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TARIFF CONCESSION ON APPLES SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—Senator Pope (D., Idaho) has urged Secretary of State Hull to "make every possible effort" to obtain tariff concessions on apples in pending and future reciprocal trade negotiations with European nations.

Pope, in a letter to Hull, said the apple surplus constitutes one-sixth of the domestic production. Idaho and other Pacific north-west states, the senator said, are "heavily interested in apples."

"During the past two years Pacific northwest growers suffered losses through adverse weather conditions in addition to the general financial losses of the depression," Pope said.

"Unless some provision is made for an adequate export market to prevent a glut of the domestic apple market, I can see no immediate hope for restoring apple growers to economic normalcy," Pope wrote.

He said he understood the trade agreement signed with France contained concessions on apples. Hull also is negotiating with England preparatory to entering into a reciprocal trade agreement, Pope said.

POTATO PLANTINGS BOOSTED IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Oregon potato growers are increasing their plantings this year, market sources here said after a preliminary survey.

The findings reflected just the opposite to some talk of decreasing acreage.

Trade sources indicated a good cleanup of potatoes after a spotted season.

NORTHWEST FARMS STILL IN DEMAND

General Lowering of Land Prices Proves Spur to Buying, Bank Finds.

Active demand for Pacific northwest farm land which has been mounting almost every month since depression clouds began to clear away in 1934, still continues at a growing pace, according to Ward K. Newcomb, vice-president of the land bank of Spokane, in charge of real estate liquidation.

"For example sales of bank-owned properties, after setting a new high record last year, are showing further gains this year. During the past four months 511 acquired farms have been sold for approximately \$1,225,000, registering a gain of nearly 20 per cent over the same quarterly period last year. At the same time cash down payments have been larger, averaging about 20 per cent, or a total of \$235,790 between January and May.

Beyond the satisfaction we have in getting these properties back into the hands of individual farmers, we also feel gratified that the new owners are getting into business for themselves at a favorable time while land prices are reasonable and farm returns are looking upward.

Speculation Costly

"All too frequently in the past farmers have bought land when prices were too high, with the result that they lost their places in periods of depression. Now the situation is reversed, though it is our hope that farmers have had enough of speculation and will try to keep values on an even keel. This is what the land bank is endeavoring to do in basing its appraisals for loan purposes on the earning, or debt-paying power, of the land in keeping with normal prices. This means increased stability and safety."

Tenant farmers and war veterans account for a considerable number of sales through the land bank during the past quarterly period. To help them in choosing a place the bank has issued a helpful little booklet entitled "Selecting and Financing a Farm," which may be had by anyone interested without charge.

PROGRAM STAGED BY SUTHERLIN GRANGE

SUTHERLIN, May 10.—The Sutherlin community grange held its regular meeting in Odd Fellows hall at Sutherlin, Saturday. The usual potluck dinner was held at noon, with the business meeting following immediately.

Two applications were presented for membership and two new members, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Clemens, were taken in at this meeting. The grange designated Charles W. Hartley as representative on the community fair board this year.

Arthur Brown, state grange deputy, was a surprise visitor for the day. He gave a very fine talk with information on grange work and helpful suggestions.

During the lecturer's program, Mrs. Graham, Flora, was honored with the emblem of her office. Mrs. June Shamp gave a poem, "Mother's Day," and Flora presented each mother present with a small bouquet in honor of Mother's day. One was then given to each dad, honoring Dad's day, and lastly to each whose mother was living or dead. National Music week was observed by singing "Home Sweet Home" which linked May day, Flora, the Goddess of May, Mother's day, Dad's day, flowers and home into the area.

A Real, Live Unicorn

Your're not seeing things. This is "Boso," a real live unicorn created by Dr. W. Franklin Dove, biologist of the University of Maine. "Boso," aside from having one horn, like the fabled unicorn, is a perfectly normal bull in all other respects. He eats hay and bellows just as if he had two horns, like all his kind.



a beautiful tribute.

The same evening a carload of Sutherlin Community grange officers visited South Deer Creek grange where State Deputy Brown was an official visitor.

CROPS BENEFITED BY RECENT RAINS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Rain benefited crops in most sections of Oregon the past week, E. J. Wells, federal meteorologist, said.

The showers caused some delay to fruit spraying and blossom pollination of later fruits, but on the whole was beneficial.

Meadows and most range lands were reported in good condition. Livestock made good gains, and milk production was high.

Hops were somewhat backward, but tax made a good start. Early potatoes were up in the warmer districts, and commercial potato planting started in Malheur county. Some early corn was up in Marion county, but hops were late. Spittle bugs infested strawberries in places.

