Stocks Drop in Pre-Holiday Profit-Taking

New York, March 21 (UP)—Pre-holiday profit-taking brought irregularity into the stock market today.

Prices started irregularly higher and some increased their gains later. Then came realizing, especially in the leading issues such as the steels and motors. Losses were small, however.

Fractional declines were made by all the active steel issues.

Some of the preferred stocks of the utility group had gains ranging upward to 1⅝ points in American Power & Light 6 percent. Common stocks of the group were narrowly mixed. Several of the leading railroad shares dipped when the car loadings report showed a decline where a gain is the seasonal procedure. Air line stocks were strong in the first part of the session. This group lost part of the advance.

Chrysler and General Motors sagged. U. S. Rubber was easier. Motor equipments held about steady.

Several special issues had wide gains.

All financial markets in the Christian world will be closed tomorrow for Good Friday. British and Latin American markets will remain closed through Monday. The New York stock exchange will reopen for business for the short session Saturday.

Dow Jones preliminary closing stock averages: Industrial, 146.73, off 0.18; rail, 30.19, up 0.06; utility, 24.29, up 0.19; and 65 Stocks, 49.98 up 0.02.

Stock sales approximated 580,000 shares compared with 640,000 shares yesterday. Curb stock sales were 140,000 shares against 177,000 yesterday.

Nursery Thieves To Be Prosecuted

Nurserymen of Oregon, who this spring are experiencing considerable loss due to thievery, are determined to put a stop to this practice and to see that those involved, when apprehended, get the full penalty of the law, according to the bureau of nursery service of the state department of agriculture.

One concern, Russellville Nurseries of Multnomah county, has posted a $25 reward for information leading to conviction of the person or persons who recently stole 150 scarlet oaks, 6 to 8 feet tall, from their nursery yard. The oaks were worth $2 each.

Every nurseryman who has had stock stolen should report same to the state department of agriculture, Salem, or ot Fred Borsch, Maplewood, president of the Oregon Association of Nurserymen. State police and department inspectors are watching closely for proper identification in all shipments of nursery stock.

Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers, for the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily). Not guaranteed.

Buying Prices
Feed Barley—$21.
Wheat—Per bushel, No. 1 white 81c, red 81c.
Feed Oats—$31.

Retail Prices
Egg Mash—$2.30 cwt., second grade $2.10.
Chicken scratch—$1.85 cwt.
Pullet Grower—$2.30 cwt.
Whole corn $1.75; cracked $1.85 cwt

Hogs—Midget Market top grades 140-160 lbs. $5.75; 160-200 lbs. $6.00; 200-225 lbs. $5.75; 225-250 lbs. $5.50
Veal—14c lb. dressed.
Poultry—Heavy colored hens 13c lb., Leghorns, No. 1, 8-10c, frys 11c, old roosters 5c lb. Colored frys 15c.
Eggs—Wholesale: Large grade A 17c, large grade B 16c, med. A. 16c dozen Pullets 12c dozen.
Eggs—Buying prices: large grade A 14c, large grade B 13c, med. A 13c dozen. Pullets 10c doz. Specials 15c.
Butter— Prints: A grade 31½c lb. B 30½c. Butterfat: Premium 29½c lb. No. 1 28½c, No. 2 26½c lb.
Wool—Med 32c, choice 32c lb.
Mohair—32c; lambs 28c lb.

Markets Briefed

Stocks irregular and quiet.
Bonds irregular; U. S. governments irregularly lower.
Curb stocks irregular.
Foreign exchange firm.
Cotton steady. Rubber firm.
Wheat off ¼-½c, corn unchanged to off ⅛.
Silver unchanged in New York.

Unprotected Foods Cause Complaint

Recent complaints by housewives of meat being displayed on open counters has led the state department of agriculture to point out that all fish, meat and meat products should be displayed under a showcase or similar protecting device. The same applies to pastries, cheeses and similar commodities.

"The department is glad to have such legitimate complaints, from housewives for such comments show clearly that buyers are alert to the need for consumer protection, which is one of the major aims of the department," declares Director J. D. Mickle.

Complete Dance Plans

Gervais—The Gervais community dancing club will hold its regular semi-monthly dance Saturday evening in the high school auditorium for all members and their friends. A Salem orchestra will furnish the music.

