

Dept. Of Veterans Affairs Soon Will Get More Money For Veterans To Buy Homes

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SALEM — The state Department of Veterans Affairs soon will get more money to loan to veterans so they can buy farms and homes.

That pleases it. But it fears the timing is so bad that people may be inclined to vote against additional veterans bonds next November.

The department now has constitutional authority to issue \$1 million dollars worth of bonds to finance the loans. Since it has already bonded up to that limit, the department is looking along under a restriction permitting it to loan out money only as fast as loans are repaid.

A veteran who applies for a loan now is told that he can't expect it before next January.

More Money Available

When Multnomah County Assessor Wylie Smith ordered all property in his county placed on true cash value, that automatically made another 37 millions available for loans. Increases in valuations in other counties will add another 19 millions, or a total of 47 millions.

This 47 millions will become available in mid-October—only three weeks before the November general election.

H. C. Safford, state director of veterans affairs, says the extra 47 millions will last only a few months, as the demand for veterans loans is skyrocketing.

So he wants the people to vote in November for the measure which would give his department an additional 64 millions of bonding capacity.

But he fears that the people might figure that the 47 millions is enough, and reject the measure for the additional 64 millions.

Doesn't Cost A Cent

He points out, though, that the loan system doesn't cost the tax-

Cool Weather Again Delays Work On Farms

PORTLAND — Another week of cool, wet weather delayed spring field work in most of Oregon last week, but in some central and southern counties work conditions were good.

Cool weather slowed development of fruit and berry crops, although grains and pastures progressed well, the weekly report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Marketing Service said Wednesday.

The report said: Except for Lake and Harney counties, Central and Southern Oregon enjoyed good weather for field work. Most fields in the Columbia Basin, the Willamette Valley, and eastern counties were too wet to work.

Cool, wet weather has greatly reduced bee activity, and cherry and pear growers were concerned about the progress of pollination.

Frequent rains made it hard to control brown rot blight on Willamette Valley peaches and cherries.

Overflow from the Pudding River will necessitate replanting of some Lake Labish onions in Marion County.

However, the winter wheat crop continued to make excellent progress. Development is reported ahead of normal.

Planting of spring grains has been delayed one or two weeks by rains in Northern and Western Oregon.

Pastures and ranges were in generally good condition in Western Oregon, but only fair in the eastern part of the state.

LOVE DAUGHTER

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — A newborn girl has caused a sensation in the Emory Harrison household.

She is the first daughter born to the family that gained nationwide publicity when their 14th son was born three years ago this month.



MIXED PAIRS — It's a scene of light and dark at Cologne, Germany, zoo. Dark camel, right, mothered light-colored baby while female at left produced dark-colored youngster.

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Farm Prices Up During April

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department reported Wednesday that farm prices increased 1.14 per cent during the month ended April 15.

This brought the farm price level about 9.84 per cent above that of a year ago.

Primarily responsible for the April increase were record high prices for fruits and vegetables and a substantial rise for cotton.

Partially offsetting were lower prices for dairy products, eggs and poultry.

The department said the farm price level was the highest since January 1953, the month the Eisenhower administration took office.

Prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in production and in family living rose nearly 1 per cent to set a new record high. These prices were 3 per cent above a year earlier.

The general level of farm prices in mid April remained at 87 per cent of parity, compared with 82 per cent a year ago. The record high was 123 per cent of parity set in October 1946.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices declared by law to be fair to farmers in relation to prices charged them.

Senate Group Approves Spokane Valley Project

WASHINGTON — The Senate Interior Committee approved a bill Tuesday to authorize construction of the Spokane Valley reclamation project.

The measure, by Sens. Jackson and Magnuson, Washington Democrats, calls for water users to pay a maximum of \$3,700,000 of the project's estimated cost of \$5,016,000. The rest of the money would come from Bonneville Power Administration revenues in return for added power which would result from surrender of water rights by the reclamation district.

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