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U. S. TO PURCHASE SURPLUS POTATOES

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—

Farm administration officials announced Saturday the government would buy surplus Irish potatoes during the remainder of this year in an attempt to support prices to growers. An above-average crop was indicated.

The government-controlled federal surplus commodities corporation bought about \$800,000 worth of new potatoes in the last half of June in early producing areas, and the agriculture adjustment administration said these purchases had "checked the rapid fall in prices."

Under the new program, potato buying has been authorized in Maryland, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri and will move northward with the market season.

Funds come from the 30 per cent of customs receipts given to the secretary of agriculture to spend for agricultural purposes.

Francis Wilcox, AAA marketing executive, said future purchases would be on a basis of 75 cents per hundred for Oklahoma.

Officials said purchases would be directly from growers when possible.

The government turns over purchases to state agencies for redistribution.

The AAA said 66 cars had been purchased in Alabama, 1,414 in North Carolina, 406 in Virginia and about 88 in California.

O. S. C. HAS NEW POULTRY EXPERT

CORVALLIS, July 6.—Noel L.

Bennion, graduate of Utah and Oregon state colleges, will become Oregon state college's extension specialist in poultry husbandry August 1. He succeeds H. E. Coahy, who has been made head of the poultry department.

MARKETING LAW K. O. OF NO EFFECT

Upturn in Prices Rendered Oregon Act Unnecessary, Solon White Says.

SALEM, July 6.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Jacob Kanzler's decision last Saturday declaring the so-called 1935 state marketing law unconstitutional, will have no detrimental effect on the agricultural interests of Oregon, Solon T. White, director of the state agricultural department, said.

White said the marketing act was enacted at the special 1935 legislative session after the previous state marketing law, providing for codes, was held invalid by the courts.

The marketing law held unconstitutional by Judge Kanzler authorized the state director of agriculture to conduct certain investigations and in cases where farm prices were deemed too low to adjust them. The act was sponsored largely by the Oregon State Grange.

Price Bound Upward

White said that before his investigations were completed agricultural prices took an upward turn and there was no reason to place the law in operation.

The old marketing act provided for certain regulatory codes applying to various agricultural groups.

"We have made no attempt to place the latest marketing law in operation due to the upward trend of prices and a lack of complaints from farmers who apparently are satisfied with existing price conditions," White said.

Plaintiffs in the case involved in Judge Kanzler's ruling were the Oregon Creamery Manufacturers' association and a group of independent creameries.

"While the marketing act labels all powers delegated to the director as administrative, the fact remains that he is given virtually a free hand to restore to certain producers their purchasing power of 1909 and 1914," said Judge Kanzler.

"Whether this is to be done by creating an artificial scarcity, or by establishing more efficient marketing methods or by forcing an improvement in quality or by giving more to the producer and less to the distributor or by letting competition eliminate the least competent is left to the director."

The plaintiffs alleged that the act damaged them by its very existence. Those instituting the suit constitute about 18 per cent of the butter processors and manufacturers of the state.

Holds Plants Injured

Saying the plaintiffs process and distribute about 75 per cent of the butter processed in Oregon, or 22,000,000 pounds, and have an annual business of \$13,000,000, Judge Kanzler declared:

"It further appeared from testimony that the act, marketing act, created a condition of doubt and uncertainty among the plaintiffs and the members of the said Oregon Creamery Manufacturers' association and other persons engaged in the industry and doing business with the industry, making it impossible:

(1) Adequately to formulate their plans for the operation and expansion of their respective businesses, or (2) to borrow money as freely as it could be borrowed if the act had not been enacted.

"It further appeared from the testimony that the existence of the act on the statute books had decreased the market value of their plants."

The attorney general probably will appeal the decision to the state supreme court.

Law Should Be Definite

Judge Kanzler said that in order to re-establish prices at the prescribed levels, the director is given authority to cause investigations to be made of all matters pertaining to the production, processing, manufacture, handling, marketing, distribution and sale within the state of all agricultural commodities named within the act.

Saying the legislature may enact a general or primary law and authorize an officer to put it into effect, the court held that the law must be sufficiently definite to govern the officer so that in effect he is not "himself enacting the law."

The judge said that in this respect the only "suggestion" of a primary rule of law or standard to govern the director was the declared purpose of the act to establish and maintain balance between marketing and consumption of certain agricultural products and to reestablish prices to producers.

