

Demo Blasts Brannon Plan For Farming

'Untried Idea' Label Applied By Chairman Of Agriculture Group

WASHINGTON, April 6. — (P) — The Democratic chairman of the House agriculture committee denounced the administration's Brannon farm plan Wednesday as an untried idea based on "principles of a consumer subsidy."

Rep. Cooley of North Carolina, who blasted the plan in a statement, thus demonstrated a Democratic party split on farm policy. Only Tuesday Secretary of Agriculture Brannon and Senator Humphrey (D-Minn.) argued warmly for the secretary's plan before a statewide meeting of farmers in Milwaukee.

Cooley's vigorous anti-Brannon stand took on more significance in view of the fact that last year he led an unsuccessful fight to give the plan at least a trial.

The agriculture chairman explained his altered position did not mean that he would refuse to use the Brannon subsidy approach, in cases where this seemed to be the only way of meeting a specific problem.

What Market Will Pay
The Brannon plan proposes that perishable farm commodities be sold at whatever price the market will pay; and that the government later make production payments or subsidies to farmers to bring their income to a predetermined level considered by the government to be fair.

The present farm program seeks to maintain a fair price in the market place for farm commodities, through government loans or purchases that take price-depressing surpluses out of the market.

Cooley's statement was in reply to what he called President Truman's "condemnation of the present farm program."

He referred to the special message to Congress on Monday in which the President made a new appeal for enactment of the Brannon plan. Cooley said:

"Most disturbing of all to me in the President's statement is what appears to be a lack of appreciation of the soundness, importance, and effectiveness of the present farm program."

"The only alternative which Congress is offered, however, is one which apparently contemplates the 'junking' of the principles of the whole present program and the acceptance of an entirely new program based primarily on the principles of a consumer subsidy."

Cooperation Asked
"I wish to emphasize that in my opinion the only way we may continue to have a sound agricultural program which is fair both to the producers and the consumers, will be through the cooperation of farmers, farm organizations, consumers, and the legislative and administrative branches of the government, all striving to improve upon the basic principles of the present program, rather than to abandon a program which has been tried and tested for one based upon wholly new and untried concepts."

"The present farm program is now operating in the interest of the general welfare. Except for potatoes it has not proven unduly expensive or costly and assures consumers of an ample supply of food and fibers at fair prices."

DON'T BE IMPATIENT
SALEM, April 6. — (P) — Oregon veterans who are eligible for the Washington state veterans bonus are advised to be patient by the state veterans department.

It said Washington has 175,000 applications for the bonus, and can pay only 1,000 a day.

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FORTY-FIVE CANDIDATES were initiated into Roseburg DeMolay chapter, No. 1011, at the meeting Thursday night, March 30. Officers wore their new robes which were purchased through donations from various members of the Masonic lodges in Roseburg. The Roseburg officers drove Saturday to Coquille where they assisted in initiation of a lodge in that city and initiated 37 candidates. Roseburg lodge now lists 60 members. Pictured above are the officers of Roseburg DeMolay chapter. They are left to right front row: Merle Hampton, William Unrath,

Dwight Raines, Jim Anderson, John Rauschert. Second row, left to right, Arthur McSheehy, Charles Verrell, Vernon Thompson, Bruce Boeller, Ralph Dwight, Keith Stearns, Jerry Jones. Third row, left to right, Phil Singleton, Roland Shanklin, Bill Clarenbach, Jr., Sid Smith, Jim Oording, Bill Loftin, LeRoy Jensen, Don Clark and Steve Gallant. Tommy Jones, also an officer, was absent when the picture was taken. Unrath serves as chairman of the advisory committee for the chapter and chapter advisor is William Clarenbach, Sr. (Picture by Master Photo Studio).

Red Cross Work In Douglas Cited As Service Types

Douglas Simms, manager of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, emphasized today that Red Cross is not being used to maximum advantage to solve community problems.

He stated that the utilization of this strictly humanitarian and pre-eminently volunteer agency was the responsibility of the people of Roseburg and Douglas county and that only with their wholehearted cooperation and support could the greatest benefit to the community be derived.

He pointed out that the organization is not an obscure national health and welfare agency but is in fact controlled and governed primarily by the citizens of this county. As an example of the things that could be accomplished through the agency he gave last year's swimming program, benefiting 874 children, and the volunteer program at the Veterans hospital in which over 3,000 hours of volunteer service were given.

Likewise during the current period of unemployment in and around Roseburg, when many residents of the area were entirely dependent upon government relief agencies for their livelihood, Red Cross found it possible to supple-

ment in many cases living standards, particularly in families where there were children.

In many of these instances entire families were given assistance from the department of public welfare amounting to as little as two to three dollars per week. In some instances children were being sent to school without breakfast or at most a glass of milk. Other meals were equally frugal. Red Cross cooperated with the local relief office as far as possible and was able in some cases to provide additional grocery orders.

As an illustration of how a strong Red Cross can be of benefit to a community, the Glide epidemic was cited. In this case over \$4,000 worth of drugs were provided free through the facilities of the Red Cross national blood bank. Two or three years ago during the Myrtle Creek flood, Red Cross provided just over \$1,000 worth of emergency assistance to the people of that community.

TRAFFIC OFFICIAL RETIRES

SALEM, April 6. — (P) — Roy V. Hollenberg, traffic manager and accountant for the state highway commission here, retired Wednesday after 30 years of continuous service.

He started in as a clerk in 1919, and became traffic manager in 1935.

The sweet potato is a member of the morning glory family.

March Rainfall More Than Usual

In case you didn't notice, Roseburg had more rain than usual during the month of March.

