Farm and Garden

Feedstuff Firms; Egg Markets Off; More Cattle Now

(Editor's Note: These weekly review of farm market, crop and outlook information are prepared by the OSC extension agricultural economist from market reports received over a USDA leased wire and from other official data. They are not intended to replace daily market news.)

Grain and feedstuffs markets held generally steady to firmer at around ceiling prices during the week ending September 7, as the outcome of the corn crop became of more concern. Pacific Northwest terminal wheat markets were firmer although still congested. Up-country paying prices were firmer than terminal market bids. Quotations for alfalfa hay at Portland ranged from the ceiling downward as much as $3.

Reduced military requirements were reflected in the dairy and poultry markets. Removal of restrictions on frozen dairy desserts resulted in a large increase in demand for cream and butterfat. The butter markets continued to quote ceiling prices, generally. Supplies are becoming more adequate, although still short of the increasing demand, especially on the west coast.

East of the Rockies the principal egg markets became weaker with prices below ceilings. Pacific coast markets quoted ceiling prices on top grade eggs, with lower grades weaker. Indications were that the market supply of poultry is becoming more adequate. The broiler crop is large and marketing of turkeys is expected to start the earliest in 10 years.

The principal midwest cattle markets reported heavier receipts from western ranges the last week of August and first week in September, especially from the southwest. Good slaughter cattle were generally firm with some seasonal weakness on olwer grades. Marketings of hogs continued extremely small with prices firm at ceilings. Lamb markets were still becoming adjusted following changes in subsidies and point values.

The mid-August farm price report of the USDA showed the general level of farm prices at 118 per cent of parity. At 204 per cent of 1910-1914, the prices received index was about 1 per cent below the June-July peak but about 5 per cent higher than a year before. The farm prices paid index is only about 2 per cent higher than in August, 1944, although farm wage rates that are around 10 per cent higher are not included in that index.

Major Goals For Reconversion Set

Efficient farm operation through better management, completing postponed farm improvements, and replacing worn-out machinery and unprofitable livestock are major reconversion goals of the Washington county farm security program announces V. S. Madsen, county FSA supervisor, Commercial building, Hillsboro.

"Postwar adjustments as farm prices reach a more normal level, returning veterans and war workers are absorbed on farms, and competition for farm markets increases will make efficient production particularly important on family-type farms, in the opinion of the county FSA committee," said Madsen. "To meet these changes, farm improvements and replacements to put the farm on the best operating basis possible are considered essential.

FSA loans to present borrowers as well as new farmers in the county will stress farm management practices for sound operation, adequate machinery, better livestock, and farm improvements, farmstead water facilities, and fencing.

Farmers unable to secure adequate credit service to start farming operations or adjust their present operations to postwar conditions may secure information at the county FSA office in Hillsboro.

End Notorious Japanese Group Ordered by Mac

General MacArthur Wednesday ordered Japan's notorious Black Dragon society abolished and seven of its leading members were named to be taken into custody by U. S. armed forces.

Hideki Tojo, first of Japan's three wartime dictators, shot himself Tuesday as Americans came to arrest and take him to headquarters for questioning along with 10 members of his cabinet who helped him instigate the Pearl Harbor attack, starting the war. American doctors said he had a better than even chance to survive. Apparently thinking he was to face trial as a war criminal Tojo hastily shot himself instead of committing the traditional harikari by sword.

General MacArthur struck Japanese militarism a death blow Monday by ordering the imperial headquarters abolished and simultaneously clamped a press and radio censorship on beaten Japan.

Control Extended

American control spread to the northernmost limits of Japan Monday as Gen. MacArthur announced a "gloved hand" policy of occupation permitting the beaten nation to work out its own democratic destiny. MacArthur issued two statements, one pledging that Japanese militarism would be stamped out, the other assuring his troops they would be sent home as quickly as peace could be secured.

The same U. S. flag that flew over Washington December 7, 1941, and later over Rome and Berlin was raised over Tokyo Friday by Gen. Douglas MacArthur when he covered the last mile of the long road back from defeat in the Phillippines. MacArthur made his triumphal entry in a three-mile parade of American mechanized military might through the heart of Tokyo as Japanese stared in silence.

Rear Admiral Robert B. Carney said Friday that the American people must be prepared to maintain the closest military pressure against Japan for years and perhaps generations to come in order to avoid future wars in the Pacific.

Investigation Approved

The house Tuesday passed the senate-approved Barkley resolution setting up a 10-man Pearl Harbor investigating committee. A hotly debated republican move to force equal party representation in the inquiry was defeated.

Vice Adm. John S. McCain, commander of famous navy task force No. 38, dies of heart attack at his home at Coronado Thursday night shortly after his return from taking part in surrender ceremonies in Tokyo bay.

