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## THE PLIGHT OF THE FARMER

Charles V. Stanton

A number of Washington politicians are viewing with alarm the "deplorable plight of the American farmer." Washington politicians have been viewing with alarm the American farmer for many years. The farmer is viewed with alarm through good times and bad. He has been the favorite child of the demagogue. Something always is being done for him by the politician. The "something" usually works out to his detriment rather than his benefit. Secretary Benson has introduced some "down to earth" policies in the Department of Agriculture. A practical farmer himself, and a proven businessman, he has endeavored to set up a bread-and-potatoes economy for the nation's agriculture. But the politicians are screaming that he left off the gravy.

After the first World War Washington's viewing-with-alarm politicians so flooded the country's agricultural industry with cheap money, begging the farmer to load himself up with federal loans, that thousands of previously successful agriculturists went bankrupt. Since the second World War the viewing-with-alarm politicians have been bankrupting the country buying up farm surpluses.

### Price Spread Choice Argument

One of the recent propaganda pieces has related the wide spread between prices paid farmers for their produce and prices paid by consumers. Speakers, seeking to influence the farm vote, exploit this spread, which is growing wider each year.

The argument has great appeal to persons who fail to analyze the reason for this situation or who fail to take into consideration the great change in the agricultural industry in recent years.

Only a few years ago the housewife bought food in bulk quantities. She bought potatoes and flour by the sack, dried prunes, apples, apricots by the 25 or 50-pound box, dried peas, dried beans, cheese, etc., in bulk.

Today's housewife, however, loads up with canned fruits and vegetables, crams the freezer with frozen meats, fruits and vegetables; buys potatoes a few pounds at a time, flour, ready-mixed for use, in boxes, and cheese in small foil-wrapped packages.

When food was sold in bulk the price spread was small. But when food is processed labor costs enter into the retail price. Everyone knows what has happened to labor costs in late years.

Every refinement in processing and packaging adds to the consumer's food cost. And the spread between the raw product and the finished item keeps increasing with each boost in wages for workers in processing plants.

### Industry Specialized

The change in buying habits — habits which have made the super food market a remarkable institution—has brought about changes in the agricultural industry.

Douglas County, for instance, has long been one of the nation's leading turkey producing areas. It is interesting to note the change in the marketing process.

Only a few years ago farmers simultaneously trucked dressed birds to central markets where buyers bid secretly for each load. There was great excitement during "Turkey Days." Streets were filled with wagons piled high with turkeys, over which the farm family had labored long hours to prepare for the big event. Buying was confined to two holiday seasons.

Growers now bring their live birds to killing and dressing plants. Turkeys are marketed whenever they are mature, rather than only at holiday season.

Marketing agencies found that a slump in the market could be overcome by offering an "oven-ready" package. The housewife, saved the time and trouble of getting a bird ready for the oven, was willing to pay more and also to use more turkeys. Another advance then was made by dividing the bird into packages of white meat, drumsticks, etc., at another premium price.

So, though the grower, as always, has trouble getting the cost of production, wage earners all along the line take a sizable cut from the higher prices paid by consumers.

The same formula may be applied to almost any other farm product. The spread in price results from refinements in processing and marketing—the old American system of free enterprise meeting the demand for convenience and service from the consumer.

The viewing-with-alarm politician, however, conveniently overlooks this fact in his propaganda appeal.

## Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Poor old Duke, Hollywood has handed out its annual Academy Awards, and again Duke was passed by.

This year Duke—better known as John Wayne—knew in advance he wasn't going to win one of those prized \$90 gilded Oscars.

Although theater owners voted him the top boxoffice star of 1934, he wasn't even nominated for an Academy Award.

Wayne has been in some 150 pictures but never won an Oscar. As a matter of fact he has been nominated only once—for "Sands of Iwo Jima."

"Yet he has been among the 'golden ten' boxoffice kings for six straight years. He has topped the list three times, a record exceeded only by Bing Crosby (5) and Shirley Temple (4)."

While a number of Oscar winners have risen to brief fame and then disappeared, old Duke keeps riding along to the plaudits of the people who matter most in the movie business—the popcorn public.

Over a shirt-sleeve breakfast of three eggs and a chunk of ham the size of a cocktail table, the rangy 6-foot-4-inch actor seemed undismayed that Oscar has eluded his trophy shelf for another year. Chin up—that's old Duke.

Leave On Trip — Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Bubar of Roseburg have left for California to enjoy a vacation

Recent Visitor — Mrs. Agnes Powell of Umpqua was a recent visitor at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thiele.

