

Expansion of Barley, Corn Acreage Due

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While barley prices are not expected to be as good this season as a year ago, still larger plantings of barley and corn are planned for the 1955 crop in Oregon and the nation. Oat acreage in the state is expected to drop about 5 per cent.

Economists at Oregon State College point out in their latest "Agricultural Situation and Outlook" leaflet, that barley and corn remain attractive crops on many Oregon farms even though national farm support rates are being lowered and large stocks are still on hand from previous crops.

Barley ranks close to the head of the list suited to much of the land being diverted from wheat, the economists explain. Under the 1954 program, barley plantings in Oregon almost doubled.

Buildup Faster

The buildup in barley stocks has been much faster in Oregon and the remainder of the Northwest than in other parts of the nation. Stocks on hand when the new harvest starts probably will be more than six times as large as a year earlier. On top of this will come an even larger crop than harvested in 1954 if yields hold up. It is expected that most of the barley, along with other grains, will move to market through livestock.

Even though prices are likely to be moderately lower, corn can make good returns on the better soils in Western Oregon.

Large stocks of corn now on hand throughout the nation, plus prospects for this year's crop, all point toward large supplies for the coming season. Exports and use for feed lagged during the first quarter of the current marketing season. This left record national stocks on hand early this year—up more than 100 million bushels over a year earlier.

Replacing Corn

Barley is replacing corn to some extent in Oregon feed rations, but the state is likely to continue using more corn than it produces for several years—at least until wheat is priced into the market again.

Market prices for the new oat crop probably will be near loan rates. These range from \$41 to \$45 a ton in Oregon Counties. Changes for oat prices above support rates hinge mainly on weather.

Shopping around for prices above supports may pay grain growers; the state college economists believe, but sufficient storage to qualify for loans looks like good insurance against a price squeeze.

Salem Natural Gas Price May Hinge on Outcome of GOP Administration Battle

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WASHINGTON (UP)—A battle on two fronts is now well underway here in the nation's capital to decide the level of natural gas rates for Salem consumers after a pipeline has been laid to the Pacific Northwest.

The fight is out in the open on Capitol Hill, where the House Interstate Commerce Committee is holding hearings on legislation which would have the effect of killing federal regulation over the sale price of gas sold by independent producers to pipeline companies.

But the fight on the second front is behind the scenes within the Eisenhower administration, where a wide split has developed between those who favor continued federal regulation and those who want it killed. Their principal object is to win over President Eisenhower who hasn't made up his own mind as yet.

Agency Takes Stand

Only one administrative agency has come out in the open with its stand on the issue, the Federal Power Commission, whose chairman, Jerome Kuykendall of Olympia, Wash., was the opening witness before the House committee and came out strongly in favor of ending federal regulation of gas rates.

Eisenhower's right hand man at the White House, Sherman Adams, former governor of New Hampshire, reportedly heads up the faction which favors continued regulation of gas rates as a protective device for consumers. New England, and other northern states generally strongly support rate control.

Heading up the anti-control element in the administration is Robert B. Anderson of Texas, former navy secretary and now deputy secretary of defense under Secretary Charles E. Wilson. Also a leader in this faction is Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., of California, an oil company engineer in private life.

Would Boost Price

It is generally agreed that removing federal control will increase the price of gas to householders and industries, although gas producers claim the increase will be such a small percentage of the total gas bill each month as to be of little importance.

Under a Supreme Court ruling of last year, the Federal Power Commission must regulate gas prices—but the five-man FPC has wide discretion in exercising this responsibility. Thus there has

Oil Companies Score Point In Court Fight

SEATTLE (UP)—Eight major oil companies being sued for \$300,000 by a former Seattle service station operator scored a minor victory in U. S. District Court here Wednesday.

Judge John C. Bowen ruled answers to questions put to the oil companies in a similar case in California could not be admitted as evidence.

George Moore, former Seattle station operator, seeks \$300,000 damages and an injunction prohibiting the oil firms from operating retail service stations. He alleges none of the firms would sell him gasoline because he cut prices.

George W. Jansen, attorney for the TEXAS Co., said the answers in the California case contained confidential information about the oil companies' business and that neither the answers nor the questions had been used in the California case so far.

Bowen held that when such answers are forced under the law they are not admissible as evidence.

Defendants are Standard Oil Co. of California, General Petroleum Corp., Union Oil Co., Richfield Oil Corp., The Texas Co., Tidewater Associated Oil Co., Shell Oil Inc., and its successor, Shell Oil Co.

REPORTER HONORED
OREGON CITY (UP)—Fred Kuhl, reporter on the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier, Thursday was named Optimist of the year by the Oregon City Optimist Club for activity in promoting club projects and youth activities.

