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Milk Situation

The Bend Bulletin, which has protested OPA prices for fluid milk in its area, asks the Statesman, which early in the year expressed doubt as to the necessity of price increases, to review the situation anew, now that the OPA order has been made permanent.

From a check made in the mid-Willamette area The Statesman would report that conditions are a bit easier than they were in February and March. Green pastures, though late this spring, are coming on, enabling the farmer to cut down his feeding of high-priced hay. Milfeeds are still high in price and proteins hard to get.

The lack of dairy hands which distressed producers through many months has been largely overcome. The recent manpower order giving draft deferment to dairy workers has brought real relief, not only in retaining men otherwise scheduled for the draft, but also in starting the flow of men from other industries to the farm. Many have come from the shipyards. Wages are high, from \$100 to \$150 a month, plus house and garden tract.

The supply of fluid milk is adequate in all urban markets and army camps, but the percentage of market milk to Grade A milk is increasing. With the coming of good pasturage the seasonal flush production will insure adequate supplies through the spring and early summer. The lower costs should result in some profit to producers, off setting losses in the lean winter months.

The price of dairy cows remain very high, \$150 and up. A recent auction report in the valley showed average sale price of \$173. These cows are not going to slaughter; in fact there is some informed opinion to the effect that more culling ought to be done. The Bend Bulletin reports that two dairies have quit business in that district, and that six carloads of dairy cows have been shipped to Los Angeles. There has always been a movement of dairy stock to California from Oregon. It is doubtful though if the reason for the movement the Bulletin reports is the price differential on milk. The Bend price is 13c a quart delivered; the Los Angeles price delivered is 14c, the same as Portland. The store price in Los Angeles is 13c. Seattle reports the same prices as Los Angeles, and Spokane 1c lower on home-delivered milk and 1/2c lower on store-delivered.

Another phase of the state milk situation is the relationship between areas like Bend and The Dalles, and the Willamette valley. It has been the general understanding, confirmed by state college statistics, that this valley is a higher cost area in milk production than the irrigated districts like Redmond and Hermiston. Yet some of the most acute complaint has come from Bend and The Dalles, and there local dairies have suspended operations.

Is the trouble in these eastern Oregon communities wholly one of price? Or is there on the part of dairymen an unwillingness to endure the grief of war-time operation which is causing other businessmen to fold up for the duration?

With respect to price of milk there has just come to hand the report from the state college, dated April 12 giving the farm price index for various farm products, using the 1935-1939 average as a base. The price of milk at wholesale is 194, or nearly double the 1935-39 price. This figure is higher than the index figure for eggs, chickens, butterfat, hogs, wheat, corn, oats, barley, clover seed. It is exceeded only by the figures for beef cattle, hay, hops and potatoes.

The public does not want to see dairymen lose money over the long term; and while some have been caught by the labor shortage and high feed costs the majority appear to be making money. The price of dairy cows is still a fair index of the profitability of dairying.

As to the future much will depend on this season's hay crop. If farmers lose their hay, as they did in the valley last spring, then more of them may go out of business; and the milk price may need to be increased to maintain essential supplies. If they have a good hay harvest and conditions remain stable, prices can remain stable.

The Office of Price Administration is trying to safeguard the whole economic front against inflation. Concessions here and there will soon mean the submerging of all price-wage dikes. There will be inequities in application of broad policies; but the individual injustice must be weighed in the balance against the larger good. And it may come about that fluid milk will have to be rationed as are canned goods, meat, butter, shoes.

'One World'

If any proof were needed of the hold Wendell Willkie has on the American people it may be found in the amazing demand for his new book "One World." The book did not go through the customary first, second, etc. editions. Instead the presses started running, and so great was the immediate demand they haven't stopped. They are still running, night and day, with a publication total at last report of 485,000. "One World" became immediately a best seller.

The book itself is one which ought to be read by every thoughtful American. It is a report on Willkie's trip to Africa, Turkey, Russia, China, Soviet Asia. It contains a summary of his impressions and of his views about the war and the future of the world.