The act, which succeeded the agricultural adjustment act previously declared unconstitutional in another suit, has no bearing upon the state milk control law and that particular law is not affected by the court's decision.

RAIN COST OREGON 60,000 TONS OF HAY

CORVALLIS, July 6.—(AP)—

June rains destroyed 60,000 tons of Oregon hay, E. R. Jackson, extension agronomist at Oregon state college, said after examining data from agents at later cuttings.

Higher yields at later cuttings will compensate for some of the loss, the agents reported. Individual losses appeared heavy in a number of counties but as a

'Hoppers Ruin Colorado Farms



Crawling over farms, eating every vestige of plant life, destroying what looked like highly profitable crops, hordes of grasshoppers are sweeping through a Southeastern Colorado area. Above, two women are shown trying to clean out dead and live grasshoppers at a Lincoln County ranch house. Below is what is left of a thriving bean field two days before, with the plants eaten down to the roots. The farmers are digging some of the roots in their work to spread poison and kill the 'hoppers' to be hatched from eggs left by the marauders.

whole there will be more hay for the season than if the rains had not occurred.

The loss centered in the Williams valley. Practically no losses occurred in the higher elevations of Klamath, Crook and Wallowa counties.

Around the County

MELROSE

MELROSE, July 6.—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lundeen of Roseburg and the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Johnson of Portland spent last Sunday at the former's ranch home at Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Keyes of Roseburg were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Ward.

Jake Thornberg assisted F. T. Reese in putting the shingles on his new house this week.

George Sunberg is staying over the mountain assisting in getting ready to cut cedar logs on Cedar creek.

Miss Ruth Anderson arrived Saturday from Zion, Ill., to visit her sister, Mrs. Carl Backlund, and her brother, Alvin Anderson. She visited at Melrose three years ago and plans to spend the summer with her sister and family and brother. Miss Anderson came via the northern route and visited friends in Spokane and in Portland with another brother, Victor Anderson.

Miss Hazel Doerner has accepted employment at the Hansen Motor company in Portland. Miss Doerner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Doerner.

Miss Alice Backlund is staying with Mrs. George Sunberg while Mr. Sunberg is away.

Mr. Ruth Forslund is caring for her niece, Mrs. Homer Rand and infant daughter of Roseburg. Mrs. Rand will be remembered as Miss Irene Erickson.

N. L. Conn is having a new roof put on his barn at his Melrose farm.

Raymond Kettler, who stayed with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Backlund during the winter and spring, has moved to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kettler, since they moved to Melrose from Camas Valley the first of the week.

V. S. Woodruff attended to business at Woodruff's Wednesday afternoon.

John Krohn was quite seriously injured Wednesday morning when he was pulled out of the tractor while driving the frame orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Olson moved the first of the week from Roseburg into their new house which they recently built on the Cleveland hill.

Miss Martha Springstead of Roseburg is the guest of Miss Charlotte Williams.

Kilane Matthews finished yarding out the second carload of piling Thursday evening for T. P. Ward.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nechter is visiting in Portland with her sister, Mrs. Kate Cook.

Wesley Williams finished haying his mow for the second time since the rain Friday evening. He has sixty-five acres planted to cantaloupes on the Clayton place.

Saturday evening, July 10, is

TENANCY BILL NO CURE, PIERCE SAYS

Farmers Face Problems of Greater Weight, View of Congressman.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—

During recent debate on farm tenancy, Oregon's representative, Walter M. Pierce, asserted Pacific northwest and intermountain states farmers — "good farmers" — in many cases prefer to rent lands "because they make more money and have full use of earnings, avoiding taxes and interest."

This, he said, contrasts with other sections of the country, where "tenancy seems to be a form of peonage."

Inspection of tables submitted to the house by Alabama's representative, Bankhead, discloses the three Pacific northwest states and Utah are about average tenancy states.

Twenty-eight per cent, or 12,861, of Idaho's 45,115 farmers rent their lands — usually on the share-cropper basis of two-thirds to the tenant and one-third to the owner.

Twenty-one per cent, or 14,065, of Oregon's 64,826 farmers pay rent. In Washington 20 per cent of the state's 84,381 farmers, or 16,876, are renters. Utah has but 4,582 renters among its 39,996 farmers, or 15 per cent.