New York Stocks

Closing Quotations by Associated Press

Al. Chemical & Dye	179	Illinois Central	10¼
Allied Stores	7⅜	Insp Copper	12⅞
American Can	114½	International Harvester	56
American For. Power	1⅝	International Nickel	35⅛
American Power & Lt.	3¼	International Paper & P	64
American Rad. & St. San	8⅝	International T & T	4⅛
American Rolling Mills	14¼	Johns Manville	70
American Smelt & Ref.	49¼	Kennecott	35⅞
American Tel & Tel.	171¾	Libbey-O-Ford	50
American Tobacco	89	Liggett & Myers B	107⅞
American Water Works	9¼	Loew's	35⅜
Anaconda	28⅞	Montgomery Ward	53⅞
Armour Ill	5⅝	Nash Kelvinator	6⅝
Atchison	22	National Biscuit	23¾
Barnsdall	4⅞	National Cash	15
Baltimore & Ohio	10⅞	National Dairy Prod.	17⅛
Bendix Aviation	33	National Dist.	25¼
Bethlehem Steel	75	Northern Pacific	7⅝
Boeing Air	21¾	National Power & Lt	7⅝
Borge Warner	22	Packard	4
Budd Mfg.	5¼	J C Penney	91¼
California Pack	24⅛	Phillips Petroleum	38⅝
Callahan Z-L	1¼	Pressed Steel Car	12⅛
Calumet Hec	7¼	Public Service NJ	42
Canadian Pacific	5⅝	Pullman	26
J I Case	....	Safeway Stores	50¾
Caterpillar Tractor	50	Sears Roebuck	85⅛
Celanese	30¼	Shell Union	10⅞
Certain-Teed	6⅝	Sou. Cal Edison	20⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	40	Southern Pacific	12
Chrysler	85¼	Standard Brands	6⅝
Commercial Solvent	14⅝	Standard Oil Cal.	22⅞
Commonwealth Sou	1	Standard Oil NJ	43⅞
Consolidated Edison	30⅞	Studebaker	10⅞
Consolidated Oil	7¼	Sup Oil	2
Corn Products	60	Timken Roller Bearing	40¾
Curtiss Wright	10½	Trans-America	6
Douglas Aircraft	82	Union Carbide	83½
du Pont	185¾	United Aircraft	47¼
Electric Power & Lt	5	United Airlines	19½
Erie R.R.	....	United S. Rubber	34¼
General Electric	38⅝	United S. Steel	55⅝
General Foods	47¾	Walworth	5⅜
General Motors	54	Western Union	22½
Goodyear Tires	22⅝	White Motors	11⅛
Great Northern	23½	Woolworth	40¾
Hudson Motors	5¾		

Market Quotations

Portland Eastside Market

Brussels sprouts scarce today at the farmers' eastside wholesale market, price upped a fraction to 80c.

Dry onions strong. No. 1s generally offered. No. 2 stock to 45c for 50s.

Green onions weak, 17½c-20c doz. bunches. Cauliflower market firm, active, generally 80c crate; No. 2 40-50c.

Spinach depressed, Maryhill down to 85c top, local 40-50c orange box.

Mustard greens to 20c doz. bunches.

Old potatoes firm. Sacked carrots active, price remained low at 50c.

General Prices Rules

Few dressed turkeys 19-21c lb.
Apples—Jumble packs, 25-50c box
Beans—Shell, 50-60c box.
Beets—No. 1, 15c dozen bunches.
Cabbage—Round type, local, 75c per crate; red, 50-60c pony; Savoy, 25c cauliflower crate.
Cauliflower—Local, 60-65c crate.
Carrots—Local, bunches, 15-17½c dozen.
Celery—White, 85c-$1; Utah, 75-80c crate; hearts, 60-80c dozen bunches.
Corn—Local, 90c-$1.
Garlic—New bunches, 12½-15c lb.; loose, 10c lb.
Lettuce—Mid-Columbia, $1.10-$1.25 locals, No. 1, $1.10-$1.25; No. 2, 60-80c crate.
Parsley—Dozen bunches, 15-20c.
Onions—Green dozen bunches, 20c; Oregon, yellow, 40-45c; Yakima, 35c sack.
Peppers—Bell, 50c peach box; red 35c peach box.
Potatoes—Local, No. 1, 25c; others 50-75c orange box; sacked. No. 1 $1.25 cental.
Radishes—Local, 25c dozen bunches
Sprouts—Brussels, 60-65c box.
Strawberries—Local, $2.50 crate.
Tomatoes—Hothouse, 14-16c lb.; field grown, No. 1, 55-60c; unclassified, 35-45c.

Portland Flour

Domestic flour, selling prices, city delivery, 1 to 25-bbl. lots—Family pat. 49s $6.95-$7.55; bakers' hard wheat, net $4.90-$6.45; bakers' bluestem $5.75-$6.15; blended wheat $5.60-$6.15; soft wheat $5.20-25; graham $5.50; whole wheat $5.95 bbl.

Portland Produce Exchange

The following prices named to be effective today:

Butter—Cube ex. 28½c, standards 28c, prime firsts 27½c, firsts 27c lb.
Cheese—Oregon triplets 15½c, loaf 16½c lb. Brokers pay ½c lb. less.
Eggs—Quotations between dealers: Extras, large 18c, med. 16c dozen. Standards, large 17c, med. 16c dozen.

Portland Wholesale

Butter—Prints: A grade 31c lb. in parchment wrappers, 32c in cartons. B grade 30c in parchment, 31c lb. in cartons.

