

# Ike Still Undecided; Monday Decision for New Farm Bill Seen

(Picture on wirephoto page)  
AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Benson Saturday called the politically explosive farm measure "a bad bill" but said President Eisenhower still was undecided whether to sign or veto it.  
"The White House said, meanwhile, the President will announce a decision regarding Monday's bill early next week, possibly after a long meeting with Eisenhower," Benson said he felt the President

# Extra Farm Income Seen If Bill Vetoes

By WILMOT HERCHER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers may get some extra benefits this year even if President Eisenhower vetoes the controversial farm bill now awaiting action at the White House.  
Agricultural circles here and elsewhere are discussing the possibility that the administration, in the event of a veto, might raise price supports to 85% per cent of parity on certain basic crops.

This would not give farmers the additional two billion dollars in additional benefits contained in the bill passed by Congress last Wednesday, but it would give them extra income before they go to the polls to vote in the general election next fall.  
Rice is now supported at 75 per cent of parity, wheat at 75 per cent and corn at 81. The support price for cotton, another basic crop, has not yet been fixed for this year but Secretary of Agriculture Benson has indicated it would be about 80 per cent of parity, if existing law remains unchanged.

Speculation about a possible rise in support levels was based on the fact that the administration was willing to compromise on a flexible support system ranging from 85% to 90 per cent of parity but before the showdown voting began in Congress last week.

Existing law, which would continue in effect if Eisenhower vetoes the new bill, empowers the administration to support prices of basic crops at from 75 to 90 per cent of parity. The new bill calls for mandatory supports at 80 per cent, a provision opposed by Eisenhower.

# Mrs. Letz, 61, Succumbs; Rites Tuesday

Mrs. Rosie Fromm Letz, Salem resident since 1923, died Saturday at her home, 1720 Berry St., at the age of 61.

She was born at Eureka, S.D., Feb. 4, 1890. She and Mike Letz, who survives her, were married Feb. 4, 1914, at Hebron, N.D., and moved from North Dakota to Salem 28 years ago.

Mrs. Letz was a member of Rabel Baptist Church.

Besides her widower, she leaves three sons, William Letz, Portland; Roy Letz, Bend; and Walter Letz, Salem; daughter, Mrs. Esther Helton, Salem; three sisters, Mrs. Lydia Gardner, Salem; Mrs. Martha Amos, Eugene; and Mrs. Christine Gunch, Golden Valley, N.D.; three brothers, Emanuel Fromm, Tacoma, Wash.; Robert Fromm, Canby; and Henry Fromm; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday in Howell-Edwards chapel, the Rev. Alfred Warden officiating. Burial will be in Belcrest Memorial Park.

# Cigarette Causes General Alarm

A smoldering cigaret on the roof of a garage at the rear of Roberts Apts., 157 S. Winter St., did no damage Saturday night, firemen said.

Because of the location of the alarm, however, the call was answered by four firetrucks and the first aid car.

The firemen also had a good audience as they raked the cigaret from the garage roof. A large number of dancers at the Y-Teen Cotton Ball in the neighboring YWCA came over to see what all the excitement was about.

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# Salem Rates High in State Speech Meet

North and South Salem High Schools each had a first-place finish in the annual tournament finals of Oregon High School Speech League Saturday in Eugene.

South Salem High School, in a tie with Hillsboro High School in the debate team event, was awarded permanent possession of that trophy for winning three times in five years. Hillsboro High School will hold the trophy for six months before it becomes the property of South Salem High School.

And George Andrews, North Salem High School, won first place in humorous reading.

Other winners were Nathan Douthett, Crater High School, Central Point, the only double winner, in extemporaneous speaking and oratory; Gregory Lowe, Central Catholic High School, Portland, discussion; Tim Keating, Ashland High School, impromptu; Carleen Felka, Roseburg High School, serious reading; Jay Stern, Grant High School, Portland, poetry reading; James Johnson, also of Grant High School, radio speaking; and Joe Burns, Medford High School, after dinner speaking.

Concordia High School of Portland won the debate team event in the "B" division for smaller schools.

Rating near the top in the finals of the two-day tournament at University of Oregon were John Bolman of Dallas High School, who placed second in discussion, and Bill Ford, South Salem High School, second in after dinner speaking.

Tournament officials reported that 167 speakers, all district winners, from 41 schools took part in the contest.

Asked whether he "in good conscience" could administer the bill if Eisenhower should sign it, Benson replied:

"If it is signed into a law, we will do the very best we can to administer it as long as the President wants us to do so."

Some influential Democrats in Congress have said that if Eisenhower vetoes the bill, he will get no farm legislation at this session.

But Benson said it is "entirely conceivable" that the administration, in a new bill, might get the soil bank the President wants created with a view to reducing crop surpluses. There is provision for that in the pending bill, but there also are provisions the administration does not want.

# North Salem High Paper Rates Award

EUGENE (AP) — The Clarion, school paper edited by students at North Salem High School, won second place in a statewide contest sponsored by the Oregon Scholastic Press. Winners were announced in Eugene Saturday.

The Astor Press of Astoria High School won first place in the division for larger schools with printed newspapers. The North Salem Clarion, edited by Samp Ramp, was second, and Marshfield High School's Ma-Hi Times was third.