Fruit prospects in Douglas county were excellent and cantaloupes were germinating well.

GOBBLERS' SCREAM IS WINTER FINALE

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (AP)—The sunrise screams of gobblers signal the end of a peaceful winter for wild turkeys in the Hill country.

When those shrill cries echo among the trees, the hens go half way to meet their mates but battles between gobblers often occur when another invades the trysting place.

TEXAS CLUB WARS ON OUTLAW FOWLS

LAMPASAS, Tex. (AP)—The Hawks and Crow club, fighting outlaws among the towls, charges a \$1 membership fee but accepts instead two hawks, four crows and 20 eggs of either or both. A similar organization, the County Wolf club, organized 12 years ago, practically has exterminated wolves in the area.

CREW STARTS WORK ON DRAINAGE JOB

SUTHERLIN, May 11.—Glenn Cooper foreman for the state highway commission arrived in Sutherlin Wednesday morning with a crew of a dozen men who began work immediately on the State street drainage job. A ditch 500 feet long, two feet wide and three feet deep is being opened on the east side of State street, from the south side of First avenue to the north side of Third avenue.

Ten inch concrete tiling will be placed in the ditch which will connect with a catch basin to be placed at Third avenue and the catch basin at First avenue, the latter now being connected with the sewer which empties into Sutherlin creek. Four hundred feet of concrete tiling will also be put in on the west side of State street from the south side of Second avenue to the north side of Third avenue. This thing will be of smaller size than that used on the east side of the street and will connect with the ditch beneath the street frontage of the Zenith Camp ground. This drainage will connect with the catch basin at the southwest corner of First avenue and State street.

After the tiling job is completed the ditch on the east side of the street will be filled to the street level between First and Third avenue, and on the west side of the street from Second to Third avenue. These open ditches on State street have been an objectionable sight for some time. They were originally created when the soil was removed to make a fill for the highway.

Mr. Cooper stated Monday that as soon as the State street job is completed, he expects to start work on the East Central avenue job, where approximately one mile of concrete paving is to be repaired.

EUGENE, May 9.—(AP)—A Portland girl, Martha McCall, won the Gerlinger cup for scholastic excellence among junior women, and Delbert Bjork, Astoria, won the Koyle cup for the outstanding junior man at the University of Oregon.

WORK SHEETS FOR FARMERS READY

Soil Plan Signing to Begin This Week; Committees Appointed.

Signing of work sheets by Douglas county farmers to permit acceptance of benefits under the new agricultural conservation program will start this week, according to County Agent J. Roland Parker. Community meetings will be held for the convenience of farmers desiring help in filling in the work sheets, and community committees will aid in seeing every farmer has an opportunity to sign a work sheet.

No definite date has been set when all work sheets must be completed and in the hands of the county committee. The county committee and the various community committees are anxious, however, that every farmer file a signed work sheet as early as possible.

New rulings which will permit a greater number of farmers to receive benefits are expected in the near future. While no details have been received, indications are that owners of orchards who planted cover crops last fall and plowed the cover crops under this spring will be allowed benefits under the group two payments.

Benefits under the agricultural conservation program will be available only to farmers signing a work sheet and filing the work sheet with the community or county committee. "Additional help has been provided at the county agent's office to assist farmers in filling out the work sheets," states County Agent Parker, "and community committees will assist farmers in their communities when requested."

Committees named for the various districts are: Cow Creek, Wilton Garrett, C. A. Smith and Leland S. Johns; Riddle, B. F. Nichols, Elbert Hall and Frank Matthews; Days Creek, John Ferguson, Guy McGee and Clay Ulan; Myrtle Creek, Roy W. Alsapugh, O. E. Weeks and E. V. Weaver; Roseburg, R. A. Buehner, M. B. Green and Willard Smith; Camas Valley, J. H. Parrott, John Standley and L. W. Hoebner; Oakland, R. H. Clarke, J. G. Bacon and R. O. Goff; Elkton, Eugene Fisher, Geo. D. Madison and A. H. Sawyers; Drain, L. S. Compton, Minor Applegate and W. W. Crow; Reedsport, Noah Black, A. E. Jones and L. B. Judy.

FOUR-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

Something new in a 4-H club project is being organized in the form of a China pheasant raising club. Heskil Baker, who has had considerable experience in the raising of game birds, will serve as leader of the club, which will be countywide but will include no more than six members. James Nichols of Riddle, Marjorie Wright of Days Creek, Bertram Shoemaker of Winchester, and Lucia Britton of West Roseburg, have already signed up and it is expected that the other two members will be added early this week.

