

Food Prices Take Long-Awaited Drop

Consumer Resistance Cuts Butter Sale

CHICAGO, Sept. 12-(AP)—Prices of several basic foods took a tumble in primary markets today, arresting an advance which had carried quotations to new record highs for seven consecutive days.

Butter, hogs, wheat, corn, oats and lard were among the food items which declined.

Measuring the price drop in wholesale commodities, the Associated Press averages of 35 items fell to 194.35 from 194.99 yesterday. It was the first decline in eight days. The base year 1926 equals 100.

Butter for future delivery dropped 3 cents a pound, the limit, on the Chicago mercantile exchange. Closing price on November was 73 cents. Eggs dropped the 2 cent daily limit, October ending at 56 cents.

For the first time in two weeks wholesale beef, lamb, veal and mutton prices were reduced at New York. Declines averaged about \$1.00 a hundred pounds. Retail demand was reported slackening with kosher buying "almost at a standstill."

PORTLAND, Sept. 12-(AP)—The 2-cent increase in butter prices put dollar butter on one Portland cent today.

A specialty delicatessen upped its price to \$1 a pound. Most grocery stores, however, were selling Grades A and AA from 90 to 97 cents.

Some stores reported consumer resistance. Margarine sales were reported booming. Margarine prices dropped 5 cents a week ago.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Salem has been criticized for letting a commercial development take place in the vicinity of the state capitol group. But keeping out what is undesirable is only half the battle for civic beauty. Preserving what we have is the other half.

Nothing in the environs of the capitol is so attractive as the dignified facade of the First Presbyterian church. The stately columns of its portico, its simple pointing skyward, its sturdy walls of brick all joined in harmonious design make it a fine type of ecclesiastical architecture, a fit neighbor to the public buildings of a civic center. It would be a public loss to have the church torn down at any time within its useful life; and to raze it to make room for another building of the state group when other ground is available would be nothing short of a calamity.

The church was designed by the late Morris Whitehouse of the firm of Whitehouse and Church, designers of many of the buildings of the northwest distinguished for beauty. It follows the simple style of the New England meeting-house, simple in line, chaste, well-balanced, very definitely a church. Its location shows it to excellent advantage. The alternate location which the church expects ultimately to occupy will lack the vista the present church enjoys.

While I happen to be a member of this church I am writing merely as a citizen interested in preserving architectural beauty. The proper environments for the state capitol is a border of semi-public buildings such as schools, churches, libraries, fraternal halls, etc., such as we now have in large measure. I feel confident that aside from monetary considerations the state highway commission will be unwilling to doom this dignified structure to a premature destruction, and am certain the public will not approve.

Sweet Home Bank Robbery Suspect Held

PORTLAND, Sept. 12-(AP)—The arrest in Hugo, Okla., of Joe Berry Bishop, 27, an ex-convict, in connection with the \$58,000 robbery of the Sweet Home bank last month, was announced here today by the FBI.

Bishop, resident of Lebanon, near Sweet Home, for six months prior to the robbery, will be brought to Portland for trial after arraignment in Oklahoma City, said Howard I. Bobbitt, in charge of the FBI here.

Two gunmen cleaned up teller's cages and a safe on August 29 and fled eastward on the Santiam highway in a stolen automobile. The automobile was found a few miles away.

It was pointed out that Bishop's description does not tally with either of those given of the actual hold-up men. He was charged with the hold-up, however.

Bobbitt said Bishop was married and the father of two children. He sold his home and shortly afterward made numerous large purchases. Bobbitt said attention was attracted to him through these purchases. He was arrested at the home of relatives, who had been watched by FBI agents.

Sid Stevens to Stay at Helm Of Cherry Fete

Sid L. Stevens, Salem jeweler, was re-elected president of the Salem Cherry Festival association at a meeting of the group Friday night in the Cherrian room of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Members also voted to change the name of the organization to the "Salem Cherryland association," a decision prompted by complaints by Cherrians who said the old name implied that there should be cherries growing during the festival.

In other action, the organization decided to hold the 1948 festival on July 18, 19, 20, and 21, identical to the time of the 1947 celebration.

New officers elected included Mal Rudd, first vice-president; Mrs. Glenn McCormick, second vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Weddle, secretary; and Fred McKinley, treasurer.

