

Congressmen Move To Halt Beef Drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm leaders in the House moved Friday to halt the decline in beef prices and stabilize the cattle market generally.

A House Agriculture Subcommittee agreed on a four-point program based principally on increased government credit to livestock producers.

"The situation is not critical just yet, and it is nothing like as bad as the 1930's," Rep. Hope (R-Kan.), chairman of the full Agriculture Committee, said.

But he added that if the banks "tighten up" Congress may have to act swiftly to bolster confidence in the cattle country.

The subcommittee urged immediate action to provide enough credit so that cattle producers can

carry their herds through the "critical market period."

Subcommittee Chairman Hill (R-Colo.) said the aim was to prevent forced marketing and the liquidation of foundation herds on which future production is based.

The three other points in the program:

1. Prompt controls over foreign imports like the cheap beef which recently came in from New Zealand.

2. Emphasis on meat as an item in the federal school lunch program.

3. A step-up in the military procurement of beef.

Hope said the full Agriculture Committee will meet Monday to consider the emergency measures recommended by Hill's subcommittee.

School Office Block Center of Rumor for New Developments

Numerous transfers of property in a four-block area centering around the Salem School Office building continued Friday, giving rise to increased rumors of impending business development.

Legal ownership of 10 parcels already transferred has been taken by Salem Title Co., apparently in trust. Officers of the firm would make no statement regarding plans for the properties, their eventual ownership or who paid approximately \$300,000 to date.

The city's two bus terminals, Greyhound and Trailways, are the largest business firms among more than a dozen in the area, bounded by Center, High, Union and Cottage Streets.

Approximately six full lots out of 36 have been sold and recorded with Marion County recorder's office. Another four lots are owned by Salem School District.

Revenue stamps on deeds already filed indicate a total price of some \$241,000. Another full lot, involved in a semi-trade, carried no stamps but could be estimated to have brought some \$50,000, in comparison with known deals.

In the block with the school building (the senior high school until 1937), which has been "on the market" for several years, property has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. Vern W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Quisenberry, Mr. and Mrs. Norman K. Winslow, Asel C. Eoff and Keith Brown.

In the block to the north, sales were by Lizzie Z. McAlvin, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. McNall and Rose F. Stiff.

To the east, between Center and Marion, sellers were Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Benton. The block north of that had property sold by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Bower and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Elsner.

For proof of this note the attraction of the Senate to House members. In the present body the following served apprenticeship in the House: Bain, Belton, Brady, Bryson, Chase, Geddes, Gibson, Housell, Loennig, Loneragan, Neuberger, Marsh, Walker. It is not only the four-year term which attracts them but the greater power and prestige. A senator is one-thirtieth of the Senate and a representative only one-sixtieth. In fact for those who can afford the time and the extra living expense, being a State Senator is just about the best job in the state government.

Oregon's Senate is distinguished for the continuity of its leadership and its enlightened conservatism. In spite of the fact that

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Auto Turned Over in Crash

A two-car crack-up at Court and 13th Streets about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon flipped one car over on its side and injured both drivers, but not seriously.

Police said Mrs. Edna M. Hatfield, 29, of 927 N. Church St., was driving a 1946 Ford north on 13th Street when it collided with a 1949 Chevrolet driven by Evelyn Siddall, 44, of Route 2, Box 441, Salem, which was going east on Court Street.

Mrs. Hatfield suffered a bump on the head, bruised right knee and shock while the other driver received cut fingers of the left hand.

The Sweetlands explained they are customers of the latter company.

Target Plane Runs Amuck, Kills Gunner

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — One Navy man was killed and another critically injured Friday when a small radio-controlled drone airplane went out of control and struck the destroyer USS Repertus.

The drone — a sort of oversized model airplane with a four foot one-cylinder gasoline engine — hit the No. 1 gun turret.

A Navy spokesman said the destroyer's gunners had been using the drone as a target in anti-aircraft firing practice when radio control of the drone was lost.