Will Attend Show — Mr. and Mrs. Curley Craig and Mrs. Helen Royse plan to leave Saturday for Portland to attend the beauty salon show.

Now At Home — Mrs. Fred Carl has returned to her home on Benson Street after spending several days in Douglas Community Hospital receiving medical treatment.

Stops Here — Tillman Crook of Beaverton visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ohman on S. Stephens St. Tuesday. He is with the Columbia Chain Saw Supply Co.

Back From Vacation — Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harding and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Chapman are back at their homes in Roseburg, following a vacation trip to Arizona and to Palm Springs, Calif., where they enjoyed a month.

Leave Thursday — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wollenberg left Thursday for their home in San Francisco, following a visit in Roseburg with the former's two sisters, Mrs. Arthur W. Baum and Mrs. Edgar Lewis.

Visits Mother — Miss Darlene Wilson, who is in nurses training in San Francisco, visited over the weekend with her mother, Mrs. John Darnell. She left Monday for Portland to visit other relatives.

Attend To Lodge Business — Vice president of district No. 3, Oscar Burke; state director Charles Skill of Portland and deputy grand regent, Mrs. Waldon Routledge, Roseburg, went to Powers recently to attend to business for the Moose Lodge.

Called To Crescent City — Mrs. A. B. Collier of Roseburg left Thursday by plane for Crescent City, Calif., where she was called by the illness of her son, Robert Collier, of Brookline, Ore. It is expected that Robert will be transferred from the hospital in Crescent City to Eureka for surgery within the next few days.

Mrs. McDermott Home — Mrs. C. M. McDermott is back at her home on South Kane Street in Roseburg, following a trip to Eureka, Calif., to be with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scott, a few days. The Scotts became parents of a son, Stephen Russell, weighing nine pounds eight ounces, March 18 at the hospital in Eureka. Mrs. Scott was the former Dorothy Casey of this city.

Visits Brother — Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lewis drove to Eugene over the weekend to visit the former's brother, William Lewis.

Visits Husband — Mrs. Ervin J. Darling spent last weekend in Oakland, Calif., visiting her husband, who is stationed at Parks Air Force Base.

Enjoy Weekend — Mr. and Mrs. Keith Christopherson of Roseburg spent the weekend at Tenmile visiting the former's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coats.

Move — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Loomis have moved from their former home on Maple Street, and are residing temporarily with Mrs. Loomis' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James LaRue.

Back From Vacation — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poole have returned to their home in Roseburg, following a couple of months vacationing in Long Beach, Calif., and Palm Springs.

Attending To Business — C. M. McDermott, distributor for Tide Water Associated Oil Company here, has been in San Francisco the last week attending to business.

Leaving For Home — Miss Mae Walsh is leaving Saturday for her home in Vancouver, B. C., following a couple of weeks here visiting her brothers and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walsh.

Visits Relatives — Frank S. Wofford of Oakland, Calif., is spending a week in Roseburg visiting his mother, Mrs. Anna H. Wofford, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Verdun Boucock and family.

Arriving Saturday — Mr. and Mrs. Don Perry and Children, Donna Lee and Freddie, of Fresno, Calif., are arriving in Roseburg Saturday to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Perry, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Moon Jr.

At Amerson Home — Mrs. Charles Tandy of Salina, Kans., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Amerson of Umpqua while her husband, Captain Tandy, is serving temporarily in England with the U. S. Air Force as Wing Surgeon of the 310th Bomb Wing. Mrs. Amerson is Captain Tandy's mother.

Visit Here — J. Howard Cox and two sons of Chewelah, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Mouser and two children and Mrs. Virginia Howard and two children of Sisters, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. DeFoe and granddaughter, Kathy Cooley, of Cave Junction; Mrs. Edith Jarvis of Hood River, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Stickle and baby daughter of Eugene were recent visitors in Roseburg of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cox at 1139 E. Douglas St.

Visiting — Mrs. C. D. Albright of Roseburg has left for points in Washington to visit her relatives and friends.

Expected Home Today — Miss Lulu Curry, who has been in San Francisco for the last couple of months, is expected to arrive back at her home in Roseburg today.

Visit In Coquille — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ollivant of Olalla spent the weekend in Coquille visiting Mr. and Mrs. Binson Neavoll, former residents of Olalla.

From Laguna Beach — Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Smith of Laguna Beach, Calif., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Squier in Roseburg. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are former Sutherlin residents.

