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COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS NEEDED

250,000 Rural Oregonians Without Books, State Librarian Says.

SALEM, May 9.—(AP)—A plan to bring books to Oregon's bookless 250,000 persons, who live in rural areas, is sought by Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian.

She wants to persuade the 36 counties to establish library systems so people in the rural areas may have books. About the only way this could be brought about would be through federal aid, as recommended by President Roosevelt's advisory committee on education.

"Today there are only nine counties (Multnomah, Umatilla, Wasco, Hood River, Malheur, Deschutes, Klamath, Jackson and Josephine) which have library systems covering their entire counties," she said, "and it is my goal that the other 27 counties have similar systems. In these other counties live a quarter of Oregon's residents who do not have access to libraries."

She cited Umatilla county as a good example. The county library has 36 branches and supplies books to 58 schools, costing the county \$18,000 a year.

As a bad example, she cited Douglas county which has but one good library. In Roseburg, rural residents of this county area deprived of books by people who give away the books they don't want, or on no library at all.

"I would like to see a state-wide system set up similar to the one now in effect in Multnomah county, where book trucks cover the county at regular intervals. Smaller counties could go in together to operate such a system," she said.

She said that of the 125 libraries now in the state, 75 are inadequate.

The state library, which operates a mail order service for libraries and for people who do not have access to local libraries, partly supplies the need for the bookless 250,000. But Miss Long said that the state library never could take the place of good local libraries.

\$1,000,000 Needed
Last year \$603,000 was spent in the state for library operations, but Miss Long estimated that \$1 per capita would be adequate, or \$1,000,000. She regretted that of the total amount, \$211,000 was spent in Multnomah county, indicating that one-third of the population gets two-thirds of the library money.

There are 1,203,000 books in libraries in the state, about half of these being in Multnomah county. This figure does not include the 385,000 books in the state library. American Library association estimated that only 37 cents per year per capita is spent for libraries in the nation. Oregon's figure being 50 cents. About 45,000,000 Americans are without library service, or about one-third of the population. In Oregon the percentage is one-fourth.

Before congress there is a bill to bring library service to the bookless 15,000,000, but it is doubtful that there will be action during the present session.

GROCERY CLERKS THREATEN STRIKE

PORTLAND, May 9.—(AP)—The retail grocery clerks' union men's leadership yesterday instructed its executive board to call a strike which would affect most of Portland's large food stores unless negotiations with employers over renewal of working agreements were completed immediately.

George McLeod, union secretary, said the board might act either today or Tuesday.

"We are not breaking off negotiations... but we have been in negotiation for three months and we are right where we started," McLeod said. "Our members are demanding action."

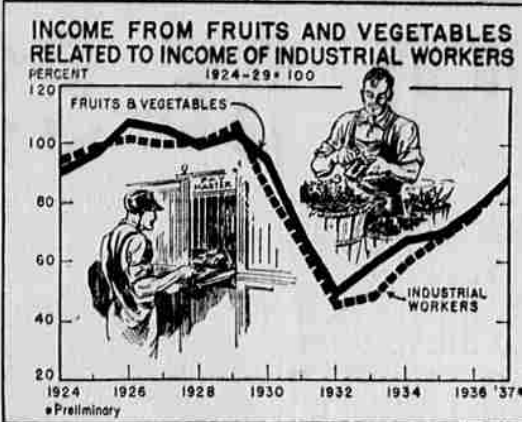
McLeod said he was hopeful of renewing agreements which expired May 1, with the Independent Retail Grocers' association, but that little progress had been made in negotiations with Food Employers, Inc., representing large chains and some independents.

The points at issue were understood to include wages, hours, union membership of store managers, closing hours and the term of the contract.

BRIDGE TO BE SHUT TO PERMIT REPAIRS

The Rock creek bridge on the North Umpqua road will be closed to traffic between 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. Tuesday, it was announced today from the local forest service office. The forest service is making repairs to the structure.

Back From Grants Pass—Clyde Fullerton returned to his home here Saturday following a three-day business stay in Grants Pass.



Figures on total farm income in Oregon and industrial workers' income in the United States show remarkable similarity in trends over a period of years, according to data published by the O. S. C. extension service. The relationship is not so close in respect to farm income from some commodities as for others, however. Consumer demand and prices for certain items like meats, butter and fruits and vegetables, tend to follow the fortunes of industrial workers in a greater degree than demand and price for some other commodities like wheat and potatoes for which demand is less "elastic" and prices react largely to the size of the supply, as well as being affected somewhat by the strength of demand.

The general relationship between the income of fruit and vegetable producers in the United States and the income of the industrial workers is shown in the above chart. The income of industrial workers is thus shown to be a pretty fair barometer of probable gross farm income from fruit and vegetables. Moderate deviations in the trend in income of the two groups of producers are usually associated with variations in the supply of the commodities, changes in foreign demand for export products, and other special factors.

