

Woodburn Gets Labor Office

Employment Service Meets Requests of Many Farm Groups

Opening of a branch office of the U.S. employment service in Woodburn early in April with Richard PicKell in charge, has been announced by W. H. Baillie, manager of the Salem office.

The office is the outgrowth of requests of farmers, berry growers, hop men and processors and will serve territory within a radius of 10 miles of Woodburn. The community will furnish the necessary office space and equipment, according to Mrs. Mary E. Austin, chairman of the Woodburn agricultural defense committee.

In a letter requesting the office Mrs. Austin stated that there are 1400 acres of berries in the area requiring 5600 pickers; 260 acres of beans, providing employment for 1600 harvesters, as well as 110 acres of canning vegetables, 200 acres of sweet corn and 3500 acres of hops, requiring 8000 to 10,000 pickers. Five thousand acres of flax will be grown and the Ray Maling cannery employs 900 to 1100 persons during its peak, Mrs. Austin added.

"Strictly Private" By Quinn Hall



DEAR MOM— MURIEL CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT MILITARY INFORMATION AIN'T THE ONLY THING TO BE KEPT SECRET IN A ARMY CAMP. THERE'S OTHER THINGS IT'S BETTER NOT TO TALK OUT LOUD ABOUT. YOUR SON

Stock Mart Trends Up

Trading Is Sluggish; Top Gains Small; Average up .2.

NEW YORK, March 23—(P)—The stock market developed moderate rising tendencies Monday as disturbing news, for the most part, was lacking.

The direction was slightly upward at the start but dealings were sluggish and top gains of fractions to 2 points were reduced at the close.

The Associated Press average of 80 stocks finished with a net advance of 2 of a point at 34.9. Transfers totaled 281,410 and compared with 276,870 Friday.

International Telephone stock and bonds went into new high ground for the year on reports the federal administration was considering the financing of purchases of communications companies in Latin-America either through the governments involved or private concerns such as IT & T.

Quotations at Portland

Produce Exchange PORTLAND, Ore., March 23—(AP) Butter—First quality, maximum of 5 per cent acidity, delivered in Portland, 38 1/2c lb.; premium quality (maximum of 3 1/2 per cent acidity), 40 1/2c lb.; valley routes and country points, 2c less than first, or 38c lb., second quality at Portland, 2c under first, or 37 1/2c lb.

Class—Selling prices to Portland retailers: Tillamook triplets, 28 1/2c lb.; loaf, 28 1/2c lb.; triplets to wholesalers, 29 1/2c lb.; loaf, 27 1/2c c. b. Tillamook. Eggs—Prices to producers: A large, 32c; B large, 32c; A medium, 32c; B medium, 32c. Remains to retailers, 4c higher for cases; cartons 5c higher.

Portland Grain PORTLAND, Ore., March 23—(AP) Wheat Open High Low Close May 1.10 1.05 .99 1.00

Barley No. 2, 48-lb. BW, 39.00. Corn, ungraded, 100-lb. sack, 12.50. Hard winter ordinary, 96; 10-per cent, 1.00; 11 per cent, 1.06; 12 per cent, 1.11; 13 per cent, 1.17; 14 per cent, 1.23.

Portland Livestock PORTLAND, Ore., March 23—(AP) (USDA)—Hogs: Slaughter, total 2000. Bacon and ribs, 9d-ch, 12.75 to 13.25. Cattle: Slaughter, total 1200. Steers, good 900-1100 lbs., 12.00 to 12.75.

Poison Barley Available for Grey Diggers

Grey diggers are out in large numbers again and it is time to put out poison, according to W. G. Nibler, assistant county agent.

Poison barley will again be available this year for Marion county farmers and can be obtained at the following places in the county: St. Paul state bank, St. Paul; First National bank, Woodburn; United States National bank, Mt. Angel; Coolidge & McClaine bank, Silverton; First National bank, Stayton, and county agent's office, postoffice building, Salem.

In poisoning grey diggers, most economical use of bait is to scatter a little at the mouth of the burrow and in the runways. The practice of putting the bait in piles, in boxes or dropping handfuls down the holes is not effective and wastes much more, according to Nibler.

Strychnine, the poison used in preparing this bait, is becoming harder to get and more expensive. Farmers are urged to use the bait to the best advantage to conserve supplies and get maximum results.

A few kernels of barley are enough to kill a digger but if a pile of bait is handy the squirrels will eat much more than is necessary to get a kill. Nibler also urges that farmers, in poisoning, make an effort to kill all the diggers by follow-up farmers' wholesale market Monday.

Sales were made at 75 cents for 15-pound boxes. Leaf stock sold from 70 to 75 cents dozen bunches.

