

Federal Price Support On Seeds Proves 'Headache'

PORTLAND — (AP) — Government price support on seeds has been a "headache" members of the Oregon Seed Growers league were told here.

Carey Strome of Junction City, league president, opened the convention with a condemnation of those supporters as threatening Oregon's place as a leading producer.

He said the state's seed growers were threatened with loss of markets because of acreage increases elsewhere spurred by price supports, which he called "a headache for your officers during the past year."

Oregon, he said, now has five times as much plow land in seed crops as has any other state. The value has doubled in the past seven years, he said, and in 1950 was worth to the state's growers some \$33,000,000. The gain, he said, was 75 percent through acreage increase rather than chiefly through any price rise.

In the past year, Strome said, the league membership gained 24 percent and now totals 645. A number of objectives were gained in 1950, among them getting grades specified for malting barley.

Farmers whose fields have tansy ragwort infestations might try raising sheep.

Rex Warren, Oregon State college specialist, told the conference that sheep aren't bothered by tansy ragwort. He suggested coastal pasture land owners might shift their livestock program.

The weed is poisonous to cattle and horses. Livestock owners of coastal farmlands have been unable to cope with the encroachment of the weed into their pastures.

Envoy To Russia Lives Under Batch Of Restrictions

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Alan G. Kirk, ambassador to Russia, says that as far as he knows Premier Stalin is "strong, active and alert."

But Kirk hastens to add, he hasn't seen Stalin since last June and then only at a distance during a Soviet ceremony.

The Russian leader looked as well then, Kirk says, as he did about a year earlier during a face-to-face meeting at the Kremlin. That's the only audience Kirk has had with Stalin since he went to Moscow 18 months ago.

As a matter of fact, except for four Soviet guards, Kirk told reporters after a White House call, he sees little of the Russian people.

"Russians are not allowed to come to the embassy, so there's no contact," he said.

But those four Russian guards? Whether Kirk goes to a hotel or to a soccer game, they pick him up at the embassy gate and tag along.

Sometimes, Kirk said, he shares cigarettes with them.

But, "Don't get the idea I'm buddies with those guys."

Aside from the guards, who are supposed to be on the job for "protection," Kirk encounters other restrictions living in Moscow. For example he can only go about 30 miles outside the city without special permit and then only on a route arranged by the Soviets.



PRODUCE DISPLAYS—Cranberries for Christmas turkey, you bet. Richard Grimes does something to a head of cabbage in the produce display at City Market. The chestnuts, front and center, won't be roasted any browner than you will be if you pull one at the Christmas dinner table. (By Paul Jenkins).

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By ALICE LERWILL

The regular monthly PTA meeting was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 12. Plans for the Christmas treats for the community tree were discussed. Refreshments were served by Doris Howell, Arnette Charters, Flo Newman and Lineeta Lamm.

Stuart Williams and Mrs. Weston Scott transacted business in Roseburg Wednesday. Mrs. Scott received medical attention.

Mrs. Doris Howell and Mrs. Flo Newman shopped in Medford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Kent spent Saturday in Roseburg, shopping and visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Krantz recently purchased a lovely new home near Riddle. They plan to move about the first of the year.

Morris Pennell is now stationed at San Diego with the navy. He has been assigned to a ship and expects to be in the states for several months. Clifford Pennell is also stationed at San Diego. His family has moved there with him. Dick King is stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., with the army.

Mrs. Charley King, Mrs. Bean Blossom and Mrs. Frank Elrod spent Friday in Medford shopping and transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Brown spent Saturday in Roseburg where Mrs. Brown received medical attention.

Mrs. William Mathews, Dale and JoAnn, shopped in Canyonville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lomar Barr and family have left their former home in Oklahoma to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Howell and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rimmel in Canyonville Saturday.

Charles Jackson of Drew is staying at the Louis Elliott home, while his father is in the hospital at Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stone and family spent Friday shopping and transacting business in Roseburg.

Mrs. Doris Howell made a gingerbread house of cookies and candy for the first and second grades. The unique project has attracted much attention.

Guests at the Lance Brown home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Flick and children of Roseburg and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brown of Myrtle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porter have as their guests, Mrs. Porter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schaak of Billings, Mont.

Fire Destroys City's 2 Largest Dept. Stores

SOMERSET, Ky. — (AP) — This city's two largest department stores bulging with stocks of Christmas merchandise, were destroyed by fire early today.

A barber shop and a restaurant also were gutted by the flames. Unofficial estimates of damage ran as high as \$1,000,000.

Destroyed were the Somerset department store and the adjoining Hughes department store.

Pencil Marks Balk Tests Of 100 Percent Electrical Room

KANSAS CITY, Kas. — (AP) — Just a few pencil marks almost ruined a laboratory room designed to be electrically perfect.

The room was built with infinite care by Transworld Airlines. It was to be used for testing radio compasses for airliners.

Such things as double layers of copper sheeting and copper screen were installed for insulation against outside electrical interference. Filters and shields were placed on wiring.

But when it was finished the room failed to test perfectly.

After hours of searching, electrical experts traced the trouble to 2 x 4 timbers separating the copper screens.

"The carpenters used lead pencils to mark the lumber in the frame work," said Master Mechanic O. A. Gentry. "The graphite in the marks was acting as a conductor between the screens."

The marks were erased. The room tested perfectly.

Air Force Academy Postponed By House

CANBY — (AP) — Farmers opposed to location of proposed air force academy in this area are happier since its establishment has been postponed.

A 13,000-acre area between Canby and Aurora was recently inspected by air force aides, one of 29 sites under consideration.

Some farmers had opposed use of the area. The U. S. House Armed Services committee has voted in Washington, D. C., to postpone the air force academy plan until after the present war crisis ends.

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