



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Farmer Caught In Conflict Between U. S. Government, Strong Farm Organizations

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WASHINGTON, — (AP) — The farmer—caught in the middle of a bitter struggle.

The conflict is between top-ranking government officials and powerful farm organizations, and involves two issues: (1) Future government farm program, and (2) The question of who speaks for the farmer.

On the one side is Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, with strong administration support, and on the other are such farm organizations as the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange. Only one major farm organization—the National

Farmers' Union—is backing the secretary. A fourth—the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives—is expected to take sides against him at its January convention.

Consequences Hinted
The battle may have far-reaching consequences for agriculture, because of the possibility that it may interfere with future Congressional farm legislation.

This situation is in sharp contrast to the relatively peaceful relations existing between government labor officials and labor organizations. In general, both have the same ideas as to government policies toward organized labor.

Caught in the middle along with farmers is Congress. Naturally anxious to pass legislation desired by farmers, the lawmakers will be at a loss as to which side to listen to—Brannan or the farm organizations which oppose him.

Program Is Difference
A basic difference between the secretary and his foes is the so-called Brannan farm program. In general, the Brannan plan would support farm prices at higher levels than would the farm groups that oppose him. But, the plan would permit lower consumer prices for perishables than would the farm groups.

The secretary would use government payments to achieve the

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Conference Names Head

CHICAGO, — (AP) — Dr. P. D. Sanders of Richmond, Va., has been elected chairman of the National Farm Electrification conference.

Dr. Sanders is master of the Virginia State Grange and editor of Southern Planter magazine. Regional vice chairmen chosen include northwest—C. J. Hurd, Spokane, Wash.

Winter Wheat Estimates Less

WASHINGTON, — (AP) — The agriculture department has predicted a 1950 winter wheat crop of 884,658,000 bushels.

This is 17,010,000 bushels less than this year's winter wheat crop of 901,668,000 bushels. The estimate compares also with the 1948 winter wheat crop of 1,007,863,000 bushels and a ten-year (1938-47) average of 725,553,000.

No forecast was given for spring wheat inasmuch as it will not be planted until next spring. But assuming a spring crop of the goal of around 200,000,000 bushels, the entire 1950 production would be 1,084,658,000 bushels.

By comparison, the total production of wheat this year was 1,146,000,000 bushels.

Both the Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange adopted strong resolutions against the Brannan plan at recent conventions. Differences in views played a part in decision of Farm Bureau officials not to invite Brannan to its meeting. The action brought a charge from Brannan that the organization was "undemocratic." The federation retorted that farmers did not need a federal appointee to tell them what to do.

Perhaps as important as differences over farm policies in the struggle is the question of who has the right to speak for farmers on problems involving their welfare.

Hoof And Mouth Disease War Is On Victory Road

WASHINGTON, — (AP) — Rep. Horan (R-Wash.) says the joint United States-Mexico fight against foot and mouth disease in cattle is progressing satisfactorily.

Horan returned yesterday from a trip to Mexico to inspect the eradication work. He is a member of a house appropriations subcommittee on agriculture.

What we saw in the fight against the disease," he told a reporter, was reassuring to me as a member of the subcommittee. The program appears to have been carried out successfully.

Horan said the successful outcome is reassuring to owners in the United States of 83,000,000 cattle, 96,300,000 hogs and 60,000,000 sheep.

This also will prevent the disease from breaking out among deer and other clover hoof wild-life in this country, he said, adding:

If the diseases were allowed to enter the United States it would run wild through out wildlife.

We could fight it among the domesticated animals but not in the wildlife.

He said he expects it will be necessary to appropriate another \$10,000,000 (M) to fight the disease in Mexico during the next fiscal year starting next July 1.

Thus far, he figured, it has cost this government about \$2,000,000 a month for three years to carry on the fight to prevent the disease from crossing the United States border.

The Agriculture department now is considering which site to choose for the proposed hoof and mouth disease laboratory in the United States, he said.

Congress authorized construction of a laboratory to cost \$30,000,000.

He said three sites are being considered. They are Ketrin Island in Puget sound in Washington State, Prudence Island in Rhode Island and an island off the northern coast of Maine.

Half Of Britain's Apples Come From West Orchards

WASHINGTON, — (AP) — Great Britain has purchased 840,000 bushels of apples in the United States recently and 440,000 bushels of these were grown on the west coast.

These figures were supplied to the office of Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) by the United Kingdom treasury and supply delegation here.

Magnuson's office said it was informed the British had wanted 1,500,000 to 1,750,000 bushels, and took all apples offered.

It said Great Britain would still accept winosaps, yellow newtons, Rome beauties, Gano and Ortley apples if any producer had them on hand.

Food Insecticides To Undergo Tests

By OVID A. MARTIN
WASHINGTON, — (AP) — A broad list of fruit and vegetable insecticides will go on trial here Jan. 17.

