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Logs to Japan; Bane or Benefit?

The average person has a right to be a little confused by the current hassle over shipment of logs to Japan.

On the one hand, it would seem that any sales we can make overseas would be helpful. This is the position taken in a recent article for the Outlook by Charles F. A. Mann, feature writer from Tacoma who specializes in lumber matters.

But on the other hand, sale of logs to Japan reportedly has hurt the movement of finished lumber and also eventually might place logs in short supply domestically.

Last week, the State Department issued a communique which said it was in the interest of the Pacific Northwest and the entire nation to increase, rather than to restrict, exports of logs to Japan.

This would appear to be in contradiction to the position taken by our two senators. Maurine Neuberger recently referred to these exports as a "dark cloud" and Wayne Morse has expressed similar reservations.

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It is difficult to see where anything that keeps our ports humming, our loggers busy can be a "dark cloud." Admittedly, the emergence of the Japanese as bidders for logs complicates the supply problem for sawmills in the tidewater areas.

However, the "Oregon Statesman" in Salem recently made an interesting parallel, noting:

"The Bumble Bee cannery at Astoria imports thousands of tuna from Japan for processing here. . . Japan doesn't say, you must import our canned tuna."

This is precisely what would happen if our government would impose an export quota and tell the Japanese we would sell them finished lumber, but not logs.

The Statesman concludes:

"Oregon lumbermen who pride themselves as being free enterprisers, who have been toughened by domestic competition and battles with 'substitutes' will find a way to survive."

Meet Willy Brandt

Few Americans have much more than a nodding acquaintance with the name Willy Brandt. But we may hear a lot more about the Socialist mayor of Berlin in the next few weeks.

The German elections are due Sept. 17 and Brandt's Socialist party hopes to dethrone the ruling Christian Democrats, headed by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The election campaign is in full swing and all the polls indicate a repeat victory for Adenauer. But in the past week, Brandt has seized upon the Berlin blockade as a campaign issue and his "get tough" policy apparently is winning votes.

Herein lies the danger. If Brandt were to be swept into office with a popular mandate for use of force to break the blockade, the repercussions are obvious.

For in truth, the explosive Berlin situation has now reached the point where the Germans could, in effect, call the turn. Overt action by either West German or East German governments could set off the whole works regardless of what the U.S. or Russia might desire.

Adenauer, espousing a more conservative approach, obviously has the backing of Western governments. But should the German people vote Brandt into power, everything could change overnight.

Support Sought for Canal Project

One of the year's more intriguing suggestions is the proposed ship canal between Puget Sound and the Columbia river.

Southwest Washington county commissioners are meeting this week at Spirit Lake and Earl Coe, director of the Washington State Department of Conservation and Development will speak. He will outline support which already has been engendered for the project in Southwest Washington.

The 1961 Washington legislature did, in fact, name a committee to study the canal project.

A glance at the map indicates that,

thanks to the Cowlitz river, the proposed canal isn't as visionary as it might sound. From the southern tip of Puget Sound to the Cowlitz, near Vader, is about 45 miles.

Impact of such a canal is obvious. It not only would bring the major Columbia river and Puget Sound ports much closer together but also would enhance the importance of both as inland waterways.

The cost of the project would be tremendous; federal help certainly would be needed. But the fact that discussions actually are under way is a positive step.

We'll watch with interest.

Changes in Your Social Security-- Aged Widows to Receive Bigger Sums Under Social Security Amendments

(This is third in a series of four articles by Robert R. Peckham, field representative of the Portland Social Security District office, explaining changes and benefits provided by the new laws. The articles have appeared weekly in the Post.)

About a million and a half older people—the widows, dependent widowers, and dependent parents of workers who have died—are due to receive increased payments under the new amendments to the social security law.

The benefits payable to widows age 62 or over will be raised about 10 per cent. The increase will be added automatically to the checks widows will receive early in September.

Congress called this increase "one of the most needed changes in the social security program." Aged widows not only get lower benefits than do retired workers, but they also have less income from other sources than retired workers have.

The average benefit being paid to an aged widow early this year was \$37.80 a month. The yearly income for half the women receiving widow's benefits, not counting their social security benefits, was less than \$270 a year.

