

Ranch Ramblings

When Christmas gets this close, you don't start anything new on the farm—unless it is absolutely necessary. You do the daily chores—a bit more leisurely and a bit more thoroughly. You read the papers like you do the chores. You pick up and put this and that away which you may not have had time to do before. You crack a few nuts and munch with an apple. You reminisce and you plan.

A couple of older farmers reminiscing this week allowed it was back in '98 that Jim Withycombe, (later governor of Oregon) started talking about folk "quitting summer fallowing." Jim didn't think this summer fallowing was too good an idea. He thought (and he was then head of the agricultural experiment station) that a sort of crop rotation between grains and legumes might be better. He thought too much summer fallowing tended toward soil erosion—only then most folk talked of it as "washing away." Besides that he thought it destroyed humus in the soil.

Summer fallowing in the Willamette valley is now almost a thing of the past. Seeding of grasses, clovers, vetches have taken its place.

In 1914, the forage crop investigation started in Willamette valley and there followed the improvement of our cropping system quite readily with the development of the legume seed industry. The present trend toward more livestock seems to work in well with the seed crop.

Prophecies show that our state-wide farm income is expected to go about 13 per cent higher in 1951 than it did in 1950. Of course, the net income may not advance over the 1950 as posts are rapidly advancing, too.

In the later years irrigation has developed rapidly throughout the valley. If water is made available by storage, there is no doubt that three or four times as much land as we are now providing with water may be irrigated. We have just about reached our maximum limit of irrigation through present sources of water. They tell us that the water rights requested for our streams are more than actually flow during the low part of summer. If everyone used up their entire water rights, a lot of our valley streams might get to look something like California's during the summer months.

A couple of other farmers as

well as Louie H. Gross, county agent over in Yamhill, has this to offer:

This time of the year many livestock men use lounging sheds for their cattle. The use of superphosphate is more valuable than lime in keeping down odors. The superphosphate ties up the ammonia gas that otherwise would escape. Thus it is kept until the litter is hauled to the field. Lime does not perform this second duty and much value of the litter as fertilizer is lost where lime alone is used.

Advance notices of the meetings, indicate quite a trio of topics is to be discussed at the Western Oregon Livestock association's annual meeting to be held at Grants Pass, January 15 to 17. President Lorin T. Woody says that taxes, pasture improvement and freight rates will head out all other topics. Stockmen of 14 western Oregon counties are invited to attend the conference and all indications are that Marion and Polk counties are going to be well represented, as well as Clackamas and Linn.

The Oregon State Jersey Cattle club is working on quite a project. Jens Svith, who publishes the quarterly organ of the club, The Oregon Jersey Review, is making the spring issue a "sire issue." He is out on a search for the greatest Jersey bulls bred in Oregon. Here in Marion county, Fred Davis, president, and Ted Robert, secretary, are assisting in the search. Anyone in Marion county having any idea of a bull which might rate this Who's Who should get in touch with Ted at the Ladd & Bush bank. Over in Polk county George Gentemann, county president, is heading up the project.

Folk going down to Scio next May for the annual Linn county lamb show (and there are nearly as many Willamette and Polk county folk there each year as Linn county sheep breeders) are going to be intrigued by the new Scio Lunch which opened there Saturday. Oddly enough the thing was planned by John Mazachek, garage owner. His wife, known here as Lucille, and his sister, Bessie Jacobsen, are running the place. It's a pretty nifty little place and can accommodate quite a number. Coffee and doughnuts were served free there Saturday afternoon and if it were a farmer friend you wanted to see from that area, you could have found him drinking some of Bessie's and Lucille's coffee.

Grain Market Revives After Case of Jitters

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Grains recovered today from an early case of jitters induced by the government's order setting "voluntary" price ceilings at December 1 levels.

The market sold off for fair-sized losses during the morning, practically all the selling being attributed to the price ceiling order. Later, short-covering, buying on the part of export houses and re-instatement of sold out long positions sparked a rally.

Wheat closed $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ higher, corn $\frac{1}{8}$ lower to $\frac{1}{4}$ higher, oats $\frac{1}{4}$ lower, soybeans $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ lower and lard 30 to 38 cents a hundred pounds lower.

Agricultural products were not mentioned in the government's price ceiling order. However, some traders thought it possible that finished goods made from agricultural raw materials might come under the order's provisions.

Many of these finished goods products have advanced since Dec. 1. This would include flour, made from wheat, which was hiked 20 to 30 cents a hundred pounds today on nationally advertised brands of family flour. Loose lard, made from hogs, sold today at \$16.25 a hundred pounds compared with \$14.75 on December 1.

