

Farm Wage Ceiling of \$200 A Month Now in Effect Here

Unprecedented increases in agricultural wages throughout Pacific coast states have caused large scale farm labor piracy and practically forced the creation of a wage-stabilization system for farm help. Chester H. Preston, field worker for the Oregon wage board of the war food administration's office of labor, declared here Friday. A monthly wage ceiling of \$200 for farm help is in effect in the mid-Willamette valley as well as in other coastal agricultural areas, Preston explained, although little publicity has been given to the fact until this week.

Now that the state wage board has a staff to aid farmers in application of the regulations, which are for the mutual protection of producers, consumers and farm laborers alike, Preston said, enforcement can be undertaken during this year's harvest season.

Workers Profit Little

Farm workers, themselves, have profited little if at all by the constantly spiraling wages, Preston said. Led on by reports and rumors of greener pastures far afield, many of them have taken to the road only to find at the end of their journeys either that the jobs had been taken or that wages and/or working conditions were not as reported.

Workers who know that, except for work which has previously paid more than \$200 a month, they cannot expect to receive a higher base wage, are likely to remain where they are, providing they are receiving that maximum or an amount comparable when cost of living is taken into consideration, he explained.

Likewise, farmers will not have to outbid one another in the labor market, nor will consumers be required to pay continuously higher prices for farm produce.

Boost Possible

When the \$200 seems notably unfair for a base wage (if additional hours of work enter the picture the wages may be boosted

accordingly) application for a ceiling may be made to the state wage board, which in Oregon consists of:

Carl Izett, chairman, assistant state supervisor, office of distribution, war food administration; William E. Kinsey, state labor commissioner; Verne F. Livesay, state director, farm security administration; N. J. Nielson, agricultural statistician, bureau of agricultural economics; E. L. Potter, department of agriculture economist, Corvallis; John Shepherd, vice chairman, state AAA committee, and E. L. Peterson, state director of agriculture.

Hollenberg Chief

The new board has named Leo D. Hollenberg as executive officer with his office in room 784, Pittock block, Portland. Field offices have been set up in Pendleton and Eugene.

The authority granted in the anti-inflation act of October, 1942, was not generally exercised until 1943, when farm wages made the greatest rise ever recorded in a year, Preston said. Competitive bidding for scarce farm help resulted in piracy of help from various districts and left vital food crops short-handed.

Only the pea harvest in Malheur county to date has specific wage ceilings in Oregon, although in California ceilings were placed on harvesting of asparagus, lettuce, sun-dried grapes and cotton in 1943 and other controls are operating this year.

Wage controls, outside the \$200 general maximum, can be placed

in effect only if requested by 50 per cent of the producers in a specific crop area. The board will meet with farm groups when requested to decide wage ceilings for the crop harvested, and Preston said he or office staff members would be glad to provide whatever information might be sought through the board's Portland office.

Loggers Expected To Return to Work

PORTLAND, July 28 (AP)—CIO workers at Western Logging camp at Valseet, who walked out July 19 in protest of the discharge of a fellow employee, are expected to be back on the job tomorrow.

Harvey Nelson, CIO official, recommended a return to work after the war labor board warned it would not consider the dispute until operations resumed.

1943 Candy Output 2,650,000 Pounds

PORTLAND, July 28 (AP)—The candy industry, despite rationing difficulties, produced 2,650,000 pounds of confections in 1943, and per capita consumption increased .3 of a pound to 19 pounds.

Phillip L. Goot, Chicago, president of the national confectioners' association, told Portland candy manufacturers and dealers today.

Used Cars Now Rationed In Hawaii

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—In a move that may be duplicated soon in the United States, the office of price administration tonight ordered rationing in the Hawaiian islands of used passenger cars of year models 1941 through 1938, effective August 1.

While the agency declared the action had "no relation to the situation in the states," it is known that OPA and the office of defense transportation have been considering for some time a similar program for the mainland.

"Over-crowded in many cases inadequate public transportation plus a critical shortage of passenger automobiles has made rationing of used cars necessary in the islands," OPA said.

The new regulation requires a ration certificate in transactions between individuals as well as those handled by dealers.

