

Northwest Farmers Warned Of Pending Price Declines

By BILL JOHNSTON
SPOKANE, (AP) — The warn-
ing to northwest farmers to pre-
pare for price slumps are swelling
in a chorus.

While farm leaders predict con-
tinued high demand for farm prod-
ucts at least through this year,
they generally agree that price
slumps need not mean serious
depression, they believe farmers
should be ready to tighten their
operational belts on short notice.

Fred J. Martin, Washington
state director of agriculture says
the outlook for Washington agri-
culture this year is "very good."
though net income probably will
be as high as last year.

Your farm and finances must be
absolutely in order when the
downward trend in agricultural
production begins."

Virgil Kennedy, Idaho extension
farm management specialist, adds
a similar note of caution to pres-
pective farm purchasers. He says
the only safe method of comput-
ing land values is to base them on
the long-term productive capacity
of the land, not on recent "high
price" capacity.

For example, Kennedy says, a
farmer needed only 442 bushels of
wheat or 546 sacks of potatoes
this spring to pay off a \$1,000
mortgage. He would have needed
1,136 bushels of wheat or 926
sacks of potatoes to pay off the
debt in the pre-war "average
price" year of 1937.

Aerial Planting Succeeds
Aerial planting of 2,000 acres
of spring wheat land to sweet
clover in Walla Walla county this
year has proved successful. M. D.
Butler, extension conservationist
at Washington State College, says
"good stands and healthy growth"
resulted from the planting.

The clover will be plowed un-
der next spring to turn nitrogen
and organic matter back into the
soil. The sweet clover, when seed-
ed by drills, has increased wheat
production as much as 40 per cent,
Butler says. Planting by plane is
more practical because the clover
must be seeded when ground is
too wet for drilling.

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HISTORICAL HEADSTONES may be found in all of Lane
County's older cemeteries. Here three children wandering
through Pioneer Memorial Park near the University of Oregon
pause to put flowers on the grave of A. J. Zumwalt, whose head-
stone points out that he was a pioneer in 1852. The children are
Don and Donna (twins) and Judy Smith. Their parents are Mr.
and Mrs. Leroy Smith, 740 15th Ave. E.
(Wiltshire photo and engraving)

Most Lane Cemeteries Found In Only Fair to Bad Condition

With few exceptions, Lane
County cemeteries are neglected
and weed-grown. Many of them
are eyesores, filled with weeds
and brush.

Furthermore, despite their lack
of attention to family plots, some
citizens protest vigorously when-
ever a civic reform program in-
cludes a plank advocating that un-
sightly burial grounds be moved
to the outskirts of the towns which
have gradually enclosed them.

Some Do Care
This perversity is not by all
means universal. Some families
do take care of their plots, and a
few cemeteries operate under per-

petual care programs of varying
effectiveness.

Sexton Lynn Stone of Spring-
field, who has worked in 32 of
the county's 46 burial grounds,
says he knows of only three of
the 32 which are "kept up" regu-
larly — the IOOF cemetery on
Eleventh Ave. W. and Rest Haven
Memorial Park, both at Eugene,
and the Danish cemetery west of
Junction City.

Undertakers contacted in Eu-
gene could add no more to the
careful list, although they said
several of the grounds are new
and that some boards may not
have reported their programs.

Prices Vary
Nearly all the cemeteries are
administered by committees in
nearby communities. The price of
a lot runs from \$100 for single
grave space in some of the newer
burial grounds down to \$4 in some
of the older places.

Stone pointed to another side
of the question when he remarked
that headstones often tell of war,
privation, death in infancy, and
the struggles of the pioneers.

Pioneer Plots
Elijah Bristow, first Lane set-
tler, is buried in Pleasant Hill
Cemetery. Many other pioneers
have found their resting place in
the abandoned Springfield Cem-
etery, the Masonic Cemetery south
of Eugene, Pioneer Memorial Park
(old IOOF) on the University of
Oregon campus, and others over
the county.

And even in their neglect, many
burial grounds somehow achieve a
certain beauty by hilltop positions
and generous stands of brooding
Douglas fir.

Lucky's Face Red? Thieves Lift Camera

NAPLES — (AP) — Charles
(Lucky) Luciano was deeply cha-
grined Saturday after an expen-
sive camera was stolen from him
as he basked in the sun on the Isle
of Capri.

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neat job Capri crooks pulled on
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York vice czar told a reporter.
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B-29's to Base At Spokane

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Spokane
will become the main northern
Pacific Coast B-29 superfortress
base in the continental United
States, the Strategic Air Command
has disclosed.

A second force is being assem-
bled at Merced, Calif., and fields
are being prepared in Alaska for
operation of strategic bombers.

Development of West Coast
B-29 fields is part of a nationwide
expansion. Superfortress bases
have been established in the Mid-
west and Southwest, and others
are planned for Florida and Maine.

The air command has announced
that the reactivated 92nd Very
Heavy Bomber Group has been
ordered to the Spokane Army Air
Field, which it will take over from
the Air Material Command.

Three squadrons of long range
bombers, one of which already has
been assembled there, will be sta-
tioned at the Spokane base. The
other two squadrons composing
the 92nd group will be brought
in as personnel and aircraft are
procured. (A B-29 group at the
present time consists of about nine
planes.)

The 92nd at peak strength will
have 296 officers and 1571 enlisted
men. Until recent reactivation or-
ders went into effect it was a pa-
per force composed of one officer
and one enlisted man.

Group Plans Change In Agricultural Act

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chair-
man Clifford R. Hope disclosed
Monday that his House Agri-
culture Committee will hold summer
and fall hearings in an effort to
whip together a new farm pro-
gram before the next session of
Congress.

The program is intended to re-
place the 10-year-old Agricultural
Adjustment Act. The Kansas Re-
publican said that although gen-
eral hearings are pretty well com-
pleted, specific details of the pro-
gram still must be worked out.

It was understood that a ma-
jority of the committee now fa-
vors a flexible price support pro-
gram ranging from 70 to 90 per
cent of parity. Parity is a formula
which measures the farmer's cur-

rent living costs against the base
period 1909-14.

The government, by congress-
sional mandate, is obligated to
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