

Farm Labor Office Swamped With Prospective Bean Pickers

Eugene's Farm Labor Office was swamped with requests for referrals to bean fields Monday morning, but most of the estimated 150 persons who applied were destined to wait until the bean crop is more fully matured next week.

Bean grower Clem Howell of Goodpasture Island was the first to haul a load of pickers from Eugene Monday. Farm Labor Assistant Kenneth Arney said other growers are waiting to learn how many pickers will drive to the fields, before making provisions to haul the pickers from the city.

"We don't want prospective bean pickers to become discouraged," said Arney, pointing out that the crop is late and picking will not be in full swing until about August 1. The 150 who applied for work Monday included both local persons and transients.

Children's Platoon No. 1 will leave the Irish-Swartz parking lot at Tenth Ave. and Charnelton St. at 7 a. m. Tuesday. The first platoon will pick at the Fred

Kingsley farm in the Nonkenite District. Other platoons will start picking until late this week or early next week.

Meantime, registration was under way at Coburg Farm Labor Camp, which will open July 25. The camp is for families only, and for bean pickers only. Tents and cabins owned by the growers are rapidly filling up, but several good camping sites still are available for persons who have their own tents.

Other types of farm work, aside from bean picking, are at a minimum. Only a few persons are being referred to farms for beet pulling, picking cucumbers, haying and combining.

"The bean picking situation definitely is a lot different that it was during the last few years," said Arney, pointing out that supply and demand are beginning to equalize.

Economic Report Carries Warning

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fore the war, but the downward trend of his "real income"—in terms of what he can purchase—stirs concern.

Credit—The rapid increase in consumer credit has slowed down; the present increase can safely be continued through the year, but a more rapid increase would be "unhealthy."

Inventories—Stocks in the hands of retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers are at sound levels; they can probably increase to some extent with safety.

Home Building—The number of new homes started this year is "far below requirements." Construction costs can and "must" be lowered. The Taft-Wagner-Ellender long-range housing bill, which would provide federal aid for low-rental projects, "should be enacted without delay."

Exports—Seventy-five per cent of the 1947 gain in national production was caused by the unexpected boom in exports; but foreign buying power is "likely soon to decline."

Profits—For the last six months, corporate profits show an average return of 10 per cent on net worth.

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Medal Found on Farm Proves Valuable Relic

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An old brass medal, passed from hand to hand since it was dug out of the mud on a Massillon, O., farm 40 years ago has been revealed as a valuable museum piece.

The credit for identifying the work of a 15th century Italian sculptor goes to the Rev. Clarence E. Macarthy, pastor of a Presbyterian church here.

The medal which bears the bust of its original owner, was carved by Pietro di Montefeltro for Federico di Montefeltro, Duke of Urbino, Italy, in 1474. It commemorated the election of Montefeltro to the British Order of the Garter.

Farmer Finds Concrete Pays

CHICAGO (AP)—A Greenfield, Ill., farmer made an extra profit of \$5,452 by building a concrete feed lot that kept his beef cattle out of the mud.

Henry Longmeyer's barnyard, like most of them in the middle west, turns into a quagmire in the spring after the thaws and seasonal rains. He figured it was costing him a lot of money with the cattle losing weight by sloshing through the mud. Also a lot of high priced corn was wasted.

Gained Weight
 The farmer decided to do something—even if it was expensive. So last fall he paved an area 180 feet by 140 feet with concrete, using his regular hired man for labor. The total cost was \$3,600. In December he put 480 head of cattle on the floor to fatten for market and fed them for 110 days.

They gained an average of 2.63 pounds a day. Up to that time his steers never had picked up more than two pounds a day. "I figure," Longmeyer said, "that the concrete floor accounted for the extra 0.63 pounds per day per head, which made a total gain of 32,264 pounds for the 408 head. With beef at 20 cents a pound, that meant I had a clear profit of \$6,552 on the extra weight."

Saved Manure
 Not only that, but the farmer was able to salvage all of the manure—a total of 600 tons which he used to cover 60 acres. Manure, he figures, is worth about \$4 a ton, or in this case \$2,400. On a muddy lot it would have been tramped into the earth and much of it lost.

There was an added saving in corn, he says. His men noted that with the concrete underfoot, the hogs missed very little corn as they cleaned up after the cattle. "Adding the \$2,400 value of the manure to the \$6,552 realized from

Float Entries Pass Record

One hundred fourteen floats have been entered in the Centennial Pioneer Parade—the largest Pioneer parade on record thus far.