New directors, for a three-year term, will be Jack Cutler, Dave Holtzman, Kenneth Perry, William McKinney, Stewart Dempsey and Linn Smith. Elected to two-year terms as directors were Sid Stevens, Mal Rudd, Graham Sharkey, Mrs. Glenn McCormick and Mrs. Arthur Weddle. Chosen to serve as directors for a one-year term were William C. Dyer, 1947 King Bing, Irwin Wedel, Rex Kimmel, William W. Chadwick, Ralph N. Shigen and Fred McKinney. Emory P. Sanders was appointed business manager of the association.

Abduction of Wife Reported In Silverton

SILVERTON, Sept. 12—Oregon and Washington state police are conducting an extensive search for Georgia Bowes of Silverton, who was reported by a witness to have been forced into a car by her estranged husband, Bud Bowes, Goldbar, Wash., at gunpoint here early Friday morning, according to state police.

Forcing his wife into the car, state police said Bowes sped away from Silverton, outran a state police car in a race from Oregon City to Portland and escaped into Washington. The car was last seen traveling through Vancouver, according to Washington state police.

Silverton police said they had learned that Bowes and his wife had been separated for some time. Mrs. Bowes, they said, left Bowes several weeks ago and went to Spokane, but he followed her there. She left Spokane and came to Silverton a few days ago in another attempt to elude him, police reported.

Leslie Moen, Silverton, who was walking home with Mrs. Bowes when Bowes drove up, said that Bowes threatened to kill both of them with a .38-caliber pistol. He then ordered her into the car and sped off, Moen said.

Welfare Aid Rise Granted

PORTLAND, Sept. 12-(AP)—The state public welfare commission today authorized a 10 per cent increase in food allowances for Oregon's 25,000 old-age and blind pensioners.

Administrator Loa Howard said the action, taken because of the increased cost of living, would increase the average check \$2. It will not apply to those in hospitals, nursing or boarding homes.

Miss Howard said the commission also is studying the possibility of increases for general assistance and dependent children in November.

There was no commission meeting in today's action, members being polled individually.

Flax Fiber Industries Seek Export of Present Stockpiles

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

A request that Oregon's congressional delegation seek disposal of the present flax fiber stockpile to foreign countries was voted by the Oregon Flax Fiber industries at a meeting held Friday at the Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Fred Schwab, Mt. Angel, secretary of the organization, called the meeting at the request of the seven co-operative flax plants still operating in the Willamette valley.

Purposes of the meeting as explained by Schwab were to "study the rumor that Oregon fiber was not good enough for German fish nets, encouragement of the appointment of Ed Dodd, present assistant secretary of agriculture as secretary should Clinton Anderson resign, and to ask the state to do all hatching, cleaning of tow and to desist from growing flax until the present fiber stock is disposed of."

A letter was read from W. D. B. Dodson, Portland Chamber of Commerce representative in Washington, D.C., stating that Oregon flax was "found unsuitable for German fish nets." Elaboration indicated that American dollars in Europe were scarce and being used chiefly for food.

The flax group requested its officers to ask Dodson for the source of the information. Information from the U. S. department of commerce, read at the meeting

Firemen Credited With Saving House

LIBERTY, Sept. 12—Arrival of a Salem fire truck in record time is believed to have saved the residence of Forrest Kaeser on old 99E highway here Friday, when sparks from burning garbage ignited a small walnut dryer.

Neighbors recruited a bucket brigade in which even the services of a state policeman were used, and kept the fire under control until the city fire truck arrived.

The walnut dryer was destroyed along with a large number of boxes and a nearby small house used for sleeping was damaged.

Stassen Promises 2 Cabinet Posts to West

PENDLETON, Sept. 12-(AP)—Harold Stassen, republican presidential aspirant, said here today that the Taft-Hartley labor law "is good law" and better than "no legislation."

The former Minnesota governor said the "remarkable growth" of the west makes it imperative that "the next GOP cabinet" have two members from the west. One of these should be the secretary of the interior. The other he left open.

