

Many Farm Problems Face New Agriculture Secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ezra Taft Benson will find a new crop of farm price problems facing him when he comes to Washington this week for a pre-inaugural view of his job as secretary of agriculture in the new Eisenhower administration.

Benson, a former agricultural leader and now an apostle of the Mormon church, has notified outgoing Secretary Charles F. Brannan that he expects to come to Washington this week for a briefing on his Cabinet duties.

The current farm picture is such that officials believe it will lead him to speedily set up new programs designed to broaden markets for agricultural products at home and abroad.

The secretary-designate will find that prices being received by farmers have dipped below the parity goal of federal farm programs for

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Promote Home Industry

We're going to try to fool you. We're not figuring on making a big talk about supporting the Douglas County Flour Mill, because it is a home industry. (You're doing a fancy job of that already. Thanks.)

Nope, this has to do with the forests. The Feed Bag has the reputation of fighting the lumber business. Which is not true. We want the lumber industry to forge ahead. To use up all the timber that is ready to be cut.

We oppose only WASTE in the business. We hate to see our beautiful forests slaughtered. But our grief is considerable assuaged when we see the by-products being USED instead of being burned, (as a matter of fact, if the FEED BUSINESS destroyed it's by-products as profitably and consistently as the lumber business does, we would have been out of business long years ago.)

Ordinarily, we hate to see saw dust burned. But there is a notable exception. If it is burned in a furnace, producing comfort or power, it is fulfilling part of the destiny of a tree. And that is all "The Feed Bag" asks of the lumber business. Use all of the tree profitably.

This blowing off of steam on the part of "The Feed Bag" is occasioned by the reports in the papers a few days ago that the new school buildings planned locally are to be heated by oil. Talk about "carrying coal to Newcastle," this is certainly a classic example!

Sure, we can see oil heat in California, in Texas, or in Kansas, where trees are rare, and oil wells dot the landscape. But in a country where we have to clear out timber to build a school house, shipping oil in for heating these schools seems to be the ultimate in some darn thing or other.

Every day we burn enough sawdust in the burners of Douglas County to heat all the schools in Los Angeles. Pure unnecessary waste! How do we arrive at this conclusion? By the simple fact that we continue to burn the sawdust, and import oil to do the job sawdust could do and should.

Believe it or not, this sawdust could be turned into gold, and we could keep the Good Lord on our side while destroying His beauty.

NEW FARM FACTS

A Penna Prof discovered signs of the world's first farmers, who raised goats for meat and milk and grain for food. He found these signs in a cave near the Russian border of Iran. (Probably another discovery by the Russians — they were the first farmers, in 6000 B.C.)

Well, the Flour Mill wasn't in business in those days, but if it had been, it's a safe bet those old cave men would have been feeding Umpqua Sheep Cubes to those old goats. Cause, you know, feeding Umpqua Sheep Cubes is an old story too.

Dad: "I never kissed a girl till I met your mother. Will you be able to say that of your son?"

Kid: "Sure will, Dad. But not with such a straight face."

ON THAT BUM FEED

Eli Sanders, and his boy, LeRon done pretty good with their turkeys out Melrose way. Eli sold 561 hens, with only 12 downgrades, 542 toms which included 30 B's and 13 C's. A total of more than 95 percent A Grade.

That's pretty doggone good, but LeRon beat the old man. He sold 250 Belts and had only one off grade. (Durn thing got hurt.)

THE OLD GUY who used to wear both belt and suspenders for security reasons, now has a daughter who wears the same costume, but calls it her swim suit.