The Food and Drug administration wants to know whether they can be used without harm to humans. Chemical experts, insect experts, spokesmen for fruit and vegetable growers, representatives of chemical manufacturers and consumer groups are expected to attend the test.

The investigation grew out of reports that some insecticides are responsible for such present ailments as virus X and infantile paralysis and that they have caused deaths.

Involved are such agricultural chemicals as DDT, arsenic and others.

Any deemed harmful to the human body if taken in sufficient quantities and found unnecessary in the farmers' perennial battle against pests will be ruled out, their use prohibited by law.

Different regulations will be set up to regulate the use of those which may be harmful but which also are proven to be essential in food production.

Success Claimed For Artificial Rain Production

LOS ANGELES, — (AP) — A noted aerologist claims success for a new artificial rainmaking method which he says would have prevented New York city's current water shortage.

Dr. Irving Krick, official weather forecaster for the Normandy invasion, disclosed results of large-scale rainmaking tests in Arizona conducted by his American Institute of Aerological Research.

The new method works from the ground up much like smoke from a chimney. Another artificial method, developed by general electric company, seeds dry ice into clouds from airplanes. He also pioneered use of silver iodide seeding of clouds from planes. Krick says the ground smoking method is much cheaper.

The Krick tests utilized mobile silver iodide "smoke" dispensers located strategically as to wind direction. He estimated that the method quadrupled the Arizona test area's rainfall during a two-year period. The testing area lies southward of Flagstaff, Winslow and Holbrook and north of Prescott. He did not disclose size of the area but said that each dispenser was capable of affecting precipitation in an area of some 240 square miles.

"In some of the tests with a single silver iodide unit," Dr. Krick reported, "the precipitation was about four times that outside the zone of effectiveness. The additional rain could not have been due to other causes."

He said a single gram of silver iodide powdered chemical compound - contains 1,000,000,000,000 particles, each capable of collecting a raindrop.

Silver iodide costs about \$20 a pound and the smoke units, Dr. Krick said, consume approximately \$2 worth of powder per hour.

4-H, FFA To Get More Fair Room

SALEM, — (AP) — Oregon State Fair officials are planning to expand exhibit space for 4-H clubs and Future Farmers of America.

State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson also announced that the 1949 state fair had an income of \$347,941, and that \$338,840 was spent on the fair.

"It has been the policy," Peterson said, "to operate the state fair on approximately a cost basis and at the same time provide the people of Oregon opportunity to exhibit and view the products of industry and agriculture within the state, as well as offering high quality entertainment."

Peterson said that new construction should be paid out of legislative funds.

"The fair is currently in sound financial position, but with the present costs of presenting a state fair, it is simply not possible to provide new buildings out of operating revenue."

"We shall go as far as funds will permit to provide the best in facilities, premiums and entertainment. The Oregon State Fair long has been a self-sustaining institution. The time is approaching when new buildings and remodeling of existing buildings must be undertaken. This can only be done by legislative appropriations."

General Douglas MacArthur has received more than 400,000 letters from Japanese during the occupation.

RED'S OUSTER SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, — (AP) — The justice department says it plans to start deportation proceedings soon against Andrew Overgaard, Danish-born alien charged with holding "many important Communist positions."

Overgaard, 53, was arrested by immigration officers at his home in Newark, N.J. He is being held at Ellis Island.

A justice department spokesman said that specific charges against Overgaard will come out in the hearings.

Wheat Surplus Increase Seen

WASHINGTON, — (AP) — A government forecast on the size of next year's winter wheat crop has raised the possibility that wheat surpluses may be increased further in 1950.

In its first forecast, the Agriculture department said the 1950 winter wheat crop—which was seeded during the fall—will turn out about 885,000,000 bushels if weather is normal to harvest time.

Added to a possible spring wheat crop of more than 250,000,000 bushels, this would give a total harvest of about 1,135,000,000 bushels, or only 16,000,000 bushels less than this year's crop, the third largest in the nation's history.

Because of dwindling export markets, it appears now that there may be a combined foreign and domestic demand for only about 1,000,000,000 bushels from the 1950 crop. Thus, a crop of 1,135,000,000 bushels next year would add to a current surplus that could easily exceed 400,000,000 bushels by the time the 1951 crop is harvested.

To hold down production next year, the department established acreage planting allotments for both winter and spring wheat of around 74,000,000 acres compared with a record of nearly 83,000,000 acres for this year's crop.

STEEL PRICES UPPED
OAKLAND, Calif., — (AP) — Kaiser steel corp. announces in-

crease in steel prices, averaging about four percent.

The company said increases were necessary because of recent advances in steel-making costs.

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To You and the New Year

Another year has flitted through the leaves of our calendars, and left us all a year older, most of us a year wiser, and we hope all of us a year happier and wealthier.

And as the year draws to a close we recall with a thankful heart and with deep gratitude the friendliness of those we have been permitted to serve throughout 1949, and the many whom we have served even longer during our half century of serving the feeders of Douglas County.

