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Cut in Wheat Acreage Recommended

So much wheat is being harvested that it is spilling over on the ground. Elevators and warehouses are filling and there are not enough boxcars available to move grain to terminals. This is the situation in the Pacific northwest and to a lesser degree in the southwest. It is by no means unusual however. We've had these gluts at harvest time before. Barring unseasonable rains there is little loss. The grain gets under cover in time.

However the wheat crop of a billion and a quarter bushels—second largest on record—is giving the economists of the department of agriculture something to think about. Europe has a good grain crop this year too, which means the imports required will be less. So the department comes out now with the recommendation that the farmers seed 8 per cent less acreage for the 1949 wheat crop. It thinks a crop of 1.1 billion bushels would be big enough.

What a contrast current production is from that of 14 years ago. The 1934 crop of wheat was 526,000,000 bushels, less than half this year's—and growers had a hard time getting cost of production out of it. The price was around 85 cents a bushel. Two years before the price was 38 cents a bushel. With memories of those bitter days still vivid wheat growers have been sensitive over crop surpluses. They are not deluded with prices of \$2 and over, because they know what can happen to prices if foreign demand falls off, as it will if Europe can't get American exchange with which to pay for its imports.

Government guarantees of 90 per cent of parity and the prospects of a continuance of ERP will prevent any collapse in wheat prices to the levels of the early 1930s. But growers will do well to heed the advice of the experts and where possible shift their production from wheat to other crops (legumes).

Maybe It's the Heat

No doubt about it, people are seeing things again. The summertime apparitions keep right up with the times, too. It used to be that prospectors wandering around in deserts saw cool blue lakes where there were only sand and cactus. Nowadays, drivers on straight highways always see water on the road up ahead on a hot day.

In the prairie country, when the heat waves shimmer and dance and the dust derishes whirl over the flatlands, it isn't hard to conjure up a vision, either. Whether you see the Angel Gabriel or Russian spies, beards, bombs and all, makes no difference—they seem real as life.

Of course, up in New England where people like to carry on the old traditions, they are still watching fabulous sea serpents frisking off the shore. They're the same fishy critters gramp saw in his day, no doubt, and old mariners'll swear to their existence. Only thing is, nobody's ever yet landed one on the beach.

Last summer, over most of the country, it was flying discs. The elusive figments were spotted here and there, undulating along at great speeds or just gambling in the clouds. Pilots took pictures of them and chased them. Only thing is, the pictures didn't turn out and no one ever downed a single platter.

Last week, two airline pilots shared the blue skies over Dixie with a "Buck Rogers space ship." The details were most gratifying; they make front page copy and mighty intriguing summer reading even if you don't quite believe it all—like the American Weekly. Red jets, blue glow, double-deck fuselage, etc.—this visitor from Mars or wherever must have been quite a sight, and it was good for conversation all weekend.

Now it's got competition though. Lots of people in Yakima saw a "thing" loafing around in the heavens for five hours Sunday. It was surrounded by haze, so nobody was sure whether it was a space ship or a disk—or a weather balloon. Undoubtedly, though, we'll be hearing reports of others, soon . . .

Yup, it's a warm summer, all right.

Oregon Statistics

The most interesting thing about statistics is the various interpretations they get. The Standard Insurance company research department has released some figures about Salem and the state computed from an annual survey by Sales Management magazine . . . figures that could mean almost anything.

For instance, we are told that the effective buying income of the average local family was \$3,205 last year, 25 per cent under the national average and slightly lower than the state average of \$3,432 per family. The researchers also found that retail sales in the capital area totaled \$64,064,000 in 1947—4.55 per cent of all retail sales in the state. The budget for Salem residents was \$16,644,000 for food, \$11,655,000 for general merchandise and \$1,148,000 at drug stores.

The Oregon average for retail purchases is slightly under the \$2,955 spent by the average U. S. family—this despite the fact that net cash income per Oregon farm is higher than the average per farm for the nation and Oregon's average monthly wage is eight dollars higher than nationally.