The principal circumstances indicating rationing may be instituted soon in the United States is the small number of new cars now available. Fewer than 25,000 remain in the ration pool compared with 520,000 when stocks were frozen early in 1942.

OPA announced that 5000 of

those left will be released for rationing in August. The new allocation is trimmed from 7000 cars made available this month, 9000 in June and 110,000 in May.

Stanhope Pier Drowns While Wading in Lake

PORTLAND, July 28 (AP)—Stanhope John Pier, 40, Portland taxi driver drowned in Blue Lake last night. Pier, recently discharged from the army because of a heart ailment, was wading chest-deep in the lake when he suddenly disappeared below the surface.

Longshoremen Contracts Will Be Reopened

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28 (AP)—The coastwise CIO longshoremen's contract will be reopened for negotiations, union officials announced today.

Representing 16,000 longshore workers from west coast locals, decided to notify the waterfront employes association of the Pacific coast immediately of the union's desire for increased pay and changes in working conditions.

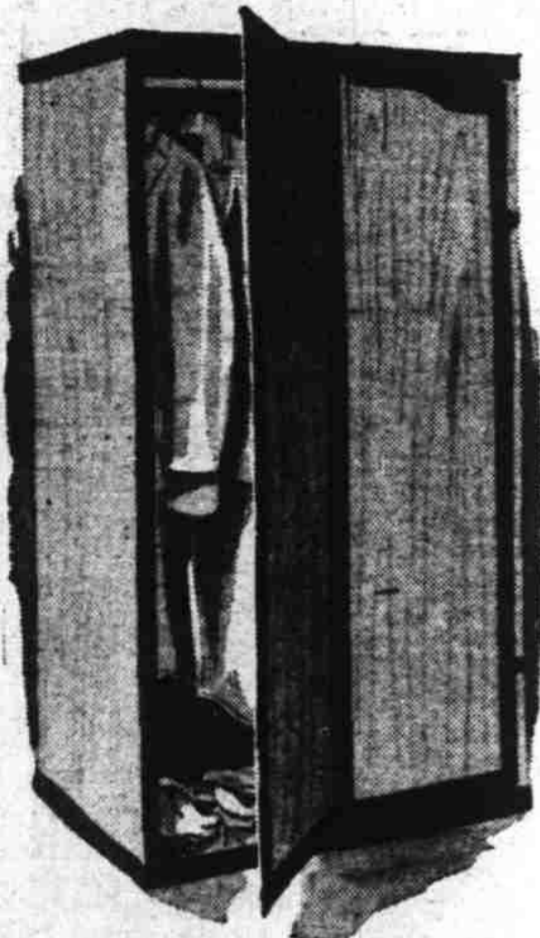
The conference, a union spokesman said, is expected to demand the following:

- 1-Increase in the basic pay scale from \$1.10 to \$1.25 an hour to bring it to parity with the east coast.
 - 2-Guaranteed work week of 36 hours.
 - 3-One week's vacation with pay each year.
 - 4-One day's sick leave for every month's work, up to 15 days.
 - 5-A daily subsistence of \$6 for men assigned to work away from their home ports.
- The present contract was signed Dec. 20, 1940, and was renewed automatically in 1941, 1942 and 1943.

Over 1259 War Vets Placed in Positions

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 28 (AP)—More than 1259 World war No. II veterans have been placed in civilian jobs in the Vancouver area this year, Lester W. Holmberg, federal employment service veteran placement officer said today. Shipyards take the largest number, he said. This month 210 vets have been placed.