This work is being handled through the game commission. The instructions and eggs are furnished by the game commission. The club members supply all feed and equipment and sell the birds back to the commission at the time they reach twelve weeks of age.

The project here will be closely watched and it is expected that Dexter Rice, chairman of the state game commission, will make systematic inspection of these projects so as to have first hand information to submit to the remainder of the game body.

On Thursday evening of this week the Sylmar Valley school on the Melrose road, the Green school and the Melrose school will hold their 4-H club achievement program at which time 4-H club projects will be exhibited and a program of entertainment provided. Also, on Thursday evening the Dillard school is holding a program which consists of music and two plays, for the purpose of raising funds for 4-H club scholarships. This will be held at the Dillard school.

Four-H clubs throughout the county are rapidly completing their projects and getting in the final report books. The health reports are nearly all in, as are the cooking projects completed. Some sewing projects were started late but will probably be in very shortly. The projects which will not be completed until fall are livestock, crops, vegetable gardening and forestry.

On Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 the Winchester school will hold its 4-H club achievement program. The boys and girls will bring their exhibits, and entertainment will be provided.

On Friday afternoon of last week the Oakland cooking and sewing club, led by Miss Frances McKenyon, held a silver tea for the mothers of the club. This was held in the school gymnasium. There were thirteen tables seating four each, placed about the room and in full view of the stage. The committee for the program were: Decorating, Marjorie Bainbridge; program, Lois May McCurdy; refreshment, Helen

Chenoweth; serving, Betty Truitt; receiving, Dorothea Manning; clean up, Betty Lou Carlson; publicity, Jean Trumbo.

The program provided throughout the day was as follows: Club songs, club group; Gypsy song; Betty Truitt and Helen Schow; ballet, Barbara Young; piano solo, Barbara Young; piano duet, Lois McCurdy, Dorothea Manning; recitation, Ruth Boyington; song, Betty Lou Carlson and Peggy Jo Truitt; song, Barbara Firman; talk, E. A. Britton.

A large number of exhibits, including cookies and articles made by the sewing club, were on tables so that the mothers and friends could inspect their work. E. A. Britton, county club agent, was present and stated that all the technical training would have been left out there would still have been a great value in the social training received by all the girls in the club, as the silver tea was handled and conducted without a flaw.

The same Oakland club which just completed its work and held the silver tea Friday celebrated by taking a weekend trip to Bascom beach. Through the courtesy of the Wilson Motor company of Roseburg a large truck was secured which took the entire group of 26 girls and their two chaperons with all the baggage.

They made the trip by the way of the Lower Unquiqua highway, going down, and by way of the Coos Bay highway returning. The North Bend bridge was open Sunday, so they had the privilege of making a roundtrip over the new structure, which is a mile in length.

They had the use of the large Boy Scout cabin at the beach, which is well equipped and provides fine shelter. The weather at the beach was ideal and, while everyone was very tired and sunburned, they all had a wonderful time. Those making the trip were Lois McCurdy, Pauline Copeland, Zula Roth, Alice English, Clara Ellen Allis, Dorothy Darby, Velda Goodman, Virginia Davis, Wanda Darby, Marjorie Hubbard, Helen Chenoweth, Elaine Worthen, Betty Truitt, Peggy Jo Truitt, Hazel May Todd, Hazel Weyforth, Betty Lou Carlson, Patty Campbell, Jean Trumbo, Anna Goodman, Dorothy English, Dorothea Manning, Patricia Turner, Wanda McHugh, Joyce and Miss Mary Whitelaw and Miss Frances McKenyon, leader. They were accompanied by the county club agent, who drove the truck.

The summer school plans are rapidly taking form and granges and other organizations are already sending in their scholarship funds. The money is being deposited in a separate account and to be used for those selected from the area of the organization sponsoring the scholarship. It is expected that there will be at least 50 from Douglas county to attend summer school this year. The county club agent requests that all possible aid be given for summer school in May 20 and that if there is any individual or organization which needs extension of time to please let him know by May 20 so that arrangements can be made.

W. D. SKIDMORE OF CURTIN DIES

COTTAGE GROVE, May 11.—Walter Dee Skidmore of Curtin died Saturday at the Pacific hospital following a short illness. He was born Dec. 3, 1888 at Olajewick, Kansas. He was a farmer all his life. He came to Oregon when small and lived at Curtin practically all his life. He was married Jan. 17, 1917, to Ethel Gilkinson at Roseburg.

Surviving him are his mother, four children and two sisters. Mr. Skidmore was a member of the W. O. W. lodge at Drain.