Animal Crackers



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Senators Give Up Days Off

By HECTOR L. FOX Associated Press Writer

The Oregon Legislature, nearing the half-way mark of what many observers still believe will be a 90-day session, forgoes its week-end respite for the first time this session, with the Senate convening at 9 a.m. today and a joint committee airing controversial "rainmaking" legislation.

The House of Representatives as a body adjourned Friday until Monday morning.

The Senate's calendar Saturday has the House-approved bill to permit withdrawal of presidential candidates whose names have been placed on the ballot without their consent. Also up for action is a joint memorial calling for statehood for Alaska and Hawaii.

The proposed weather modification bills would license and regulate cloud-seeding activities, but are far apart in purpose. One would create a state weather modification board which would issue permits to require posting of bonds; the other would put licensing under the public utilities commissioner, who would require periodic reports on activities of licensees.

The bills are sponsored by legislators from Southern Oregon, where rainmaking experiments have brewed differences between fruit growers and farmers.

The Senate Friday defeated, 23 to 7, a resolution to create the office of lieutenant governor, but the issue did not die there. Sen. Jack Bain, Portland, teamed with Sen. Douglas Yeater, Salem, to introduce another measure that would merely substitute the title of lieutenant governor for president of the senate.

Back Hunting Bill The Senate also gave unanimous approval to a bill to let the governor postpone all hunting seasons during periods of high forest fire peril, but it appeared the bill would get a thorough going over in the House fish and game committee.

Sportsmen argue that hunting season confusion the past two years was aggravated by closing only part of the state and permitting hordes of hunters to congregate in open areas. They believe this condition would be remedied by an "all or nothing" closure.

Oppose Expansion Sportsmen also heard considerable opposition to a bill that would increase the game commission from five to seven members. Opponents in other states, and that whatever problems were involved in Oregon were due largely to commissioner's unfamiliarity with regional problems.

Frank McQueen, Burns, who said the eastern part of the state supported the proposal, declared that four members of the commission now live in only one-third of the state, and 75 per cent of the big game bag each year is in Eastern Oregon, represented by one member.

Bus Speed Limit Other bills approved by the Senate Friday would ease the log jam of cases in circuit courts and restrict school buses to a top speed of 45 miles an hour. The judicial legislation provides for an administrative assistant to the chief justice of the supreme court who would check on dockets. The chief justice also would have broad powers in reassigning circuit judges to free crowded dockets.

Sen. Ben Day, Gold Hill, plans to introduce a bill extending the deadline for applying for the state soldiers bonus to next June 30. Day said many veterans missed the December deadline because of re-enlistments.

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Courthouse Frame Goes Up



It's noisy business as these three Portland iron workers start riveting on the steel skeleton of the new Marion County Courthouse. The men (from left), Art O'Burn, Bill Adams and T. Tye, are on the ground floor this week, and plan to be working on the second story by Tuesday. The white streak on the left is a red hot rivet. (Statesman Photo.)

Republicans Block Social Security Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee Friday sidetracked President Eisenhower's request for prompt action to extend social security benefits to millions of persons not now covered.

Democrats promptly contended the move was another clash between the President and members of his party in Congress. The Ways and Means Committee already has challenged the President on tax policy.

But Republican committee members said the Democratic contention was "shopworn." They denied any break over social security and promised harmony and cooperation with the White House in that field.

The Ways and Means Committee created a special subcommittee headed by Rep. Curtis (R-Neb) to undertake deep-digging, thorough survey of the entire social security program.

Rep. Reed (R-NY), chairman of the full committee, said the study would take months to complete. He added he expected it would preclude action on social security legislation this year. He said he opposed "piecemeal" legislation until the new survey is completed.

Cow, Car Collide; Damage for Both

A cow and a car collided Friday night and both were damaged. John C. Baker, Turner, Route 1, told state police he was blinded by lights from an oncoming car in the Turner-Salem Road near Paradise Island when suddenly a cow loomed in front of him.

