

Cost Of Living Stays Stable Through March

WASHINGTON (AP)—The cost of living, as measured by the government, held unchanged in March.

The Labor Department announced today its consumer price index stayed at 123.7 per cent of the 1947-49 average, completing the longest period of relative price stability on record.

The index has not fluctuated by more than two points in the past nine months, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said, and now stands at a point below the all-time high of 123.9 per cent touched last July and again in November.

In March, falling food costs offset higher prices for some other items in the family budget.

At the same time, the spendable earnings of factory workers reached the highest level in history.

Their actual buying power set a record for March. It stood 7 per cent higher than it was a year ago because of rising hourly rates and longer hours worked, on the one hand, and stability, meantime, of the cost of living.

Wages Remain Stable

Some 1,350,000 workers whose wages are subject to adjustment in line with consumer price

changes will receive no increases since March living costs remained stable. About 900,000 of these are railroad workers. The rest are in electrical and aircraft industries.

Food prices dropped four-tenths of one per cent last month, a movement contrary to the usual seasonal trend.

Meat, poultry and fish prices dipped 1.2 per cent and eggs went down 3.1 per cent.

The general trend of other costs was upward.

One surprising bulge was in transportation costs. An advance of 1.6 per cent in used car prices and of 1 per cent for gasoline contributed to this rise.

Ordinarily dealers are discounting new car prices at this season and used car prices are falling as the number of trade-ins in dealers' hands increases.

But this year new car prices were unchanged from February to March and the demand for used machines was forcing up prices of used autos.

Price Rises Forecast

H. E. Riley, chief of the price division of the BLS, said prices probably will be rising moderately in the next few months because of the seasonal movement of food.

The increase may be less than in recent years, however, because of the seemingly adequate supplies and favorable crop conditions, Riley said.

Housing costs rose two-tenths of 1 per cent in March because of higher repair and maintenance charges and a one-tenth of 1 per cent increase in rentals.

The householder also found himself paying higher water and telephone rates and bigger laundry and drycleaning bills. Utility costs were unchanged but fuel prices rose two-tenths of 1 per cent.

Clothing prices went up three-tenths of 1 per cent, due mostly to increased costs of shoes and women's and girl's clothing. The medical care index continued gradually up.

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital

Admitted

Medical: Thomas Dole, Mrs. Earl Wilson, Daniel Willard, Roseburg; Mrs. Bonifacio Yraguen, Winchester; Mark Peoples, Idlewild Park.

Surgery: Mrs. Frank Desoria, Sutherlin.

Discharged

Mrs. Marvin Palmer, Guy Mason, Charles Saxton, Henry Hall, Roseburg; Mrs. Sam Wagner, Glendale; Mrs. Clarence Stehling, Myrtle Creek; Thomas Seever, Sutherlin; M. M. Rucka, Winchester; Mrs. Stanley Sheelling, Winston.

Douglas Community

Admitted

Medical: Mrs. Emmitt Shipp, Mrs. W. O. Gildersleeve, Mrs. Thomas Bentley, Mrs. Robert Fielding, Roseburg.

Surgery: Alfred Boyd, Mrs. Glen Malone, Roseburg; Mrs. Henry Aherns, Myrtle Point; Mrs. Paul Baumgartner, Sutherlin.

Discharged

Truman Snodgrass, B. Ruth Everts, Arthur Long, Marian West, Fred Winters, Oscar Durrell, Shirley Olson, Carmen Olson, Roseburg; Clifford Moore, Port Orford.



BUD POWELL will be visiting evangelist of a series of meetings, which began Sunday and will continue to Sunday, April 26, at 7 each evening at Union Gap Bible Church, about one mile north of Sutherlin. The singing evangelist also will be speaker in the morning worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Powell is a former Oakland High School student, is a graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., and has held evangelistic meetings in various areas on the West Coast and in the South.

Roseburg Church Plans Confirmation Thursday

In commemoration of St. George's Day, April 23, a service of Confirmation will be held at St. George's Episcopal Church, Roseburg, Thursday at 8 p.m.

The class confirmed will be presented by the Rev. Alfred S. Tyson, rector of the parish, making the 20th such class he has prepared and presented for Confirmation during the 10 years of his ministry in Roseburg.

Bishop confirming the candidates will be the Rt. Rev. Richard A. Kirchroffer, D.D., recently retired as bishop of Indianapolis.

A reception for the bishop and confirmands will be in the parish house following the service, with members of last fall's class in charge, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ross Myers. The service is open to anyone interested in witnessing the Confirmation or hearing Bishop Kirchroffer.

Rose School Students Slate Centennial Shows

Twin programs in observance of the Oregon Centennial will be staged April 30 and May 1 by students at Rose School.