Traders were not certain whether the order applied to these products, although no specific exceptions covering such products were made. The order spoke of "manufacturers and producers." If these finished goods prices were rolled back, that would tend to put a ceiling over such basic materials as grains, soybeans and lard.

BANQUET PLANNED

SILVERTON — First steps toward Silverton's First Citizen banquet are being made, although the exact date has not yet been named. The banquet, at which time the name of the First Citizen will be announced, will be held in mid-January. Wallace Adams, who is assisting this winter in his father's clothing store, Legard and Adams, has been chairman of early arrangements for the banquet. David Demeter, president of the Junior Chamber of commerce, which sponsors the event each year, reports he hopes that the date can be announced shortly.



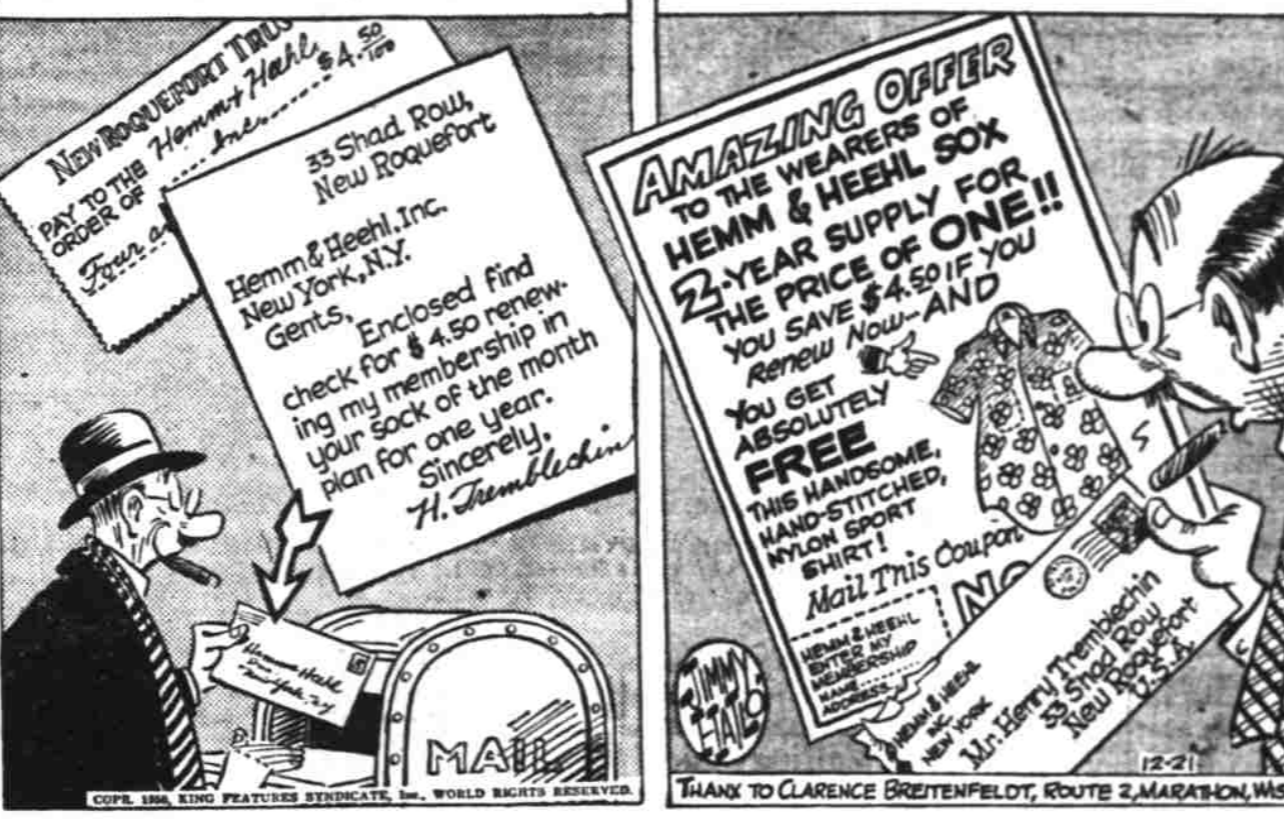
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Stock Market Carries Rally Past 4th Day

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—The stock market managed to carry its current rally through four straight sessions today after a sharp encounter with the selling forces.

Only a feeble rally in late trading prevented the market from tipping downward for the first time since President Truman put the nation on an emergency mobilization basis.

Confusion over the voluntary price freeze and new war tension brought the sellers out in full force and the result was a decidedly scrambled market. Both gains and losses ranged from a few cents to around \$1.50 a share.