Willkie is a most amazing individual. He is original; he has an inquiring and penetrating mind; and he has a most engaging personality. What other American, except Mr. Hoover, holding no office, wearing no title, could travel round the world and gain the respectful attention and receive the consideration which Willkie did? And few Americans other than professional writers could set down his travel notes in so interesting and readable a form. We

shall not attempt to review the book. It's available at bookstores, or will be soon; and merits very general reading.

The party regulars accuse Willkie of being a non-conformist, of not "playing ball," of being quarterback but ignoring the "team," said team being party big and little-wigs, congressmen, and organization politicians. The reason they are ignored is because they are so antiquated, so unimaginative and so intellectually constipated that they don't deserve much consideration. Here is a world on fire; here is a civilization in flux; here may be the dawning of a really better day—and most of the party politicians are deaf, dumb and blind, thinking only in terms of a party victory, spoils of office, and burial of the new deal. Willkie has a freshness of approach, an openness of mind and a willingness to adventure which makes him the hope not only of his party but of the country and the whole world.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, April 20—The government seems to be disagreeing with itself about our food prospects.

Figures in the office of war information disagree somewhat with the agriculture department, and even among themselves, as to whether the picture is black or dark brown, or whether 3, 6, or 8 per cent represents the proper estimate of production increases or declines.

Outside the muddled government, there are farm experts from whom a less confusing picture may be obtained. Obviously, it is nonsense for anyone at spring planting time to try to reduce crop expectations to slimly varying percentages. Too much depends on the weather. The crops will vary 10 to 20 per cent on that one factor alone.

But clear enough is the fact that the time for panicky expectations has passed. The outlook has changed completely in the past three weeks. Developments in victory gardens, farm labor, spring planting and machinery justify a sound expectation that—given normal weather—we will harvest about the same amount of food as last year or a little less. A warm, moist spring, and we will do even better than that.

The country has been frightened into action. Arrangements have just been completed to bring possibly 6000 Bahamians into Florida, and perhaps 60,000 Mexicans into California and the mid-west, to relieve the labor shortage. These are skilled farm laborers, not the roustabouts and bar-flies that this government's FSA dug up in Mexico in small quantities last year.

No one seems to want the concentrated Japs except Mr. Ickes, and some of the open space farmers in the far west. It is clear now they should have been left on their small farms in California and along the coast where they were producing something and where their machinery is on piled high and largely unused—and made to work there under full police protection to the community.

But strangely enough, American farmers are now returning from high-paid war industries to spring planting in unexpected numbers. One Iowa arsenal reported 16 gone back to farming one day last week, 10 men the next day.

Apparently, these men merely left the farm for the winter and always intended to go back when there was work to be done.

Estimates of livestock on hand justify expectations of somewhat normal production. Poultry production has been expanded more than 70 per cent. While many cattle have been slaughtered, they were for the most part deficient milk producers. Sold dairy herds are mostly in the hands of other farmers.

So many pigs were bred last fall that many authorities suspected there were too many to be fed.

No reports of restricted spring planting on a national scale are suggested in statistics. Feed and Fertilizers are short, but farmers are cooperating among themselves on machinery and gasoline.

Above all, the average citizen has been so thoroughly awakened to the danger that victory gardens are being planted on an unbelievable scale. Vacant lots next door to city apartment houses are being utilized. Seed stores are sold out. Even golf clubs around here are donating small plots to neighbors.

Obviously, this production—which no government official has estimated or can estimate—will not only relieve a considerable part of the summer demand, but will cut down on transportation burdens, and provide much canning for winter.

Certainly here is more proof of the never-ending truth that the American people, when aroused, can function on their own initiative without government help or direction, to accomplish miracles.

Against this set of favorable circumstances, however, is the unestimated and inestimable factor of weather.

The late spring cold wave froze some vegetable plantings and fruits in the south and caused pessimistic rumors that the apple and fruit crop in Maryland and upper New York state will be severely damaged. Certainly planting has been delayed throughout the east.

A three-inch snow fall recently in Illinois has created some doubt about early oats. The arid regions of the Dakotas, however, have exceptional subsoil moisture conditions which make their wheat prospects hopeful.

But the weather of the next 60 days will determine the extent of the yield, and the extent of the food pinch in percentages which cannot be guessed now. All in all, the late spring is not conducive to expectations of bumper yields, and has shortened the growing season.