These figures compared with 69.8 per cent of tenancy in Mississippi, and the low of 6.2 per cent in Massachusetts.

Says Bill No Cure

Pierce termed farm tenancy "a symptom and not a disease."

He added that the bill under consideration provides for government purchase of lands for sale under long-term contracts to present renters — "is no cure for the farm problem."

"It is a mere gesture," he said. Pierce then listed prices, speculation, taxes and interest rates as agriculture's major problems.

The tenancy bill provides \$10,000,000 for the first year's operations. Funds will be distributed on a percentage basis proportionate to the tenant population.

31 NATIONS DECLINE WHEAT LIMITATION

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—

The agricultural adjustment administration announced that representatives from 31 wheat states had turned down a proposal that a definite limitation be established on wheat acreage under the federal farm benefit program for next year.

AAA officials had advocated establishment of a limit on wheat plantings similar to the "corn limit" used this year, or the cotton and tobacco quotas used under all programs.

The AAA said the farmers agreed a large acreage probably would be planted this fall and next spring but decided methods available for controlling acreage under the present soil conservation act were inadequate.

A survey of world wheat production and trade by government economists was pessimistic about the United States regarding its wheat export market.

"They said the world wheat acreage now is as large as ever, and that trade barriers of importing nations and a reluctance of the public here to accept foreign imports in exchange for agricultural exports dimmed the prospects of large exports by the United States."

NEAR-RECORD NUT OUTPUT FORESEEN

DUNDEE, July 6.—(AP)—Farm

observers in Oregon and western Washington said nut groves escaped adverse spring weather and predicted a near record production for 1937.

An increased bearing area and the outstanding condition of the approaching crop promises a high

NEW STANDARDS FOR OATS ESTABLISHED

Beginning July 1 the special grade "cereal oats" in the United States grain standards will be designated as "thin oats."

This amendment was promulgated last March by the secretary of agriculture following public hearings by the bureau of agricultural economics.

"Thin oats" are defined in the revised standards as any oats, whether sized, clipped or natural, which contain more than 20 per cent of oats or other matter except "fine seeds" which will pass through a metal sieve with slotted perforations .064 inch wide by 3.8 inch long.

The change in designation was made at the request of the grain trade to eliminate the confusion which has existed in the use of the term "cereal oats." This term often has been misunderstood to apply only to the by-product oats of cereal mills whereas in fact it has applied also to "thin oats" shipped from country points.

The amended grade designation "thin oats" applies to both the by-product oats of cereal mills and to thin oats shipped from country points.

He said the quality of butter has improved to permit Oregon to comply with more stringent regulations in California markets.

The 600 graders will be paid by creameries.

ESTIMATES OMIT SPECIALTY CROPS

Government estimates of Oregon's cash farm income for the past

year omitted specialty crops. Arrangements have been made with Oregon State college, he said, for the training of hatcherymen in the making of plate tests for "HWD" disease. Proper testing, he asserted, makes further serious infection unnecessary.

The convention endorsed plans for a regional project to qualify for funds under the Bankhead-Jones act.

STOCKMEN URGED TO BETTER ASSN.

The livestock industry of the west was urged to effect a stronger organization in order to be in position to defend its just rights against numerous agencies interested in phases of land planning by speakers at the annual summer meeting of the western section of the American Society of Animal Production at Oregon State college recently.

While a wide variety of technical subjects relative to animal husbandry were discussed, major emphasis was given to range livestock problems in the west by the livestock and college representatives from seven western states.

Livestock specialists are only beginning to recognize the importance of grazing, E. L. Potter, head of the division of agricultural economics at Oregon State college, declared. He added that much work remains to be done on grazing management, nutrition and carrying capacity, voicing the general opinion of the agricultural college representatives at the meeting that throughout the west there is an evident demand for increased knowledge of range livestock nutritional work.

NOTICE

Bids will be received by Kellogg school board, Dist. 54, Douglas Co., for the shingling and painting of school house roof, also painting inside and outside of school house. Board reserves right to reject any or all bids.

Bids must be in by July 15, in care of clerk for specifications.

Mrs. V. K. Holcomb, Clerk, Oakland, Oregon.

In the days of the Mayflower, only the class of gentlemen from England such as ministers, physicians and their wives, bore the title of "Mr. and Mrs. Others were called "goodman" or "goodwife."

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