Aged dependent widowers and some aged parents of deceased workers are also due automatic 10 per cent increases with the social security checks payable to them in early September. However, an increase in a parent's benefit check will be made in those cases where only one parent is receiving benefits based on the deceased son's or daughter's work under social security. Where more than one dependent parent receives a

parents benefit, there will be no increase.

A number of widows age 62 or older are now getting retirement benefits based on their own work under social security. Because of the change in the law increasing widow's benefits, it is possible that some of these widows now getting monthly retirement benefits of less than \$100 based on their own work will be able to qualify for higher amounts by applying for the widows benefits payable on their husbands' accounts.

A widow now collecting her own retirement benefit can find out whether this change in the law applies to her by asking at her nearest social security office.

4-H News--

Ridge Club Takes Plaque

The Sandy Ridge Livestock club took first place at the Clackamas county fair as a livestock team, and were presented with the coveted rotating plaque.

The beef, sheep, and swine judging team, entered by Bob Opperman, Helen Decker, and Evelyn Irby, will represent Clackamas County at the State Fair, as they took first place in that class. Bob and Helen will go to state, and Evelyn is alternate.

The dairy judging team from the same club took fourth place in the county, with one of its entries finishing first as an individual. Sally Amstead will represent the county at the state fair as an individual for her dairy entry. Linda Wade and Bob Irby were team members of hers.

There are 16 members in the Sandy Ridge club, and leader, Mrs. Miles Drum, expressed pride in her group's achievements.

Tumble From Bike Injures Youth

Ronald Lesperance, 10-year-old Orient fifth grader, is recovering at home from injuries received when he tumbled from his bike last Thursday on Boring road.

The boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lesperance of Rt. 2, Box 327, Gresham, was hurt when a dog ran out and lunged at him. He was rushed to a doctor's office by his mother, suffering from bumps and bruises and a gash on his forehead.

Mrs. Lesperance also asked the Outlook to express her thanks to an unidentified woman who stayed with the injured boy while a companion went for help.

Estacada Receives Storm Sewer Bids

A low bid of \$15,475 for Estacada's downtown storm sewer has been submitted by System Construction company, 8130 SE Tolman street, Portland.

Carl E. Green & Associates, Portland engineering firm, reported that System will receive the contract. Bids ranged up to \$21,204. Only local bidders in the list of 10 were C. W. Hatfield, Oregon City, and James G. Robertson, Clackamas.

APRIL WEDDING PLANNED BY COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. White of Estacada announce the engagement of their daughter, Esther Marie (Nikki) to Merle Campbell, Jr.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Gresham high school and is enrolled in beauty school in Portland. Campbell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Campbell, Sr., of Boring.

An April wedding is planned.

SANDY LEAGUE FORMS
Bowling enthusiasts—here's your chance to join the Sandy Mixed league, to begin competition at the new Eastmont Lanes Sept. 25.

Several teams are being organized. Interested persons may register with Ken Hovda at the Sandy Shell station.

TRY A CLASSIFIED AD

At Pleasant Home-- Family Reunion Brings Crowd

By FAYE DEMPSEY
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PLEASANT HOME—Gathering at the parental home Aug. 13 for a family reunion, the first in eight years, were the 7 children and 16 grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Whitford.

Coming from New Castle, Neb., were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pameg and children, the Pete Hatzenbeuels of Yakima, the Robert Whitfords of Tigard, the Don Whitfords, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cummings, the Arnold Pomeroy and the Carol Pomeroy and the Doug Hammans all of Portland.

Mrs. Leslie Johnson and Linda are visiting relatives in Rogers, Ark.

The Hamer Cranes of Alameda, Kans., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Davies. The Cranes formerly lived near Dodge Park.

The Rex Vowells of Medford were guests last week at the Russell Webber home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peter and Miss Marilyn Peterson of Dayton, Wn., and Miss Sharon Grooms of Watsburg are visiting at the Carlos Boon home.

At Aims-Bull Run-- Pioneers Hike To Picnic Area

By MRS. J. A. HAGGSTROM
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AIMS-BULL RUN—The Aims group of the Pioneers for Christ had a picnic and hike Saturday. Eight PFC members hiked seven miles from Multnomah Falls to Lookout where they had a picnic.

August is the "Hello-Fare-Well" month at Aims. The Otis Sikes have sold their farms and are undecided where they'll move.

Edward Steele will leave for Oklahoma the last week of August. Edward, who is a 1961 graduate of Sandy high school will continue his education at Oklahoma Baptist college.