The primary grades will present their program the afternoon of April 30, with students in upper grades slated to perform the following day. Both programs will be at the municipal swimming pool, located next to the school. Old-time costumes, "covered wagons" and other features will lend the Centennial flavor to the shows. Bleachers will be set up for use by spectators.

Students, B. W. Maddox, a native of the Roseburg area, told Rose students of transportation, recreation and other aspects of the community in days gone by during a recent assembly.

Glendale High Slates Banquet, Senior Prom

Glendale senior prom is set for Friday evening, with the junior-senior banquet preceding it Thursday.

Plans of the class include decorating the high school gym in blue and white and dancing to music furnished by Dick Anderson's band.

Co-chairmen for the annual events are Gail Bowen and Don Troxel. Sharon Miller is chairman of the food committee, reports correspondent Mrs. Gerald Fox.

Business Tax Voted

SALEM (AP)—The Senate Tuesday completed legislative action on a measure which would require taxes on unrelated income of businesses owned by religious organizations.

The only vote against the bill was by Sen. Lloyd Key (D-Milwaukee-Freewater).

U. S. Resources In Neglect, Humphrey Says

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Forest, range land and water development are neglected in the United States and the nation is living in the past because of it, Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) said here last night.

Humphrey, scheduled to speak again today here on his current West Coast tour, said natural resources development has been left coasting for seven years under the Republicans.

The price of such a policy paid by other nations in history, he said, "is written in the seared, over-grazed and deforested Middle East."

This nation is not the Middle East, but a nation that forgets its natural resources are living on borrowed time, said Humphrey, in the heart of Oregon's rich lumber country.

Forests, he warned, do not spring up overnight and 28 million acres of currently bare land needs reforestation. He said forest output must be upped by 50 per cent in the next 50 years to meet the future.

Water Program Urged

Nearly 500 million acres of watershed must be planted and the growing population makes water development urgent. It is tragic, he said, to allow this work to go undone while millions remain idle.

Humphrey, often cited as a nominee, said the kind of a struggle this nation should seek with the Russians is a struggle to see who can first desalt sea water. Cheap fresh water, he said, would bring prosperity to domestic areas long plagued by lack of water.

The senator spoke tonight in Portland, then flies Thursday morning to San Francisco.

At a news conference in Eugene, Sen. Humphrey repeatedly denied he was a candidate for his party's presidential nomination in 1960 and did not say if he would allow his name entered in the Oregon primary.

But Humphrey ventured to say that in Republican ranks, Vice President Richard Nixon was running ahead of everyone.

As for the Democrats, he added, "I wish that everything looked as promising."

Ralph Kent Kausche

Graveside services for Ralph Kent Kausche, 54, Torrance, Calif., who died Sunday at Torrance, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kellough cemetery with the Rev. Richard Wayne of the Oakland Community Presbyterian Church officiating.

Kausche was born in Oakland March 15, 1905. He moved from that community in 1926 and went to Portland. He left Portland in 1926 and moved to the Los Angeles area.

He was a laundry worker. Surviving relatives include one brother, Frank of Oakland; three sisters, Mrs. Claude Green of Oakland, Mrs. Ole Green of Roseburg and Bertha Mullen, nieces and nephews.

Stearns and Little Mortuary of Oakland is in charge of arrangements.

Elmer Mecum

Elmer Mecum, 56, of Camas Valley died on Monday at the Veterans' Administration hospital in Roseburg, after a lengthy illness. He had been in the hospital for three weeks.

Born Oct. 21, 1902 at Camas Valley, he was a veteran of World War II. He has been employed most of his life as a logger.

Survivors include two sisters, Nora Palm of Camas Valley and May Robinson of North Bend. Graveside funeral services will be held at the Noah Cemetery, Camas Valley, on Friday at 11 a.m. The service will be held at the church. Arrangements are in care of Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek.

Glendale People X-Rayed

A total of 338 persons were X-rayed by the state Tuberculosis and Health Assn. mobile unit in Glendale Tuesday, News-Review correspondent Mrs. G. B. Fox reports.

Mrs. Fox said TB officials were pleased with the turnout, wishing only that more older adults had come out. Twelve FL Club members helped the unit's operation at Glendale by providing clerical assistance.

New Building On Skyline



CANYONVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE was dedicated last week in an official ceremony sponsored by South Umpqua Lodge 72, AF and AM. Grand officers of Masons were present to lead the activities.

Masonic Temple In Canyonville Dedicated By Masons Officers

By VIRGINIA PROCTOR

Walter Lansing, most worshipful grand master of Masons in Oregon, accompanied by a large group of grand officers, officially dedicated the Masonic Temple in Canyonville recently.

The building, designed by T. Guy McGee, a past master of the lodge, who also supervised the construction, was begun in 1948 after the old temple burned in 1947. McGee, who was unable to be present at the ceremonies, was honored by an engraved stone plaque to be cemented near the building's cornerstone.

