

Drop in Farm, Forestry Prices Is Reported by U. N. Agency

WASHINGTON — A drop in the wholesale prices of farm, forestry, and fisheries products in relation to the general wholesale price level around the world during 1948-49, was reported here by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the July issue of its Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

This decline, FAO reports, was particularly noticeable in the last months of 1948 and the early months of 1949 in such countries as Hungary, Finland and France, where inflation held full sway in the early postwar years.

There were a few exceptions to the general decline, particularly in countries where prices had previously been held down by government controls or where the production of meat and livestock products was of great importance. In Australia, for example, higher meat prices kept agricultural prices at a high level too.

The report points out, however, that despite the general decline — wholesale prices of all products in late 1948 or in 1949 averaged about the same as in prewar days.

Among noteworthy economic changes in 1949, the FAO Bulletin reports, is a slackening of industrial expansion in a number of industrialized countries.

Although Germany, Japan, and, to a lesser extent, Norway and France continued to show a rapid

expansion of industrial output, the production of Canada, Denmark, and Sweden in the first months of this year was little if any higher than the average of 1948.

In Italy, Chile, and the United States, the output was definitely lower. And the sharpest decline took place in the United States, where industrial production in May was about 9 per cent below the 1948 average.

Unemployment, thought low, increased in comparison with the previous year, not only in the United States but in a number of European countries as well.

The decline in United States activity and income has not as yet been paralleled in foreign trade. The average monthly value of imports increased steadily from 1945 through 1948; then leveled off in mid-1948. Values for the first four months of 1949 were just barely below those of the first four months of 1948.

The value of U.S. exports, which had risen sharply from 1945 to 1947, took a dip in 1948. So far, in 1949, it has been maintained at last year's level.

Despite the economic decline in the United States, however, activity in the rest of the world as a whole may continue to expand in 1949, FAO declares.

Five Companies To Purchase B. C. Electric Energy

To help relieve the region's tight power supply, five Oregon and Washington electric companies have completed arrangements to purchase 30,000 kilowatts of power from the British Columbia Electric Company, it was announced recently.

Companies joining in the purchase arrangement are Pacific Power & Light, Portland General Electric, Washington Water Power, Puget Sound Power and Light, and Mountain States Power.

Availability of the power results from the recent completion of additional generating capacity at B. C. Electric's big hydro development on Bridge river.

Separate agreements cover the use of certain transmission facilities of Bonneville Power Administration and Seattle City Light to assist in moving the power to points of use.

The purchase contract runs to September 30, 1951.

4-H JUDGING TEAM ANNOUNCED

Lane county livestock judging team to represent Lane county 4-H clubs at the 1949 Oregon State Fair has been announced by Jack Gorton, 4-H extension agent.

The three member team will consist of Eldon Powell, 14, Che-ahire; Judy Templeton, 11, Che-ahire; and Mervin Keeler, 13, of Junction City.

All are members of the Sturdy Stock club of Junction City, led by Averill Hanson.

According to Gorton, the team will compete with other Oregon county 4-H teams on the opening day of State Fair, Monday Sept. 5. The teams will judge two classes each of hogs, sheep, dairy and beef and will write reasons on one of the classes.

Tarheel State North Carolina's motto is "To Be Rather than To Seem." The state flower is the dogwood.

BARKLEY IS MET BY HIS 'DATE'



AFTER FLYING TO St. Louis, Mo., in his personal plane, Vice President Alben W. Barkley is shown with attractive Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley, widow of a railroad attorney and a prominent Republican, who met him at the airport. The couple later went to the ball game. Asked about reports of a romance, Barkley said "Rumors are always flying. I find Mrs. Hadley a very charming woman." (International Soundphoto)

Pioneer Sheepmen To Be Honored at State Fair Event

Honoring Oregon's pioneer purebred sheep breeders, a bronze plaque containing the names of 24 early-day breeders will be dedicated by Governor Douglas McKay in the sheep barn at the Oregon state fairgrounds, Salem, Tuesday, September 6 at 11 a.m. This announcement is made by C. M. Hubbard, Monroe, president of the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders association.

S. A. Jackson, Benton county extension agent and association secretary, says the 24 by 36 inch plaque will be set in a three-sided concrete enclosure which will also house a drinking fountain.

Other speakers scheduled to take part in the dedication ceremony include Dr. A. L. Strand, Oregon State college president, and C. P. Kizer, Harrisburg, now close to 80 and prominent for many years in the state's purebred sheep industry. Kizer's name is among those included on the plaque.

It is believed the action of the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders association is the first of its kind in the state to honor pioneer breeders. Descendants of persons named on the plaque are asked to attend, Hubbard adds. Twelve of the persons named are living.

Members of the memorial committee are: Eldon Riddell, Independence, chairman; Claude Steusloff, Salem; and Eugene R. Hubbard, Corvallis.

First sheep brought into the state were Merinos which came from Spain by way of California, records show. Among organizations to be honored is the Cunningham Sheep Company of eastern Oregon which has been in existence since 1871.

Named on the plaque in addition to Kizer and the Cunningham Sheep company are: William Riddell and sons, Frank Brown Thomas Brunk, C. E. Cleveland, Clow Brothers, W. B. Ayers, W. B. Emery, A. I. Eoff, C. L. Hawley, J. G. S. Hubbard, Dave Kirby, Baldwin Sheep Company, James Withycombe, Ladd and Reed, John Minto, John Redmond, Fred Koeer, Schmidt brothers, Richard Scott, J. R. Smith, John B. Stump and Dave Waddell.

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