

Stocks Turn Irregular After Advance

New York, Dec. 3 (AP)—Stocks turned a trifle irregular in today's market after a morning push led by rails and favored industrials.

Selective advancing tendencies were in evidence at the start and, at the best, gains ranged from fractions to more than a point.

But while plus marks were well distributed in the final hour, declines were plentiful. Transfers for the full stretch were around 600,000 shares.

Among scattered new peaks for the year were J. I. Case, International Harvester and Goodrich.

Among good performers most of the day—some eventually retreated—were Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Great Northern, U. S. Steel, General Motors, Chrysler, Anacosta and J. C. Penney.

Downward leaneers were American Telephone, Bethlehem, du Pont, Sears Roebuck, Johns-Manville, Coca-Cola and International Telephone.

Rowley bonds improved.

Dow Jones preliminary closing stock averages: Industrial 115.17, up 0.01; rail 26.99, up 0.04; utility 13.81, off 0.07; and 65 stocks, 38.35, unchanged.

Stock sales were 630,420 shares compared with 539,921 yesterday. Curb stock sales totaled 143,232 shares against 112,285 yesterday.

Market Quotations

Portland Eastside Market
Demand for an unexpected supply of home grown mid-Columbia lettuce was slow even at an extreme \$3 crate at the Eastside wholesale market today. Producers blamed earlier purchases of south coast stock for the apathy.

Local cauliflower \$1.55-62 crate. Green onions 75-90c doz. bunches. Spinach \$1.50-75 orange box. Celery \$3.50-44, hearts \$2 dozen. Green broccoli in good demand at \$1.30 doz. bunches or lug. Sprouts \$2-22.10 box. Best local potatoes \$2 orange box. Few mustard greens 5c doz. bunches. Cabbage dull, \$2-\$2.50 crate.

Portland Produce Exchange
The following prices were named on the Portland exchange to be effective today:

Butter—Cubs extra 49c, standard 48c, prima firsts 47c, firsts 45c lb.

Eggs—Quotations between dealers: Grade A large 48c, B 42c, Grade A med. 42c, B 38c, Grade B small 28c. Cheese—Oregon triplets 25c lb. loaf 27c. Jobbers pay 1/4c lb. less.

Portland Wholesale Market
Following are Wholesale prices: Butter—Prints: A grade 52-52 1/2 lb. in parchment, 53-53 1/2 in cartons. B grade 51-51 1/2 lb. in parchment, 52-52 1/2 lb. in cartons.

Butterfat—Quality max. of 5 of 1 percent acidity, delivered Portland, 53 1/2-54 lb. Prem. quality max. of 35 of 1 percent acidity 54 1/2-55 lb. Valley volts and country points 52c. Second quality at Portland 51 1/2-52c.

Cheese—Selling prices to Portland retailers: Tullamook triplets 31c lb. loaf 25c. Triplets to wholesalers 29c lb. loaf 30c l.o.b. Tullamook.

Eggs—Prices to producers: A large 48c, B 40c, A med. 40c, B 36c doz. Resale to retailers: 3-4c higher for cases 5c for cartons.

Live Poultry
Buying prices—No. 1 grade Leghorn broilers 1 1/2-2 lbs. 28c, colored fryers 2 1/4-4 lbs. 28c lb. Colored roasters over 4 lbs. 28c. Leghorn hens under 2 1/2 lbs. 20c, over 2 1/2 lbs. 22c, colored 23c lb. No. 2 grade hens 5c less. No. 3 10c less. Roosters 10c lb.

Selling prices by receivers—Light hens 21c, med. 21c, colored 23c lb. Colored springers 28c lb. broilers 30c, stage 14c, roosters 14c lb. Peekin ducks, young 25c, old, colored 14c-16c lb. Guinea hens 75c each. Geese 18c-20c lb.

Dressed Turkeys—Selling prices: country dressed, hens 39-40c, packers' 38-39c. No. 1 hens 40c cash-carry, 41c delivered; large toms over 1 1/2 lbs. 38c cash-carry, 39c delivered.