Butterfat: First quality, max. of 6 of 1% acidity, delivered in Portland 29-29½c lb. Valley routes and country points 2c lb. less. Second quality 2c under first.

Cheese—Selling prices to Portland retailers: Tillamook triplets 21c lb., loaf 22c. F.O.B. to wholesalers: Triplets 19c, loaf 20c lb. f.o.b. Tillamook.

Eggs—Buying prices: Extras, large 16c, med. 15c, small 13c dozen. Standards: large 15c, small 12c dozen.

Live Poultry

Buying prices—Leghorn broilers 1 to 1½ lbs. 16c lb., 2 lbs. 16c; fryers under 3 lbs. 16c, 3-4 lbs. 16c lb. Roasters over 4 lbs 16c. Colored hens 4 to 5 lbs. 14c lb., over 5 lbs. 14c. Leghorn hens under 3½ lbs. 10-11c, over 3½ lbs 12c lb. No. 2 grade 5c less.

Selling prices to Retailers—Light hens 11c lb., med. Leghorns 12½c. Heavy fowls 14c. Pekin ducks, young 3½ lbs. 17 clb., old 12c; old colored ducks 10-12½c lb. Colored springs under 2 lbs. 17-18c; broilers 17-18c; old roosters 7c lb.

Rabbits—17c lb.

Turkeys—Selling prices: Hens, No. 1 17-18c, toms 15c lb. Buying prices: nominal, No. 1 hens 16c, toms 14c.

Fresh Fruit

Apples—Ortley, H. R., extra fancy box $1.10; Spitzenbergs, H. R. extra fancy, box, $1.50, fancy box, $1.25; Newtons, H.R., extra fancy box $1.30, fancy box $1.25; F. and F. box 75c. Winesaps, Yakima, (—); Delicious Yakima, fancy box, $1.75.

Avocados—Special brand, new crop Fuerte 16-20s $1.85-$2 a box, others $1.75-$1.90.

Bananas— No. 1 bunches 5¾c lb., hands 6¼c lb.

Grapefruit—Ariz. $1.70-$2.25; pinks $3.49-50; natural $2.75-$3. Fla. fcy. $3. Texas pinks $2.75-$3.75.

Lemons—Cal. fancy $5-$5.25, choice $4.25-75; wrapped packed $1.70-$2.15.

Oranges—Navels, fcy. $2.60-$3.60 a case, choice $1.90-$3.10, place pack $1.90-$3.10 crate.

Pears—d'Anjous, extra fancy $1.50; Comice extra fancy, $1.75 box

Pineapples—Hawaiian $4 case.

Fresh Vegetables

Artichokes—Calif. $2.75-$3.

Cabbage—No. 1 local $1.25-50. New Imperial $2-$2.25. Ariz. $2.25-35.

Cauliflower—No. 1 local 80-90c cte., No. 2, 75c. Roseburg $1.10, Calif., $1.25-35 crate.

Celery—Utah type 90c crate, regular stock $1. Calif. hearts $1.60 dozen. California $2.50-75. Root 45c dozen.

Cucumbers—W. Walla 90c dozen Iowa $1.65; hothouse $1.25-40.

Eggplant—No. 1 $1.75 lug.

Garlic—Oregon 10-15c lb

Lettuce—Cal. $2.90-$3.15; dry $3.75-$4 crate. Arizona $4.50. Yuma dry, $4-$4.25; Oceanic $2.65 crate.

Mushrooms—Hothouse 35c per lb., 17½c for ½ lb.

Onion—Oregon 80c. Yakima (—). Sets, white 6¼c, brown 5¼c lb.

Peas—California $3 hamper.

Potatoes—Yakima Gems $1.50-65; Deschutes $1.40-50. Klamath $1.25 a cental. Sweets $2.40. Malin $1.50-60.

New Potatoes — Florida $2.85-$3, small $2.85-$3.

Spinach—Local 50c an organe box, mid-Colum. 60-80c. Texas $1.65-75.

Squash—Danish 50-60c cte. Marblehead, 1¼c lb.; Hubbard, 1½c.

Tomatoes—Local, 40-50c box; hothouse ex. fcy. 16-17c; fancy 14-15c lb choice (—); Mexican $5 per lug. Substandards 11-12½c. Calif. $3.25.

Rhubarb—Hothse. ex. fcy. $1.05, fcy. $1.05, choice 80c. Local field grown, $1 box.

Zucchini—California $1.75.

Meats and Provisions

Country Meats—Selling price to retailers: Country-killed hogs, best butchers, 125 to 150 lbs. 7½-8c; vealers, fancy 14½-15c lb.; light-thin 10-12c lb., heavy 10-11c lb. Lambs 16c lb., ewes 5-8c lb. Good cutter cows 9-10c, canners 8½-9c lb. Bulls 10-11c lb.

Wool, Hops

Wool—Eastern Oregon fine, 25-26c lb.; crossed, 28-29c lb.; Willamette valley, 12-month, 29c lb.; lamb 20c lb.

