

Coast Living Cost Increase Curbed

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Cost of living in Pacific coast cities increased less than the national index during the period November 15 to December 15, William A. Bledsoe, regional price economist of the bureau of labor statistics, U. S. department of labor, announced here.

While the national cost of living index showed an increase of 2-10 of one per cent, living costs increased by 1-10 of one per cent in San Francisco, dropped 2-10 of one per cent in Los Angeles, and were unchanged in Seattle.

In Portland, where only a quarterly survey is made, costs were up 4-10 of one per cent for the three months ending December 15, Bledsoe said.

During 1943, the national increase in the cost of living index was 3 3-10 per cent, compared to 2 8-10 per cent for San Francisco, 2 2-10 per cent for Los Angeles, 2 4-10 for Seattle and 2 1-10 for Portland.

During 1942 the increases in the four cities ranged from nine to 11 per cent, Bledsoe said. Since August, 1939, the increases have totaled from 26 to 29 per cent in the west coast population centers.

Food prices were down slightly in Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco during the past month, the report said, but clothing, rent and house furnishings showed increases. Rents decreased in Portland, but house furnishings costs rose.

Wrong Merriam Listed

Willis B. Merriam, assistant professor of geology and geography, was inadvertently announced as a member of the steering sub-committee of the new science planning committee recently appointed by the University of Oregon chapter of Sigma Xi, science honorary, according to Dr. Pierre Van Rysselberghe, president of the honorary.

The member referred to is Dr. J. C. Merriam, president of the Carnegie Institution, Washington, D. C., who is retired and living in Eugene. He is a consultant on values of science at the university. At present he is visiting in California.

Odeon Set April 6

Odeon, annual creative art show at the University of Oregon, will take place April 6, it was decided at a meeting of the Odeon committee this week. Student creative work in the form of music, literature, the dance, drama, and art will be displayed and performed at the university's unique combination program and exhibit, it was announced by Norris Yates, Sherwood, student chairman.

Faculty chairman of the event is W. A. Dahlberg, acting director of speech and dramatic arts. Student committees headed by a faculty member will judge the creative works submitted to select material of the highest quality for display at Odeon, Yates said.

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All-Out Production Planned by Farmers

CORVALLIS—(AP)—Oregon farmers are again planning for all-out production in 1944 and, given favorable weather, may equal or exceed most of the major goals set for this state.

So said R. B. Taylor, state chairman of the AAA committee, and W. A. Schoenfeld, director of extension, following production planning meetings held throughout the state.

One favorable factor is that the mild winter thus far has resulted in marked savings in livestock feed which, if normal conditions continue, will largely avert what appeared to be a critical situation last fall.

Though faced with serious labor problems, farmers are not generally restricting their plans for fear of labor shortages, the reports indicate. Better organization last season plus favorable weather and some other factors made it possible to harvest practically all crops, and growers are hoping for equal success this year.

Two Pendleton Fliers Bag Three Nazi Planes

PENDLETON—(AP)—Two Pendleton airmen have been credited with bagging three German fighter planes, air force headquarters at their separate stations reported.

Staff Sgt. William C. Davis, 26, left waist gunner on the Flying Fortress St. Louis Woman, shot down a FW-190 in the raid by eighth air force bombers on Bremen December 16.

Sgt. George Koster, 23, making his first combat flight as a tail gunner in a Flying Fortress, destroyed two Messerschmitt 109 pursuits in the fierce aerial battle over Innsbruck, Austria, December 19.

AST Program to Take In Pre-Medic Course

Pre-medical instruction will be undertaken as a part of the army specialized training program at the University of Oregon at the opening of spring term, March 13, it was announced this week by Dr. Will Victor Norris, academic director of the ASTU on the Oregon campus.

Approximately 30 enlisted soldier students are expected here to take the pre-medical course, said Dr. Norris, explaining that the notice received at ASTU headquarters here from Fort Douglas referred to the new allotment of men as pre-professional. This, however, has been interpreted by Dr. Merton E. Hill, University of California, academic consultant for the ninth service command, as meaning pre-medical students.

The course to be taken by these pre-professionals includes physics, chemistry, biology, psychology, history, geography, and English. The men are to remain on the Oregon campus nine months. They will be taught by the present ASTU staff, supplemented by members of the University of Oregon faculty in biology, chemistry, and psychology.

Campus Canteen Open

A campus canteen, sponsored by the ASUO, was inaugurated Saturday evening. The canteen, located on the third floor of Gerlinger, will be open on Saturday nights to all soldiers and civilians on the campus.

Martha Beard, Modesto, Calif., has been placed in charge of the canteen, and will be assisted each Saturday by six official hostesses. Hostesses for the opening of the canteen this week are Cecile Noren, Betty Boyle, and Mary Sherman, all of Portland; Joyce Clark, and Phoebe Smith, both of Eugene, and Marjorie Leask; Los Angeles, Calif. A reading library and current magazine selections as well as a radio-phonograph will be supplied for the recreation center.

Seven Enter Contest

Seven University of Oregon students will participate in the campus division of the national discussion contest Feb. 14, it was announced Thursday by Robert D. Clark, assistant professor of speech and dramatic arts. The contest will consist of a round-table discussion followed by individual extemporaneous speeches. Winners will compete in the regional contest at Stanford university. Winner for the regional contest will receive a trip to Mexico City with all expenses paid. The contest theme is pan-Americanism.

Contestants are Ruth Blum, Portland; Kay Hill, Eugene; Nina Sue Fernimer, Chiloquin; Jane Hooker, Medford; Helen Schow, Oakland; Varney Baker and John Craig, both of Roseburg.

TODAY on the HOME FRONT

by JAMES MARLOW and GEORGE ZILKE

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Want a simpler income tax law and return blank?

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Present deductions are a stumbling block the experts run into when they try to figure out a better pay-as-you-go system with a simple tax form.

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- 2.—Eliminate deductions for contributions to charity and church, taxes paid, interest paid, etc.

The earned income credit, now allowed in figuring the normal tax but not the surtax, has been one obstacle to simplification. Both the senate and house have voted to eliminate it.

The next step, as some experts see it, would be to adjust the withholding of taxes from wages and salaries so as to collect the whole tax liability on those earnings at the source.

To make this withholding come out exactly to the amount of tax, deductions would have to be abolished.

Elimination of deductions undoubtedly would arouse protests.

Market Reports

By HORACE BURNETT, Market Editor

EUGENE—Little change was noted in produce prices in the local markets Saturday. Eggs were steady and prices of poultry, vegetables and fruits remained steady also.

Despite "unusual" weather this winter, the supply of produce at the public market has kept up well. To be found at the stalls featuring Lane county products exclusively are carrots, parsnips, turnips, onions, cabbage, squash and other fall and winter vegetables. Apples are plentiful, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$4 a bushel.

Savory cabbage and savory cabbage greens appeared at the Johnson stall Saturday.

At the big stall of Countryman and Webb, where shipped in as well as local produce is handled, can be found sweet potatoes, lettuce, cauliflower, hothouse tomatoes, celery, new potatoes, rutabaga, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, onions, both green and dry, radishes, grape fruit and oranges, grapes and avocados.

Some of the Lane county stalls feature dressed poultry every Saturday and today were found dressed chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. Dressed rabbits are also on sale at a few of the places.

Funeral Notices

HILLIS—Funeral service for William Hillis will be held at the Hillis Chapel on Tues., Jan. 25, with Rev. L. O. Griffith officiating. Interment in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

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