From this one could conclude that Oregonians are either tight or they're thrifty and foresighted. Or you could interpret the figures to mean that Oregon must be a pretty good place to live. While incomes are higher here than the national average, families find they need not spend so much to live well. The mild climate has something to do with that. So does the abundance of fertile productive land; Oregon has 16 persons per square mile compared to 63 in California and 296 in New York. The grow-your-own and preserve-what-you've-got is evidently one pioneer credo still active in these parts. Economy and thrift are values not neglected here.

Merely the fact that Oregon showed the second highest population gain since 1940 of all states would tend to support the latter interpretation that the state does well in any popularity contest for desirable places of residence.

In his column in the Klamath Falls Herald & News Frank Jenkins expresses the opinion that if the state is in the saloon (liquor) business it might as well be in the gambling business (slot machines) and take both profits. It already is in the gambling business (pari-mutuel) on a commission basis. Wonder if Frank would have the state run bawdy houses for the profits too.

Three B-29s are on a round-the-world flight. It is described as a routine training mission. No one suggests the trio are on a goodwill tour. The bombers are not scheduled to leave any calling cards in the USSR.

The New party would have the government build in two years 4,000,000 "low-rent, low-cost" housing units. The government can build and furnish low-rent housing—but not "low-cost." There "ain't no such animal."

The state fair publicity says there will be more pigs at the fair this year. Will they be kept under armed guard?

Henry Wallace made a lot of money out of hybrid seed corn. Now he thinks he can make political hay out of a hybrid party: sired by the communists and dammed by the democrats.

Communists in Firm Control Of Convention

PHILADELPHIA, July 26—The Wallace party convention has not, of course been a convention at all. It has been, rather, a dreary and sometimes nauseating spectacle, carefully and quite obviously stage-managed by the American Communist party in the interests of the foreign policy of the Soviet union.

It is difficult to believe that even Henry Wallace, despite his enormous capacity for self-delusion, has not some dim notion of this fact. Before the convention Wallace was clearly disturbed by the communist coloration of his "crusade," and even indulged in a little very mild and very tentative "red-baiting." But he consoled himself, according to those who have followed him, with a deriding, "the conviction that time was on his side."

He firmly believed that as the international crisis deepened, and particularly after Harry Truman was nominated by the democrats, the non-communist liberals and labor leaders would suddenly see the light. Then the men who were once his friends and supporters would rally to his side.

Support Lacks Warmth

Nothing of the sort has, of course, happened. The C.I.O. and the A. F. of L. have even refused to dignify the Wallace party by testifying before its platform committee. C.I.O. president Philip Murray and the other non-communist C.I.O. leaders are preparing quietly to support Truman, however unenthusiastically.

Wallace's only labor support derives from such men as the Electrical Workers' Julius Emspak, whose party identification has reportedly been "Comrade Juniper"; Harry Bridges of the longshoremen, whose political leanings are well known; and such acknowledged communists as Ben Gold of the fur workers and Donald Henderson of the tobacco workers. Wallace has attributed no labor support whatsoever except from those unions where Stalinists have captured power. And he must know it.

Wallace must know, too, that not a single New Dealer or liberal of any stature from among his old associates of the Roosevelt days has come out in his support, with the possible exception of R. G. Tugwell.

Insiders Take Control

Tugwell himself is now reported to be suffering from certain qualms. Like any liberal who tries to work with communists, he has been forced into a ludicrous position. He has said that he is personally in favor of the Marshall plan. But although he is the titular chairman of the platform committee, the platform roundly condemns the plan as imperialistic. Tugwell has unhappily announced that this apparent contradiction is "unimportant."

The plan fact is that neither Tugwell nor the decorative importations from Hollywood and New York nor the fringe groups of fuzzy-minded non-communists who have joined Wallace, nor even Wallace himself, really has anything to do with the policy and strategy of the Wallace movement.

Wallace, and the Wallace "crusade," are now entirely in the hands of a small group of astute insiders. Of these the most influential are C. B. Baldwin, Lee Pressman and John Abt.