The period 1924 to 1929 was a relatively stable period on both farm income and industrial workers' income, but both took a heavy toll from 1930 to 1932, then rose together until 1937. Extension service reports show a sharp decline during the 1937-38 marketing season in both fruit and vegetable prices and industrial workers' income.

HOSPITAL DAY BID GIVEN TO PUBLIC

Veterans' Facility Unit at Roseburg to Be Open to Visitors May 12.

Governor Martin of Oregon will officially participate in the observance of National hospital day in Salem May 12, and he urges all citizens of the state to give attention to the important place which hospitals play in community life.

This date commemorates the birth of Florence Nightingale, by whose reformation of the practice of nursing, and organization of nurses' training schools, the whole world has been benefited. The revolting conditions which surrounded sick and injured in institutions 50 years ago, when the Crimean war stirred this humanitarian woman into vigorous action, were too low to believe existed. In contrast, the recent achievements of science have reached a high degree which the uninformed would suppose not possible. To see modern equipment, and to hear of the processes by which patients are now treated, is a piece of education. The more intelligent the methods of healing, the better can hospitals serve, and the higher the health of the town, and of the nation, can be raised.

It is customary for all hospitals to open their doors to the public on May 12. The Veterans Administration hospital at Roseburg will hold an open house from one to four o'clock in the afternoon. Guides will conduct visitors through the surgery, X-ray, laboratory, dental clinic, physiotherapy and dietetic departments, and explain the function and operation of each in bodily care. The recreational facilities and library will also be open for inspection, to show what is being done by intangible treatment.

Many people never enter a hospital except when they or some one dear to them, are too ill to be cared for at home. Hospital day provides an opportunity to acquire a conception of the resources of a modern institution in an impersonal view of its various forms of service.

All residents of Douglas county are cordially invited to visit the Veterans Administration hospital provided for the treatment of veterans by a generous people. Col. E. F. Tandy, manager, announces.



Is it wise for a pedestrian to insist upon his right-of-way at a crosswalk?

It is not only unwise, but also illegal for a pedestrian to conduct himself recklessly with respect to traffic movement. You may not know there is a law against such reckless walking, but there is. One paragraph of the section of the law dealing with pedestrian right-of-way declares: "The provisions of this section shall not relieve the driver of the vehicle or the pedestrian from the duty to exercise due care." This paragraph is a clear illustration of the fact that the right-of-way law is intended merely to facilitate traffic movement and forestall the possibility of accident, rather than to give trampled protection to any particular driver or pedestrian no matter what his conduct may be.

How many states have a standard license law?

At present 30 states have a fully standardized drivers' license law. Oregon is one of these. There are 15 other states which have a sub-standard law (most of these states require no examination of the applicants), while six states require no licenses whatever. During the past year, no fewer than 10 states enacted standard license laws and three others passed laws somewhat less than standard, greatly altering the complexion of the license situation in this country. The six with no requirements whatever are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, South Dakota and Wyoming.

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HOPKINS DEFENDS U. S. RELIEF PLAN

WPA Chief Also Refutes "Waste" Charge, Raps Herbert Hoover.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, criticizing proposals of former President Hoover to return relief supervision to the states, declared last night that direct relief should be abolished.

The federal work relief program, he said, is far superior to direct money grants.

Hopkins termed charges that federal money has been wasted in WPA and elsewhere "the political propaganda of people who are still unwilling to accept the idea that every citizen has a right to a certain minimum security."

Declaring that "the only living exponent of the United States way of life is the federal government," he replied to Mr. Hoover's recent speech at Oklahoma City.

"I wonder if his (Hoover's) stubborn refusal to recognize reality, when the house was crumbling about his head, strengthened the people's faith in democracy," Hopkins said.

"I wonder if the pious phrases he gave to millions of desperate people, while denying any federal responsibility for relief, strengthened the popular faith in this form of government."

"I wonder if the tear gas army which he greeted the bonus army with his idea of the full flower of democracy."

"I say it is policies like those which strike at the existence of our government."

Hopkins reiterated that WPA workers would not be required to support any political party, and asked to be notified of any evidence to the contrary.

FARMERS READY FOR GRASSHOPPER WAR

The grasshopper outlook for 1938 looks good for the grasshoppers, bad for the farmers, but preparations under way to combat this pest may reverse their status.

Department of agriculture reports the dry, warm weather of last summer and fall were favorable for grasshopper breeding. The forecast is for more serious outbreaks of grasshopper invasions than in 1937.

In that year 79,271 tons of poison bait were supplied at an approximate cost to the federal government of \$1,104,000. State co-operators estimate crops worth more than \$100,000,000 were saved in 22 states.