The cow, owned by Otto Natian, Salem, Route 4, Box 14, was downed but dead and the car swerved into a ditch. Baker was not injured, said police.

Blonde Oregon Coed Testifies In Jelke Case

NEW YORK (AP) — The state rested its vice case against Minot (Mickey) Jelke Friday with the testimony of blonde Pat Thompson, an ex-University of Oregon coed who hustled her way into cafe society.

The trial then was adjourned until Tuesday when the defense offers whatever testimony it has on behalf of the 23-year-old defendant, heir to deomargarine millions.

General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente reportedly is ready to throw his courtroom open if the defense wishes to offer any testimony. He barred press and public during the state's lurid details of high priced vice in cafe society circles.

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Hurry Call for Smith The subcommittee sent out a hurry call for Smith after uncovering what seemed to be two conflicting orders put out at the State Department on the same day, Feb. 12.

The one that stirred up McCarthy, one he said was signed by Ford as security director and would hamstring the subcommittee's efforts to dig into State Department activities, left it to the discretion of an employee whether he would talk informally with members of the subcommittee staff without a senator being present.

Meanwhile, the Willamette river and its tributaries were falling slowly, with colder temperatures keeping melting of snow in the mountains to a minimum.

Three More In Annual Spell Contest

Brush College — Emmy McDaniell, 14, who likes sports, dancing and movie stars, won top spelling honors at Brush College School this year.

Emmy is in the 8th grade and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Gritton, Route 1, Box 399, Salem. She was certified for the Oregon Statesman — KSLM Spelling Contest by Principal Raleigh Carothers, and will compete in semi-finals at Mt. View School, Friday night, March 13.

Kennie Ruth Carlson, 12, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Carlson, 2280 Wallace Rd., Salem, took second place in spelling at Independence, Tuesday night, March 10.

Buena Vista — Jessie Arden, at 11 years old, the youngest entry thus far in the 1953 Oregon Statesman — KSLM Spelling Contest, has been certified as spelling champion of Buena Vista School by Principal June Johnson.

Jessie is in the 7th grade and resides with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Arden, Route 1, Independence. She will compete in the semi-finals of the contest at Independence, Tuesday night, March 10.

Second place in spelling at this Polk County school was won by David Broedon, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Broedon, Route 1, Independence, and third place by Jean Hall, 13, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hall, also Route 1, Independence. Both are in the 8th grade.

WALKOUT AVERTED SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Walkouts by deck officers and radio operators on West Coast ships in a wage dispute were averted Friday at least until further negotiations early next week.

PERON VISITS CHILE SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Argentina's President Juan D. Peron arrived here Friday night for a seven-day official visit. He was greeted by Chilean President Carlos Ibanez.

VANDALS TAKE FLARES A carload of vandals stripped street barricades of flare pots in the Saginaw Street area Friday night and rolled them along the pavement, city police reported.

'Voice' Official Proposed 'Free Love' Farm, Witness Tells Senate Probers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Perturbed senator told Friday that some Voice of America radio scripts have catered to Communism and that a Voice official wanted to go in for what the senators called "free love."

Virgil H. Fulling and Michael C. Horner, both of New York, testified to Senate Investigating Subcommittee they personally knew of scripts aimed at Latin America and France that were "damaging" to this country and "helpful" to the Communist cause.

Fulling said he believes three fellow employees of the voice, Donald Taylor, Bob Goldman and Harold Berlan, are "friendly to the Communist cause." He wouldn't say whether it is his opinion they are Reds.

In New York, Taylor, Goldman and Berlan all denied Fulling's charges. They said they never had been associated with Communism in any way, but had dedicated themselves to fighting it.

Barry Zorhian, chief of the Voice's news branch and in charge of the work done by the three accused men, called them "effective anti-Communists" and "among the best editors" on his staff.

A third witness, Miss Nancy Lenkeith, told of being invited to join what the senators described as a free love "collectivist group" the day she went to work for the Voice in December, 1951.