We are glad, at this season of the year, to say THANK YOU for all you have given us, and we promise as our New Year's Resolution for 1950 that we will continue to strive to merit your faith in us, and to give you nothing but the best in our power to give.

So here we go again THE FEED BAG, the editor, the management of the DOUGLAS COUNTY FLOUR MILL, and every one of its employees, wish to every one of you

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For the second time the girl at the lunch counter said: "Jake, I just want a glass of orange juice."

For the second time Jake answered: "I can give you an orangeade."

The girl sighed, then: "Jake, you have oranges. You have a squeezer. Can't you squeeze a couple oranges and put the juice in a glass for me?"

"Nope."

"Look, Jake, this is still a free country, isn't it?"

"Yep—so I sell orangeade."

IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON, so we won't say a word about the Government. But one of the young whippersnappers who tell us farmers how to run our business was talking to Cy Punkinseed. "You're 100 years behind the times, sir. Why, I'll bet you won't make a dollar out of the oats in that field." "Guess you're right," said Cy. "That's barley."

Uncle Hank Says



WHEN YOU GET THROUGH FIGURING WHAT YOUR VACATION TRIP IS GOING TO COST YOU—YOU'D BETTER MULTIPLY IT BY TWO AND IT USUALLY COMES OUT ABOUT RIGHT.

within a hundred miles; the wet, cool, coast section, with rainfall up to 75 inches annually; the midlands, taking in the great Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue River valleys, with mild winters and summers, and average rainfall of 30 to 45 inches; and the great uplands of Eastern Oregon, with rigorous winters, many hot summer days, with rainfall ranging from 16 inches in the dry farming belts to an actual desert.

Oregon has the only river in the United States which flows from SOUTH to NORTH from its source to its mouth. It has sand dunes on the coast that rival any in the huge deserts of the world, and the biggest dunes on any coast in any country in the world. They are marching over forests.

We have the only place in the world, except the Holy Land where myrtle wood grows naturally. We have the greatest sealion rookery on any mainland in the world. (Sea Lions Cave, to you.)

Mr. Hood attracts more seekers of recreation than any mountain in the U. S. The same can be said of our Crater Lake, which attracts more tourists than any lake in the world.

Clear Lake, in the Cascade Mountains, has a submerged forest which can be seen hundreds of feet below the lake's level. This lake is thousands of years old, and would prove a marvel to anybody from any country. These are only a very few of the wonderful things about Oregon that residents of Oregon can well be stuck up. Aren't you glad you live in Oregon? And especially in Douglas County? So are we. Glad we live here, and more glad that you are too.

A Scotsman was visiting in

Canada, and was admiring a huge pair of antlers. "And what sort of animal was that?", he asked.

"That set of horns came off a moose," answered the host.

"Och, Mon," exclaimed Sandy. "And if that is a moose, what like are your rats!"

After the Turkey, What?

We hope you all had a big turkey for your Christmas dinner, and that none of you got sick from eating too much. We hope you had a swell Christmas all around, for the matter of that.

But in many homes, there will be turkey leftovers for several days. They go fine for the first three days, too. But after while turkey just reminds a feller that he'd like a chicken.

So now we want to give you that promised recipe for pot roasted fryer chicken we promised you several weeks ago. There will be several reasons why you will enjoy fryer chicken.

After paying up the bills for Christmas the old billfold will look like the proverbial elephant walked all over it. So something economical will be very appealing. Then if it combines luxury with economy, it should prove a double satisfaction.

Well, Mom just cuts the fryer up as if she were going for the fry. Lay it in a lightly buttered covered kettle, without rolling in flour. Let it sear a bit on both sides, as you would a beef pot-roast. Then cover it with the lid, and let it simmer in its own juice till done. These fat fryers that are fed on our UMPQUA H-I-O BROILER RATION don't need any additional grease. Plenty in the bird.

If you like good gravy, remove the roasted pieces and make gravy in your usual way. And if you don't think this is a new way of tickling your tonsils, we are sorely disappointed.

(We are not so good at writing a recipe. But we can sure go for the stuff after it is cooked. And if we got this recipe mailed up we know what Mom's going to say about us. And we'll correct it next week.)

Mom: "Willie, what are you doing in the pantry?"
Willie: "So far, just fighting temptation, Mom."

Price Of Farms Down 7 Percent

PULLMAN, Wash., — (AP) — The price of Washington's farm land declined seven per cent in 1949 and will continue the downward trend in 1950, a Washington State College economist said.

Arthur J. Cagle, extension economist at W. S. C. said a 22 per cent decline in farm crop prices had pulled land values down 3 per cent for the entire nation. The greatest decrease in land value—seven per cent—were in Washington and Wyoming, he said.

Values in Oregon, Montana and Colorado fell six per cent, and in Idaho five per cent.

Cagle said wheat farming land was an exception to the general trend. Wheat land held steady in the past year and should register little change in the coming year, he said.

Western states were hit hardest by the land value slump because their crops—meat animals, fruit and vegetables—declined sharply the economist said.

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