Losses to crops where grasshoppers were not controlled in 24 states reporting, reached nearly \$68,000,000.

TURKEYS SEEKING OUTSIDE MARKETS

Oregon Growers Faced by Increased Competition, H. E. Cosby Advises.

Oregon must find markets outside of the state for approximately two of each three turkeys raised, H. E. Cosby, head of the poultry department at Oregon State college, points out in a new extension circular entitled, "Turkey Chicks."

Oregon turkeys are known far and wide for their fine quality, but the increased production of turkeys in states near large terminal markets brings Oregon producers face to face with such problems as quality improvement, lower production costs, orderly marketing, improved packaging for consumers and advertising, Cosby continues.

"The Oregon turkey grower is fortified by years of experience and by availability of quality breeding stock," says Cosby. "He is further protected by having a choice of two methods of marketing his turkey crop—through established independent dealers and associations serving the western surplus producing areas. He is still further fortified by having a choice of purchasing his feeds either through cooperative or independent feed agencies."

The seven-page circular contains considerable specific information relating to steps in most efficient turkey production. Feed formulas are given for both brooding and growing flocks. The handling of breeding stock is discussed at some length, as is the handling of hatching eggs, the feeding schedule during brooding, points on finishing turkeys for market, and methods for avoiding off-flavors in turkey meat. The circular, No. 314, may be obtained free.

PENALTIES ON CROP EXCESS TO BE EASED

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace announced the agricultural adjustment administration had decided to lighten penalties on farmers who overplant soil-depleting crops other than cotton, corn, rice and tobacco.

For each acre of wheat overplanted, benefit deductions will be made at the rate of 60 cents a bushel on the normal production of the excess acreage, instead of 96 cents.

In surplus feed and grain production areas, deductions for excess acreage for small grains, soy beans, etc., will be \$6 an acre instead of \$10. In deficit food-producing areas deductions will be \$4 an acre instead of \$6.

Wallace said the changes were decided upon because many farmers had planted their crops before individual acreage allotments could be made.

DEADLINE SET FOR AAA WORK SHEETS

CORVALLIS, May 9.—(AP)—N. C. Donaldson, secretary of the state AAA committee, said farmers would have until May 15 to turn in work sheets in connection with the new farm act.

The work sheet supplies farm information and qualifies the grower for government benefits. Compliance is voluntary.

UTILITY DISCUSSED AT GRANGE SESSION

CAMAS VALLEY, May 9.—A joint meeting between Camas Valley and Tennesse granges was held at the Tennesse hall Tuesday, with 15 members from Camas Valley included in the attendance. Discussion of rural electrification, following reading of a pamphlet on that subject by H. C. Kelley, master of Camas Valley grange, featured the meeting.

Following a social period, refreshments were served by committee.

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U. S. SPUD GROWING LABOR IS REDUCED

HIGHER PRICES FOR EGGS EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—The works progress administration reported the amount of labor required to raise the country's potato crop declined by about 45,000,000 man-hours during the last quarter century.

The report said there was less work in the potato field despite a slight rise in production and that the demand for labor would continue to decline as a result of the substitution of machinery for hand labor.

Further mechanization of production, especially in picking up and grading may be expected, the report said. At the same time, progressive breeding of disease-resistant varieties will make possible the elimination of part of the labor now needed to fight various blights, it added.

Labor required to produce a bushel of potatoes declined nearly 20 per cent during the last 25 years in the heavy producing regions of the north and northeast.

ELECTION DATED BY CONSERVATIONISTS

Election of officers for the coming year will feature the regular meeting of the Douglas County Conservation council at the Roseburg chamber of commerce office Tuesday evening. The meeting has been called for 7:30 o'clock, and all members are urged by the officers to be in attendance.

CONTROL OF PEA WEEVIL DISCUSSED

PEA WEEVIL MAY NOW BE CONTROLLED, EVEN ON HUGE ACRES SUCH AS ARE COMMON IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, BUT CONTROL CAMPAIGNS NEED TO BE DIRECTED BY TRAINED, COMPETENT MEN IF ADEQUATE RESULTS ARE TO BE OBTAINED.

Such is the conclusion of the Pacific northwest cooperative pea weevil control project committee, which consists of state and federal entomologists from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The recommendations of this committee have just been issued by the agricultural experiment station at Oregon State college as circular of information No. 183.

This contains previous suggestions on control procedure, although it does not give full directions, such as may be obtained from county agents or entomologists in the regions of heavy pea production.

A more complete, illustrated bulletin, giving the results of the successful cooperative federal-state research work carried on by the Oregon experiment station will soon be issued.

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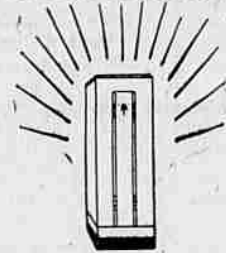
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