Of the 1,195 individual issues traded, 597 made some forward progress and 356 lost ground. In the preceding three sessions, the proportion of gainers was much higher. However, 112 stocks moved to new 1950 highs, while only nine hit the year's bottom.

Despite another decline in turnover, business still progressed at a high level. The day's trade of 3,500,000 shares compared with 3,650,000 Tuesday and 4,490,000 Monday.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks advanced 10 cents at \$86.70, hitting a new 20-year high for the third straight day.

A good performance by rails made this advance possible, since the rail component of the average was up 80 cents, while industrials—the weightiest group—were down 10 cents and the utilities down 20 cents.

in the navy during World War II. The wedding is expected to take place in the west during the summer recess of the supreme court.



EXECUTIONER'S SWORD—Joan Wendell (left) and Diane Bernot weigh a 16th century Austrian executioner's sword at medieval exhibit in George Harding Museum, Chicago.

Halls Ferry Extension Unit Has Thursday Meet

Statesman News Service
HALLS FERRY — Mrs. Jack Smith entertained the home extension club in her home Thursday afternoon, December 14. Mrs. Gail Williams assisted.

The Halls Ferry Mothers club will hold its annual no-host Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. A. D. Graham Wednesday, December 20, at 12 p. m. All members are requested to bring a 25-cent gift for exchange and a covered dish. A short business meeting will be held.

The school Christmas program will be held in the school building Friday, December 22, at 8 p. m.

Senate Passes Excess Profits Tax Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The senate today passed an excess profits tax bill designed to drain \$3,200,000,000 from corporations this year and even more when the pace of defense spending quickens.

Less than four hours discussion preceded the voice vote which sent the measure to a house-senate conference committee.

Even while the legislation was moving through the senate, serious thought was being given to the problem of raising additional billions in revenue next year.

Church Plans Set, Silverton

SILVERTON—While plans have been discussed for the past few years concerning the building of a new Methodist church at Silverton, first recent steps forward were taken Sunday when Dr. Tipton, church architect met with the building committee and was authorized to draw plans for presentation at a later date.

No definite action as to whether or not the congregation will build at this time has been taken and no plans announced. If suitable plans can be found and arrangements made, there is a possibility of going ahead with the building before too long, members of the congregation stated.

Farm Land Market Threatens Inflation

City folk with money — and worries about possible further shrinkage in its buying power — are helping to inflate the farm land market, according to reports released from the Associated Press this week.

The reports originated in the USDA, which added that there has been a substantial increase in demand for farm land since the fighting started in Korea.

Many of the new buyers the department said, are businessmen and investors who are seeking good farms as an investment hedge against inflation. Prices increased on a national average basis 3 per cent between July and November. They are now 5 per cent above the record set in March 1920. The growing demand for farms is most noticeable, the department said, in eastern and mid-western states.

Jews Leave Tripoli

TRIPOLI, Tripolitania (AP)—Some 19,000 Jews have left Libya for Israel since the mass transfer of population began in March of 1949. Latest group of 500 went on the Israeli ship Komemliut last month.

At Father and Daughter Dinner



WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 — President Truman looks every inch the proud papa as he clasps an arm around his daughter Margaret at "Father and Daughter" dinner at the National Press club in Washington. It was the first public appearance of the two since the president wrote the letter threatening to beat up a Washington Post music critic for saying his daughter Margaret's voice was flat. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

NBC Dickers With Margaret Over Contract

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—The National Broadcasting Company said today it is negotiating a long-term exclusive contract with Margaret Truman.

NBC Vice President Charles Barry said the contract would cover radio and television appearances, but details of the appearance and figures had not been decided upon.

Variety, theatrical trade paper, said Miss Truman would get about \$4,000 for each appearance and

about \$200,000 a year when her program moved over all NBC radio and television circuits.

But a spokesman for Miss Truman's manager, James Davidson, described the Variety report as "nonsense." The spokesman said no figures had been decided upon.

The contract, the spokesman said, would be for "a limited number of guest appearances this year." There was no idea, the spokesman added, of weekly or rector, with others to be led by

MAYORS INVITED
 PORTSMOUTH, England (AP)—Sir Denis Dalley, Lord Mayor of this town, has invited the mayors of five Portsmouths in the United States to visit Portsmouth during next year's Festival of Britain.

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City Obituaries

RUTHERFORD
 Mrs. Eunice Rutherford, late resident of 210 Berry st., at Ness City, Kan., December 15 at the age of 71. Survived by sons, Sam, Walter and Donald Rutherford, all of Salem, Joseph Rutherford of Ness City, Norman Rutherford of Tacoma, Wash., and James Rutherford of Roseburg; daughters, Mrs. Vera Dugan of Ness City, Mrs. Ruth Perkins of Yakima, Wash., Mrs. Blanche Staples and Mrs. Lola Coleman, both of Salem, and Mrs. Marjorie Wheat of Greenville, Ill.; sister, Mrs. Sade Hayworth of Seattle, Wash.; and 15 grandchildren. Services will be held Thursday, December 21, at 9 a. m., at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Interment in Belcrest Memorial park under direction of W. T. Rigdon company.