In the smaller school competition, Pendleton High School's The Lantern won first place. Penny Ingram is the editor. The White Buffalo of Madras Union High School was second, and the Talent Hi-Life was third.

Drain High School's The Warrior was the top winner among schools with duplicated papers. The Hornet's Buzz of Henley High School was second.

SERVICES PLANNED  
SAN JUAN, P. R. (AP) — Services for all denominations at San Juan international airport start Sunday. They will be in a reception room accommodating about 100 people until chapels can be built.

### Theatre Time Table

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"PICNIC": 1:30 and 4:30 and 7:15 and 9:45  
"COMANCHE": 1:00 and 4:31 and 7:19 and 9:41  
"HEARTBREAK RIDGE": 2:33 and 5:43 and 9:01  
HOLLYWOOD  
"GRAPES OF WRATH": 1:45 and 4:45 and 7:45  
"TOBACCO ROAD": 4:00 and 7:00  
NORTH SALEM DRIVE-IN  
"THE TALL MEN": starring Jane Russell and Robert Ryan  
"THREE STRIPES IN THE SUN" starring Aldo Ray and Phil Carey  
(Show starts at Dusk)

# Sen. Morse Endorsed by Labor Units

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon labor forces endorsed Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore) for re-election Saturday, and added endorsements for seven other Democrats and two Republicans in other statewide contests.

The endorsements were announced by James T. Marr, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, and George Brown, executive secretary of the State Industrial Union Council.

They favored Democratic candidates in the four congressional contests: Jason Lee of Salem in the first district; Al Ulman of Baker in the second; and Rep. Edith Green in the third. They said either David C. Shaw of Gold Beach or Charles O. Porter of Eugene is acceptable in the fourth district.

Other Democrats endorsed: Robert D. Holmes of Astoria for governor and Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie for secretary of state.

The groups, however, did not endorse Democrat Robert Y. Thornton, incumbent in the state attorney general's office. The endorsement went to the Republican aspirant, State Sen. Carl Francis of Dayton.

The other Republican endorsed, Sig Unsander, state treasurer, "should be retained on the basis of his record," the groups announced.

# Fossil of Turtle Believed to Be 5 Million Years Old

THE DALLES (AP) — The fossil skeleton of a turtle, believed to be more than five million years old, was found on the Art Sharp wheat ranch five miles southeast of here.

Sam Sargent, geologist for the Corps of Engineers, said the Sharp ranch was once the bottom of a lake and that the turtle had died and sunk to the bottom.

He said the fossil was more complete than those usually found in this area. A back shell, bottom shell, two leg bones and several neck bones were found.

The shells were about three feet long.

TOURISTS SOUGHT  
MEXICO CITY (AP) — The government's national tourist council announces it is spending \$300,000 for advertising and public relations in the United States the remainder of this year.

# Car Engine Runs on All Fuels, Even Peanut Oil

DETROIT, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. said Saturday it has developed an engine that burns almost any kind of fuel.  
It runs on all types of mineral oils from high octane gasoline to residual fuels. One experimental unit has been fuelled with whale oil, peanut and other vegetable oils.

GM's president, Harlow H. Curtice, said the XP-500, the first automobile in the world powered with such an engine, will be unveiled May 15-16 at the dedication of GM's new technical center.

Curtice described it as a free piston engine that represents an entirely new concept in automotive power.

"Although the principle of the free piston engine has been known for more than 30 years, General Motors' research staff is the first to put it to work in an automobile," Curtice said.

Like Bicycle Pump  
The engine has no crankshaft or connecting rods. Its pistons operate like a bicycle pump or bellows blowing hot gases through a pipe to a turbine. The spinning turbine powers the rear wheels.

GM said the free piston engine has been used in Europe for large size jobs, such as powering ships and locomotives. GM claims its engineers are the first to design a free piston engine into a small, compact unit suitable for an automobile.

Kept in Phase  
... aren't free in the sense they can rattle around with-

# Kings Crowned At Y-Teen Ball

Gary Anderson of South Salem High School and Bob Tom of North Salem High School were crowned kings of the Y-Teen Cotton Ball Saturday night in YWCA gymnasium.

The winners also were presented with cuff links at the dance attended by an estimated 250 couples.

# Loot Recovered In Bar Holdup; Man Arrested

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police today arrested a short, stocky ex-convict and reported the recovery of all but \$23 of \$5,000 taken in a bar holdup Friday.

Paul Proger, 33, was booked on suspicion of robbery. Police said he was traced after a bartender Harold Zubkoff identified a police identification picture.

Officers said they found a shotgun, used in the holdup, a revolver and six sticks of dynamite in Proger's room. Most of the money was there, too, and police said Proger explained what happened to the remainder:

"I had to pay \$22 in parking fines on tickets I picked up while casing the bar."

# Burglaries Admitted By Man in Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — Police have arrested a Portland man identified as Jack R. Delaney, 35, who they say has admitted at least 18 Portland burglaries in which at least \$4,500 was stolen.

Police said several cracked safes were included in the series, which occurred in the period since last July. The losses actually had been reported at more than \$12,000.

Delaney was booked on a charge of attempting to break into a drug store in February.

SEVEN DIE IN BLAST  
BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Seven persons were killed Saturday when their house was dynamited by raiders in Yarsen village.


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