Hops—Oregon 1939 25c lb.; 1938, nominal.

Nuts

Walnuts—Basic price, 1939: Oregon Franquettes, large 100-lb. sack, $14.50-$15; assorted pack, fancy, 100-lb sack, $12.50-$13.50; medium, 100-lb sack, $11.50-$12.50; 1938 orchard run, large and fancy, 11-12c lb.

Portland Grain

Portland, March 21 (AP)— Wheat futures: May 84.

Cash grain: Oats, No. 2, 38-lb white, $24.50; barley, No. 2, 45-lb. b.w., $23.75; corn, No. 2, E.Y. shipment $28.50, No. 1 flax $2.01.

Cash wheat (bid): Soft white 84½; western white 84¼, western red 84.

Hard red winter:				
Ordinary	11%	12%	13%	14%
84	84	87½	93	$1
Hard white—Baart:				
Ordinary	11%	12%	13%	14%
....	....	96	1.01	1.03½

Car receipts: Wheat 49, flour 21, millfeed 5, hay 3, oats 3, barley 1.

Portland Livestock

Portland, Mar. 21 (AP)—(USDA) Hogs 900, salable 450. Market active, mostly steady with Wednesday. Extreme top 10c lower. Good-choice 165-215 lb. driveins mostly $6.25, med. grades down to $6; 235-250 lb. butchers $5.50-65; 120-155 lbs. $5-$5.50; packing sows $4.50-$5, heavy wts. down to $4.25, few good-choice 97-lb. feeders $4.75.

Cattle 175, salable 150. Calves 50, salable 25. Market active, fully steady few lots good 807-1028 lb. fed steers $9-$9.25; com.-med. $7.50-$8.50; cutter-com. heifers $5-$6.75; med.-good $7.50-$8.50. Cutter-com. cows $4.25-$5.25, canners down to $3.75, good beefs $6.50-75. Sausage bulls $5.75-$6, com.-med. vealers $6.75-$8.50, choice quotable to $10.50 or above.

Sheep 150 salable. Few sales about steady. Good-choice spring lambs $12-$12.50, med. grades down to $10.50; old crop lambs scarce, shorn salable around $8.50; fed wooled lambs quotable to $9.50; few wooled ewes $5.30.

Chicago Livestock

Chicago, March 21 (AP)—(USDA) Hogs 19,000, salable 11,000. Fairly active, around 10c higher than Wednesday. Early top $5.55; bulk good-choice 180-240 lbs. $5.25-50; 240-270 lbs. $5.15-50 mostly; 270-320 lb. butchers $4.95-$5.30; heavier kinds $4.75-90; good 500-550 lb. packing sows $4.25-60; lighter wts. to $4.75.

Salable cattle 5500; calves 1000. Fed steers and yearlings weak to 25c lower; kinds grading good and better showed most decline; good share of Wednesday's advance erased; shipper demand narrow, but very few strictly good to choice cattle here; mostly $8-$10 trade, with top $11.75, and best weighty steers $10.60; common-med. $7.50-$8.40; replacement market slow, steady. Inclement weather an adverse influence. Cows weak to 15c lower; heifers steady to weak, best $9.85. Cutter cows $5.75 down, bulls weak; outside sausage offerings $7, heavy fat bulls $6.75; light vealers 25c lower at $9-$9.75, with outs at $6. Good to choice heavy vealers mostly $10.50, few selects $11.

Sheep 11,500, salable 11,000. Late Wednesday fat lambs around 15c up. Fat sheep weak to 10c lower. Top and bulk fat range lambs $10.15, few heavies $9.85-$10; two doubles handy wts. fed range ewes $5.50; plainer kinds $5.25. Today's trade: practically no trading, bidding around steady or $10-$10.15 on best wooled lambs held at $10.35 and better.

Boston Wool

Boston, March 21 (AP)—(USDA) Few mills and top makers were showing any interest today in the purchase of domestic wools. The occasional buyers that made inquiries were seeking information on supplies and asking prices for future reference. They were very cautious about making any immediate commitment on raw wools. Asking prices on domestic wools were tending lower.

Lincoln—Mrs. Alice Simpson has as her house guest for several weeks her daughter, Mrs. Lois Crawford, who underwent an operation at the Deaconess hospital February 23.

Wheat Crop May be Small in United States

Washington, March 21 (UP)—Reports to the agriculture department indicated today that this year's wheat crop may be one of the smallest in 40 years, possibly not more than 600,000,000 bushels.

The crop reporting board estimated that 46,000,000 acres will be harvested. At the 1927-38 average yield of 13.4 bushels an acre, they would produce 606,400,000 bushels.

Prospects for a normal yield per acre have been considerably reduced by the most severe fall and winter drought in weather bureau records.

The board estimated winter wheat production on December 1, the last estimate, at 399,000,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on that date was 55 per cent of normal and improvement since then has been "very slight."