Back From Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Sid Moon Jr. of Roseburg have returned to their home in Hucrest, following a couple of days in Portland attending to business.

Returns To Eugene — Mrs. Grace Gordon has returned to her home in Eugene, following a visit in Roseburg with Mrs. Arthur Clarke, and at Steamboat with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gordon.

Return Home — Mr. and Mrs. William Erbe and family have returned to their home in Tenmile following a trip to Coquille to spend a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wagner and family.

From Texas — Mrs. Frank Bodin of El Paso, Tex., is staying at the Bodin summer home at Winchester for a time. Mr. Bodin has returned to El Paso after a brief visit here. They formerly resided in Roseburg.

At Coos Bay — Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Noel and children, Virginia, John and Danny, visited over the weekend at Coos Bay at the home of Noel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Murphy. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Noel and infant son. They returned to Roseburg Sunday.

Angling Success Told — Howard Bailey of Roseburg, now vacationing in Florida with Mrs. Bailey, caught two large black bass at a resort near Yanketown within 15 minutes of arrival there. According to a Florida newspaper, Bailey snagged the bass before the resort owner could get a cabin ready for the visitors. Bailey is a real estate man.

Visit Here Thursday — Mrs. Anna Mae Engblom and son, Eddie of Eugene and Miss Barbara York of Lebanon drove to Roseburg Thursday to spend the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Don Hagedorn and to take Mrs. Hagedorn back to her home in Lebanon. Mrs. York has visited here since Sunday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hagedorn.

Move — Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rhoden and family moved yesterday from 481 S. Main St. to 1935 Fairmont St. to make their home.

Will Go To Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin of Roseburg are leaving Saturday for Portland to spend the weekend attending to business.

Able To Be Out — Mrs. Velle Broadway, who has been ill of influenza at her home on East Lane Street for the last week, is able to be out again.

Back From Trip — Mr. and Mrs. William Unrath and daughters, Mary Elise and Sabra, have returned to their home on West Oak Street. They recently enjoyed a trip through Arizona.

Back From California — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hutchings have returned to their home on Blakeley Street, following a vacation trip to Long Beach and Palm Springs, Calif.

Visits Here — Mrs. George Smith and son, Dick, of San Jose, Calif., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Welker on South Jackson Street. Mrs. Smith is a niece of Mrs. Welker.

Visits Father — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips and son, Bruce, went to Eugene over the weekend to visit their father, William F. Phillips, who is a patient at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Back From Portland — Mrs. Victor J. Miceli, her mother, Mrs. Annie Russell, and Mrs. Arthur Midland returned Sunday evening from Portland. While there, Mrs. Miceli attended the Oregon State Historical Society Forum.

Will Return Next Week — Mrs. A. J. Geddes is expected to return to her home in Roseburg next week, following the last two months and a half in Southern California visiting her son, Gerald Geddes, and family, and with her daughter, the former Mary Dell Geddes, and her family.

Called To San Francisco — Mrs. W. E. Marrion of Roseburg has left for San Francisco to be with her husband, who is a patient at St. Francis Hospital, where he has been receiving medical treatment since suffering a heart attack. He is reported to be slowly improving. The Marrions are owners of the Marrion Stables, south of Roseburg.

Leaves Thursday — Pvt. James B. McMichael left Thursday for Missouri to resume his training with the U. S. Army, after spending his furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McMichael of Yoncalla. He was married March 20 at Drain to Verl Ann Rust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rust, of Drain. The bride remained at Drain to complete her schooling.

## Bruce Bissat

Once more the United States has made it known it is agreeable to new big power talks. The only question now seems to be whether the Soviet Union favors a conference in the near future.

The British think the Russians won't take part in any major conference this year. The Kremlin naturally is disturbed at the progress made toward final approval of the Paris pacts drawing West Germany into the Western defense orbit.

But the Russians have a way of suppressing their concern fast when they see political advantage in doing so. When they left the UN Security Council in 1950 in protest against failure to seat Red China, they vowed they'd never be back. Some thought they meant it. But they returned when it suited them—and without explanation.

Perhaps of more immediate interest is the way we and our allied friends view another big power rivalry.

Throughout the disillusioning series of postwar meetings with the Russians, this country has developed a hard-headed attitude. We have come to ask not for paper promises but for deeds.

Sometimes we have yielded to allied pressures to confer when we thought nothing would come of it. Often events have shown us right. But we have not closed the door on future discussions.

We never have taken the view, stuck stubbornly to his idea through the years.