Statistics released today by M. L. Caldwell, local weather bureau manager, show a total of 4.77 inches precipitation during the month. This was 1.49 above normal, but not an extremely large amount compared to the record fall of 8.36 inches in March, 1934.

But only once in 10 years was the precipitation total for March greater than it was this year, Cal-

well pointed out. The greatest rainfall in 24 hours was 1.27 inches on March 16-17.

Along with the rain, there were 22 cloudy days, eight partly cloudy, and one completely clear.

And don't forget the "unusual" snowfall registered March 9 and 10. It was recorded as a trace, with precipitation amounting to .4 inch. The average monthly temperature was 47 degrees. While the total degree-days were 26 above normal, the average monthly temperature was only .1 degree below normal.

The highest temperature was 78 on March 31, and the lowest was 26 on March 12.

The wind velocity average was

Baptist Choir Sets Program For Good Friday

The First Baptist church choir, under the direction of Wendell Johnson, will present "The Crucifixion," by John Stainer, on Good Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the church sanctuary. Mrs. Beth Warg will provide the organ accompaniment.

"The Crucifixion," a meditation on the sacred passion of Christ, written in London in 1887, has been one of the favorite works for Easter performance by church choirs. The composer, Stainer, an outstanding figure in English music during the latter half of the 19th century, was distinguished as a teacher, composer and organist.

The soloists for the Friday night performance include Mrs. Grace Deets, contralto; Gene Yates and Johnson, tenors, and M. E. Jacobson and Harold Mobley, baritones. The following singers will participate: Sopranos, Mrs. Bernice Merrill, Mrs. Ruth Ayers, Mrs. Grace Richey, Mrs. Aileen Merino, Mrs. Jo Hagar, Miss Virginia Riehl, Miss Charlene Deets; altos, Mrs. Grace Deets, Mrs. Melva Mobley, Mrs. Elsie Hall, Mrs. Thais Sconce, Miss Ruth Roberts; tenors, Gene Yates, M. E. Jacobson, Jack West, Bud Hagar, Owen Palmer, Myron Lehne and Bill Guy; bass, M. H. Sconce, Louie Merino, Harold Mobley, Carl Hayes, Roy Merino, Gene Barnhardt and Coy Short.

Sex Crime Research Bill Adopted In California

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 6. — (P) — The Assembly passed and sent to the Senate Wednesday a bill setting up a state sex crime research commission.

It provides for \$100,000 to finance scientific research into the sex crime problem.

Governor Warren has announced his support for such a study.

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Season Of Amateur Gardening Is Now Upon Us, Hal Boyle Laments

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK. — (P) — The season of airy madness is upon us. It is the time to find a home on the loam and begin a begonia.

With bulb and seed the spring gardener goeth forth to sow the good earth in his backyard, and he cometh in, at eventide, racked by his own growing pains and covered with topsoil.

And to save my life this is one class of citizen I cannot understand. I have a dim appreciation of why people become birdwatchers, and my soul knows a sense of sympathy for horseplayers, butterfly collectors and that strange kind of fauna that gets up before dawn to prowl beaches in search of the better seashell.

Their passion for these strange pursuits I don't share, but at least I can sense what makes them what they are. But the spring gardener—there's an odd one beyond my grasp of comprehension.

What Does It?
What primordial urge each spring sends him out to duel the landscape, convinced that this year he can conquer crabgrass, gladden the heart of a "ladiolus" and grow a five-pound strawberry? Why does he want to anyway?

All I can see he does is annoy the balance of nature. There he stalks, this man without a bone, giving hormone shots to geraniums that don't want them, ambushing innocent potato bugs with deadly spray guns and interfering with the home life of robins.

Yes, sir, from the minute the spring gardener sticks his big green thumb into the backyard there's no rest for bird, bug, tree or plant until snow flies.

By autumn he will total up his victories and find he has raised about \$25 worth of vegetables. To

do this he will have spent about \$500 in fancy tools—he needs more equipment than a paratroop battalion—\$50 in doctor bills, sunburn lotions and liniment, and about \$100 in labor. This is figuring his time at a nickel an hour, which may be more than it is worth.

Stay In Own Yard
All this wouldn't be so bad if these frustrated farmers would stay in their own back yards. But they bring their small triumphs and major disasters—a pea plant that podded, a rose that blighted—into the office. All they'll talk about is whether they should have banked the zales with peat moss and lime, or just good old-fashioned hyper humus, whatever that is.

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All I want to do with the good earth in the wonderful season of spring is to wander across it or lie upon it and read a poem or listen to the birds call. I don't hate the worm, and if a bug doesn't bite me I won't bite him. Nor do I have any desire to hurry the grass—or curdy it either.

And I think it would be a fine thing if all spring gardeners at this magic time would either go climb a rhododendron or quit bragging and grow something really impressive—say a redwood tree.

BAKER DST OPPOSED
BAKER, April 6. — (P) — Unanimous opposition to daylight saving time for Baker county was voiced in a resolution adopted here Tuesday night by the executive committee of the Baker county livestock association, according to Marvin Wendt, president.

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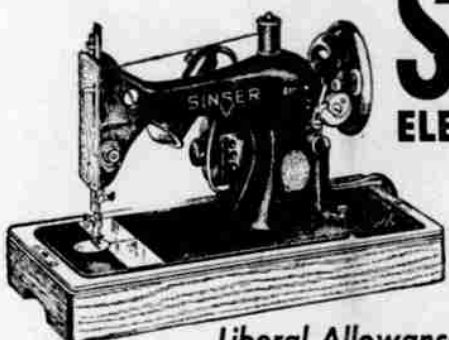
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