Officiating in the ceremony, besides Lansing, were Julius M. Swanson, senior grand warden; Howard C. Belton, junior grand warden; Enoch Carlson, grand marshal; David Pearson, deputy grand master; H. D. Proudfoot, grand secretary; Earl T. Newbury, grand state orator and district deputy; Dot Dotson, Durwood Owens, and Howard Edson of Glendale, of district 37, who called the meeting to order.

Amos Buker of Woodland, Wash., was an honored guest, being the oldest living past master of the lodge in attendance. He was master in 1924.

The Rev. J. Elbert Nash, formerly of the Tri-City Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation, after which Jim Whipple of Drain sang "The Lord's Prayer." South Douglas Assembly of Rainbow Girls gave an addendum, after which Oregon chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star formally presented furniture it purchased for the temple, with an acceptance speech by George Blomgren, worshipful master of South Umpqua Lodge 72.

During the concert two music scholarship awards were presented. Junior Kay Pilger, a saxophone player, received the Graves Music Award, a full scholarship to the University of Oregon summer session and base player Jim Koefe was awarded the Ricketts award.

Canyonville PTA open house, first set for Thursday, has been postponed until Thursday, May 30.

Schedule of the evening's activities includes election of officers and short business meeting from 8 to 8:30 in the gym; visitation of all rooms from 8:30 to 9:30, and then back to the gym for refreshments.

A primary school Mothers Day program is slated for May 8 and the pre-school visitation day for mothers and next fall's first graders is planned for May 14, reports correspondent Virginia Proctor.

A film presentation of the On-Ton-Oregon Cavalcade's departure from Independence will be shown at 8 p.m. tonight over KPIC-TV Roseburg.

The film was taken by KPIC manager Aaron Boe who was a member of the press delegation making the trip from Oregon to Independence, Mo.

In addition to the film, several Roseburg residents instrumental in developing the Cavalcade idea and bringing it to reality will be interviewed, Boe said.

Oregon State College Slates Music Festival

Four Roseburg students will take part in the Oregon State College Centennial music festival, "The Face of Oregon," Thursday.

They are Sharon L. Ueland, Tobias I. Notbenhorn, Diane Myers and Virginia L. Pocock.

The festival will start at 8 p.m. in the college coliseum.

DEMO SUCCESS SEEN PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) said Tuesday night that "in 1960, the people will vote out the apostles of indifference, delay and retrenchment and vote in a Democratic president."



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Reorganization Power Approved For Hatfield

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield has the authority he wants to reorganize state administrative agencies.

The Senate, with only two dissenting votes, completed legislative action Tuesday on the bill that would permit the governor to give the 1961 Legislature a comprehensive plan to consolidate and eliminate many of the state's boards and commissions.

The Legislature would have to accept or reject his entire plan. It could not amend it.

The House held a two-hour night session on the Legislature's 100th day.

The Senate-passed state military code was defeated 32-26 in the House. All Republicans plus seven Democrats voted against the bill.

Opponents argued that the bill was loosely drawn and unconstitutional, although they admitted the need for a new code. The present code was adopted in 1921.

By a 51-8 vote, the House sent to the Senate a bill to forbid real estate brokers and salesmen from refusing to show a home for rent or sale to anybody because of his race or religion.

Action Taken On Two Bills

The House completed legislative action on bills to require resignations by the governor to be submitted, and to compel all state and county officials to resign.

The House also sent to the Senate a bill to require local districts, including school districts, to hold annual elections on the third Friday in May. It would save money because every other year the elections would coincide with the statewide primary.

Another bill sent by the House to the Senate would let the Public Utilities Commissioner investigate the management of motor transportation companies. He now has this authority in the case of utilities and railroads.

The House also sent to the Senate a bill to have the state Board of Health license and examine persons who fit hearing aids.

A memorial asking Congress to preserve the water rights of states and to pay compensation when the government acquires such rights was passed by the House. It previously had been approved by the Senate.

The position of state recreation director, within the state Parks Department, would be created by a bill passed by the House and sent to the governor.

Judge Hickman said the stay will remain in effect for six months, or until the appeal is settled, whichever is sooner. If the appeal is not ruled upon within six months the railroad can ask for another stay order.

The government sought the injunction on the grounds circuitous shipments violated federal regulations on intentional delay of shipments. The railroad contended the routings were used to meet competition of other railroads with longer routes from the West Coast.

School Boards Assn. Slates Spring Meeting

The annual spring meeting of the Douglas County School Boards Assn. will begin with a dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday in Pioneer School in Reedsport, county Supt. of Schools Kenneth Barneburg noted today.

Dr. Raymond Lowe, director of teacher placement at the University of Oregon, will be guest speaker. Directors from all school districts in the county are invited to attend the session as members of the association, said Barneburg.

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