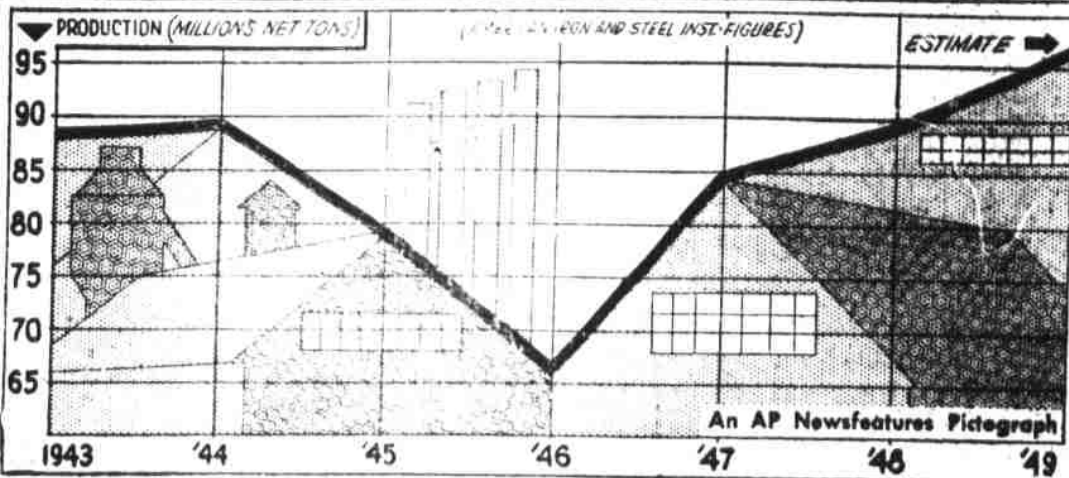


### STEEL PRODUCTION AT RECORD



### Hoover Testifies



EX-PRESIDENT Herbert Hoover, head of the House Committee on Reorganizing Executive Agencies, testifies before the House Expenditures Committee in Washington. Mr. Hoover urged that President Truman be given sweeping power to reorganize the executive branch. He also told the Congressmen that he believes "this country has reached the saturation point by way of taxation." (International)

### Max Baer Plays In First Movie In Six Years

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Snapshots: Frozen-faced Buster Keaton, 53, the man who has made a career out of never smiling. "As a kid on the stage I found I could get more laughs when I didn't smile," he explains, smiling. Buster's playing the deadpanned buffoon in "The Good Old Summertime."

Claude Jarman, Jr., 13 years old now and a gangling 5 feet 11 inches tall. Van Heflin, wisely gulping medicine between "Madame Bovary" wardrobe tests. Van says: "I've got two cute little ulcers." Betty Garrett cried after seeing herself in "Words and Music". There, there, honey, you were cute.

Judy Garland's daughter Liza, 2½, perfectly at ease while flash-bulbs popped at her and Momma on the set. She's a miniature edition of Judy. Lou Jourdan lurching on spaghetti and cola. Cherry trees in spring bloom in winter on the set of "The Good Old Summertime". The blossoms are paper. Van Johnson, who brings his lunch from home in a regulation tin box, gorged on cheese sandwiches—then had to start munching the same in the first scene after lunch.

Al Jolson likes Larry Park's work so well in "John Sing Sings Again" that he gave Larry one of those tiny English cars now so popular here. Bob Hope registering an extremely dead pan—at somebody else's joke. Extras dancing in felt overshoes in a ballroom scene of "Easy Does It"—so the dialogue could be heard. Good way to polish the floor. Flashing lights above camera range, gave them the tempo.

Jack Holt plays the late Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, "father of naval aviation," in "Task Force". Still trim at 60, Holt looks sharp in uniform. Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny and Jack Benny's parrot, is a stablehand in "Neptune's Daughter". Max Baer claims he's settling down to a serious new picture career in "Africa Screams," his first movie in six years. He'll be in "Tennessee's Partner" with Joel McCrea. The ex-champ wants to emulate Victor McLaglen. "I don't say I'll be as good as he is, but, then, he's not a champion either."

### Barring Wolf Whistle, Mynah's Talk OK

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—Big Boy, the St. Louis zoo's talking bird, is getting bilingual. The bird, a Javan hill mynah, is being taught English because none of the zoo authorities can understand his fluent monologues in Malay.

For his language lessons, Big Boy attends private classes each afternoon in a room above the monkey house.

Expressions like "How are you?" and "Anybody home?" are already in the bird's vocabulary. Discouraging to his teachers, however, is a long, low "wolf whistle" that Big Boy uses indiscriminately on men, women and monkeys.

NIGHT CYCLING MADE SAFER SALEM, Ore. (UPI)—The Salem Lions Club gave 54 boys and girls strips of "Scotch light," a luminous tape which they put on their bicycles as a safety precaution for night riding. The club plans to give strips of the tape to every cyclist in Salem.

### Dogs And Television Evict Fight Fan

CLEVELAND (UPI)—Joe Earley, young Clevelander who was selected by the Cleveland Indians as the most typical baseball fan in the summer, is being evicted from his apartment.

Earley was honored by Bill Veeck, president of the ball club, who threw a "Joe Earley night" in his honor. The typical fan received a wagonload of gifts, including dogs and television set.

Now his landlord claims Earley is a "nuisance" in a petition filed to evict him, especially with the dogs and television set.



### Enlisted Men To Serve On Courts Martial

SAN FRANCISCO—Six hundred enlisted men are training for courts martial juries here during January at Sixth Army headquarters.

During the month-long training program, the men will be trained as jurors in the "new Army."

After Feb. 1, any accused enlisted man may request that his jury include up to one-third enlisted men.

The 600 men will return to their respective posts in eight western states to teach other GI's jury procedure. The Army claims all enlisted men will be qualified within a year.

### Firemen Have Into Bay

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