Rabbits—Average country killed 36c lb.

Portland Livestock
Portland, Dec. 3 (AP)—(USDA) Cattle 250 salable, calves 50, stacker 25. Supplies include three loads stocker steers. Market active and strong on killer classes. Odd com.-low med. steers \$10-\$11.25, com. beef heifers held above \$9, cutters down to \$6.50. Canner-cutter cows mostly \$4.50-\$6, shelly kinds down to \$4, fat dairy type to \$7. Med.-good beef cows \$8.25 to \$10, odd head \$10.50. Good beef bulls to \$11.25, good vealers \$14-\$14.50; choice quotable to 15. Commons cows \$9.

Hogs 600, salable 500. Market active, fully 15c above early Wednesday. Sows 25c up. Good-choice 170-220 lbs. \$13.85, med. feds. \$13.50 down: 230-300 lbs. \$12.75-\$13.25; few light lights \$12.50-\$13. Good 300-325 lb. sows \$11.75-\$12.

Sheep 200, salable 150. Market active, good-wooled lambs mostly \$12.75. Good-choice quotable above \$13, few lots feeding lambs \$8-\$10, including shorn at \$9. Range feeders quotable to \$10.50. Good ewes \$4, common down to \$2.

Chicago Grain
Chicago, Dec. 3 (AP)—Cash grain: Wheat—No. 4 North spring 1.24 1/2, 89-90, No. 4 89 1/2, No. 2 white 1.11, New No. 2 yellow 89 1/2, No. 3 85 1/2-89, No. 4 83-86 1/2, No. 4 81 1/2-83 1/2, No. 3 white 1.08 1/2-09 1/2, No. 4 1.03-04.

Oats—No. 2 mixed 52 1/2, No. 3 white 51-55, No. 4 white 51-55.

Barley—Maltina 84-104n, hard 70-75n, feed 55-67, No. 3 tough 75. Wheat open high low close Dec. 1.26 1/4-1 1/4 1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4 May 1.31 1/4-1 1/4 1.31 1/4 1.31-30 1/4 July 1.31 1/4 1.32 1/4 1.31 1/4 1.31 3/4

Chicago Livestock
Chicago, Dec. 3 (AP)—(USDA) Hogs 20,000, salable 13,000; fairly active, strong to 10c higher, mostly 5-10c up. Med. wt. and weighty butchers closing less active than early, fairly dependable market on 180-210 lbs. on shipper account at \$13.40-55. Some such hogs 15c higher. Bulk good-choice 200-300 lbs. \$13.45-55, 100-150 lbs. \$13.60-55, No. 2 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 3 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 4 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 5 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 6 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 7 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 8 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 9 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 10 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 11 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 12 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 13 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 14 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 15 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 16 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 17 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 18 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 19 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4, No. 20 1.26 1/4-1.26 1/4 1.26 1/4.

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Board Receives Advice on Farm Workers

R. B. Taylor, state USDA war board chairman, reports that the amendment to the selective service act provides that any registrant who is found to be necessary to and regularly engaged in an agricultural occupation or agricultural endeavor essential to the war effort shall be placed in Class II-C or Class III-C, depending upon whether or not he has dependents. It further provides that no registrant who has been so classified may leave his agricultural occupation for other work without permission of his local draft board, and that no registrant in Class II-C or Class III-C shall be released for enlistment in the land or naval forces.

This program to stabilize labor on dairy, livestock and poultry farms provides definite standards of production which must be met in order for the registrant to be deferred. In determining the eligibility of registrants for classification in II-C or III-C under the amendment to the selective service act, local boards will apply the standards for "essential" farms set up under this stabilization program as far as dairy, livestock and poultry farm workers and operators are concerned. These standards as supplied local draft boards are based on animal unit production per form: one milk cow plus production of its feed equals one animal unit. Equivalents in livestock and poultry are also set up. Thus it takes three beef cows, five yearlings, four two-year-old steers, four feedlot cattle, 16 ewes (not counting lambs), 80 feedlot lambs, 75 hens (not counting raising chickens), 250 chickens raised (not counting broilers), 500 broilers, 40 turkeys raised (not counting breeding stock), nine hogs raised (not counting breeding herd), to equal one animal unit.