No housewife, however, needs to live in fear of the day of going to the market and finding the shelves bare. She must continue great care in the use of foods and in the avoidance of waste. The victory garden must be hoed to the fullest.

But weather willing, there will be enough food to go around—a fact for which the American people, who acted largely under their own initiative in a dangerous emergency, should take a bow.



Year of the Big Wind

Today's Radio Programs

- KSLM—WEDNESDAY—1390 Kc.**
- 7:30—News in Brief
 - 7:35—How 'n' Shine
 - 7:35—News
 - 7:45—Morning Moods
 - 8:30—Stan Kenton's Orchestra
 - 8:30—News Briefs
 - 8:35—Tango Time
 - 9:30—Parlor Call
 - 9:35—Uncle Sam
 - 9:35—Popular Music
 - 9:45—Round-up
 - 10:30—World in Review
 - 10:35—A Song and a Dance
 - 11:15—Passion Week Scripture
 - 11:30—Willamette U Chapel
 - 12:30—Organalities
 - 12:35—News
 - 12:35—Hillbilly Serenade
 - 12:35—Columbia Valley Opinions
 - 1:30—Meet the Grange
 - 1:35—Mal Hallett's Orchestra
 - 1:40—Hilary Meade
 - 1:45—Spotlight on Rhythm
 - 2:15—Mia of Paradise
 - 2:15—The Star
 - 2:45—Broadway Band Wagon
 - 2:45—Soldiers With
 - 2:45—The Aristocrats
 - 3:15—News
 - 3:15—Romantic Tunes
 - 3:30—Felipe Gil & Jose Navarre
 - 3:35—Let's Remember
 - 3:45—News
 - 3:45—Tonight's Headlines
 - 3:45—War News Commentary
 - 3:45—Katie Concert Hour
 - 4:15—Popular Music
 - 4:30—News
 - 4:30—Columbia Valley Opinions
 - 4:30—War Fronts in Review
 - 4:35—Hollywood Round-up
 - 4:35—Treasury Star Parade
 - 4:35—Mal Hallett's Orchestra
 - 4:35—News
 - 4:35—Treasury Legion Auxiliary
 - 4:35—South American Salute
 - 10:30—Let's Dance
 - 10:30—News

- KALE—MBS—WEDNESDAY—1330 Kc.**
- 6:45—Uncle Sam
 - 7:00—Around the Clock
 - 7:15—Texas Rangers
 - 7:30—News
 - 7:35—Cheer Up Gang
 - 8:30—News
 - 8:35—What's New
 - 9:00—Bookie Carter
 - 9:15—The Woman's Side of the News
 - 9:30—Buyer's Parade
 - 9:30—Navy School of Music
 - 10:30—News
 - 10:35—Arctic Calls
 - 10:35—This and That
 - 11:15—Bill Hay Davids the Bible
 - 11:30—Concert Gems
 - 12:30—News
 - 12:35—On the Farm Front
 - 12:35—Background for News
 - 1:15—Music
 - 2:00—Sheelah Carter
 - 2:15—Texas Rangers
 - 2:45—Pat Neal & the News
 - 3:00—Phillip Keyne-Gordon
 - 3:15—Warline Women
 - 3:30—Hello Again
 - 3:45—Stars of Today
 - 3:50—Julian Lewis, Jr.
 - 4:15—Treasury Star Parade
 - 4:30—Treasury Family
 - 4:30—News
 - 4:35—Superman
 - 4:35—Norman Nesbitt
 - 4:35—News
 - 4:35—Gabriel Heatter
 - 4:35—Movie Parade
 - 4:35—News
 - 4:35—Columbia Valley Wings
 - 4:35—John B. Hughes
 - 4:35—Music for Moderns
 - 4:35—News
 - 4:35—California Melodias
 - 4:35—News
 - 4:35—Today's Top Tunes
 - 4:35—Gena Sarrows
 - 4:35—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 - 4:35—Manpower Limited
 - 4:35—Treasury Star Parade
 - 4:35—News
 - 4:35—Music
 - 11:30—Shady Valley Folks