Miss Lenkeith, 30-year-old, London-born doctor of philosophy, said she was fired from the voice on 40 minutes notice the day after she broadcast a favorable review of Whittaker Chambers' book, "Witness," the account of a Communist who was converted to anti-Communism.

Subcommittee Chairman McCarthy (R-Wis) wouldn't allow her to go into details about the collectivist group proposition she said came from Troup Mathews, then acting head of the French section of the Voice, McCarthy said children were watching the hearing on television.

But the senator made public testimony Miss Lenkeith had given previously, when she said she was "sort of stunned" at Mathews' suggestion it "could be arranged" for her to have children, even though she had no husband.

In New York, Mathews called Miss Lenkeith's testimony "such a tissue of fabrication and vicious falsehood, it staggers the imagination."

"It is personal, private, slanderous attack made under immunity," he said. "I am at a loss to account for it. I don't know whether to feel sorry for the woman, or to be angry at her."

Mathews, a decorated World War II veteran, said the only possible basis he could imagine for her statements was his interest in cooperative veterans housing, under federal-state laws.

"I have always thought these cooperative projects made possible better neighborhood developments," he said. "But there is nothing Marxist or collectivist about it. It is about as collectivist as a town meeting."

Schools Close As Snow Piles High on Roads

By The Associated Press

Blizzards ripped across South Dakota, Southern Minnesota, Eastern Nebraska and Northwest Iowa Friday night, choking roads with windblown snow and bringing traffic to a halt.

Fifty-mile-an-hour winds piled up to 14 inches of snow drifts in the Northern States. The snow was so bad that plows were withdrawn from the roads, their crews unable to find roads.

Schools were closed and meetings cancelled in the storm-swept areas. A cold wave was forecast.

Meanwhile, Wyoming, Colorado, Western Nebraska and Western Kansas, battered by raging snow storms, Wednesday and Thursday continued digging out. Sun melted some of the snow cover in Colorado Friday.

Highways Closed

At least nine deaths were blamed on the storm in the Colorado-Wyoming area. Five of them were caused by traffic accidents and four others, all in Denver, were blamed on over-exertion due to shoveling snow.

Three major highways in Colorado were closed by drifting snow but were reopened by mid-afternoon Friday. Highways over the higher mountain passes were open but all were snow-packed and slick and driving was slow and hazardous.

Snow Drifts Deep

In Wyoming, the snow left the southern part of the state about 3 a. m. (MST) Friday morning, with 12 inches of snow at Cheyenne reported as the greatest depth.

High winds and drifts, however, piled up to three to four feet deep along open highways in both states.

A school bus taking 11 children home from Sterling, Colo., Thursday afternoon skidded into a drifted-over ditch. The driver had already dropped four of them at their homes, and found overnight lodging for himself and the other seven at a farm house a quarter of a mile away from his stalled bus.

Travelers Stranded

At Sidney, Neb., the snow was drifted to the top of a theater marquee. About 40 stranded travelers spent Thursday night in the Sidney City Auditorium.

Also in Nebraska two westbound Greyhound buses headed for North Platte bogged down at nearby Maxwell and were reported running low on fuel. A supply was being sent them. Two other buses were reported stranded west of North Platte but passengers were in no immediate danger.

Mussolini Foe Dies in Rome

ROME (AP) — Francesco Saverio Nitti, 84, who served twice as Italian premier before Mussolini's Fascist movement drove him into exile, died here Friday.

A bitter opponent of Fascism, Nitti left Italy in 1924 to continue his attack against the movement from abroad.

He returned in 1945 to become a central figure in Italy's stormy political rebirth.

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	48	37	Trace
Portland	42	30	50
San Francisco	42	40	50
Chicago	35	44	47
New York	44	37	50
Williams (Salem)	44	37	50

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, clearing tonight. Partly cloudy Sunday. High today 33-55 degrees, low 22-34 degrees. Temperature at 12:05 a.m. was 33 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Start of Year	Last Year	Normal
31.48	34.41	29.83