Wainright Welcomed

Gen. Wainwright, hero of Bataan, given big welcome Sunday in San Francisco.

General Wainwright receives acclaim in the nation's capital.

Interest Shown In Farm Loans

Widespread interest of Washington County World War II veterans in 40-year farm purchase loans under provisions of the Bankhead-Jones act is reported by V. S. Madsen, county farm security supervisor, Commercial building, Hillsboro. Qualifications for eligibility and details in regard to the ownership loans follow:

Eligibility — All veterans of World War II with farm background and experience qualifying them to operate a farm are eligible. Preference will be given to veterans who are married and have dependents, can stock and equip a farm, or make down payment on a farm and have demonstrated their ability to efficiently operate a family-type farm.

Securing a Farm — After the county FSA committee of three local farmers indicates the application is received favorably on the basis of experience and qualifications, the veteran is given an option form and can start negotiations for the farm of his choice. The farm must be a family-type farm, preferably diversified, the price must be in line with the long-time earning capacity of the farm, and cannot exceed $12,000.

Completing the Loan—When the veteran has secured an option on a suitable farm, and earning capacity appraisal is made by FSA and the committee. If the report is favorable, steps are taken to complete the loan. If unfavorable, the veteran's application continues active until he is able to secure an option on a farm that can qualify for a loan.

Terms of the Loan—Farm ownership loans to veterans can be made for the full purchase price of suitable farms up to $12,000. They are repayable up to 40 years and bear three per cent interest on the unpaid balance. Repayments are made on a variable repayment plan based on farm income in which bigger payments are made in good years and smaller payments in poor years. Loans may be repaid in full after five years of operation.

Applications—Application may be made at the county FSA office, Commercial building, Hillsboro.

News of Men and Women in Uniform

Navyman Crosses Equator 8 Times In 4 Years' Duty

RM 1/c Leon Wiley and his wife, Mrs. Betty Wiley, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wiley, this week. Mrs. Wiley had gone from her home in Philadelphia to Vallejo, Cal., where her husband docked. RM 1/c Wiley reports back for duty to Vallejo September 20. He enlisted in August, 1940, in the regular navy and it has been nearly four years since he was home. While overseas Wiley served on a transport which took troops in the invasions. His ship has been credited with two Jap planes although they shot down four, and during ihs tour of duty Wiley has crossed the equator eight times. Wiley has been in Iceland, Newfoundland, Ireland, Scotland, Algiers, Oran, Bizerte, and took part in the North African invasion, while in the European-African theatre. In the Asiatic-Pacific theatre he was in New Guinea, New Georgia, Saipan, Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, Marshall and Admiralty islands and in the Philippine liberation.

Thefts in County Reported to Sheriff

Home of Carl Stadler, route 2, Portland, was broken into Sunday night, according to a report to the sheriff's office. Five pounds of sugar, a lunch pail and a bee smoker were taken. His tool shed was also entered and tools scattered.

Theft of a basket and leather jacket from his car Saturday night was reported by L. V. Eaton of Hillsboro.

Arthur William Korterman 65, of Portland, and Ben Chappell Runyan, 43, of Tigard, were arrested Thursday on charges of driving while drunk. Gordon Thomas Robson, 60, of Portland, was taken into custody the same day and booked on a charge of being drunk on the highway.

John Herman Bremer, 45, route 3, Sherwood, was arrested Sunday on a charge of being drunk on the public highway. He was fined $30 and costs Monday.

Jarvis Smith, 50, Beaverton was booked at the county jail Sunday by the city of Beaverton on a charge of driving while drunk.

Albert Arthur Kieper, 54, Sherwood, was taken into custody Monday in connection with the larceny of a number of bee hives.

Cases handled in the Hillsboro justice of the peace court during the week were: John O. Mosier, Hillsboro, $2.50 and costs, no stop light; William H. Hewitt, route 4, Hillsboro, $2.50 and costs, no license plates; Clarence D. Nelson, Scappoose, $10 and costs, over-length load; Harold W. Sohler, Hillsboro, $5 and costs, no license; C. H. Tillman Patton, $5 and costs, no operator's license.

Clarks Leaves for Fort Bragg Duty

T/5 Bruce R. Clark returned to Fort Lewis Saturday en route to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, after spending a 30-day furlough with relatives here.

Bruce arrived back in the states on the Queen Mary August 9, and reached the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark, on Chehalem Mountain on August 10.