Pressman Top Man

Baldwin, Wallace's "campaign manager," is not and doubtless never has been a member of the communist party, although he has joined numerous party fronts, conspicuously the party's legal instrument, the Civil Rights congress. But Baldwin has not been known to step on any communist toes. He

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty

"Olds is starting to enjoy his vacation . . . he's found someone else who thinks the place is terrible, the prices robbery, and who didn't want to come in the first place . . ."



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North Salem Kiwanis Start Meetings



Salem's newest civic group is the North Salem Kiwanis club, shown above at its first regular meeting in the Gold Arrow cafe Monday noon. Seated, left to right, Roger Williams, Dick Baldorf, the Rev. George L. O'Keefe, president; Ivan Norris, Tillamook, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis district 14; Charles Creighton, and Dr. Henry E. Morris, member of Salem Kiwanis club who helped organize the new group. Standing, left to right, Martin Karnes, Robert Graves, Charles Wainwright, Don Cooper, Ben Dell, Harry Aston, Al Flicker, Harold Blum and George Meier. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

Many Activities Of Kiwanis Club Learned by Unit

Members of the newly formed North Salem Kiwanis club were told that the Kiwanis club is the "most reporting" club in the country by Ivan Norris, Tillamook, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis district 14, at their first meeting Monday noon.

Norris, guest speaker, told the new club members the organization and duties of the many committees each club has and answered questions concerning club functions. About 15 members attended the luncheon at the Gold Arrow restaurant and four representatives of Salem Kiwanis club were present.

Astoria Man Drowns In Surf After Cramp

SEASIDE, July 26—(AP)—Hundreds of Sunday beach visitors saw Frank Bromley, 31, fight a losing battle with the surf yesterday.

Apparently suffering a cramp while swimming, the Astoria army engineer employee collapsed in the ocean. Friends towed him ashore but failed to revive him.

is a "united front"—one who believes in co-operation with the communists. Inevitably, either unhappily as in Tugwell's case, or contentedly as in Baldwin's, a united front soon finds himself doing all the co-operating.

Lee Pressman is in a different category. A heavy-set man, with a strong, sardonic face, a powerful personality and an agile mind, Pressman was until recently counsel for the C.I.O. Until Philip Murray fired him on the Wallace issue, he was the chief friend at court of C.I.O.'s minority communist wing. The real author of the Wallace platform, Pressman is already probably the most powerful single influence in the Wallace movement. He has frequently been reported a member of the communist party and he has not publicly denied it.

Manipulators' Strings

Abt, former counsel of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, is a kind of cut-rate Pressman, sharing his views, his affiliations and an office at Wallace headquarters. There are other insiders, like Hannah Dornier, publicist for a number of party-line causes, and Lew Frank, Wallace's ghostwriter, who was chief whip for the pro-communist faction in the American Veterans committee. But Baldwin, Pressman and Abt are the chief manipulators of the strings which cause Wallace to do his ungainly dance.

One cannot help but wonder what is going on in the mind of Henry Wallace, former vice president of the United States. This macabre spectacle fits not even being entertaining, simply because the well-oiled party machine allowed for no real surprises. The "demonstrations" have had that quality of loudly spurious enthusiasm which prevails in eastern Europe. Meanwhile, the public opinion polls show the Wallace steadily losing ground, while his old friends and associates of the Roosevelt days denounce him.

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Public Records

MUNICIPAL COURT

Lawrence E. Callaway, 1735 B St., passing on right hand side and excessive speed through an intersection, fined \$10.

Earl Burdette Bishop, Portland, failure to stop, posted \$2.50 bail.

Gary Gene Radke, Salem route 2, violation of noise ordinance, posted \$15 bail.

Kenneth Anderson, Salem route 6, violation of noise ordinance, fined \$7.50.

Lawrence Max Orth, 235 S. 14th st., excessive speed through an intersection, posted \$10 bail.

Tyrone Stearns Brown, Dallas route 1, defective tail light, posted \$7.50 bail.