Communists Start Bid For Power in Italy

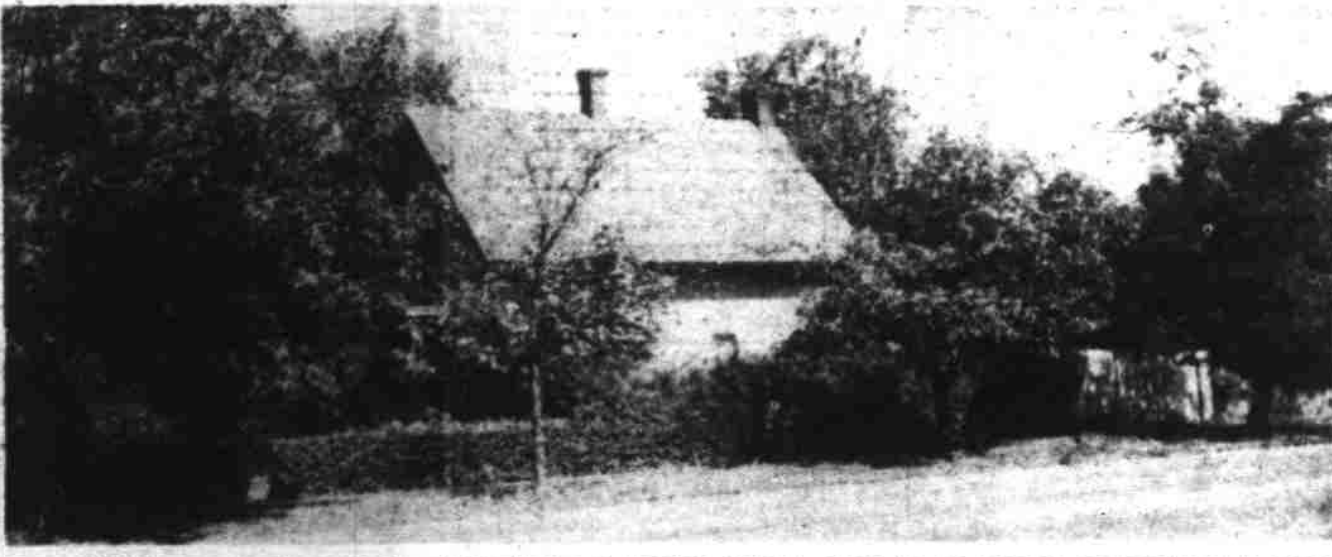
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2-(AP)—Diplomatic officials reported tonight that Italian communists have launched their long-awaited "battle for Italy."

These authorities say that the spreading strike of a million workers, the socialist demand for a vote of no confidence in the De Gasperi government and other recent developments appear to be part of a communist campaign to capture Italy for the Soviet half of Europe.

Lewis Forces AFL to Defy Labor Law

Fairview Bid Over First Hurdle

Razing of Capitol Street Area Nears



One of 27 houses in the vicinity of Capitol and Center streets, soon to be moved or wrecked to make way for a \$2,000,000 retail business development there, the dwelling in photo above is the former Chadwick family home where Stephen F. Chadwick lived during his term as acting governor of Oregon from 1877 to 1878. The home was occupied by Chadwicks until the late Mary Chadwick died about 20 years ago, ownership of the place later falling to the Episcopal church. Located at 402 N. Capitol st., at the Center street corner, the soon-to-move occupant is the Walter Sogge family. (Statesman photo by Don Dill, staff photographer.)

Bids Sought on Wrecking, Moving 27 Dwellings

Imminent moving or wrecking of 27 Salem dwellings, now located on the site of a future two-block business center at Capitol and Center streets, is closer today with a call for bids by Girabonhorst Bros., local realtors who handled buying of the properties for Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company.

Bids will be accepted until 6 p.m., September 20, on "any or all" of the houses, according to a classified advertisement appearing in The Statesman. The structures must be removed from the premises within 60 days after transfer of title. Certified check for 10 per cent of price bid must accompany bids.

Most of the families resident in the area have already moved away, according to the realty firm, following notice to vacate given recently. All must be out within 60 days from notice of vacation.

According to a recent survey by The Statesman, most of the families in the area plan to remain in Salem. A number of them have purchased other property, while some will continue to rent.

The projected trading center is estimated to be an investment of approximately \$2,000,000. About one-third of the area along Capitol street, east toward 12th, is to be in buildings, backed by an off-street parking area. A Sears-Roebuck store will occupy the frontage between Union and Marion streets, while other chain and local stores are negotiating for space in the block between Center and Marion streets.

Board Okehs 3-Unit Dorm For Employees

The state emergency board will meet here Tuesday to consider the lone bid of \$208,994, for construction of a three-unit employees' dormitory at Fairview Home, submitted Friday by W. C. Smith, Inc., Portland, and already approved by the board of control.