In service 2½ years he spent 9 months overseas. He wears the good conduct ribbon, and ETO ribbon with two stars. Clark took part in the battle of the Bulge in Belgium, where his outfit, the 44th Cav. Recn. Sqdn., Mech., was attached to the 9th army. Following a rest period in Haarlem, Holland, they joined the drive for Berlin, saw the Buckenwald prison camp, and other such places, was nearby when the papers of surrender were signed. Later his outfit did guard duty for a time after V-E day in Czechoslovakia near the Austrian border. He was in England on his way home when President Truman landed in France.

Clark has among his souvenirs, a German paratrooper's knife, a Swastika pennant and clock from a German armored car also many trinkets which he picked up in his travels around Europe. He had a trip to Paris to see the sights, and saw Cardiff, Wales, and other cities of interest while in England waiting passage home.

European Veteran Visits at Orenco

ORENCO — Noel Hancock of Seattle was a guest last week of the George Hansen family. He came here from the McCaw General hospital at Walla Walla, where he received his medical discharge. He and George Hansen Jr. were in the service together from the time they left Fort Lewis until they were both wounded in the battle of the Belgian bulge.

The Floyd Ensley family, including their daughter, Mrs. Wesley North, and her infant son, spent last week vacationing at Rockaway.

Capt. Oakes Gets Terminal Leave

Capt. Lyle Oakes, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Oakes, has been given a terminal leave, but is subject to active call if needed. Capt. Oakes returned the first of August from 39 months duty overseas in the Pacific area with the 41st division. Originally scheduled to report to Fort Sill, Okla., after the peace declaration was announced, Capt. Oakes' orders were changed for him to report to Ft. Lewis.

McCrory on Leave

Art McCrory, S 1/c, arrived in Hillsboro Tuesday on a 26-day leave and is visiting his wife, the former Helen Bybee, and relatives and friends. He has been on active duty on the SS Kolga Victory for a year. McCrory reports to San Francisco at the end of his leave.

Hillsboro Veteran Home on Furlough

Home on furlough is S/Sgt. Homer Watt, son of Mrs. Jenney Vietz of near Hillsboro. He arrived home Tuesday after two and one-half years overseas' service.

Sgt. Watt entered the service three years ago. After nearly six months' training at a camp in Colorado he went overseas, where he served with an ordnance company, first in the Aleutians and later on an island near Northern Japan. He wears the good conduct ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with two battle stars and the American defense ribbon. He took part in the battles of Attu and one on an island near Northern Japan.

Returning to the United States he flew over the spot where the first atomic bomb was dropped low enough to get a good view of the destruction it left.

During his time overseas he saw only one other Hillsboro man, Earl Bisbee.

Discharge Received By Lawrence Wismer

Cpl. Lawrence Wismer, overseas veteran of 31 months, received his discharge at Fort Lewis Tuesday and is here for a week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wismer. He expects to enter Stanford university to begin work on a doctor's degree in speech and drama. After leaving here last month following a visit with his parents, Cpl. Wismer visited his brother, Harold, and family at Glendale, Cal. It was the first time the two brothers had met in 12 years. He was in the service for more than three and a half years.

Reports Back to Camp

Cpl. Holcomb Himes and wife left Saturday for San Francisco where Cpl. Himes reports back to camp. They had been visiting his mother, Mrs. C. H. Himes, while he was on furlough.

Patton's Army Vet Visits Relatives Here

Sgt. Miles Kent, formerly of this community, has just returned to the states on a 30-day furlough. He served overseas with Patton's army for 13 months, and was stationed in Belgium, France and Germany.

He and his wife are visiting relatives in Portland and spent the day visiting his brother, Dave Kent, and family, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Bill Kent. They are leaving Monday for Empire to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Kent, formerly of West Union. They plan to return east via the southern route.

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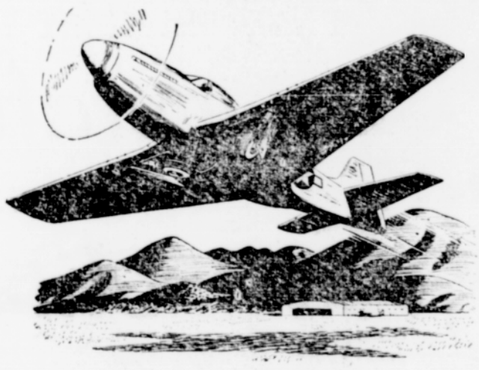

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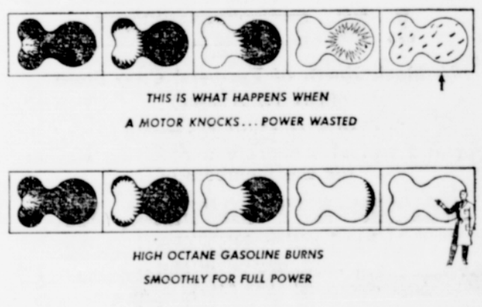

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