An estimated 19,425,000 acres to be planted in spring wheat normally would yield a crop of slightly more than 200,000,000 bushels.

The United States normally consumes and exports about 750,000,000 bushels of wheat. The carry-over of old wheat on January 1 was estimated by the department at 615,000,000 bushels. Production of all wheat was 754,971,000 bushels in 1939 and 931,702,000 bushels in 1938.

Larger Crops For Northwest

Portland, March 21 (AP)—Northwest farmers will be busier with larger crops this year than in 1939.

A department of agriculture survey of planting intentions showed a spring wheat acreage increase of 33 per cent. There probably will be a 16 per cent boost in barley, 4 per cent in oats and 3 per cent in potatoes. Oregon, Washington and Idaho corn acreage will decline about 1 per cent and tame hay plantings will remain about the same as last year.

Oregon planting intentions in thousands of acres included:

	1929-38 Av.	1939	1940 Indicated
Corn	62	61	62
Spring wheat	315	185	250
Oats	276	350	371
Barley	97	177	211
Flax seed	...	6	6
Tame hay	882	824	824
Beans, dry	2	3	3
Potatoes	44	45	48

Cream Graders Visit 409 Farms in March

Inspections made during February by the division of foods, dairies, weights, measures and gasoline of the state department of agriculture totaled 4,915 exclusive of the work done by the six cream graders, reports A. W. Metzger, chief of the division. Laboratory samples received reached 654.

Four hundred farms were visited in the cream grading work, also 100 creameries. Sediment tests run were 5,545 and cans of cream graded were 2,817. Eight cans of cream and 280 cans of milk were condemned and also 74 milk cans were ordered out of use until repairs are made.

Of the other inspections, the major items included: 143 minimum requirement dairies; 155 restaurants of which one was closed permanently and two temporarily; 109 bakeries; 1,300 gasoline pumps and measures; 1,548 weights and scales.

Hop Meeting at Santa Rosa Ends

Santa Rosa, Calif., March 21 (AP)—A proposal to abandon the hop marketing control agreements was made last night at the closing session of the AAA Pacific coast hearings for the industry.

Although 50 amendments were proposed, growers and dealers previously favored continuation of the system.

J. O. O'Connor, New York lawyer representing brewing interests, said the present prices growers receive make a control agreement unnecessary.

The abolishing of long-term hop contracts with a downward spiral of prices was advocated by leading hop growers.

George A. Proctor, Santa Rosa hop dealer, said he believed dealers would be satisfied to abandon such contracts if growers indicated they so wished.

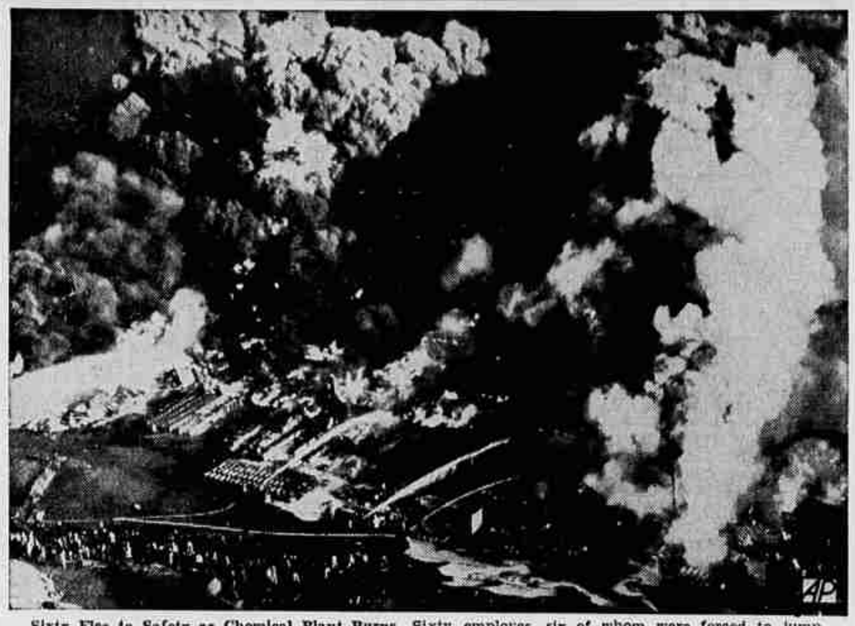
Oregon State Dance Tonight

Oregon State club and alumni group will sponsor a gala dance at the armory tonight from 9 until 12 o'clock with many Salem as well as college folk, in town for the spring vacation, planning to attend. The interested public is invited.

A quiz program will be a feature of the dance and Vern Thomas will be the master of ceremonies. Johnny Busch and his campus band will play for dancing.

Making arrangements for the dance are George Causey, president of the Salem Oregon State Students' club, and Vern Thomas, alumni club president, Jeanne Claudon, Doug Chambers, Mary Ellen Bywater, Victor Gibson, Sally McLellan, Milton Hartwell, Wilda Jerman, Jim Leedy, Natalie Neer and Bob Pound.