Salable cattle 4000, calves 700, head steers and yearlings 700, steady. Draggy trade on med. to average good grades, these predominating at \$12.50-\$14.50. Strictly good-choice offerings scarce, top \$16.85 paid for better than average choice 1200 lbs. Next highest price \$15.90. Heifers steady, \$12.50-\$14. Outside \$14.50, but nothing strictly choice in heifer line. Cows fairly active, steady, weighty cutters to \$9 and med.-good beef cows \$11.25-\$12.50. Bulls 25c lower, practical top \$12.50. Odd head \$12.65 after \$12.90 was paid Wednesday. Vealers unchanged, \$14-\$15.50; stock cattle slow, weak.

Salem Markets
Compiled from reports of Salem dealers, by the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily).

Buy Prices
Wheat—red and white 95c per bu. Gray Oats—No. 2 36-1/2, \$33.33. Barley—No. 2 bright \$30 ton. Hay—Clover No. 1 \$18 per ton oats & vetch No. 1 \$18 per ton.

Real Estate
East Main—\$42.00 cwt., second grade \$33. Pullet Growth—\$23.50 cwt. Chicken Scratch—\$23.50 cwt. Whole Corn—\$24.00, cracked \$23.50. Beet Pulp—\$22.50.

Midwest Market Reports
Hogs—crack 15 lbs. \$13.50; 215-250 lbs. \$13.00; 250-300 lbs. \$12.50; packing sows \$12.25. Sheep—Lamb \$10, ewes \$4-55. Cattle—Top well dressed 21c, veal all \$14c, heifers \$8-85 Dairy cows \$4-55, beef cows \$6-77; bulls \$7.50-\$9.50.

Poultry—Heavy colored hens, No. 1 21c, No. 2 16c; fryers 25-26c. White Leghorn hens 16c, fryers 21c lb. Eggs—Buying prices: Large grade A white and brown 46c doz, med. 41c. Standards, B large 41c doz. Pullets 24c, cracks 24c dozen. Eggs—Wholesale prices: Ex large A white and brown 46c doz, med. 41c. Standards B large 41c doz. Pullets 27c doz. Butcher—Prints: A grade 52 1/2c, B 51c, quarters 53 1/2c lb. Butterfat: Premium 55 1/2c, No. 1 54 1/2c, No. 2 51 1/2c lb.



Roy W. Ritner

Walnut Market Program Stated

Portland, Dec. 3 (AP)—Eighty per cent of the 1942-43 crop of marketable walnuts produced in Washington, Oregon and California may be sold unshelled on domestic markets, the department of agriculture said today.

Under a diversion program for the remaining 20 per cent the agricultural marketing administration will pay growers a maximum of 3 1/2 cents per pound for nuts shelled for the domestic market or exported, the department announced.

The 80 per cent salable percentage of the crop was increased from a 65 per cent previously announced at the request of the walnut control board, agricultural officials said. In view of prospective demand conditions the department said no walnut diversion program will be approved for the 1943-44 crop year.

Truck Collision Injures 3rd Car

Batty Cooper, Salem sanitary inspector, and his city-owned automobile were the innocent sufferers in a spectacular traffic accident yesterday, just before noon, in front of Cooper's home at 1694 Broadway.

A Stiff Furniture company truck driven by William P. Vrooman and a heavier truck loaded with wood went into a collision at that place. The wood truck careened across the street and struck Cooper's vehicle, crossed the curb to the sidewalk and dumped a large lot of wood on Cooper's premises. The wood truck was driven by Charles T. Zander, who said the thought the truck was owned by George Pappendew. All three vehicles were considerably damaged.

