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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Stop the plow, brother farmer, and take a look around. Scan the skies and you will note ample signs of a weather change—economic weather, I mean, read this from the Wall Street Journal:

"Canned food prices are being raised across the nation.

"Wholesalers are snipping their prices to get uncomfortable inventories off their laps before a new pack of fruits and vegetables rolls in. Retailers are trimming price tags to get increasingly balky housewives to buy."

"Stocks in hands of packers and wholesalers are about 50 per cent higher than a year ago, as of March 1st. Tie that fact in with this:

"This season's fruit and vegetable pack (being watched closely by food men) is expected to total about 513 million cases. Last season's pack was 440 million cases. How big these super-packs are can be noted by comparison with the pre-war 1939-40 season's production of 285 million cases."

The old law of supply and demand is getting in its licks. In the canned goods field it is operating more efficiently than the moral suasion of President Truman.

The wind that blows well for the consumer is blowing ill for the producer. For the brokers and wholesalers, their whisksers singed on the 1946 packs are twice shy on commitments for the 1947 output of food processing plants. They look for price concessions from the packers. The latter face continued high wage rates, sugar prices higher than a year ago, tins a little higher, freight rates higher. Margins may be shaved along the line; but it is evident that if heavy paring is to be done the producer will be the one to suffer.

Since this valley produces a huge amount of canned, frozen and dried fruits or vegetables the consequences of the "weather change" will be felt here. According to report local canners disposed of their 1946 pack quite successfully. Naturally they do not want to make a bum guess on 1947. Showing the effect of the change is the report that 15c is talked as the price for strawberries this year, against double that a year ago. Facing this, growers will trim their costs as much as they can.

It must be remembered that comparisons with 1946 are with peak prices all along the line. If the comparisons go back to the 1930's the present is still favorable, except that costs may prove more resistant than selling prices. We all knew it had to come sometime. The thing to do is accept what seems inevitable and adjustments to the changing conditions.

Berry Buys Share In Woolen Mills

Wilbur Berry, superintendent of the Kay Woolen Mills for seven years and with the Kay sales department in the east for the last two years, has purchased a half interest in the Paris Woolen Mills at Stanton.

J. B. Powell, who resides on the edge of Turner, purchased the Paris mill in 1944 and will continue in the sales department of the organization. Berry will assist Powell with the management and expects to live in Salem, doing some sales work. He recently returned to Salem from Rhode Island.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I told you to stay out of those wineaps."

Power, Reclamation Cuts Pass House; Funds Added Changes Defeated By GOP

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—The republican economy drive scored a major victory tonight when the house passed, 307 to 30, an interior department appropriation bill totalling \$161,413,513—about 45 per cent less than President Truman asked.

The republicans successfully fought off all amendments to boost the funds—except five of their own. The net increases approved by the house before sending the bill to the senate after nine hours of tempestuous debate amounted to \$4,875,000 over the appropriations committee recommendations. The appropriations committee had cut the bill 47 per cent below budget estimates before sending it to the floor last week. It recommended \$156,538,513, a reduction of \$138,881,907 below budget estimates for the department's operations for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Amendments Get Nowhere Democrats, who had hoped to pick up enough republican votes to override the committee's 47 per cent slash, offered dozens of amendments but got nowhere on them. Many GOP votes they had hoped to corral apparently were weaned away by amendments accepted by the committee.

These amendments added \$2,000,000 for the Colorado-Big Thompson reclamation project in Colorado, \$1,000,000 for the Anderson ranch dam project in Idaho, \$2,000,000 for the Columbia basin project in Washington state, \$175,000 for the Glenda project in Wyoming, and \$150,000 for the bureau of fisheries.

Indian Raise Fails Turned back by voice votes, that were thunderously one-sided were amendments to increase funds for the office of the secretary of the interior, for the solicitor's office, for the Bonneville power administration, for the Alaskan native service and for the Indians.

Among the 307 votes by which the bill passed were those of Rep. Ellsworth, Norblad and Stockman of Oregon. Rep. Angell opposed the measure.

Salem Veteran Farm Winner

E. K. Keesecker, Salem war veteran, is one of the lucky winners of a plot of land in the fertile Yama river valley as the result of a Yalima, Wash., "fishbowl" drawing, in which 28 veterans received rich homestead areas for farming purposes, the Associated Press reports.

On the winners, four were from Oregon, 14 from Washington, two each from Idaho, Utah and California and one each from Montana, Kansas and Colorado. The names of 28 alternates also were drawn.