The bid was telephoned to board of control members in Pendleton Friday and their approval was relayed back to Salem. At a previous joint meeting of the board of control and state emergency board, a bid of \$40,980, also by W. C. Smith, Inc., for a six-unit dormitory, was rejected by four members of the emergency board. At that time the dissenting members tentatively agreed they would vote for construction of a three-unit dormitory provided the bids were reasonable.

The three-unit structure, of brick construction, will have a capacity of 48 persons. The board of control had estimated the building would cost about \$250,000. Barret and Logan, Portland, were the designers of the structures.

UMW Chief Vetoes Signing of Required Anti-Red Statement

CHICAGO, Sept. 12-(AP)—John L. Lewis today blocked AFL compliance with the Taft-Hartley act, at least for the time being, thereby closing the doors of the national labor relations board to all 105 unions with 7,500,000 members.

Lewis opposed the signing of affidavits disavowing membership in the communist party, required under the labor-management relations act.

Since the AFL executive council, comprising 15 officers of the AFL, had to act unanimously in order to comply with a ruling of General Counsel Robert N. Denham of the NLRB, Lewis' opposition was enough to stymie compliance.

The other members were prepared at one time to sign the affidavits, members of the council said.

AFL President William Green told a news conference that the council could not conform to the Denham ruling.

"The council decided that the Taft-Hartley act is reprehensible, vicious and destructive of the workers' civil and legal rights," Green said.

While the AFL president would not predict that a fight over compliance would develop on the floor of the AFL convention in San Francisco beginning October 6, it was conceded by other labor leaders here that the whole issue now would shift to the convention.

In the interval, however, there remained the possibility that the Denham ruling might be reversed by Denham, by the NLRB, or by the courts. In which case the AFL executive council members would not have to sign affidavits in order to make the member unions eligible to use machinery of the NLRB.

Pickets Jeer Taft on Tour In California

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Sept. 12-(AP)—Senator Robert Taft (R-Ohio) walked into a meeting of the California State Bar tonight amid boos of 200 CIO and AFL pickets to assert that "the people do not propose to let union leaders run the government of the United States."

As Taft, Senator Murray (D-Mont.), Rep. Halleck (R-Ind.), house republican floor leader, and Rep. Madden (D-Ind.) paraded onto the stage of the jam-packed auditorium, they were greeted with resounding cheers.

Taft, co-author of the Taft-Hartley labor law—it was called a "union-busting labor bill" on placards carried by some of the pickets—chided Murray, an opponent of the act, as the latter walked in with him.

Taft earlier declared that high prices may be the chief issue in next year's political campaign.

The answer to the high cost of living is "eat less, and eat less extravagantly," he added.

Car Registrations Top 500,000 for First Time in State

Motor vehicle registrations in Oregon have topped the 500,000 mark for the first time in the state's history, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., announced Friday.

Vehicles of all types registered in the first seven months of the year total 501,594, a 14 per cent increase over the same period in 1946 and a new all-time high. Passenger cars accounted for 384,520 registered vehicles, over 40,000 more than the number operating on Oregon streets and highways at the end of July last year.

Fees on registrations through July 31 totaled \$4,768,813, an increase of 20 per cent.

6-Jet Bomber Ready to Test

SEATTLE, Sept. 12-(AP)—A new experimental jet-propelled bomber, the size of a B-29 superfortress and with sharply sweptback wings and tail surfaces, will begin ground and taxing tests soon.

The new Boeing XB-47 Stratofortress has sharply turned-back or inverted wings and tail surfaces. Four of the General Electric-built jet engines are mounted in pairs under the inboard sections of the wing, with another out near each wing tip.

The plane has a tandem type landing gear with long outrigger wheels. What was also described as 18 jet-assisted takeoff units stud the rear fuselage for added power. There is only one bomb bay, compared with the two on a B-29, but it is longer than those on a superfortress.

Motor Scooter Driver Injured

Richard Strom, Salem, was seriously injured Friday night about 10 p.m. when his motor scooter collided with a car driven by Neal E. Bloomenstien, 3915 Rivercrest dr., near the state penitentiary on East State street, according to state police.

Strom was taken to Salem General hospital with possible fractures of the skull, leg and pelvis, state police reported. Hospital attendants were unable to give a definite statement of Strom's condition.