Wallace N. Wintler, chairman of the event, said Monday that all entries must be at the fairgrounds by 9 a. m. Thursday. He issued a warning to vehicles coming in from the surrounding countryside to "get an early start—the highways will be choked with traffic and it may take longer than you anticipate to get to the fairgrounds."

Those who have not yet received their parade position assignments in the mail are to be at the fairgrounds at 9 a. m. Thursday, along with the rest. The positions will be available there, Wintler said. Loudspeakers will help get the sprawling parade assembled and on its way.

Promptly at 10 a. m. the long parade will leave the fairgrounds, moving behind Grand Marshal Cal Young down Eleventh Ave. to Olive St., north on Olive to Seventh Ave., east on Seventh to Willamette St., south on Willamette to Thirteenth Ave., and west on Thirteenth to the fairgrounds.

At Thirteenth and Willamette Cal Young will step to the side and review the entire parade—the first time in his life that the man who has been chairman of every previous Pioneer Parade will have seen the parade.

Defective War Shells Laid to Candy Bars

DENVER (AP)—The GI headache of jamming machine gun cartridges has been laid at the door of an American institution—the candy bar.

J. L. Gilliland, Jr., chief of the Denver laboratory of the bureau of reclamation, lifted the lid on research conducted into the shells during the war years for the army. The military sent a hurried plea for help when the faulty shells began jamming machine guns, sometimes at critical times. Gilliland's experts noticed small resin-like spots in the cases.

Micro-chemical tests in the bureau laboratory resulted in an order to the girls in the factory. Politely but firmly, they were asked not to eat candy while they worked. The days of the defective cartridge ended shortly thereafter.

"The added weight of the cattle," Longmeyer said, "and after deducting \$3,600 for the cost of the lot, I still had a clear profit of \$5,452 on the one bunch of cattle alone."

Utah Opens Own Pageant

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The curtain goes up Monday night on Utah's centennial musical drama "Promised Valley," by Arnold Sandgaard, and before it comes down on the last performance of the 100th anniversary of the settling of Utah will have passed.

Opening a major week in the year long centennial celebration, the musical is being put on at a cost of \$150,000 by Sandgaard, author of "Triple-A Plowed Under," and "Power," both produced by the federal theater project of the old WPA, and other nationally known directors.

The Mormon tabernacle choir presented "The Restoration" Sunday night, another feature in the crowded program of events for the centennial.

Some 5000 boy scouts from all states of the West, Canada and Mexico opened encampment on the Fort Douglas reservation Monday, combining scout activities and competition with participation in centennial events, including the first of the two major street parades scheduled for the coming week.

A motorized trek of the sons of Utah pioneers which began at Nauvoo, Ill., a week ago, will arrive in Salt Lake City Tuesday after completing their modern day reproduction of the march of Mormon pioneers to Utah 100 years ago.

LIQUOR SALES DIP

PORTLAND (AP)—Sale of liquor in the state dropped from 519,152 cases the first six months last year to 450,451 cases in the same period this year, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission reports. Because of increased prices, however, dollar volume was down only 6.9 percent.

Forest Blaze Nears Seward

SEWARD, Alaska (AP)—The Kenai Peninsula forest fire which has consumed 400,000 acres of timber was within 25 miles of Seward Monday.

The blaze was to the northwest of here and appeared to be veering to the southwest at its closest approach to the city.

Citizens, Alaska Fire Control Service employes and soldiers prepared to move into the heavy timber stands outside the city to construct fire breaks to prevent the blaze from reaching Seward.

Dayton Gilliland, pilot for the Pacific Airways who arrived here

with an injured fire fighter, said the fire was moving southward along a 50-mile front and was approaching the Kaslof River. Fred Rinaldi, the injured man, suffered a broken pelvis when he was knocked down a mountainside by a rolling boulder.

Rinaldi reported that weary soldiers from Ft. Richardson near Anchorage had apparently saved Kenai village on the northwest tip of the peninsula. They bulldozed a wide fire break and started backfires Sunday.

Rinaldi said the fire was so hot that soldiers were forced to spray

each other with hoses while the immense flames roared. R. R. Robinson, chief of Alaska Fire Control Service, said new fires were burning on Alaskan mainland east of the breaks now covered by 100,000 acres between Seward and Gienallen. The Kenai fire was taking a heavy toll of timber and other wildlife. Gilliland saw hundreds of moose in their now ravaged grounds and searching for which already have perished.

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