Of Vermont's 14 counties, there are 10 in which more than half the land is forested.

California Woman Blocks Road Project With Shotgun, Sign

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UP)—Mrs. Floyd Gallo, fingering her 12-gauge shotgun, declared Thursday that \$20,000 is not enough for her home.

Next to her was a bold, 5-foot sign reading, "Division of Highways Unfair. God Help Us."

"I told one of those State Highway men not to take a shovelful of dirt from my place before this is settled in court," she snapped.

"If they try to, I'll be waiting with my shotgun."

The California Division of Highways wants the Gallo property for a freeway along Stockton Boulevard.

"We're not asking for anything we haven't got coming," she said. "We only want just compensation for our property. They offered us only \$20,000 for our four and one-half acres and our house. It's worth a lot more."

Mrs. Gallo has hired State Sen. Earl Desmond as her attorney to fight her case in the courts. Meanwhile, she will defend her attractive adobe and tile home and its big yard herself.

Jerome F. Lipp, right of way agent in charge, said most property owners in the area had accepted the state's offer without protest.

"We plan to keep negotiating and hope to work it out amicably without further litigation," he said. "We think our offer on the Gallo property is fair. It's true they have a fine house, but it is considered an over-improvement in that area."

Plane Lands Minus 'Prop'

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A United Airlines DC-4 carrying 47 passengers and three crew members landed safely here Wednesday after losing a propeller "and a few connected parts" on a flight from Seattle.

A UAL spokesman said the accident occurred near the coastline near Crescent City, Calif. There was no report on where the parts landed, but the pilot believed they fell into the Pacific Ocean.

The airline said the plane had no difficulty flying on three engines.

R. L. Revenaugh to Publish Sandy Paper

SANDY (UP)—Richard L. Revenaugh, former editor of the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier, will take over publication of the weekly Sandy Post Friday, it was announced Thursday.

The weekly was owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Purcell since September of 1947. Revenaugh worked on the Post as managing editor from 1949 to 1951 and was with the weekly Milwaukee Review for a year before moving to the Enterprise-Courier for three years before he resigned to buy the Post.

Lafayette Lock Measure Readied

WASHINGTON (UP)—Rep. Norblad (R-Ore) said Wednesday he may introduce a bill that would transfer Lafayette locks on the Yamhill River to a newly formed Yamhill County Park Commission.

Norblad has asked the Army Engineers for their opinion on the matter. They had charge of the locks, which once were an important factor in river travel. They discontinued maintenance some time ago in an economy move.

Norblad said that in addition to park value, the property has a storage reservoir on which farmers draw for irrigation water.

been a backstage contest over changing the personnel of the FPC, whose commissioners serve for five years terms and are appointed by the president. Selected by Adams

Kuykendall testified that four of the commissioners oppose controls, leaving only one in favor of them. This four-to-one ratio is expected to be changed this summer when Commissioner Nelson Lee Smith of New Hampshire retires, for he will be replaced as already announced by the White House by a Connecticut attorney reportedly selected by Sherman Adams.

Last year the anti-regulation faction won out in the appointment of a Missouri Republican who opposes gas controls for Dale E. Doty, a California Democrat who favored regulation.

Last week Wisconsin Gov. Kohler and Sen. Wiley headed a group of officials and citizens from that state who strongly want their gas rates protected by federal controls, and who called on Eisenhower to tell him why.

As in many other controversial issues in congress, the president's prestige may decide the outcome when he makes up his own mind how he stands on control of natural gas rates.

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Nebraska Pen Guards Blamed

LINCOLN, Neb., (UP)—Nebraska Penitentiary officials said Thursday that two guards could blame themselves for walking into a convict's trap and touching off a 65-hour rebellion.

Deputy Warden Don B. Greenholtz said the guards, who were held as hostages during the marathon riot, "were lax in handling the men."

The guards, Warren Miller, 43, and Eugene Swanson, 34, were released unharmed when the eight rebel convicts surrendered early yesterday.

142 Loggers To Die Unless Safety Better

SPOKANE (UP)—An estimated 142 loggers will be killed in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana this year unless safety programs are tightened up, the Inmountain Logging Conference was told Wednesday.

Frank Peck, safety director for the J. Neils Lumber Co., Libby, Mont., said logging and equipment men had enough brains to work out programs to cut down the predicted casualty toll.

"If we don't, we will be faced with the alternative of having some crackpot in Washington, D. C., telling us how to do it," he said.

Kenneth Neils, also of the Libby firm and chairman of the safety discussion in the closing session of the conference, urged the group to form a permanent safety department.

The proposed department would provide services of a safety inspector for members, collect accident data, distribute information, represent members with federal agencies and make central purchases of safety supplies.

The board of directors is expected to consider the idea.

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