HUNGRY BURGLAR A burglar who came in by breaking a window on the rear porch of the T. L. Kuhns home, 994 N. Summer st., Thursday night, raided the refrigerator and took nothing else, city police report. The burglar did not enter the house.

UAW TURNS TO FORD DETROIT, April 25—(AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers, hard upon a compromise settlement with General Motors, asked Ford Motor Co. today for immediate negotiations for a wage increase.

ed that the full record would go to the war department and congress in Washington, D. C.

Amid enumeration of flood losses and pleas for better protection of rich farmland and family homes, a note for the future was sounded when Dave Turnidge, Sidney farmer for 30 years, urged that river control projects be expedited "so that we may leave something here for our grandchildren and our great grandchildren."

Salem and Marion county spokesmen, voicing their support for projects ranging from a concrete lining for Shelton ditch in Salem to construction of the huge Detroit dam, asserted that all projects outlined along the Willamette would benefit the Salem area. Polk county leaders, headed by Ray Walker of Independence, called for an additional dam—one

on upper Rickreall creek to protect Dallas' water supply and improved irrigation—and suggested building the proposed Lewisville dam farther up the Luckiamute to benefit lands above the Lewisville site.

Clackamas county interests stressed need for harnessing the unruly Molalla river by rebuilding an old dam and improving banks to restore a former channel in the vicinity of the Portland Girl Scout camp and valuable farmlands.

Marion County's Healthiest



Ronald Lathan, Salem Heights, and Joyce Terrault, Prospect school, Marion county's healthiest boy and girl, relax over milk shakes after leading the sixth annual health parade at the 17th annual 4-H spring show Friday. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Liberty, Fruitland, Parkersville Win 4-H Health Parade Flags

By Marguerite Gleason Statesman Valley Editor

Liberty, Fruitland and Parkersville schools won the flags for their entries in the sixth annual 4-H health parade, held Friday through Salem streets as part of the 17th annual Marion county 4-H spring show.

Liberty took first honors for schools of four or more rooms with Stayton, second and Salem Heights, third; Fruitland was first for two room schools, Scotts Mills, second and Cloverdale, third; Parkersville was first, Crawford, second and Prospect third for one room schools.

Mt. Angel received special mention for its well executed marches but was not given the award because it did not carry out any special theme. Mrs. Agnes Booth, school superintendent and one of the parade judges said in making the announcement at the program in Salem high school auditorium Friday afternoon. Brown and Gene Vandeneynde were the other judges.

Carrying out the international theme, several school units in the parade had members in costumes to represent the United Nations and the idea of promoting peace with food was a theme used by several.

Tinkham Gilbert, president of the Marion county health association, presented 4-H summer school scholarships to four groups of schools for improvement in general health conditions.

Union and Prospect received the honors for one room schools, Cloverdale and Central Howell, two room school honors; Liberty and Salem Heights, four or more room honors. Mt. Angel and Butteville were given the award for having maintained high standards over a number of years.

Mrs. Willow Evans, president of Marion County Leaders association, received the award from Western Electric Co. for Marion county's excellent work in promoting better methods of doing things among club members.

More than 150 girls took part in the style revue announced by Carmalite Weddle, rural school supervisor. Ninety-four took part in the cotton division alone, and came as Monday girls who washed; Tuesday girls who ironed. Wednesday girls baked and came to the platform to the strains of "Can Salem Bake a Cherry Pie?" augmented in all cases by whistles from the masculine members of the audience.

Thursday girls went shopping and Friday girls wore school dresses as they kept time to "School Days", Saturday was party day and the few formals made their appearance, then Sunday was "best dress" day.

Wallace Plans Portland Talk NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—The partial itinerary of a coast-to-coast speaking tour by Henry Wallace was announced today by New Republic magazine, of which Wallace is editor.

The former vice president and cabinet member, due home shortly from a European tour, will open the series of talks in this country with a (CBS) network broadcast from New York at 7:15 p. m. (EST) next Wednesday.

Subsequent addresses are scheduled at Cleveland on May 2; Detroit, May 9; Minneapolis, May 12; Chicago, May 14; Los Angeles, May 19; San Francisco, May 21; Portland, Ore., May 23, and Seattle, May 26.

Army Collects Mid-Valley Views on Basin Project

The testimony followed a presentation of the army tentative plan by Col. Walsh, who pointed out that the plan incorporated, in addition to flood control-dams, many other features designed to improve irrigation, water supply, fish facilities, recreation, pollution abatement, navigation and drainage. Col. Walsh held a similar hearing for upper Willamette counties Thursday in Eugene.