GLENDALE

Mrs. Howard Lyttel and Mrs. C. G. Richards left Sunday for several days' visit in Oregon City, Salem and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Robinson and daughter Marilyn, Mrs. G. H. Ashman and Miss Laura Raoss were Grants Pass callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Nerbas of Yreka, Calif., are at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Nerbas.

Miss Bernice Umphlette of Roseburg made a trip to Glendale Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Webber of Klamath Falls visited at the Oscar Webber home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Higgins of San Francisco are making an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. Purvine at the Victory mine.

Dan Fish of Coquille visited with friends here over the weekend.

Mrs. J. S. Woodroffe, Miss Betty Woodroffe and Dan Fish spent Sunday in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dobyns and son Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dobyns, Warren Moody and Sylvia Weidman had dinner at the Glendale tavern Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Bryan of Roseburg is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Phillips.

C. C. Fristoe, former Glendale resident, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Mrs. D. H. Miller of Capital Hill camp left Monday for an extended visit in Astoria, Oregon.

STRAWBERRY ROOT PESTS DEALT WITH

Strawberry root weevils, those insidious pests of one of Oregon's most valuable berry crops, have long been the subject of intensive research by the entomologists of the Oregon State college experiment station. After hunting down the weevils in their hiding places, cataloging the six species found to be active in Oregon, and learning all about their life habits, the entomologists have now published the results of their research in the form of two bulletins just off the press.

Of chief current interest to Oregon growers is a brief illustrated bulletin designated as Station Circular 115, "Strawberry Root-Weevil Control in Oregon," by Dr. Don C. Mote. It explains the method of mixing and applying the poison baits, which have been found most practical in the control of these pests.

The time of application for the most common species in most parts of Oregon is about the middle of the harvest season, the exact time depending on local conditions. In some sections two applications are necessary for the control of the common weevils—the first one coming about the middle of May or when the berries are in full bloom.

Bait for the native species, which include the decorated, La-comb and western strawberry root weevils, is applied earlier, usually about April 1 when the adults are actively feeding on foliage.

HORNER'S NAME IS GIVEN TO MUSEUM

CORVALLIS, May 11.—The "Horner Museum of the Oregon Country" is the name officially bestowed by the state board of higher education on the Oregon State college museum founded and largely built by the late John B. Horner, professor of Oregon history.

The museum, containing thousands of relics illustrative of the progress of pioneer civilization in the Pacific northwest, is now housed in one of the oldest buildings on the campus, formerly used for both an armory and a gymnasium. It was at the same time renamed "The Museum Building."

The museum, already one of the finest of its kind in the northwest, and valued at \$50,000, is visited by thousands of tourists as well as local people.

MINING WORK TO BE STARTED SOON

AZALEA, May 11.—Extensive mining is to be started soon in the Azalea district, according to Ralph Stark, superintendent of the California and Oklahoma Mineral Survey company. Mr. Stark has been in charge of a crew which has been making a thorough test of mining properties in Southern Douglas county, and he reports very satisfactory results. Leases and options have been taken on several of the more important properties. He is now attending a meeting of the board of directors of the company at San Francisco, and plans to return in about two weeks to organize actual mining work.

CHERRY EXPORTS TO BE ENCOURAGED

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—A program to encourage export of brine cherries from Pacific coast states under the agricultural adjustment act will be considered by the agriculture department, Senator McNary (R., Ore.), announced. Indemnities for losses through exportation would be paid growers. J. W. Tapp, director of the division of marketing and marketing agreements, suggested that growers and barreling representatives prepare a tentative plan in cooperation with Pacific coast AAA officials and submit it to the department.

GRAZING RETURNS PROFIT TO TEXAN

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (AP)—Grazing on winter grain fields of west Texas compounds profit for ranchmen. Louis Williams and Bill Mason, Jr., of Eden bought 2,500 lambs at \$4 a head last fall, paid 10 cents a month each for 90 days' pasturage, and sold them, wool included, at \$8 a head.

OLD AUTO TIRES USED IN SMUDGING

YUBA, Calif. (AP)—Charles A. Wetmore buys old auto tires by the hundreds and stacks them up in his peach orchard. When chills threaten "smudging" to prevent the fruit, he sprays them with oil, scatters them about and sets fire to them with a gasoline blowtorch. They beat the customary oil pots, he finds.

BIG GAIN SHOWN IN DAIRY INCOME

NEW YORK, May 10.—(AP)—Dairy farmers' cash income for the first three months this year shows an increase of \$24,000,000 over the corresponding period a year ago, the milk industry foundation announced tonight.

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