Teachers in South Africa have just been given permission to serve on city councils.



Sixty Flee to Safety as Chemical Plant Burns—Sixty employes, six of whom were forced to jump, fled to safety as flames turned the chemical plant of the White Tar company of New Jersey into a roaring furnace and sent dense clouds of smoke billowing into the sky. Firemen can be seen pouring water into the ruins of the Kearney, N. J., plant in this striking aerial view. Barrels of chemicals, some of which exploded, are visible piled on the ground. — Associated Press Photo.

Expectant Mother of Quints Has Contract

Miami, Fla., March 21 (AP)—Enriched by an agreement that provides funds and medical care, Mrs. Katherine Callahan, who hopes to become a mother of quintuplets, rested today in a hospital suite far more luxurious than her one room, $2.50 a week apartment.

Expects Quintuplets—Mrs. Emory Callahan (above), 22, of Miami, Fla., said she was expecting quintuplets in May and based her belief on x-rays she said showed five distinct head structures. Her husband is a furniture factory worker. — Associated Press Photo.

But she was not a willing patient. Her physician, Dr. Arthur W. Wood, who earlier confirmed that X-ray photographs apparently showed five distinct heads of unborn babies, had to persuade the mother that a period of rest was necessary.

"I'm not sick," she asserted, and demanded to be permitted to join her husband, Emory, 30-year-old furniture factory woodworker who earns $15 weekly.

Today the Miami Herald, whose owner, John S. Knight, placed the Callahans under contract for exclusive publication rights of photographs and news, planned to lease a new home for them where nursing and medical attention would be constantly available.

The Herald's agreement provided the prospective mother with an undisclosed sum of money, the services of Dr. Wood and specialists if the physician desires to call them, and all hospital expenses, including nurses, as well as income from news and pictures.

Normally, the babies would be born May 20. Medical men pointed out, however, that multiple births usually are premature. The mother, a small-brown haired, blue eyed woman, has gained 20 pounds in recent months. She weighs 128 now, but her condition was declared to be excellent by Dr. Wood.

The husband's father, Thomas C. Callahan of Thomasville, Ga., was a twin, but no other multiple births have been recorded in the family.

The Callahans are pleased that fate apparently has selected them for the event with a mathematical probability of 1 in 57,000,000.

"I hope they're all boys," said the mother. "Emory likes boys."

She said she wanted a family of 12 children "and it's all right with me if there are two sets of quintuplets and twins."

Bigger Acreage For Northwest

Reports received from farmers in the Pacific northwest, listing the principal crops they intend to grow this year, indicate increased acreages of spring wheat, oats, barley, dry edible beans and potatoes. If growers' intentions are carried out, the spring wheat acreage in the three states (Oregon, Washington and Idaho) will be 33 per cent larger than in 1939, while a 16 per cent increase is intended for barley, 4 per cent for oats and 3 per cent for potatoes. On the other hand, the corn acreage is expected to decrease about 1 per cent. The tame hay acreage in 1940 is indicated to remain about the same as last year.

Acreages Oregon farmers contemplate planting in various crops are given by the department of agriculture as follows: Corn, 600,000; spring wheat, 250,000; oats, 371,000; barley, 211,000; flaxseed, 6000; tame hay, 824,000; beans, dry edible, 3000; potatoes, 48,000.

Percentages of these crops for 1940 as per cent of 1939 are given: Corn, 102; spring wheat, 135; oats, 106; barley, 119; flaxseed, 100; tame hay, 100; beans, dry edible, 100; potatoes, 107.

Meetings Dated By Superintendent

County Superintendent Agnes Booth announces that the first round of local meetings for study as to improvement of reading in the schools has been completed and an outline made for a series of other meetings, some of which already have been held. March 17, study in phonics was had at Jefferson with Elma Jensen as chairman, and March 18, comprehension was the topic with Mathilda Giles, chairman.

The next meeting is slated for April 4 at Stayton with comprehension as the topic and T. P. Otto chairman. Other meetings and topics for each are as follows: April 9, Gates, comprehension, Vernon Todd, chairman; April 16, Salem Heights, phonetics and comprehension, Ira Deultgen, chairman of group 1 and Elizabeth Smith chairman of group II; April 17, Mt. Angel, comprehension, Theresa Dehler, chairman.

The county reading committee having charge of the plans is made up of Mrs. Agnes C. Booth, Grace Sehon, Marie Zorn, Margaret Barquist, Ira Deultgen, Milton Grallap, T. P. Otto, Jack Kennedy and Mathilda Giles.

Lime Program for Farmers Under AAA

Perrydale—Plans for a lime distribution program, enabling farmers who take part in the AAA farm program to receive lime under the "grant of aid" plan, are nearing completion, according to N. C. Donaldson of Corvallis, in charge of the state agricultural conservation service.