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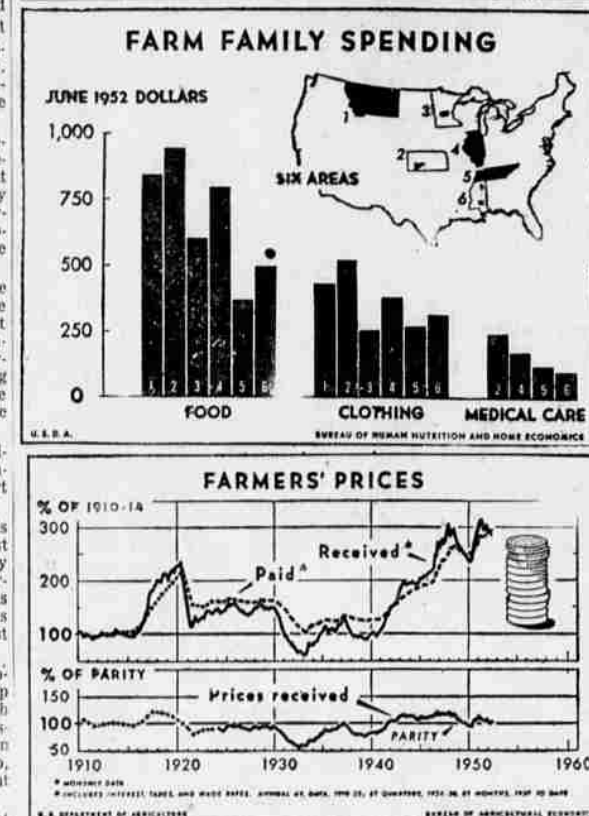
Calling all dairymen! Last week we changed our UMPQUA DAIRY RATION. Oh, no. Not the formula. It is doing too good a job to change that. It'll still have the same ingredients.

The change is in the way we make it. Part of the mix is in compressed form, just the size of UMPQUA EGG MASH Pel-

FARM and Garden

The News-Review, Roseburg, Ore.—

Mon., Dec. 8, 1952



FARMERS' MONEY—Department of Agriculture charts reproduced here show how farm families spent their 1952 dollars (top) and how prices which gave farmers those dollars have fluctuated since 1910. (NEA).

SPARKMAN IN CAIRO

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), the defeated Democratic vice-presidential candidate, stopped in Cairo briefly today on his world tour.

Bulk Storage Bins Save Farmer Both Time, Work

Bulk storage bins for dairy and poultry feed can save time and work if they are planned and built to fit their special needs, according to Herbert R. Sennard, agricultural engineer at Oregon State College.

Sennard outlines proper planning of bins in experiment station circular 517, "Bulk Feed Storage Bins," just released by OSC. The circular includes complete scale-drawing building plans and may be obtained from county agents or from the College.

William O'Dwyer Quits As Mexico Ambassador

MEXICO CITY (AP) — William O'Dwyer, the most controversial U. S. ambassador to Mexico in 39 years, went out of office Saturday with no definite plans—except to stay in Mexico if possible.

His resignation, effective at midnight Saturday, brought expressions of regret from his friends here and fresh criticism from home. Among the parting shots, pro and con:

Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.) said no ambassador has ever known "has done a better job."

The Washington Post called the retiring ambassador "petty and selfish" in his attitude toward U.S. Vice President-elect Nixon when the latter was here for the Dec. 1 inauguration of President Ruiz Cortines. Relations between the two men during Nixon's stay here were described as cool.

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Barberry Eradication Cuts Stem Rust Losses

Barberry eradication is an old and proved method of reducing losses caused by stem rust of wheat, oats, barley, and rye, according to extension service circular 549 recently released by Oregon State College.

Rust-infected barberry bushes are the important source of stem rust in the northwestern states. The circular explains that from these bushes, the disease spreads to nearby grains and grasses during May and June.

The folder reviews how stem rust develops, how to identify the rust—spreading barberry, where it is found, and how weather affects stem rust.

The circular emphasizes that barberry eradication is a cooperative plant disease control project. It is important to report locations of barberry bushes to the county extension agent.

Copies of the circular are available at county extension offices or from OSC.

Rid Buildings Of Termites By Inspection

To keep termites out of house and home, the homeowner and farmer should make an annual inspection of their wooden buildings, yards, and the problem is to keep termites are in many Oregon them from getting into the house or farm buildings, according to Robert Graham, wood preservation head at the Oregon Forest Products laboratory which is on the Oregon State College campus.

Oregon has a huge termite "crop," causing untold thousands of dollars of damage each year. Two types which bother Oregon buildings are subterranean and damp-wood termites. Both require favorable moisture conditions, but subterranean termites can construct earthen tunnels up and over cement foundation walls to reach wood.

Absence of the tunnels is no assurance that termites are not present. Once access to the wood has been obtained, termites can extend their tunnels for long distances into seemingly dry wood. They have been found in wood parts of buildings on the second floor and in oak floors over basements.

Conditions favoring their development in buildings are inadequate ventilation, presence of wood debris or wood forms in the ground beneath houses, and contact of wood siding, joists or other wood members with the earth. Many of these conditions prevail in basementless or partial basement houses. Houses with basements are by no means immune from attack, Graham added.