- KEK—M—WEDNESDAY—1190 Kc.**
- 6:00—Moments of Melody
 - 6:15—National Farm and Home
 - 6:30—Western Agriculture
 - 6:45—Smiling McConnell
 - 7:00—Home Demonstration Agent
 - 7:15—Keep Fit Club
 - 7:30—News
 - 7:45—Music of Vienna
 - 8:00—Breakfast Club
 - 8:30—Keep Fit Club with Patty Jean
 - 9:15—Woman's World
 - 9:30—Breakfast at Sardi's
 - 10:30—Roughage Talking
 - 10:35—The Gospel Singer
 - 10:35—Andy and Virginia
 - 10:35—Money Money Man
 - 11:15—Science Byways
 - 11:30—Your Hollywood News
 - 12:30—News
 - 12:35—Livestock Reporter
 - 12:35—Seaside War Loans
 - 12:35—News
 - 12:35—Newsroom
 - 12:35—What's Doing, Ladies
 - 12:35—Uncle Sam
 - 12:35—News
 - 12:35—Music
 - 12:35—Kessens With the News
 - 12:35—Clubs
 - 4:30—My True Story
 - 4:30—News
 - 4:35—The Sea Hound
 - 4:35—Hull and the Pirates
 - 4:35—Dick Tracy
 - 4:35—Jack Armstrong
 - 4:35—Captain Midnight
 - 4:35—Top Harrigan
 - 4:35—Victor Borga
 - 4:35—Spotlight Bands
 - 4:35—Hull and the Pirates
 - 4:35—Raymond Grant Swing
 - 4:35—Gracie Fields
 - 4:35—Wings Over the World
 - 4:35—News
 - 4:35—Lun and Abner
 - 4:35—Mushrooms at Midnight
 - 4:35—John Fredson
 - 4:35—News
 - 4:35—Doris Memory Lane
 - 4:35—Broadway Bandwagon
 - 4:35—Music

- Next day's programs appear on comics page.**
- 11:00—This Moving World
 - 11:15—Organ Concert
 - 11:30—War News
- KOIN—CBS—WEDNESDAY—970 Kc.**
- 6:00—Northwest Farm Reporter
 - 6:15—Breakfast Bulletin
 - 6:20—Texas Rangers
 - 6:45—KOIN Klock
 - 7:15—News
 - 6:30—Consumer News
 - 6:15—Valiant Lady
 - 6:20—Stories America Loves
 - 6:45—Aunt Jenny
 - 6:30—Kate Smith Speaks
 - 6:15—Big Sister
 - 6:30—Romance of Helen Trent
 - 6:45—Our Gal Sunday
 - 10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful
 - 10:15—Ma Perkins
 - 10:20—Vie and Sade
 - 10:45—The Goldbergs
 - 11:00—Young Dr. Malone
 - 11:15—Joyce Jordan Orchestra
 - 11:30—We Love and Learn
 - 11:45—News
 - 12:30—News
 - 12:30—William Winter News
 - 12:30—Bachelor's Children
 - 12:30—Love & Mystery
 - 1:15—Uncle
 - 1:30—American School of the Air
 - 1:30—Newspaper of the Air
 - 2:00—Let's Walk
 - 2:30—Keep Working, Keep Singing, America
 - 3:45—News
 - 3:45—Barflies
 - 3:45—Sam Hayes
 - 4:30—Easy Aces
 - 4:45—Tractor of Lost Persons
 - 4:30—Gloria Gilk Album
 - 4:30—Harry Flannery
 - 5:45—News
 - 5:45—Doc Brown
 - 6:00—Mayor of the Town
 - 6:00—Milton Berle
 - 7:00—Great Moments in Music
 - 7:30—Heathman Concert
 - 8:00—Love & Mystery
 - 8:15—Harry James Orchestra
 - 8:30—Dr. Christian
 - 8:30—News
 - 8:30—Sammy Kaye Orchestra
 - 8:30—Northwest Neighbors
 - 10:00—Five Star Parade
 - 10:15—Warline Women
 - 10:30—The World Today
 - 10:30—News of the Air
 - 11:00—Henri Busse Orchestra
 - 11:30—Manny Strand Orchestra
 - 11:30—News
 - Midnight to 6 a.m.—Music and News

- KGW—NBC—WEDNESDAY—890 Kc.**
- 5:30—Labor News

Today's Garden

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

There are, evidently, a lot of newcomers with us this spring. I am receiving a lot of interesting letters from these men and women who have never before spent a spring in Oregon. Especially those from the prairie states. My only real complaints have come from people from the old south and from Texas. One Texas gardener thought spring would never get around to come here. I am sure he was much more satisfied with the past week. It takes a lot to beat the Willamette valley when it really comes into bloom.