If bids expected from 15 lime producing companies are satisfactory, the lime distribution program should be under way by the middle of April, Donaldson said. All but one of the lime plants are located in Oregon.

This grant of aid plan would be similar to those used by the AAA in distributing hairy vetch and Austrian winter field pea seed, as well as phosphate. The material is furnished the farmer now but he does not pay ready cash since the cost is deducted from future conservation checks.

Bids will be accepted on the basis of cost of the lime at the plant. Farmers will pay the shipping charges themselves. An effort is being made to have several plants furnish the lime so that farmers will have a source near their home farms, thus reducing shipping charges.

Distribution of the lime will be made this spring and again in the fall if bids are satisfactory.

"The farm program has stimulated interest in lime in Oregon," Donaldson said, "and reports from counties indicate that with this grant of aid program there will be still further interest. Much Willamette valley land, for example, needs lime in order to grow crops at its best efficiency."

As soon as action on bids is completed county offices will be furnished information on receiving applications from farmers for the lime and on details of its distribution.

Montana People Guests

Grand Island—Mr. and Mrs. M. Horton of Forsyth, Mont., were guests of the latter's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Mandigo, and family, several days, en route to visit relatives and friends at Los Angeles, Calif.

Prune Deliveries To FSCC Called

Deliveries have just been completed by growers under the first purchase of natural-condition dried prunes by the FSCC, according to word just received by County Agent Harry L. Riches.

Offers have been received from growers under the second purchase program totaling 4665 tons. 2500 tons will be purchased by the FSCC from growers. The FSCC will take all prunes on offers of 2 tons and less and growers offering 2 to 4 tons may sell up to 4800 pounds. Growers offering more than 4 tons may deliver 60 per cent of the amount offered.

Arrangements are being made to begin deliveries this week at some shipping points in Oregon and other delivery points will be named as soon as possible.

Prunes delivered under the first purchase program were shipped to 35 states throughout the country for distribution to the needy and unemployed.

Bee Registrations Due

All bee owners must register their bees for the 1940-41 fiscal year before April 1 with the state department of agriculture, Salem, the division of plant industry warns. Last year 1,812 beekeepers were licensed. The minimum fee of one dollar registers up to 10 hives; there is a 10 cent fee for each additional hive up to 220, inclusive, and 5 cents for remaining hives. All bees shipped into the state must be registered immediately with the department.

Births, Deaths

Births

Scio—To Mr. and Mrs. John Freitag, of Scio route 3, a 6-pound son at the Albany hospital, March 12.

Scio—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Karnosh of the Larwood community, a son, Larry Myron, 8¼ pounds, March 10.

Deaths

Neuenschwander—Sopha Neuenschwander, 63, at a local hospital March 21. Late resident of Turner. Survived by widower, Gottfried Neuenschwander of Turner; sons, Karl, Ernest and John Neuenschwander, all of Turner. Announcements later from Clough-Barrick Co.

Felger—Mrs. Roxie Alice Felger, at a local hospital March 20, at the age of 75 years. Late resident of West Salem. Survived by widower, Benjamin F. Felger of West Salem; sons, Gilber and Russell Groshong of Albany and Ralph Groshong of Warrenton; daughters, Mrs. Elsie Humphrey of Portland, Mrs. Sadie Bryant of San Francisco; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; brothers, Robert Ringo of Albany and Alva Ringo of Spokane; sisters, Mrs. Kate McKee, Mrs. Mike Ritchie and Mrs. Elmer Green of Salem, and Mrs. Dollie Buchner of Albany. Services will be held from the Clough-Barrick chapel Friday, March 22, at 1:30 p.m. Interment will be at Riverside cemetery, Albany, at 3:30 p.m.

Bennett—In this city Wednesday, March 20, Mary B. Bennett, late resident of 1344 South Liberty street. Wife of Will Bennett and sister of Robert Rawson and Mrs. Grace Henderson of Salem and Mrs. Bertha Melton of Hutchinson, Kansas. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the W. T. Rigdon company Friday, March 22, at 3 p.m. Concluding services I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Southwick—At the residence, 1163 Marion street, Wednesday, March 20, Helen Marr Southwick, aged 91 years. Mother of Rollie S. and Ralph W. Southwick of Salem and Mrs. Margaret Cox of Omaha, Nebr., sister of Mrs. Antoinette Bennett of Salem; grandmother of Hazel Wells of Vancouver, Wash., Helen Schiffers of San Francisco, Calif., and Margaret Jean and Frank B. Southwick of Salem. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the W. T. Rigdon company Friday, March 22, at 1 p.m. Dr. J. C. Harrison will officiate. Concluding services in Cityview cemetery.

