

Linn, Lane Hop Growers Okay National Market Control Plan

Linn and Lane County hop growers of District Two went on record Monday night as favoring the market control plan being drawn up by the U. S. Hop Growers Assn. for submission to the secretary of agriculture.

The program, which was explained to the group by Paul T. Rowell, assistant manager of the Growers Assn. at Salem, would provide protection for the individual grower in event of a hop surplus.

According to Rowell, such a surplus is in the "foreseeable future." The new marketing plan would function to minimize "harmful" effects of surplus years on the industry as a whole, and to keep any one group of growers from "getting hurt."

By assessing a basic percentage (15 or 20 per cent) of the estimated crop as surplus, the plan would provide the individuals who suffer serious crop failures with an opportunity to buy surplus hops from more fortunate growers and market them.

The plan probably will include a minimum standard for marketable hops. Rowell said that brewers are figuring about 15 per cent leaf and stem content as a fair minimum figure.

Since, out of 250,000 bales of hops inspected last year, there were only 301 bales with over 15 per cent leaf and stem content, this would work no great hardship on growers.

Experiments with a new system for grading hops were mentioned at the meeting by Dr. G. R. Hoerner, plant pathologist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture and extension specialist in hop production at Oregon State College.

Dr. Hoerner said that a large group of brewers is trying out a system of chemical analysis for determining the brewing value of the hops. The system currently in use stresses physical analysis (leaf, seed, stem content, etc.).

Also attending at the meeting was County Agent O. S. Fletcher. Asked about prospects for hop labor, he said:

"It will be just as scarce as last year, and maybe more so."

L. S. Christofferson, Eugene, was unanimously reelected chairman of the district.

Nine Students In Piano Recital

Nine University of Oregon piano students will appear in a two piano ensemble Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the university music auditorium.

Orchestral accompaniments for

three concerto movements included in the program will be played on a second piano by George Hopkins, professor of piano in the University.

Some of the new Palm Beach bathing suits fit like a glove and have strapless tops. They are knit of wool.

Drunk Driving Charged

SPRINGFIELD — Hazel Prince Shephard, 36, Glenwood, was fined \$150 in municipal court for driving "under the influence of intoxicating liquor."

Mrs. Shephard, who was arrested by city police on North Second St.

early Monday, pleaded not guilty to the charge and asked for a trial by court.

Judge Dale Helikson, after hearing testimony of police officers and the defendant, found Mrs. Shephard guilty and imposed the fine. She also paid a \$2 fine for operating a vehicle without a tail light.

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Windy City Teachers Return to Classrooms

CHICAGO—(AP)—Public school teachers who had threatened a city-wide strike got a salary increase Tuesday, but their starting pay still was below that of the school janitor.

The strike was averted late Monday when the city council at a last minute session voted to levy higher taxes on real estate to finance the school system this year.

The teachers had voted to form picket lines at school gates Tuesday if the school council had failed to act. They even had placards made in readiness for the strike.

But the teachers were mildly jubilant Tuesday as they entered classes. Their paychecks, the first they had received since Dec. 19, were in the mails to them.

Pupils congratulated their teachers as classes began, but some of them obviously were disappointed that there was no strike, and no excuse to miss school.

Despite the 14 per cent increase for elementary teachers and 25 per cent boost for high school instructors, most of them still receive less than the school janitors and engineers.

Elementary teachers now receive \$220 a month as starting pay and \$400 a month after 10 years. Starting high school teachers receive \$284 a month and \$480 after a decade.

Janitors receive a flat salary of \$231.50 a month with no increase for seniority while school engineers receive \$388.50 to \$567.50 depending on seniority and the size of the school plant.

The increased pay does not help the lowest grades of teachers much. The 1947 salary rates were \$220 to \$320 for elementary teachers and \$260 to \$420 for high school instructors.

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