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to \$6⁹⁸

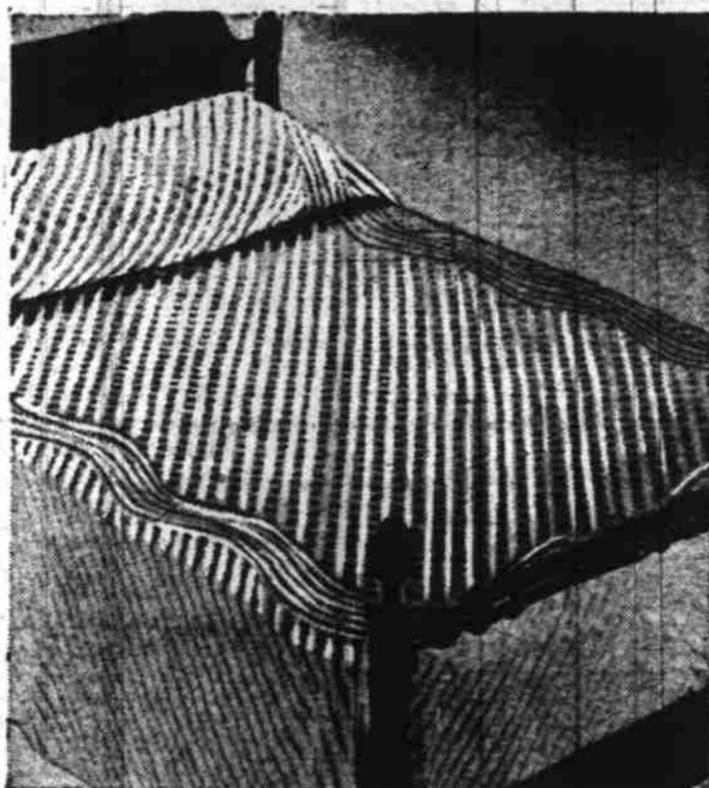


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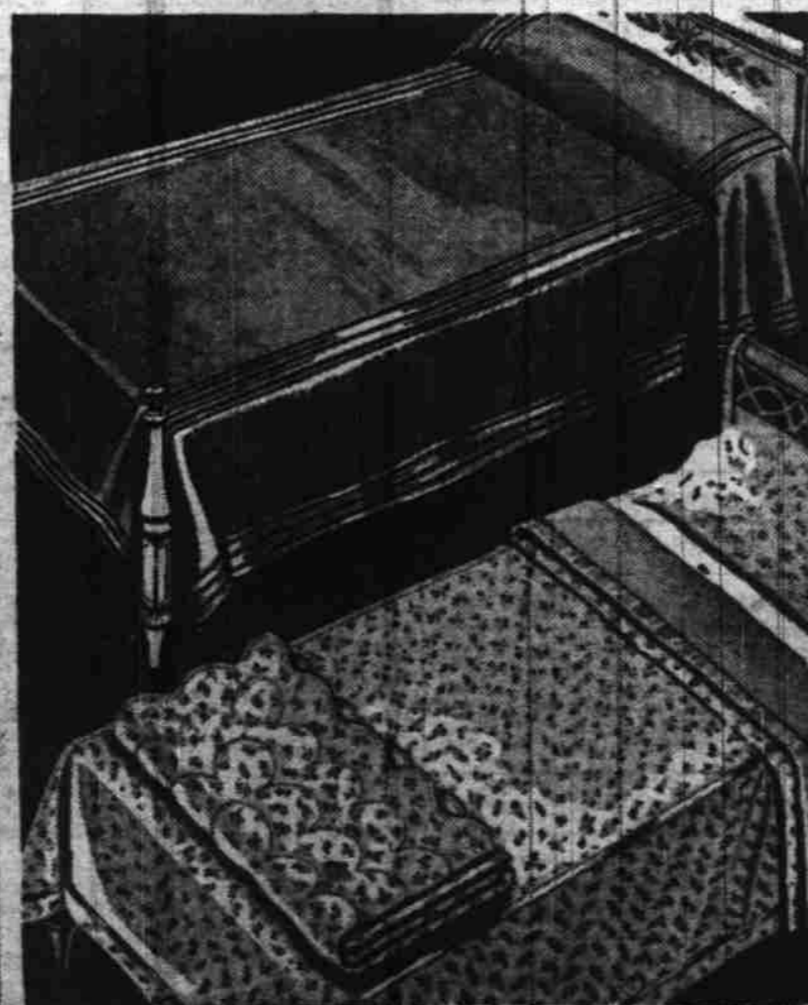
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Just received! A shipment of superb quality bedspreads in both chenille and candlewick in heavy patterns. Plain white with fringe or Dresden china patterns in colors. Be sure to see these in the bedding department today!

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