

Optimism Returns to Farms; Downtrend of Prices Slowed

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Optimism in farm circles is again strengthening, farm organizations are reporting. The readjustment of the downward trend of farm prices has reached a temporary standstill, farm market authorities said Monday.

Production promises to be good and prices while, dropping somewhat, are not dropping rapidly but are rather settling to levels around which they have been faltering for sometime.

Lamb prices continued downward during the past week for the second week at the major markets. At Portland top lambs were scarce during the past week and quotations held rather firmly throughout the week, although they were somewhat under the previous week. Feed has been good the past few weeks and lambs were reported improving from the earlier months of the year when pastures were late in coming on. However, the lambs have not yet fully recovered from the earlier setbacks caused by severe weather. Marketings here are expected to be somewhat later than usual.

Hog prices dropped at most markets during all of last week although they strengthened a little toward the close. But national hog market authorities are saying one can expect lower hog prices in May and June and that hogs should be topped off promptly as they go over 200 pounds. Hogmen are advised to produce a rather big hog crop for autumn, however, as a corn crop similar to last year is expected and the cheaper feed makes good hog profits, even at lower pork prices than now.

Cattle prices are expected to drop. The number of cattle on feed April 1 in the corn belt states show a substantial increase over last year. The number is nearly one-fourth more. Common cattle on feed should be sold as soon as they reach good slaughter condition, is the advice. However, cattlemen are told not to sell good breeding stock.

Fruit and nut prospects appeared favorable during the past few days. The early fruit markets in the south opened strong with prices slightly higher than a year ago. Inspectors report that no serious winter damage has been noted in filbert or walnut groves and that cherry prospects appear favorable if the weather holds just a bit longer.

Boy's Mother Admits Hoax Of Kidnaping

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 18—(AP)—Police said today a pretty mother admitted she staged the hoax kidnaping of her 5-year-old son to hide from her husband \$35,000 in horse race betting losses. Police Chief C. H. Anderson identified the woman as Mrs. Joe Goodman, sr., 32-year-old dress shop owner. Mrs. Goodman reported last week that her boy, Joey, had been taken from her by a ruse and had been ransomed by a \$33,000 payment.

Anderson told this story: "We felt all along it was a hoax. We thought Goodman (40-year-old former Norfolk, Va., prize-fighter) was trying to get sympathy to avoid paying off gambling losses." Mrs. Goodman reported Joey's return last Monday. Then she took a plane for Reidsville, N. C., where Anderson said he has talked with her by telephone.

Anderson and deputy district attorney George Kemp said no criminal complaints are contemplated against Mr. or Mrs. Goodman. The affair is a civil matter.

Electricity from Atomic Fission 'Immediate Aim'

RICHLAND, Wash., April 18—(AP)—David E. Lilienthal reported here today that the immediate peacetime aim of the Atomic Energy commission is production of electric power from fissionable material. But he said this may not be achieved for ten years.

The AEC chairman told a press conference at the Hanford works, where plutonium is produced, that the atomic reactor project planned near Arco, Idaho, is a part of this program.

Atomic Labor Dispute Plan Recommended

WASHINGTON, April 18—(AP)—A commission appointed by President Truman recommended today a special procedure for handling labor disputes in vital atomic energy plants. It included the creation of a new labor board, the "atomic energy labor relations panel," which could step in as a last resort and delay a threatened strike or lockout.

The commission, headed by William H. Davis, former chairman of the war labor board, urged that the panel be used rarely and that labor relations in the atomic industry be -- so far as possible -- normal, voluntary, and free from government interference.

Troop Withdrawal Plans Talked with Korean Officials

WASHINGTON, April 18—(AP)—The state department said today that American representatives are discussing with Korean officials a date for withdrawal of United States occupation troops from Korea. Press Officer Michael McDermott told reporters that a recent statement by Korean President Syngman Rhee "accurately reflects the situation."

Flaming Crash Kills Pilot of New Jet Plane

LOS ANGELES, April 18—(AP)—A jet plane crashed on takeoff at Municipal airport today and burst immediately into flame. A fire department spokesman identified the craft as a North American F86 Sabre--of the type which holds the world's speed record of 670 miles per hour. The company said release of the pilot's name will have to come from the air force after next of kin have been notified. He was killed.

Appointments To 3 Boards Listed Here

Five members for the state livestock advisory committee were announced Monday by Gov. Douglas McKay. Organization of the committee was approved at the recent legislative session.

The appointees are Robert Lister, Portland; William Kittredge, Klamath Falls; and Verne Colvin, Imnaha, representing Oregon Cattlemen's association; Kent Magruder, Clatskanie, representing Western Oregon Livestock association, and Chris Hoffman, Bay City, representing Oregon Dairy-men's association.

The new law requires members of the committee to organize immediately and draw lots to determine their respective terms. The director of agriculture is an ex-officio member.

Appointment of Dr. John Kuratli, Portland, and reappointment of Dr. Floyd L. Utter, Salem, as members of the state board of dental examiners also announced by Governor McKay. Dr. Kuratli succeeds Dr. L. M. Boire.