Shrubbery should not be planted directly in front of side-house air vents. "This creates a dead space. All dirt should be at least 6 inches below the exterior siding and 18 inches below the joists and sills."

Poured concrete porches may be an important source of initial infestation, unless adequate precautions are taken to prevent the wood from being in direct contact with the concrete. This is a good construction practice and should be kept in mind by contractors and homeowners.

If termites are already present as indicated by earthen tunnels or hollowing out of wood, the infested material should be replaced and

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Dressed Meat Production 20% Over Year Ago

Production of dressed meat of all kinds by state and federal licensed slaughter plants in Oregon during September totaled 15.3 million pounds, according to the Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

The September total exceeded that for August by 11 percent and was 20 per cent greater than September a year ago.

Production by kinds shows dressed beef up 4 percent from a month earlier, veal up 39 percent, pork up 24 percent while output of lamb and mutton declined 4 percent. Comparing the current September production with that during the same month a year ago, dressed beef is 28 percent larger, veal up 63 percent, lamb and mutton up 39 percent and dressed pork only 1 percent larger.

Production of dressed meat the first nine months of 1952 totaled 132.4 million pounds, 11 percent larger than during the same nine months in 1951.

A total of 18,000 head of cattle were slaughtered during September, 1,000 more than the preceding month and 4,200 head larger live weight per head of the cattle slaughtered was below August and also below September a year ago.

Total kill during the first nine months of 1952 was 16 percent above that for the same period a year earlier.

September, 1952, calf slaughter, estimated at 4,400 head, exceeded August by 900 head and was 1,400 head larger than September, 1951. Calves slaughtered during September averaged 344 pounds per head live weight considerably heavier than the August average of 308 pounds.

Calf slaughter during the January-September 1952 period dropped 15 percent below that for the same months a year earlier.

Sheep and lamb slaughter during September is estimated at 10,000 head, the same as a month earlier but nearly 50 percent larger than during September a year earlier. Live weight average at 98 pounds, only slightly heavier than the August average but 3 pounds less than the year before.

Sheep and lamb slaughter during the first nine months of 1952 was sharply higher than during the same period in 1951.

The number of hogs slaughtered during September was above the month before and also above the same month a year ago. Hog slaughter has been higher than a year earlier during seven of the nine months of 1952. The number of hogs killed during the nine month period in 1952 totaled 348,000 head compared with 331,000 during the first nine months of 1951.

The average live weight of 228 pounds for September is 2 pounds under a month ago and 1 pound lighter than the average for September, 1951.

Free Rides Complaint Made Against Airline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Board has ordered Pan American Airways to stop giving "free" rides to persons the board said are not entitled to them.

The board began an investigation last March. Yesterday's order was issued after Pan American entered into a stipulation with the board.

The complained of practices were said to have occurred from 1949 through 1951.

Pan American said, regarding the part of the complaint, that many of the persons who were carried told Pan American they had been offered similar transportation by competing air carriers and planned to accept the offers unless Pan American obliged.

the source of moisture eliminated. Termites are present throughout Western Oregon, with greater numbers along the coast where the humidity is higher. In Eastern Oregon, termites are less extensive.

Raising Christmas Trees Can Be Profitable Work

Raising Christmas trees can be a profitable business if good farming practices are followed, says an Oregon State College farm wood-lot specialist.

Paul Goodmonson, extension products marketing specialist, says Christmas trees develop best on poor, shallow soil where retarded growth gives them time to fill out and become bushy. He adds that a good crop of Christmas trees will return as high profits as most Oregon crops grown on such soil.

Proper thinning, pruning, weeding and brush control will triple the number of high quality trees that can be cut from wild stands where fertile forest land brings fast, spindly growth, the forestry specialist states.

Goodmonson advises against stumpage sales where the buyer selects and cuts trees on the owner's land at 6 to 10 cents a tree. The OSC specialist says many owners don't place enough importance on Christmas tree sales to properly supervise the cutting. This has resulted in mounting sentiment against wasteful use of timber resources.

Growers will profit most if they select and cut their own trees for on-farm sales to dealers at prices varying from 10 cents for small trees up to \$1.50 for 10 to 12-foot trees, Goodmonson says. Some buyers are offering 50 cents a tree.

for field-run of cut trees picked up at the farm.

Trees should be carefully selected for size, crown density, shape, and fresh green color. Spindly, fast-growing trees will bring better returns if left for a timber crop. Trees should be cut as near the date of delivery as possible and stored in a damp shaded place.

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