Some objections were voiced by fisheries and wildlife interests, although Chairman Merle R. Chessman, Astoria of the tri-state Columbia Basin Fisheries Development commission, said his organization "has never opposed the Willamette valley project as such."

Chessman continued that chief objection of the fisheries interests centers in the contemplated substitution of a high dam at

Waterloo on the South Sanjam in place of earlier planned Green Peter, Wiley creek and Jordan dams. He termed the Waterloo project a hazard to the passage of fish to spawn and pointed to fishing as the third largest industry of the state.

Lloyd Reinholdt, basin commission chairman for recreation, warned that the Detroit dam should not occasion inflated hopes for recreation, as little fishing and no swimming probably will result, although some boating may be possible. He also asked that the engineers consider in their plans that the recreational opportunities of Oregon, such as hunting and fishing, are the main attractions drawing population, and expressed confidence that a workable solution will be found to preserve fisheries and still control floods.

Parking Meters Overdue

Seven hundred thirteen of Salem's 1,163 parking meters are overdue, as of midnight, Friday, April 25. Only a telegram saying the additional meters were shipped Thursday has been received by city officials from the Michael-Arts Bronze Co., Kentucky meter manufacturer.

The first 450, Friday collections from which probably netted \$600 after a week's operation, were shipped air express last week and all were installed on the following day.

Salem's contract with the manufacturer provides for 25 cents per meter to be paid the city for each day beyond April 25 that installation is not accomplished.

Meanwhile, two city policemen, Chief Frank A. Minto and City Manager J. L. Franzen collected about 100 pounds each of nickels and pennies from the meters which have arrived. A counting machine is now awaited by city officials, who ordered the device from a Portland firm. It is to be delivered Saturday, to count and roll money which Salem Banker Guy N. Hickock estimated would be \$455 in nickels and \$147 in pennies.

Estimates on a comparable expected income for a year would indicate about \$30,000 in revenue to be collected by the city from the meters.

Mill to Reopen At Silverton

SILVERTON, April 25—The Oregon Pulp and Paper company plant at Silverton, which is the former Silver Falls Timber company plant, is scheduled to be reopened in July. A new planer is being installed to operate in conjunction with the reopened mill. The mill has been closed since May 1945.

The big pond has been dredged and logs will be hauled into the mill property both by railroad and truck. At present the firm has a cold deck of three million board feet in the pond. Estimated capacity of the reopened mill will exceed 100,000 board feet daily.

W. N. Mills, general superintendent of Oregon Pulp and Paper Sawmills, has been here this week inspecting the general plans for reopening the mill.

Carl Hoyen of Snoqualmie Falls, Wash. will be superintendent of the mill.

Car Accidents Said on Decline

Despite the increasing number of motor vehicles on the highways and the unprecedented amount of gasoline being consumed there has been a recent downward trend in traffic accidents, J. D. Whittall, connected with President Truman's traffic conference, told members of Governor Earl Snell's state-wide traffic committee at a meeting here Friday.

It was decided that the overall traffic organization in the representing the four congressional districts, counties and most of the larger cities. Members of these committees, to work with the state-wide group, will be announced later.

American Cotton to Go to Occupation Zones

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—Senator Eastland (D-Miss) announced today that the war department had agreed to ship American cotton exclusively to Japan and the British and American zones of Germany until January 1.

Paris, April 25—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace ended his 18-day program in western Europe today with a news conference at which he said the Jews were entitled to a voice in the United Nations, and that the Jewish resistance movement in Palestine was necessary to "arouse the conscience of the world."

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Marshall to Arrive in U.S. Today; Berlin Stop Made



BERLIN, April 25—Secretary of State George Marshall (right) talks with Gen Lucius D. Clay, military of Germany during his stop in Berlin today enroute to Washington from the Moscow conference by plane. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Berlin to The Statesman.)

Report to Nation Due Monday

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, April 25—(AP)—The plane flying Secretary of State George C. Marshall from Moscow to Washington landed here at 10:30 GMT tonight (2:30 p. m. EST) and left 90 minutes later for the United States capital.

The secretary of state, head of the American delegation at the 4-power foreign ministers' conference in Moscow which adjourned Thursday, was met at the airport by Icelandic Foreign Minister Bjarni Benediktsson and officers of the American legation.

