LOOT AT BANK SMALL

Young Bandit Gets Only \$125 in New Market Robbery.

By United Press
NEW MARKET, Ind., April 18.—Only \$125.50 was obtained by a young man who held up the New Market State bank here Friday afternoon, and contented himself with 1,000 more a year can be cared for.

By Times Special
STORE Executives to Meet

By Times Special
FRENCH LICK, Ind., April 18.—A four-day convention of Kroger Grocery and Baking Company branch managers and executives will open here Sunday. Speakers will include W. J. Bonal, managing director, American Management Association, Charles Mears, expert in advertising and merchandising; John Hancock, Albert H. Morrill, Frank D. Dodd, his assistant, and Mrs. Christine Fredericks, author of "Selling Mrs. Consumer."

By Times Special
FIRE DAMAGES MONEY

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—Ellie Robbins, proprietor of a used furniture store, hid his purse containing \$63 in an oil stove as a protection against being robbed. The next day, after lighting a fire in the stove, he remembered the purse. It was badly burned and bank notes virtually destroyed. The purse and its charred contents were sent to the treasury department so Robbins can recover something on the damaged currency.

JOY RIDERS IN CRASH

By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—A joy ride in a hotel guest's automobile had a disastrous ending for Jennings L. Greenwalt, bellhop. Greenwalt took an automobile ostensibly to park it for a Michigan woman, but instead he invited a companion and two young women for a ride. Returning to Anderson, the automobile struck a post near Maplewood cemetery and was damaged. Greenwalt was arrested.

By Times Special
POOL ROOM ROBBED

By United Press
ANDERSON, Ind., April 18.—A thief who secreted himself in the Paramount billiard hall before the place was closed for the night, stole \$6 from three cash registers and took three gold watches belonging to Pete Pancol, manager.

By Times Special
DETECTIVE WOULD BE LAWYER

By Times Special
PERU, Ind., April 18.—A petition asking admission to the Miami county bar has been filed by Jack Gunnell, private detective. If he becomes an attorney, the total number of lawyers in Miami county will be thirty-seven, one for each 800 of population.

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ROTARY CLUB ELECTS

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