

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Stryker

I had been hearing for some time how the Lincoln county court was "all torn up" but I was hardly prepared for the reality I saw along the highway south of Otis. Progress coupled with Free Enterprise has hit the coast country until its old self can scarcely be recognized. Bulldozers have leveled off the beaches, gouged roads and house sites on the hills and roughed out roads through the cover of jackpine and sallow. At Oceanlake the state highway department is giving the town a split roadway so the town is presently in the middle of road-building chaos.

The scene is frankly painful to one who long has rejoiced over the placid beauty of the Lincoln county littoral. Dorchester house which once stood in lonely but friendly welcome at a crest in a bend of the highway now is flanked by sundry tourist cabins. The ancient beaches whose protective cover has been bulldozed aside now weave like the sanddunes they once were. The land between highway and ocean is getting so filled with private homes, commercial cabins and apartments that the developers are opening up tracts on the hillsides east of the highway. They can still advertise "view" lots (bring your own telescope). Even the dead in the Taft cemetery must feel crowded as the promoters level off homesites on the flanks of the hill whose fog-kissed summit has been the community burial ground.

The whole development suggests commercialized recreation—a Coney island adaptation on the shores of the Pacific horse corral for saddle horses.

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Food Output Must Increase, Study Shows

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Even before the war, half the world was seriously undernourished and a sharp increase in food output is needed over the next decade and a half to feed everybody properly, the food and agriculture organization of the United Nations declared today.

The FAO made public a world survey which will be offered at its annual conference opening at Copenhagen Sept. 2. Assuming a 25 percent increase in world population, the organization estimated that world production by 1960 would have to be increased by the following amounts to assure a satisfactory diet for the hungry:

Cereals 21 percent; potatoes and other root crops 27; sugar 12; fats 34; beans and peas 80; fruits and vegetables 163; meats 46, and milk 100.

The FAO estimated these increases over prewar levels would be needed in the United States by 1960 to assure Americans a satisfactory diet. Grain products 4 percent; potatoes and root crops 8.7; fats 0.4; beans, peas and nuts 6.6; fruits and vegetables 48.6; meat, fish and eggs 17.6, and milk 55.6.

Truman Returns With Appointee

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—President Truman returned to Washington at 6:50 p. m. (EST) tonight, bringing with him Federal Judge John C. Colett, who is scheduled to become a key official in the office of economic stabilization.

Judge Colett returned to the capital with the president from the western Missouri federal district bench to serve as an assistant to Reconversion Director John Steelman.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Why don't you ever kiss me anymore?"

Setbacks Noted In Housing

Wyatt Remains Hopeful Despite Production Lag

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Nearly 500,000 houses were started and 225,000 finished in the first half year of the housing drive, Wilson Wyatt announced today, but his report revealed a variety of housing troubles.

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These setbacks were recorded, however, in his second monthly progress report, covering six months of the homes-for-veterans program:

1. The number of new home starts dropped in June to \$2,500, or 12,000 under May instead of increasing as expected.

2. Factory-built housing has lagged so far behind expectations that the developers are opening up tracts on the hillsides east of the highway. They can still advertise "view" lots (bring your own telescope). Even the dead in the Taft cemetery must feel crowded as the promoters level off homesites on the flanks of the hill whose fog-kissed summit has been the community burial ground.

The target for private, permanent homes of the traditional types has been boosted from 650,000 new starts this year to 738,000, because of the "gratifying success" so far in getting such homes under construction. The number of "conversions"—the addition of rooms or stories to existing dwellings—is running well ahead of schedule, the housing expediter said, and the 50,000 goal for these was doubled. Also, 12,000 temporary units have been added to the scheduled 200,000 units of housing to be dismantled, moved and re-erected this year.

School Lunch Program Set

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—Oregon school children were assured of a hot lunch program for the coming year today with completion of arrangements between the state and the USDA.

Authorized by congress this year as a permanent program, Oregon will draw its share of a \$75,000,000 federal appropriation to help defray expenses of the program. The state must match, dollar for dollar, funds received from Washington.

Almost six and a half million school lunches were served last year to 50,966 children. Oregon is the fifteenth state to sign for the program.