James R. Grazer, Dallas, failure to stop, \$2.50 bail.

Alvin Vickers, Salem route 3, charged with driving while intoxicated and having no operator's license, posted \$400 bail.

Roy H. Connelly, Salem route 2, no tail light, posted \$2.50 bail.

Joseph Eucie Tierce, Silver, illegal sounding device, posted \$7.50 bail.

James Lyle Wilson, Salem route 7, parking on sidewalk and failure to display valid license plates, fined \$15.

Dean J. Needham, 1000 McGillchrist st., excessive speed through an intersection, fined \$2.50.

William Otis Clark, Scotts Mills, violation of noise ordinance and having front end, posted total of \$17.50 bail on both charges.

Owen Richard Gilstrap, driving while intoxicated, fined \$100.

Clyde N. Cook, Salem route 2, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Thomas S. Smith, Salem, void driver's license and failure to stop, posted total of \$7.50 bail on both charges.

Kenneth Hetzel, Toledo, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Charles H. Childers, Grants Pass, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

Sherman Lee Blume, 1571 Waller st., driving with no headlights, fined \$2 and costs.

Thomas Burton Hill, jr., 910 Leslie st., parking in restricted area, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

Walter James Leitz, Salem route 5, parking in restricted area, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

Earl Westley Hendrick, 130 Lana ave., no operator's license, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

Joseph Ivan LeBansky, Woodburn, driving while operator's license is revoked, fined \$50 and costs.

Donovan Felix Morisky, Brooks, failure to stop at a stop sign, fined \$2 and costs.

Daniel Muzchenko, Lyons, unlit overload, fined \$15 and costs.

John Lewis Burton, 3210 Brynman ave., charged with angling with more than one line, trial set for July 27 following plea of innocent.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Willard Shelley, laborer, 60 Williams ave., and Mary Davis, domestic, 449 Division st., both of Salem.

Alex Thomson, 36, tavern operator, 720 N. Commercial st., and Rose N. Ford, 24, state employee, 750 N. Commercial st., both of Salem.

Marvin W. Ball, 19, state highway department employee, 1165 Hoyt st., and Julianna Kibby, 18, 180 S. 12th st., both of Salem.

CIRCUIT COURT

Nancy Patricia Lane vs. Paul M. Lane: Decree of divorce restores plaintiff's former name of Nancy Patricia Avery.

Enid Fox vs. Victor Fox: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks for ownership of real and personal property and for restoration of plaintiff's former name of Enid Hamman. Married Dec. 13, 1945, at McMinnville.

Thelma Lindstrom, guardian of Lottie M. Morrison, vs. Viva M. Hogue: Suit seeks partition or sale of real property allegedly

owned jointly by plaintiff and defendant.

Alta Juanita Chastain vs. Leonard Chastain: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Married July 30, 1943, at Vancouver, Wash.

Roberta Ruth Smith vs. LeRoy Smith: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks that plaintiff be awarded household goods and furniture and for restoration of maiden name of Roberta Ruth Murray.

George Baumann vs. Frank M. Hughes, jr.: Suit seeks to collect \$338 for auto damages allegedly sustained in an auto collision June 21 on highway 99E south of Salem.

Della Baumann vs. Frank M. Hughes, jr.: Suit to collect \$5,000 for injuries allegedly sustained in an auto collision June 21 on highway 99E south of Salem.

Eibel M. Paulus vs. Milfred Paulus: Decree of divorce restores plaintiff's former name of Eibel Mae Mauk and awards \$2,500 to plaintiff in addition to a previous property settlement agreement.

Clara Bowles vs. Leon L. Bowles: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks that plaintiff be awarded certain personal property. Married Jan. 1, 1946, at Stevenson, Wash.

PROBATE COURT

Harriet Frances Cameron estate: Order admits will to probate and appoints Charles W. Claggett as executor and James H. Nicholson, Oscar Specht and Evelyn Egelhoff as appraisers.