Hartman—At the residence, 595 North Cottage street, Wednesday, March 20, Bessie M. Hartman, aged 51 years. Wife of Ray W. Hartman and sister of Mrs. Helen Alm of Crescent City, Calif., and Mrs. Vivian Klopping of Salem; aunt of Mrs. Cecil Miller of Salem and Mrs. Jack James of Grants Pass. Member of St. Monica's Altar society. Funeral services will be held from St. Joseph's Catholic church Friday, March 22, at 4 p.m., under the direction of W. T. Rigdon company. Concluding services at Belcrest Memorial park. Recitation of Rosary at Rigdon's chapel Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

Phillips—At the residence, 1480 North Winter street, Thursday, March 21, Grace Phillips, aged 65 years. Mother of Floyd H. Phillips of Hoquiam, Wash., and sister of Edward S. Hanscome of Salem. Funeral announcements later by the W. T. Rigdon Co.

Police Watch Roads for Young Denzel Davis

Seattle, March 21 (AP) — Officers watched the highways today in the search for the accused son of Seattle's "cupboard killing" victim.

Sheriff's officers received a report a man resembling the general description of Denzel Davis, 23, slept Tuesday night in a barn near Monroe, about 30 miles northeast of here. They expressed the belief that if it were Davis, he might be heading toward Montana.

The body of his mother, Mrs. Harriet Arnold, 45, was found Tuesday nailed in a cupboard of her suburban bungalow. She had been stabbed 18 times, beaten over the head, garroted and tussed with electric cords and a dog chain. She was listed in the murder warrant sworn against Davis as Mrs. Redding, the name of the last of several husbands. The attractive, youthful appearing woman was a department store clerk. Davis had "mother" tattooed on his arm.

Mrs. June Davis, 20-year-old mother, issued a dramatic appeal yesterday for her fugitive husband to surrender because "you know they are going to get you sooner or later" and "whatever happens baby and I love you and will stay by you."

Deputy Prosecutor Charles Ralls said he swore out the warrant against Davis after Mrs. Davis told him that her husband confessed to her the killing of his mother. The body was found after Mrs. Davis' report.

Mrs. Davis, estranged for four months from her husband, said he told her last week he intended to go to Montana.

Obituary

Mrs. Ida Lyle

Turner—Mrs. Ida Lyle, 51, died at Seattle Wednesday morning at a hospital. Funeral and burial services will be held in Seattle with announcements later. She was born at Turner, Nov. 25, 1889 and for seven years taught school in Marion county. She is survived by her husband, Frank Lyle; two daughters, Mrs. Elaine Montgomery and Jean Lyle; grandson, Lyle Montgomery, and her mother, Mrs. Alice Wipper, also five sisters, Mrs. Lena Birmingham, Mrs. Winnie Weishaar, Bell Mullen, Mrs. Mary Ball, Mrs. Fannie Eyestone and two brothers, Ben and Karl Wipper.

Mrs. Elizabeth Keller-Annen

Mt. Angel — Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Keller-Annen were held from St. Mary's church Tuesday morning with Rev. Father Alcuin conducting the services. Father John Commisky gave the eulogy. The American Legion auxiliary, of which she was a member, was present in a body, carrying the flag Honorary pallbearers were members of the local Legion post, Walter Kane, Otto Oswald, Joseph Faulhaber, Joseph Erwert, Al Stupfel and Felix Skonetzni. Active were J. A. Kaiser, Phil Lutz, G. D. Ebner, John Diehl, Alois Keber and John Bauman. Mrs. Annen was a gold star mother and several years ago was a guest of the government, when she was given a trip to France. Mrs. Annen was born in Switzerland in 1876. At eight years she came to the United States settling in Pennsylvania. She married Alois Keller 62 years ago in Minnesota, where they lived until 1912 when they came to Mt. Angel. Mr. Keller died April 7, 1920. On November 17, 1920, she married H. H. Annen, who passed away in 1937. Since then Mrs. Annen made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Barth, at Bremerton, Wash.

Surviving are Mrs. Cleopha Barth, Bremerton, Wash.; Mrs. Theresa Ruef, Stayton, Ore.; Mrs. Mary Shraut, Pierz, Minn.; Mrs. Elizabeth Brintman, New Richmond, Wis.; Mrs. Catherine Brintman, Edgar, Wis.; Albert Keller, Pierz, Minn.; Frank Keller, Levering, Mich.; Chris Keller, Bright River Falls, Wis. One son, Ignatz Keller, died in the World war in France. Also surviving are 56 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

Lars Torvick

Silverton—Funeral services for Lars Torvick, 81, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from Memorial chapel of Ekman Funeral home. Rev. J. M. Jenson officiating. Interment in Evans Valley cemetery. Mr. Torvik died Wednesday afternoon at the home of his nephew, Elmer Johnson, on the Evans Valley road. He was born in Norway and spent many years of his life in America. Surviving are a sister, Ellen Johnson, Silverton; one foster son, Harold Mehl, Silverton; two brothers in Norway, Ole and Peter Torvick, and two sisters in Norway, Mrs. Bertha Reitan and Mrs. Gertrude Reitan.

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