I. F. from North Dakota, writes that she had so greatly admired the little shrubs along the roadside last autumn — "those covered with little white snow-

balls. I didn't dare try to eat them, but I shouldn't wonder if they were good. Can they grow on the lawn?"

Answer: They can and will to too great an extent. They sucker freely and when once started have the best time racing all over the lawn. If you have considerable time and an equal amount of patience, they are nice in a border. They improve with care — the berries become larger and the small black ones can be controlled by proper spraying. I like them best in the roadside or along my lanes where the sheep can keep them under control. However, they do not berry much in the latter place as the sheep are too fond of the soft green sprouts. The common name is buck brush and they are one of the shrubs which make our roadsides so fragrant in very early spring.

They Sell Sailors Elephants

New Novel by Frederick Hazlitt Brennan

Chapter 17 (Continued)

Thus, when Seaman Linn, despairing at long last of convincing El Perla, walked over to Senior Fernandez, he received a smile and a shrug from Angelo. "Look, Angelo — howabout you going to bat for us with Sedgwick? You know The Pearl bring back Erin Go Bragh when he shoulda been back. The Shamrock an' left Erin Go Bragh there. If you'd jest—"

"Excuse, please. I dunno nothin'." Seaman Linn pointed to Erin Go Bragh, grazing in an alfalfa patch. "You know that ain't your old horse, Felipe, don't cha?" "Please, Meestair Linn—I dunno nothin'. I've not the education, you see? She ess ver' hot, today, an'—"

"Judas H. Priest on a raft!" "Si? He frien' of yours? He sheepwrecked, ah?" "The brain of Force and Brains Inc., tried a new tack. "Look, Angelo, howabout you buyin' Erin Go Bragh back from I an' Tim?"

"That horse?" "Yeah." "Please, no. I've not the money." "We already paid you three hundred an' fifty." "Si, yes—but no money." "How come?" "I buy a leetle tractair weeth heem, the linn spay!"

Seaman Linn spat through his teeth. "Them elephants has pups," he said. "Well, okay. We keep the plug. How much board?" This matter occasioned a lengthy argument—the point being that Cousin Voice and Cousin Benny refused to pay any more board for The Pearl, while Cousin Tim insisted on it.

El Perla, confident of his champion, jeered: "Y'all gentlemen gonna be mighty sorry when Falsie's foots git well. Whoo—"

10:30—Gardening for Food
10:45—Uncle Sam
11:15—Biltmore Hotel Orchestra
11:30—War News Roundup
11:30—Spring Shift

- KOAC—WEDNESDAY—350 Kc.**
- 10:30—News
 - 10:35—The Homemakers' Hour
 - 11:00—School of the Air
 - 11:30—Music of the Masters
 - 12:30—News
 - 12:35—Noon Farm Hour
 - 1:00—Artists in Recital
 - 1:15—Today's War Commentary
 - 1:30—Variety Time
 - 2:30—PTA Study Club
 - 2:30—Senior Book of Music
 - 2:30—News
 - 2:35—Treasury Star Parade
 - 2:35—Concert Hall
 - 4:00—Book of the Week
 - 4:15—Plantation Revival
 - 4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls
 - 4:30—Swing
 - 4:35—On the Campus
 - 4:35—Evening Veasers
 - 4:45—It's Oregon War
 - 4:45—News
 - 6:30—Farming Farm Hour
 - 7:30—School of Music
 - 8:00—Business Hour
 - 8:30—Higher Education in Wartime
 - 9:00—Independent Colleges
 - 9:30—News
 - 9:45—Uncle Sam

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