William O. Cooper estate: Harry Smith appointed administrator and George H. Bell, Josephine Bell and Leona Peterson appointed appraisers.

Clara L. Albert estate: Order appoints Paul R. Hendricks, Rose Crimaldi and Helen Petre appraisers.

Richard Dennis Stiles estate: Hazel Stiles appointed as administratrix.

John L. Torrens guardianship estate: Order appoints Luella A. Torrens as guardian.

Thomas A. Livesley estate: Order affirms sale of real and personal property at Agate Beach in Lincoln county to Laura Chipman for \$3,125.

SEEKS TO ME

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muster of facts that will be assembled will prove the merit of the new system to all except those who cling to former prejudices.

It may be that the recent increase in salary of the city manager has touched off the opposition. More probably that is used as an excuse to raise the issue of overhauling the manager plan.

This paper, which objected to the size of the increase, is firmly convinced that the manager plan is working to the city's interest and that it will continue to do so.

Those intimately connected with city government, like the mayor and the city council, were so impressed with the manager's services and his savings to the city that they justified the salary increase on the basis of results.

The meeting called for Wednesday night at the Labor temple to consider a return to the former system of city administration is sponsored by the "opposition." But if it is a representative and open-minded gathering and gets the facts, I believe it will reject any proposal to abolish the office of city manager.

Scholars believe the Japanese written characters centuries before the birth of Christ.

The Safety Valve

Says Academic Freedom Invaded To the Editor:

I read this (Saturday) morning with consternation and regret your editorial on the Washington state legislative investigation of what you call redbirds in the bushes on the Seattle campus.

So far, I agree, this investigation seems to have been conducted in a slightly more restrained and judicial fashion than other un-American witch-hunts which you have criticized from time to time. None the less, as I read the testimony so far reported in the press, the only charge made out (against a mere handful of the more than 1,000 members of the faculty) is membership now or earlier, in the communist party or attendance at its meetings. "Subversive motivations" seems a somewhat exaggerated phrase for this. So does "red infiltration" of the university.

There is, I believe, at present no law federal or state, against communist party membership, applicable to "state servants" (i.e. university professors) or anybody else.

Doubtless it is regrettable that "men of (presumed) intelligence" (I would add learning and responsibility) should be subjected as they are, by the dialectic. It might be better if all professors were conservative republicans. But freedom of opinion is a part of academic freedom: persecution therefore is un-American. And (here is my main point) no evidence seems to have been presented that the "red professors" at Washington university have in fact sought to subvert the state; or yet, what perhaps is no less important, "exposed impressionable youth to red-tinted instruction."

It is submitted that, until proved guilty of such treasonable or un-academic conduct, the few misguided men concerned, and the university should be held innocent. Restraint of judgment is a duty in times of prejudice and public excitement; and I am sure you will agree that without good cause and due process, they should be neither victimized nor abused.

Sincerely yours,
R. L. Lovell

(We believe firmly in liberty of opinion but we do not think to protect employees of the state)

Constable Naming, Flood Aid Problems Before County Court

Petitions seeking appointment of George Armstrong as Jefferson district constable and for removal of a "flood hazard" from town Silverton were received Monday by Marion county court.

A request signed by E. E. Howell, Jefferson district justice of the peace, and by 49 other Jefferson area residents, asked for Armstrong's appointment. He would succeed J. T. Jones, who died recently.

County Judge Grant Murphy said the recommendation would not be acted upon until about mid-August, to give any opposition to the appointment a chance to be heard.

The court refused to consider the Silverton request but, instead referred it to Roger E. Boardman, Silverton city manager. According to the petition, signed by 87 Silverton residents, the "hazard" consists of an island in the middle of Silver Creek just above the Southern Pacific railroad crossing in the downtown district.

The small island, it was stated, acts as an obstruction causing logs and debris to accumulate sufficiently to cause a flood during a heavy rain.

Judge Murphy said the county had no funds appropriated for stream clearance nor any authority to expend money for such a project unless a county bridge or road was threatened.

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