"It's merely to act by a code—the code of marshmud," he said. "In any role I try to act as any man or woman would think a real man ought to act in that situation. That's all. I merely try to act naturally, and without phoniness."

Duke emphasized he didn't think this limited him to halo-wearing roles. Often he has played a rough Mr. Chips indeed.

"I have always been willing to do anything that was human in a role, even though some people thought a hero or leading man shouldn't behave in that way," he remarked.

"I guess I was the first Western star to belt somebody over the head with a chair, which might be considered ungentlemanlike. I also was the first singing cowboy. When I tried to forget that. When kids started stopping me in the street and asking me to sing, that was too much. So I hollered and they'd throw another cowboy—Gene Autry."

The big fellow estimates the pictures he's been in have earned him an industry "two million" dollars in the last quarter century, but says he's no millionaire himself. "You hear a lot about high salaries," he said, "and yet I don't know of any actor who's been made a millionaire in the last 15 years. But I do know a lot of brilliant actors who have died broke."

## In The Day's News

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region—are sold at reasonable prices by people who are intimately familiar with the products and with their historical backgrounds.

La Fonda is an authentic cross section of the colorful and charming Santa Fe country and its rich heritage of romance and adventure and old world flavor.

There is a proverb to the effect that no rose is without its thorn. Well, LaFonda has its thorn. The thorn is its parking lot. The lot is located at the hotel's rear. It is courteously staffed. Your feelings are never ruffled. Your wants are pleasantly taken care of. But you never NEVER have the faintest idea what your bill at the lot is going to be.

It all depends on the number of times you go in and out with your car. The price schedule calls for a fairly stiff charge for the first hour, and a smaller charge for the hours thereafter. Every time you go out and come back in, a new first hour starts. And you're apt to be coming in and out often, for there are many fascinating things to be seen in the country roundabout.

It isn't that the charges are exorbitant. They aren't. They average right along with the charges at storage garages in the average city. It's just that you wear your fingers out counting up on them what your parking charge is going to be, and never hit it on the nose.

But— Why may park— Why not park on the street if you're too tight to pay the charges in the hotel's parking lot—or too short on mathematical ability to properly compute what your bill is going to be?

Therein—if you should ask such a question—you would betray your lack of understanding of the backgrounds of this oldest city in America.

When Santa Fe was founded, in the declining years of the 17th century (some two or three generations before the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock) there were three kinds of transport in the upper valley of the Rio Grande:

1. By Shark's ponies. 2. By ox or mule cart. 3. By the prancing steeds of the gay Spanish caballeros.

None of these three methods required wide streets. So, when the city was laid out, the streets were made narrow—if, for no other reason, to insure that cost of cobblestone pavements would not be prohibitive.

For the first two and three quarters of the city's more than three centuries of history the idea worked wonderfully.

But there came then the automobile, which made a mess of things. On most of the old streets there is barely room for two cars

PORTLAND (AP) — The Republican Party announced Wednesday approval of three Oregon party officials to committees for the 1936 national convention.

Mrs. Marshall Cornett, Klamath Falls, was named to a subcommittee on radio, television and motion picture arrangements. Jess Gard, Portland, national committee member, will be on the committee on Ed. Ell Boehnke, Eugene, state chairman, will be on the committee on Rules.

Rules Committee Clears Way For Shipbuilding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Rules Committee Wednesday cleared the way for House action probably April 18 on a bill authorizing a \$1,300,000,000 shipbuilding program next year.

## Morse To Attend Canyon Hearing

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) will attend the Senate subcommittee hearings here April 4 on Hells Canyon Dam and Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) will join the group in Pasco the next day, it was announced Tuesday.

M. C. Mapes, special counsel for the reclamation subcommittee, said Neuberger will be unable to attend the Idaho hearings.

He said Sen. Anderson (D-N.M.), subcommittee chairman, will not attend but that Sen. Murray (D-Mont.), chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, will be with the group.

Hearings on the controversial proposal to build a high federal dam at Hells Canyon on the Snake River are scheduled for Boise next Monday morning, Lewiston that afternoon, Pasco on Tuesday and Portland Wednesday.

Sen. Dworshak (D-Idaho), Sen. Welker (R-Idaho) and Sen. Barrett (R-Wyo.) are scheduled to attend all the "grass roots" hearings.

Mapes was here making arrangements for the hearings.

## TO FILL VACANCIES

SALEM (AP) — The Senate completed legislative action Thursday on a bill to let school boards fill vacancies caused when a director is recalled. Such vacancies now are filled at the recall election.

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