

House Measure Gives Farmers Added Phones

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congress gave special attention to the nation's farmers Wednesday. The House passed a bill to help expand their telephone systems, while receiving anew proposal for price supports on their crops.

The telephone measure was approved and sent to the senate by a 282 to 509 vote. Most of the opposition came from representatives of urban communities.

It would authorize the Rural Electrification Administration to make long term loans at low in-

'Chute Jumps At 550 MPH

HAMILTON FIELD, Cal.—(AP)—The successful completion of parachute jumps from a plane traveling 550 miles an hour, highest speed at which man has left an airplane, was announced Wednesday by the air force.

The test jumps were made by two airmen from Jet F-30 Shooting Stars. They were thrown clear of the planes by newly-designed pilot ejection seats and then floated down to San Pablo Bay near here.

The air material command identified the parachutists as Capt. Vincent Mazza of Naperville, Ill., and Staff Sgt. Victor A. James of Newcastle, Pa.

The jumps were made from an altitude of 10,000 feet and waiting crews from Hamilton Air Base picked the airmen up from the bay.

Capt. Mazza was ejected from a plane twice, once at 550 miles an hour and once at 405 miles an hour. Mazza said he felt no ill effects from the high speed jumps.

New Support Plan
The new farm price support plan was advanced by Rep. Gore (D-Tenn.). He introduced a bill which would continue the present farm law through 1950—thus giving farmers a price prop of 90 per cent of parity on major crops instead of the flexible scale due to go into effect next January.

Gore's measure would substitute for the administration program which would provide for "production payments" to farmers as based on the new parity system worked out by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

Parity is a legal price standard calculated to give farmers a fair purchasing power.

The House Rules Committee cleared the administration measure for debate, but stipulated that Gore's alternate bill must be brought up for consideration also.

Haste Makes Waste
CHEBOYGAN, Mich.—(AP)—Haste wasted \$33.35 and four automobile tires for Edgar Malin, Malin, speeding to get across the Cheboygan River State Street bridge before it lifted, poked his car through a guard rail, reared it up the raised part of the bridge and jumped the four-foot opening.

As the car landed at the other side the span, all four tires blew out.

Then Malin was fined in justice court on a reckless driving charge.

Family Sticks Together
BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graves settled here after their marriage 56 years ago. Their 10 children, all married, now live within "hollering distance" of their parents.

The largest switchyard in the world operated by a single railroad is the Chesapeake and Ohio yard near Ashland, Ky.

Catholic Picnic Is Sunday at Benton-Lane

All Catholic families of St. Mary's parish, Eugene, and of neighboring parishes are urged to set aside Sunday, July 17, for the big church picnic at Benton Lane Park, on Highway 99 West on the county line between Lane and Benton Counties.

The annual picnic is again being arranged by the Eugene Council of the Knights of Columbus, with Stanley Dawson in charge. This year's affair is expected to be the largest ever held. Groups from St. Alice's parish of Springfield, and from St. Rose parish of Monroe and Harrisburg, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish of Cottage Grove, and St. Michael's parish of Oakridge expect to attend.

Nudists Gather For Convention
CHICAGO—(AP)—Alois Knapp and some 300 of his followers donned their summer clothes early Thursday and took off for a convention to take them off.

They are members of the Central Sunbathing Assn., which opened its second annual convention at Zoro Nature Park at Rose-lawn, Ind., 50 miles south of Chicago.

Knapp, a Chicago attorney and self-styled "king of the nudists," said members from eight central states would register at the convention.

"They include families and children," he said. "Many of them—artists, writers, students and teachers—will bring along their work."

The nudists, after hearing Knapp's annual report and committee reports, will spend their time playing chess, cards, volleyball, tennis and other games, Knapp said.

The convention will continue through Sunday and members will consider ways to organize unorganized nudists and plan for the national convention of the parent American Sunbathing Assn. at Denver, Aug. 11-13.

Knapp said it was difficult to estimate the number of nudists in the country but that it runs "into the thousands."

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