Jennings Gets Post at Fair

Kenneth I. Jennings of Salem Tuesday was named superintendent of the poultry division of the Oregon state fair livestock show which opens here September 2.

Jennings, who owns a large chicken ranch in Polk county, has exhibited poultry at the state fair since 1931. Ben F. Ricketts of Zanesville, Ohio, nationally recognized poultry authority, will act as judge of all classifications.

The 1946 show, based solely on utility and production, will share in the 25 percent increase in premiums offered throughout the livestock show.

Livestock Exhibitors for State Fair Slow to Register Entries

By Lillie L. Madsen Staff Writer, The Statesman

Unless things perk up a bit, viewing in the livestock barns is going to be slim and judges will have an easy time, fair officials opined Tuesday.

However, there was no doubt in their minds that things would perk up very much within the next two weeks. But it would be much better for those working there if some of the entries came in prior to the final day before closing, which is August 20 for the livestock division. By Tuesday afternoon, only five livestock entries had been made; four in Jerseys and one in light horses.

The four Jersey entries were those from E. C. Milward & Son, Alder Grove. B. C. Mrs. P. V. Glaspie, Fairmeade farm at Vancouver. B. C. L. S. Lorenzen, Danyou, and T. T. Jacobs from McMinnville. Mrs. Glaspie has entered 27 Jerseys.

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U. S. Files High Rent Plot Suit

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—The federal government filed a civil anti-trust suit against 37 insurance companies, savings banks and commercial banks today, seeking an injunction to restrain them from allegedly conspiring to keep rents up and prevent new housing in some areas.

The suit asked dissolution of the mortgage conference of New York, a Wall street firm which said in a statement that it was formed during the depression "to place the mortgage lending business in New York City on a more scientific basis for the good both of the lender and the borrower."

The complaint, filed on recommendation of a federal grand jury which has been hearing testimony since June 11, charged that the defendants agreed:

(1) To enforce uniform rental policy designed to keep rents up.

(2) To prevent new construction in areas where it would decrease the income from real estate in which they had substantial mortgage interests. This allegedly was accomplished by concertedly withholding mortgage financing.

(3) To exclude from certain areas some minority racial and national groups by withholding mortgage financing.

The complaint charged that 60 percent of the \$225,000,000 in 1945 loans for apartment buildings, office buildings, warehouses and other commercial and industrial structures in New York City were made by members of the mortgage conference.

President, Daughter Vote



INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Aug. 6.—Casting her first vote in the primary election here, Mary Margaret Truman slips her ballot into the box at the voting place in Independence's Memorial building while her father, the president, stands ready to follow suit. (AP Wirephoto)

Spreading Wild Garlic Threatens Willamette Valley

CORVALLIS, Aug. 6 (AP)—Wild garlic is spreading in the Willamette valley, Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department of Oregon State college, said today.

The noxious weeds are especially prevalent in Benton, Lane, Linn and Polk counties, he warned. Garlic is a threat to the seed industry because of difficulty of separating it from vetch, rye grass and grains.

Bean Yards Become Active Again Today

Bean yards of the mid-valley district will hum with activity today and tomorrow after several days of idleness while beans ripened in what to a bean was cold weather.

The pickup in agricultural activity should hush the objections raised recently by domestic farm labor to the use of Mexicans in fields of this area, growers declared Tuesday.

The growers pointed out that many of the Mexicans have been unemployed also during the slack period and declared that their labor and that of many workers not yet registered will probably be needed should the late summer crops begin to "stack up" as they have in recent years.

Peaches already are ready for harvest in a number of orchards, but there may still be some late varieties on the trees when the prunes, hops and the last of the beans are requiring pickers, it was pointed out.

Plan Zoning Of New Area

Considerations in establishing zones for the areas annexed to Salem in the recent election were discussed at the city planning and zoning commissions meeting last night. Final action was deferred until members had a chance to examine the various areas on the ground.

Tentative approval was given for setting zone IV (industrial) in the Pacific tracks and the city limits north of the underpass. This property is all owned by the Valley Packing company, it was pointed out.

A change from zone one to three for property near the Electric Cleaners, 565 Highland ave., was tentatively approved to allow expansion of the plant. Public hearing on the change was set for August 20. Merle Porter, owner, had asked for the change.

