

Farm Support Plan Involves Many Groups

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Washington (U)—The outcome of the impending fight in Congress over farm supports will have a far-reaching effect on the pocketbook of the nation's farmers.

Producers of some crops will be affected more than others. The big issue is: Should price supports be kept at the rigid, high wartime levels? Or should the new system of flexible supports be allowed to go into effect, as scheduled, on 1950 crops.

Government price supports are calculated at a specific percentage of a so-called "parity" or fair price. This year 1949 crops are guaranteed mandatory government support—11 at 90 per cent of parity and eight at 60 per cent of parity.

Eight Crops Mandatory
The new law would limit mandatory supports next year to eight crops. It would provide "90 per cent of parity" support for wool and tobacco. It would provide flexible supports—ranging from 60 to 90 per cent of parity—for wheat, corn, rice, cotton, peanuts and Irish potatoes.

Under the new law supports would be 75 per cent of parity when supplies are "normal" and no production controls are in force. Assuming those conditions, the new law still could drop supports on 1950 crops as much as 40 cents a bushel for wheat, \$30 a bale for cotton and 29 cents a bushel for corn. That amounts to a drop of about 20 per cent from current levels.

Only part of this drop would be due to dropping the support level from 90 to 75 per cent of parity. The rest of the drop would result from use of a new method for computing the "fair"—or parity—price for individual commodities. The new "modernized" parity system, set up by the 80th Congress, effective Jan. 1, 1950, would boost the parity price for some commodities and lower it for corn, wheat, cotton and other crops.

Southerners Against It
The southern farm bloc is expected to make a strong drive to throw out the new parity system and keep the old system. Producers who are favored by the new system and that includes those livestock and dairy men who must buy their feed grains—will fight to retain it.

Sisters and Vicinity

Sisters, May 18 (Special)—Mrs. Walter Meyers was able to return home from the St. Charles hospital last Friday.

Mrs. Newt Morris and Viola Lowe and daughter, Andrea, of Millican and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Blakely and daughters, Bend, were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy McLoughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gustafson and children visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crawford Sunday afternoon in Bend and were dinner guests there Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Baker.

Oren Erickson left Sunday for Roseau, Minn., where he was called because of the illness of his mother, Mrs. Helga Erickson. His sister, Mrs. Ed Marcoulier, of Bend, accompanied him to Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roe and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Casey picnicked on the Metolius river, Sunday. Miss Joy Kent spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kent at Klamath Falls.

Dr. J. Gill of Lebanon visited friends in Sisters over the week end. Frank Long and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Irene Long, Portland, spent the week end in Sisters visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Allen and Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

Richard Day and Clyde Bush left Tuesday on a business trip to Portland. The proceeds from the cancer drive conducted by the schools, 4-H clubs, business houses and other collections amounted to \$69.12.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Betker and family of Vancouver, Wash., spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Betker's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Short.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Demaris are the parents of a son born at the St. Charles hospital, Wednesday, May 11. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and has been named James Bruce.

Boy Rescued From Precarious Perch On Railroad Span

Seattle, May 18 (U)—A daredevil boy whose head became wedged between steel girders of a railroad bridge minutes before a train was due today rubbed his swollen ears after firemen worked 90 minutes to release him.

A Great Northern mail train roared down the tracks yesterday eight minutes away from the trestle where Jimmy Albright, seven, was trapped. A playmate ran home to the boy's father, Albright notified police and both the police and fire departments started swift action.

As Jimmy screamed with pain, firemen ran up the tracks, setting red flares. An off-duty switchman, J. A. France, grabbed some flares and ran farther up the tracks. The train screeched to a halt a short distance from the scene.

Head Swells
A ladder was raised underneath the overpass to Jimmy. Lard was rubbed on his head but the boy's head and ears swelled when he tried to wriggle free.

His mother, standing below in the crowd, pleaded with him. "Please Jimmy, don't cry. They'll have you free in a few minutes." Huge hydraulic packs failed to spread the steel members.

An unidentified steel construction worker using an acetylene torch tried burning a hole in one of the I-beams. Jimmy, wrapped in canvas and

McCLOY NOMINATED

Washington, May 18 (U)—President Truman today nominated John J. McCloy to be the first United States civilian high commissioner for Germany.

McClroy's resignation as president of the world bank, effective not later than July 1, was accepted by the bank's board of directors. They nominated Eugene Black of Atlanta to succeed him.

The White House said that McCloy, who was an assistant secretary of war during the last war, will take up his duties in Germany within the near future.

His mother, Mrs. Lorraine Albright, pushed frantically through the crowd and threw her arms around the muddy, greasy boy. He had escaped without a scratch.

Railway officials said the girders would have crushed the boy's head had the train crossed the bridge. Jimmy's harrowing ordeal started with a boyish stunt. He suddenly slipped, his head jamming tightly between the two horizontal beams in the bridge's understructure.

Toastmasters Plan Madras Trip

Plans for participation of the Bend club in the Madras Toastmasters' charter night, program Saturday were discussed at last night's meeting of the local group, with Judge T. A. Power present from the Jefferson town as a guest.

Some eight Bend couples plan to make the trip to Madras. Harold Aspinwall was in the role of toastmaster last night, with Gifford Briggs, Fred Palmer and George Simerville as the principal speakers.

Their evaluators were Harry Drew Jr., Max Hunt and Bob Thomas, with Dr. Bradford N. Pease as chief evaluator. William Niskanen was table-tops chairman.

Paul F. Bogen was inducted to membership. Guests included George Holton, of the Redmond club. The meeting was at a dinner at the Trailways Coffee shop.

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