Stocks and Bonds

Compiled by The Associated Press STOCK AVERAGES

Table with columns for Stock Averages and Bond Averages, showing various market indices and their values.

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Grain Selling Burst Puts Prices Low

CHICAGO, March 23—(P)—Another outburst of selling in the grain market, similar to that which weakened prices last week, caused a new sinking spell Monday and most quotations reached virtually the lowest general level of the year before there was a rally.

Soybeans were weakest, tumbling more than 5 cents at one stage of lows unequalled here since mid-January. This helped to upset values on other pits and wheat and rye fell almost 2 cents, wheat selling at the lowest price since early last December and rye since early in January.

In the absence of trade developments upon which the liquidation could be blamed, brokers attributed the reaction to a continuation of spring liquidation due to a combination of factors. These included lagging demand from consuming interests, except in the case of feeding grains, likelihood of a scarcity of storage space when 1942 harvest begin, favorable winter wheat prospects, postponement of consideration of legislation to restrict government grain sales and possibility of increased spring military activity.

The government report on spring planting intentions, to be released tomorrow, was expected to be bearish. After the stop loss selling subsided the market rallied on short covering and wheat closed 1-1/4 cents lower than Saturday, May \$1.25 1/4-1/2; July \$1.27 1/4-1/2.

Salem Market Quotations

Table of market quotations for various commodities like Asparagus, Cabbage, Carrots, Celery, Onions, etc.

Old roosters .08 No. 2 poultry .05 less. LIVERSTOCK (Buying prices for No. 1 stock, based on conditions and sales reported up to 4 p.m.)

Table of Butterfat and Eggs prices, including various grades and types.

March 31 Final Date to Apply For Payment

Marion county farmers are reminded by W. M. Tate, chairman of the county AAA committee, that only a few days remain to sign an application for payment under the 1941 agricultural conservation program. March 31 is the final date.

All farmers who have performed approved soil-building practices under the program and believe they are eligible to receive practice payments should sign an application at once if they have not already done so, the chairman said.

Tate advised farmers who have earned payments and have not yet signed an application to contact the county AAA office at once. So far, he reported, applications have been forwarded for 2500 farmers in this county, and many have already received their checks.

Home Rhubarb Sold

PORTLAND, March 23—(P)—The first home-grown field-rhubarb without leaves appeared on the

Harvest of Highland Bent Grass For Seed Suggested by Official

Farmers with highland bent grass fields on their farms might want to look into the possibility of harvesting this crop for seed suggests W. G. Nibler, assistant county agent.

In past years, highland bent grass has been considered a serious pest on cropland on certain hill soils around Silverton, Sublimity and Stayton. Many farmers have found it a good sheep pasture if kept fairly close grazed but its persistent sod and dense growth is discouraging to grain farming.

The last few years the seed of this crop has been selling from 35 to 45 cents and up per pound. The demand for seed of highland bent is increasing since it has been found one of the best bent grasses for lawns and pastures due to greater disease resistance and ability to withstand more heat and draught than the other bents. As a result of the increased demand, more and more farmers are harvesting this grass for seed.

A certification service is available through the county agent's office for all bent grass growers wishing to certify their fields. Last year certified seed sold for approximately seven to nine cents per pound. The difference in price made by certification is due to the guarantee that the seed is of a good strain of bent grass as determined by field examination and is free of noxious weed seeds.

At times growers have experienced difficulty in getting a seed set of bent. The grass may shoot plenty of seed stalks but the heads may not fill. This can be caused

4H Calf Club Formed At Grand Island

GRAND ISLAND—A 4H calf club has been organized in the district under the leadership of C. A. Rockhill, with Leonard Will assistant leader.

Officers include Donny Wiley, president; Ronald Finnicum, vice-president; Dolores Finnicum, secretary. Other members include LeRoy Palmer and Byron and Randolph Scoggan, Wheatland district.

Produce Mart Prices

PORTLAND, March 23—(P)—Dry onions had heavy demand on the farmers' wholesale market Monday with the best 50s bringing from \$2.20 to \$2.25 and some 2s up to \$1.75.

Green onions supplies increased and prices were mostly 35 cents dozen bunches with a few mid-Columbia to 40 cents. Spinach prices held well around 90 cents to \$1.00 for local and \$1.10 for mid-Columbia. Potatoes also sold well, local is again bringing \$2.25 cents.

Cabbage greens were 30 cents lug and mustard greens 40 cents dozen bunches. There was more cauliflower with sales mostly 2s and 3s around \$1.00 crate. Brussels sprouts sold well at 80 to 85 cents.

Local bunched turnips sold quickly at 35 cents dozen bunches. Carrots sold again from 50 to 70 cents lug with parsnips 40 to 45 cents and rutabagas 45 to 50. Kale had good call at 50 cents crate.

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