Carnival Man in Salem Bitten by Rattlesnake

Martin Norvik, Portland, carnival employe was treated at Salem Deaconess hospital Tuesday night for a bite received from a rattlesnake at the last count before the final Wednesday night. She had \$25,000, with Eileen Hagener of Woodburn second with 500,000 votes.

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Hamburger-Shy Cow Gives Backyard Rodeo

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6 (AP)—A fast-moving bovine uninterested in becoming hamburger escaped from a packing plant today and provided a residential district with a one-cow rodeo. After a chase through vacant lots and up streets the escapee was cornered in a berry bush and shot by Patrolman John Marshall.

Company linemen isolated the section, and restored service to other sections of the line at 3:30. They removed the limb and restored service to the rest of the line about 3:45 p. m.

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Tree Cutting Causes Short In Power Line

Power service to the northern section of the city and to areas north and northeast of the city was interrupted about 3 p. m. Tuesday for three quarters of an hour by a limb which short circuited a Portland General Electric company 11,000-volt line at Fifth and Highland streets.

The limb fell across the line while men were trimming a tree in the vicinity. The limb was set on fire and firemen were called. Firemen informed the power company of the short circuit.

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Production was halted July 31 pending the determination of a new program for dividing limited supplies of grains among distillers. Liquor making has been restricted for many months because of the shortage of grains needed for food and livestock feed.

Two New Fires Noted in Area

Two small local fires were reported by the state forester's office last night. A 20-acre grass fire near Roberts was extinguished about 7 p. m. Crews were still out and no reports had been received on a small fire near Liberty.

Cooler weather and showers in southern Oregon have combined to assist fire-fighters in mopping up the 14 incendiary fires reported over the weekend in the Canyon creek district of Douglas county. State Forester Nels Rogers announced earlier Tuesday.

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Slav Bloc Bested In Confab

Byrnes Asserts Molotov Trying To Dictate Peace

PARIS, Wednesday, Aug. 7 (AP)—The western allies won a clear-cut victory over the Slavic bloc today when the rules committee—after a head-on clash of the United States and Russia—decided that simple majority decisions of the peace conference would be referred to the foreign ministers council as recommendations.

During the bitter debate on the voting procedure issue, U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes charged the Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov was attempting to dictate to the peace conference.

In reply, Molotov labeled Byrnes' speech as "violent and perhaps bellicose." He denied the charge and declared that his delegation alone was defending the recent decisions of the big four foreign ministers.

Under a British amendment adopted by the committee there would be two types of peace conference recommendations—those backed by a simple majority and those supported by a two-thirds majority.

The battle of words between the western allies and the Slavic states raged all day Monday and Tuesday and continued into the early hours of this morning.

In the midst of the argument Yugoslavia announced that she would not consider herself bound by any decisions reached by anything less than a two-thirds vote, and a British spokesman said this raised the possibility that the entire Russian bloc might leave the conference if the two-thirds rule was modified.

Despite the defeat of the Slavic states such a walk-out had not materialized, however, when the weary members of the committee finally recessed at 2:30 a. m. until this afternoon.

The vote on the British amendment as a whole was 15 to 6, with only the six Slavic states voting in the negative. An earlier vote on the contested portion of an amendment was adopted 14 to six, with France abstaining.

Thus the Slavic states lost by more than a two-third margin the issue of the two-thirds vote.

The committee rejected, 11 to nine, a New Zealand amendment which would have established a simple majority as the form for all conference decisions.

Tax Experts Now Work on Garsson Case

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.) of the senate war investigating committee said today two federal income tax experts were going to work on the Garsson munitions combine case, with company officials probably first on their list.

Mead told reporters he expected this checkup to take in the Cumberland lumber company of which Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky) was fiscal agent in Kentucky. May has denied profiting from the firm's operations.

Mead offered records of the committee probe into the combine's profits to Attorney General Clark who announced that the FBI was working on books and records of the 19 companies.

Clark's statement further said that the justice department is participating actively in action before the federal court "to appoint a receiver for the Batavia Metal Products company." Batavia is a firm in the munitions group.

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