

Farmer-Committee System Democracy in Effective Form, PMA Chief Declares

"I have reached the conclusion that one cannot overemphasize the importance of farmer influence and judgment in meeting our agricultural conservation and other problems," Ralph S. Trigg, PMA administrator, told farmer-committeemen at recent meetings in Ohio, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee.

These meetings were Trigg's first opportunity to get into the field to meet state PMA committeemen since becoming PMA administrator. Through the farmer-committee system, said the administrator, the voice of the folks down on the farm is continually brought to bear at State and Washington levels. He added:

"Committee administration is democracy at work, in its most effective form. I am sure that time will prove that the development of this system has been one of the great achievements of recent years in farm program development."

Four-Way Problem

Discussing the future of the farm program, he pointed out that the problems lie in four major fields: (1) Conservation of our natural resources along with such production adjustment as may be necessary; (2) Price support; (3) adequate markets at home and abroad; and (4) more efficiency in marketing.

On conservation he said, "I feel that every farmer should have the opportunity to participate in the government's program to conserve soil and in my opinion that will require the continuation of payments... Experience has shown that conservation, to be fully effective, must be performed on a nation-wide basis."

"Price support should not be so high as to price the farmers' products out of the market, or to encourage overproduction. Neither should it be so low as to fail to give the farmer a fair minimum of income security."

Referring to markets, he said that sooner or later we will need some sort of floor under consumption of farm products, the school lunch program being a step in this direction.

He called for continued research to develop new uses for farm products and less waste in getting products to consumers. "As producers, we've got to be market-minded... and as marketers, to be production-minded."

Referring to the Production and Marketing Administration, Trigg said, "PMA was organized as the farmer's production and marketing administration. Its key purpose is to provide for the farmer a balanced and integrated program that will attack at the community, state, and national levels those aspects of both his production and marketing problems that he could not tackle successfully all by himself as an individual."

Oregon Traffic Mishaps in June Claim 42 Lives

Forty-two persons lost their lives in Oregon traffic accidents during June to boost the mid-year death toll to 186, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry announced today.

The figure compares with 2109 lives lost in the same period last year for an 11 per cent reduction in deaths. At the same time, registrations were increasing 10 per cent and mileage about 7 per cent, Newbry said.

Cities and towns accounted for 40 deaths in the six-month period, the rest being charged to smash-ups in rural areas. The four to one ratio between rural and urban fatalities is almost identical to that experienced throughout 1947, indicating speedy highway driving is still



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GOP Will Hold Senate Margin, Taft Predicts

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) yesterday predicted the Republicans will hold their Senate majority in the next Congress.

Taft told a news conference he believes Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Republican presidential nominee, will sweep the "doubtful states" into the Republican column in the November election.

The Republicans now have a 51 to 45 edge in the senate. A shift of four seats could give the Democrats a majority.

Taft listed the "doubtful" states as Kentucky, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Montana, Rhode Island and Colorado.

"If Dewey wins by as much as

I think he will," Taft said. "I think he will carry all of them." Taft's only comment on the Democratic convention at Philadelphia—given with a broad grin: "There certainly are some gloomy reports out of there."

John M. Eklund Heads Teachers' Federation

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., July 12.—(AP)—John M. Eklund, Denver public school teacher, defeated Joseph F. Landis of Cleveland, O., 478 to 369, Saturday in the presidential election of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL).

Landis had sought re-election for a sixth one-year term.

The "progressive caucus," which had backed Eklund, also elected its entire slate of 15 national vice presidents.

The normal body temperature of a bird ranges from 104 to 108 degrees.

Traffic Problems Will be Aired At OSC Conference

State, city and county traffic problems will be aired at the First Oregon Traffic Engineering conference scheduled for July 29 to 31 at Oregon State College, according to word received by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

One of a series being coordinated by the national Institute of Traffic Engineers, the conference will feature Robert S. Holmes, Institute executive secretary, and Wilbur Smith of the Yale Bureau of Highway Traffic as speakers and discussion leaders. The three-day session is being sponsored by Oregon State college, League of Oregon cities,

and the Oregon State Highway Commission.

The program, arranged for Public officials directly or indirectly concerned with traffic engineering and administration, will include informal panel discussions of problems encountered in the course of everyday operations.

"Growing traffic congestion in Oregon is complicating tremendously the job of providing safe and efficient transportation facilities," Newbry pointed out. "Smith and Holmes are recognized traffic authorities whose experience will benefit all who attend the conference."

Additional information and registration forms may be obtained from Dean G. W. Gleeson, First Oregon Traffic Engineering Conference, Oregon State College, Corvallis.

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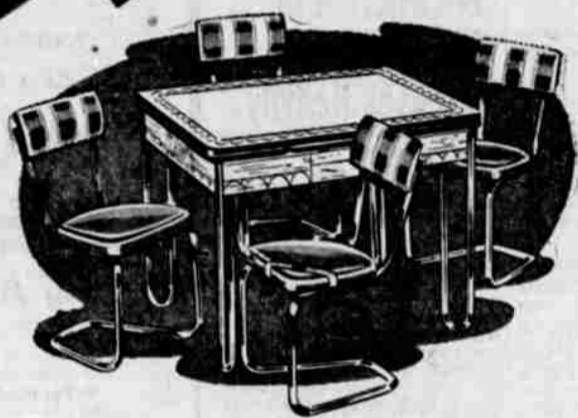
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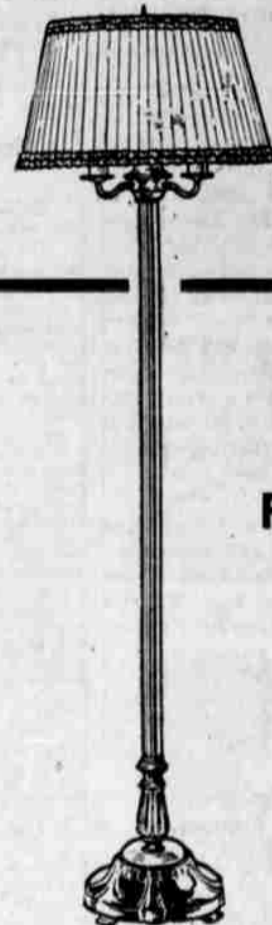
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