Drunk Charge Laid as Man Overtakes Car

Albert Thomas Tracy, Salem route 3, was arrested by state police Friday night and taken to the Marion county jail on charges of being drunk on a public highway. State police said they found Tracy about 10 p.m. in his overturned car on Madrona avenue and highway 99E. He was uninjured, police said.

Yugoslavs Hold 2 GIs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12-(AP)—The United States has lodged "a vigorous protest" with Yugoslavia and has called for the "immediate release" of two American soldiers and seven British military personnel seized by Yugoslav authorities while fishing on a stream in the Trieste area. It has not been established whether they were in the Yugoslav zone of Trieste.

Labor Camp May Lie Idle Over Winter

Salem's farm labor camp near Salem airport probably will lie dormant and unoccupied this winter, it was stated Friday by Guy Hickok, chairman of Salem Agricultural Housing, Inc.

The camp will be evacuated September 25, by order of the U. S. department of agriculture. Jay Schreckendust, camp manager, said Friday he had received notice from the USDA's Portland office directing him to distribute eviction notices to the camp's tenants September 22, directing them to be out of the camp by September 30, on those families who have failed to move, Schreckendust reported.

Proposed transfer of the property from government ownership to Salem Agricultural, Inc., will probably take place after six months, Hickok said, but there is no assurance it will be done before departure of the camp's tenants.

About 70 families, or 300 persons are living at the camp, according to Hickok, in a large Schreckendust. The property is expected to be taken over from war assets administration by Marion county court soon, then transferred to the Salem housing organization.

Weather

Location	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	59	45	.00
Portland	56	41	.00
San Francisco	67	52	.00
Chicago	61	46	.00
New York	68	53	.00

Willamette river - 3 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today with cooler daytime temperatures. Highest temperature today 59; lowest 48. Weather favorable for nearly all farming activities except for wind which may interfere with dusting.

Rail Strike End Frees Steel Mill

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 12-(AP)—An agreement to end the week-old strike of United States Steel's "Captive" Union railroad, calling for a wage increase of 15 cents an hour, was reached shortly before midnight tonight by neorad and the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers and Railway Trainmen.

Most of Mid-Willamette Valley's Schools to Open Doors Monday

Willamette valley schools will reopen Monday, September 15, with some few exceptions resulting from harvest or other local conditions.

A few Marion and Linn county schools are now in session having opened Monday, September 8 and several Polk county schools will not open until September 22.

Schools which reopen Monday besides Salem include Silverton, Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Aumsville, Stayton, Keizer, Salem Heights, Gates, Hubbard, Gervais, Macleay, Halls Ferry formerly Riverdale, Bethel, Fruitland, Labish Center, Fox Valley, Lyons, Brooks, all in Marion county. Hayesville will open September 22.

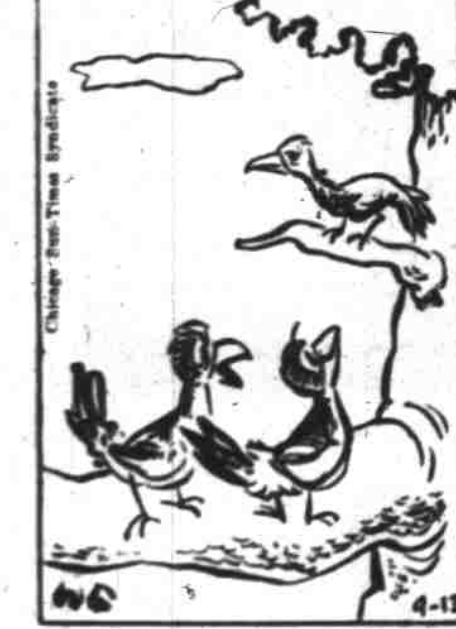
Independence in Polk county will also reopen September 15 while Dumas, Pedee, and Monmouth will delay opening until the following week.

Amity and Dayton in Yamhill county will reopen September 15 as will Lebanon in Linn county where all high schools will be operating September 15.

Opening September 8 in Marion county were Roberts and Hazel Green.

Former district schools which will be part of the Salem system this year include Ricker, Auburn, Swegle, Pringle, Liberty, and Middle Grove. First six grades will be housed in the local building while junior high school students will be transported to Salem.

Animal Crackers



"I don't know what you see in her. She wouldn't look good on a Lily Dache creation even."