BERLIN, April 25—(AP)—Secretary Marshall left Berlin today for Washington to report to the American people on the Moscow conference after discussing with Gen. Lucius D. Clay possible effects of the four-power meeting on the German occupation.

He stated "I do not think the difference of opinion between Russia and the western allies was increased at Moscow. It was clarified."

The state department in Washington announced that the secretary of state would make a four-network broadcast Monday, from 8:30 to 9 p. m., eastern standard time.

At the Templehof airdrome the American secretary, nattily dressed in a blue sport suit, parried questions of German and allied correspondents which he said were not "general enough" and might disclose information he wanted to give first to President Truman.

Sackett Named in \$100,000 Libel Suit

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Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	56	33	.00
Portland	56	33	.00
San Francisco	75	47	.00
Chicago	71	43	.00
New York	63	46	.00

Willamette river 1.8 feet. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Light winds and continued warm temperature. Very favorable for both dusting and spraying today. Some increase in cloudiness Sunday, but weather will continue favorable for farm work. Increasing high cloudiness today. Highest temperature 72. Lowest tonight 42.

\$6 Week Increase Rejected

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—The American Telephone and Telegraph company tonight rejected an offer of its striking long lines operators to settle their strike if given a wage increase of \$6 weekly—half their original demand.

John J. Moran, president of the American Union of Telephone workers, asked for a \$6 "across the board" increase at a negotiating session tonight.

But George S. Dring, assistant vice president of the A. T. & T. long lines division, replied that the offer was "unacceptable."

Dring, however, offered to arbitrate wages on a community basis. This was rejected by Moran.

The compromise development, coupled with a settlement with plan and maintenance workers for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company in Maryland, had given rise to hopes that the 19-day old nationwide walkout might be brought to an end soon.

Union President J. A. Beirne said that the policy committee authorized all 39 of the striking unions in the federation to settle locally for a \$4 pay raise.

There remain other issues. These included demands for a union shop (in which all workers must join the union), check-off of union dues by payroll deductions, reductions in the differences in pay for the same job in different cities, cutting the length of time it takes to reach top pay levels, improved vacations and better pensions.

While the national federation granted local unions power to settle the wage issue at \$6, it held on to its insistence that the final contract in all phases must be approved by it.

Following reports of sabotage of long distance lines, C. W. Werkan, strike director, said "we neither take part in nor condone willful damage to company property."

Salem Strikers Prepare for Long Seige

Preparing for a long seige, Salem locals of the United Telephone Employees of Oregon plan to meet Monday to discuss payment of strike pickets from outside earnings of other union members. Don K. Crenshaw, joint chairman of the locals, announced Friday the session will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Labor temple.

If the program is adopted, all but a few members would arrange for other employment and would contribute to a fund to reimburse regular pickets up to \$6 each per day. Crenshaw said the plan, successfully used in Pendleton, will mean that the telephone workers will not use picketing aid from other unions.

No Salem union members have returned to their jobs, Crenshaw averred, and Astoria locals, once reported back at work, are picketing 100 per cent.

Auto Insurance Rates to Rise

Automobile insurance rates in Oregon will be increased from 15 to 30 per cent, starting May 1, Seth Thompson, state insurance commissioner, announced Friday.

Rates on public liability and property damage policies will increase from 15 to 20 per cent while collision insurance will be upped 30 per cent.

Thompson said accidents have increased materially due partly to faulty equipment. The new rates were filed by the national bureau of surety and casualty underwriters. Independent companies are not included in the premium schedule filed by the rating bureau.

Clothing Grant Cut From Welfare Aid In Summer Months

PORTLAND, April 25—(AP)—The state public welfare commission today cut its food funds and eliminated clothing items from grants for July, August and September.

The commission said the action was necessary to stay within the budget set by the legislature for the next two years.

Food minimums were set at \$21.50 a month for an adult living alone, \$41 for couples and from \$10.75 to \$24.25 for children, depending on their age and the number in a family. The previous standard allowed \$21.50 for women and \$23.45 for men.

The commission said seasonal earnings could take care of summer clothing needs of most welfare recipients.

Portland Suburb's Stores Cut Prices; Business Booms

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25—(AP)—The little town of Multnomah near here joined the "Newburyport" plan today, reducing store prices to the first Oregon town to participate.

A minority of merchants there refused to join at once, however, announcing they would wait "a week to see what happens."

One merchant estimated business increased 90 per cent, and others predicted that by tomorrow it would "be a madhouse."

Portland merchants interviewed by reporters said they had no intention of joining the movement.

Our Senators

Lost 11-10