VAN DYKE
 Lyle Dale Van Dyke, late resident of Salem route 9, box 176, at a local hospital, December 17 at the age of 25 years. Survived by widow, Henrietta Van Dyke, Salem; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Van Dyke, Salem; sisters, Mrs. Donna Jane Thiel, Rickreall, Mrs. Joyce Vergetts, Hayward, Calif., and Judith Van Dyke, Salem; brothers, David Van Dyke, Salem; and Douglas Van Dyke, U. S. Marine corps, San Diego; grandmother, Mrs. Mary Van Dyke, Broken Bow, Neb. Member of 1st Christian church. Services will be held at 1:30 p. m., Thursday, December 21, at the Howell-Edwards chapel with the Rev. Dudley Strain officiating. Concluding services at City View cemetery. Military services under auspices of Capitol post 9, American Legion.

LOOMIS
 Nellie Loomis, late resident of Ashland, at a local hospital, December 19, at the age of 75. Announcement of services later by the Howell-Edwards chapel.

FREE
 Willis A. Free, late resident of Station, at local hospital, December 18. Survived by four sisters, Mrs. Nellie Marriage, Hillsdale, Wis.; Mrs. Clara Jones, Barron, Wis.; Nettie Davies, Wrentham, Alberta, Canada; and two brothers, Ernest C. Free, Salem, and Archie E. Free, Crescent City, Calif. Services will be held Friday, December 22, at 2 p. m., from the Virgil T. Golden chapel with the Rev. Seth R. Huntington officiating.

MCCLAIN
 Henry McClain, late resident of 3390 Portland rd., at a Portland hospital, December 19. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Vivian McClain, Salem; a son, Pvt. Bryce Henry McClain, U. S. marines, San Diego.

Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Arzalea Curtis, Creston, British Columbia, Canada, and Mrs. Ben Tomlin, Payette, Idaho; and a brother, Marvin McClain, Salem. Services will be held Friday, December 22, at 1:30 p. m., from the Howell-Edwards chapel with concluding services at Belcrest Memorial park.

SPENCE
 Isma Aurora Spence, late resident of 675 Lancaster dr., at a local hospital, December 19, at the age of 48. Survived by husband, Joseph Spence, Salem; six daughters, Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. Dean Hayes and Barbara Spence, all of Salem; Mrs. Robert W. Davis, Rockaway; Wanda Spence, Arlington, Tex.; and Mrs. Virginia Campbell, Denver, Colo.; a son, Joseph R. Spence, jr., Salem; two sisters, Mrs. Paulene Coyne, Merced, Calif., and Mrs. Roxey Gayheart, Hindman, Ky.; two brothers, Ted Perkins, Allock, Ky., and Clay Perkins, Huntington, W. Va.; mother, Mrs. Linnie Perkins, Allock, Ky.; and eight grandchildren. Services will be held Saturday, December 23, at 2 p. m., at the Evangelistic temple, Park and Market streets. Concluding services in City View cemetery under direction of the Howell-Edwards chapel.

HILL
 Verd Hill, late resident of Independence route 1, at Independence, December 18. Survived by his wife, Esther M. Hill, Independence; a daughter, Fern Frances Hill, Monmouth; three nieces, Mrs. Constance C. Henderson, Corvallis; Martha Hill, Monmouth; and Mrs. Eleanor Vandy, Lebanon; and two nephews, Wendell Denlinger, Kellogg, Idaho, and Ellis Burch, in California. Services will be held Thursday, December 21, at 2 p. m., at the Knights of Pythias hall in Independence with private concluding services at the Mt. Crest abbey mausoleum in Salem. Direction by Clough-Barrick company.

DEWEY
 Dora A. Dewey, at the residence at 1433 State st., December 20, at the age of 76. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jessie A. Barham, Salem; a brother, Arthur Ferguson, Burlington, Iowa; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Announcement of services later by the Howell-Edwards chapel.

HARDY
 George R. Hardy, at the residence at 3935 Silverton rd., December 20, at the age of 52. Survived by wife, Mrs. Eula Hardy, daughter, Mrs. Jessie Ortnar, Ft. Smith, Ark.; a son, Robert Pickerei, Salem; and parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pickerei, Pueblo, Colo. Announcement of services later by the Clough-Barrick company.

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