The "ape" who escaped his keeper in Portland made Nettie Conett unhappy. She had it in Sandy, and "no one took a picture." Just shows how much "good" a publicity agent can be," she said.

Berries and beans are still drawing local picking talent.

Wheat Marketing Quota To Be Voted on Today

Local wheat growers are eligible to vote in the national wheat marketing quota referendum, today, if they have raised more than 13½ acres of wheat in any one of the three years 1959, 1960, or 1961.

Producers who signed applications under the feed wheat provisions, permitting them to grow wheat for feed-use only on their farms for 1961, will not be eligible to vote.

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Notes by the Wayside

By J. J. INSKEEP

Clackamas County Extension Agent

Beef feeding has a place in Clackamas county. It is a business that requires unusual "trading" ability, business sense, careful market timing, attention to details, plus a thorough knowledge of animals, animal husbandry and feeds.

Demonstrations are pointing the way for those who want to feed cattle. The rest is up to the individual.

Production Testing Improved
Joining the Oregon Beef Cattle Improvement Association and Production Registry International, two Clackamas county purebred beef breeders are compiling by using record systems of those organizations, accurate and valuable herd records.

Weights are taken regularly while on feed and animals from the same herd compared for rate of gain, type, and feed efficiency. Records will help locate and identify cow families that are superior in type and "doing ability" and will test the genetic potency of herd bulls.

Records are primarily for the benefit of herd owners and are not intended to compare production of one herd against another. . . different feeding or management systems make such a comparison inaccurate and misleading.

A practical application of production testing methods in a commercial beef herd can be observed on the Shibley ranch at Springfield.

Considering the present status of Clackamas county, and neighboring counties, regarding tuberculosis and brucellosis, the animal health committee made this recommendation to the county fair board and to cattle clubs.

1. Recognize that Clackamas county is a TB accredited area and that for all purposes this disease has been eradicated. For county show purposes, do not require testing for TB. Exhibitors are still required to test before showing at the State fair.

2. Recognize that Clackamas county is a modified certified free brucellosis area, a ranking that changes testing rules considerably. Accept the Milk Ring test as a valid test for cattle being shown in the county. Require a current test for herds not under the milk ring test.

Rule changes are not to be construed to mean that testing is no longer important and that we can relax our vigilance against these diseases. Under present laws, dairy herds and beef herds are tested every three years; herds of more than five cows are tested regularly by the milk ring test; herds of less than five cows are tested annually by a veterinarian; TB tests are made every three years.

Designed to promote production testing and to create interest in better quality rams, ram certification is a feature of the annual spring lamb and wool show, sponsored by the Clackamas County Stockmen's Association.

To be certified, a mutton breed ram must weigh not less than 120 pounds at 120 days of age. Wool type rams must weigh at least 90 pounds at the same age.

Heavy weaning weights attest primarily to milking ability of the ewes. Inherent factors contributing to growth are also im-

portant. But in this region of milk fat spring lamb production, most selection factors relate to fertility of ewes with resultant early lambing, mothering instinct, and sufficient milk to produce two pounds of lamb per day. In flocks where ewes of this type are found, top producers will wean a pair of twins weighing approximately 100 pounds each in about four months.

Lamb Marketing Pool Proposed
There are more than 800 sheep owners in this county. Most flocks are small; marketing is always a problem.

The fallacy in this system is this: Country buying prevents an accurate test of the market. Price quotations from the terminal market are based on the quantity and quality being received and sold. Lower prices are quoted as more and more top lambs are sorted and sold in the country instead of going through the yards.

Whether or not a lamb pool will work successfully in this county depends on the interest of producers and their willingness to support a marketing organization of that type. The mechanics of operating a pool are: 1. Country sorting of top lambs. 2. Consolidating loads at a central "pooling" or weighing station. 3. Receiving bids from packer buyers for the lot of lambs. 4. Paying the producer for the pounds of lamb consigned to the pool.

Further investigation of the desirability of a lamb pool is being conducted through the Clackamas County Stockmen's Association.

Eldon Evans, Oregon City; Don Bischof, Sherwood; Alton Marshall, Clarks; all bought purebred rams at the Albany Ram sale in August. These are high quality rams, having ample bone, ruggedness, and square-built mutton type. The new owners will be testing offspring of these sires for the mutton making qualities needed in farm sheep.

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