Dr. Victor Birdsey, Medford, was named to the Oregon dairy products commission by McKay Monday. He will represent the fourth district and will fill the unexpired term of C. A. Smith, who resigned because of his removal from the district.

Cain Provides CVA Measure

WASHINGTON, April 18—(AP)—The Truman fasted bill to set up a Columbia valley administration in the Pacific northwest was introduced in the senate today by Senator Cain (R-Wash.). The action came as a surprise. Only last week Cain filed another bill to authorize the reclamation bureau and army engineers to spend \$1,000,000,000 to develop their coordinated plan for development of the Columbia river area.

The senator explained he had introduced the CVA measure backed by President Truman so "all of the proposed development programs for the Pacific northwest might be before the committee having jurisdiction and the congress at the same time."

Air Power Said Stand of DAR, As Meet Opens

WASHINGTON, April 18—(AP)—The D.A.R. opened its 58th continental congress tonight with a message from President Truman saying that "grave issues face our country at home and abroad."

Mr. Truman made no mention of Soviet Russia by name but spoke out against "the encroachment of alien ideologies."

Citing the new 12-nation North Atlantic defense pact, Mr. Truman said: "In this treaty the United States puts any would-be aggressor on solemn notice that the security of the larger community of which we are a part will be zealously guarded against any assault either on ourselves or on any of our democratic partners."

Blockade Lift Rumors Spread

WASHINGTON, April 18—(AP)—American officials look for Soviet Russia to come up almost any day now with a firm proposal to lift the Berlin blockade which they are convinced is more painful to the Soviet bloc than to the West.

Such a proposal has not been made yet, according to the best evidence in the capital. When it is made officials expect it to be put forward with all the secrecy that Moscow can arrange, unaccompanied by reports such as those which developed over the week end from Berlin and elsewhere.

Meanwhile the state department made plain its interest in hints that Russia may be seeking a face-saving way out of the deadlock, but withheld comment.

Eisler Loses Court Round

WASHINGTON, April 18—(AP)—Gearhart Eisler, who wants to go back to Germany and take a professor's job in the Russian zone, lost another round today in his fight to avoid two jail terms here.

The federal court of appeals refused to throw out the conviction of the 53-year-old German accused of hiding communist connections when he asked for a permit to leave the country. He faces a sentence of one to three years.

He drew the other conviction on a charge of contempt for refusing to be sworn as a witness before a house committee. Under sentence of one year in jail and \$1,000 fine, he has appealed this case to the supreme court.

Portland May Get Lonesome 'Saving' Time

By the Associated Press
Only a few neighboring communities apparently will follow Portland into daylight saving time next Sunday.

Oregon City is the only Oregon community currently expected to follow the Portland lead, although the city council there has yet to take action formally.

Across the Columbia river, however, Longview and Vancouver, Wash., have voted to adopt daylight saving time. The Oregon capital of Salem is not planning to go along. Other Willamette valley towns have taken no action. In southern Oregon officials said the decision might rest on California action. California does not plan daylight saving time this year.

PGE Rate Hearing Begins in Portland

PORTLAND, April 18—(AP)—The Portland General Electric company appealed for higher rates today in a hearing before George Flagg, state public utilities commissioner.

The company seeks increases of about 6 per cent in most rate schedules, contending costs have increased so greatly that more revenue is needed to attract investment capital.

The company introduced a valuation figure of \$80,956,596. Flagg called this too high, and the company later withdrew the figure.

RAIL UNIONS STRIKE

NEW YORK, April 18—(AP)—Four operating brotherhoods struck today against the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad, shutting down the important coal-carrying link between the Pennsylvania coal fields and New England. The strike was called to enforce union demands for a 10-cent hourly wage increase embodied in a contract last fall.

Crash Near Lebanon Hurts Four Persons

LEBANON, April 18—(AP)—Four persons were injured in a three-car highway collision between Albany and Lebanon yesterday.

Robert Lee White, Albany, was the most seriously hurt. His car and another sideswiped. Then his machine collided head-on with another driven by Earl John Lang.

Bend, Lang, his wife, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. L. L. Attinger, all of Bend, were hurt.

FLIERS PASS 825 HOURS
INDIO, Calif., April 18—(AP)—Still going strong, Dick Riedel and Bill Barris passed the 825-hour mark in their little endurance plane tonight. They broke the former record of 726 hours last Thursday night.

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Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 138,089,740.65
United States Government Bonds	235,193,247.40
Municipal and Other Bonds	35,028,105.78
Loans and Discounts	143,124,911.66
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	600,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)	7,385,657.78
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	379,831.58
Interest Earned	1,523,115.64
Other Resources	1,406,685.58
Total	\$ 562,731,296.05

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 10,000,000.00
Surplus	10,000,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	11,185,280.61
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	2,273,288.42
Acceptances	367,376.42
Dividends Declared	250,000.00
Deposits	527,744,257.50
Interest Collected Not Earned	876,698.25
Other Liabilities	34,394.85
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