Zander, who lives at 570 Locust, was booked for having defective brakes and no chauffeur's license. In police court today he was fined \$10, given 30 days in jail and his driver's license was suspended for a year.

False Report Recalls Sailors

San Francisco, Dec. 3 (AP)—The 12th naval district said today that a large number of unidentified surface vessels" had been reported 450 miles off the California coast, but that a thorough search of the area "failed to confirm their presence."

(Presumably the order broadcast before dawn today for fleet personnel to return to their ships was based on this report.)

The navy's statement follows: "A large number of unidentified surface vessels was reported by naval patrol at dusk on the second of December on an easterly course 450 miles off the coast of California."

"Since the presence of such a force would constitute a serious hazard to the west coast, every effort was made by army and navy aircraft to verify the reported contact and all available forces were alerted and steps taken to intercept any enemy forces."

"A thorough search of the area concerned failed to confirm the presence of any unidentified vessels and the report is considered in error."

The statement was issued by Vice Admiral John W. Green-slade, commander of the western sea frontier.

Starting at 4 a.m., radio stations had broadcast orders to fleet personnel to report at once to their ships.

Machinery Freeze Has Explanation

New permanent farm machinery rationing program became effective November 28. This order unfreezes farm machinery and equipment in dealers' hands and continues the freeze in distributors' and manufacturers' hands until county rationing quotas are established and a distribution system has been set up by the department of agriculture.

There are certain articles of equipment and machinery for which no quotas will be established: these are domestic water systems, farm pumps and wind-mills, irrigation equipment, dairy farm machines and equipment, metal milk cans and covers, and farm fencing materials. These articles can now be sold to holders of purchase certificates issued by county rationing committees. County rationing committees will be furnished certain standards of use as guides in determining whether the applicant is using his present equipment to the extent necessitated by war conditions as well as determining minimum use for new equipment and machinery.

In cases of real emergency the special war board assistant to the secretary of agriculture will still consider appeals for release of frozen equipment.

Beeswax is an important by-product of honey production.

American Negro Troops in Liberia

Washington, Dec. 3 (AP)—The state department announced today that American troops are in Liberia.

The department said they are in the small African republic in accordance with an agreement signed March 31 whereby United States was granted the right, for the duration of the war, to construct, operate and defend airports.

Most of the U. S. forces there now are negro troops, the department said.

It said that the German consul and his staff recently departed from Monrovia, the Liberian capital, thus eliminating axis interests from the country.

Grain Futures Recede Today

Chicago, Dec. 3 (AP)—Grain futures receded on the board of trade today pending OPA action on flour ceilings.

Wheat finished the day off 1/4 cent to 3/4 cent a bushel, corn up 1/8 to off 1/8, oats off 1/8, rye off 1/8 to 3/4, and soybeans up 1/8 to 3/4.

Washington dispatches revealed the department of agriculture has alternate plans to keep flour prices down by the sale of government wheat to mills at 85 per cent of corn parity prices. The proposal would reduce the pressure against flour ceilings, but must wait on congressional approval.

Mills bought wheat in fairly good volume, absorbing commission house offers, without affecting the easy tone prevailing today. The wheat market, however, found some support in the relative strength in the northwest and the belief that ceiling prices will be raised.

Profit taking sales in corn and rye futures contributed to the easy undertone.

Corn and rye futures declined as much as a cent a bushel, the decline in corn attributed to the feeling that country marketings will begin to increase. Shipping demand continued to aid the market with sales estimated at 92,000 bushels.

Nut Growers Will Attend 28th Meeting

Many Marion county nut growers are planning to attend the 28th annual meeting of the Western Nut Growers' association, which is being held at McMinnville on December 8, says Robert E. Rieder, county agricultural agent.

The session this year has been reduced to one day and will meet at the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce. For particular discussion this year will be labor saving practices in orchard management, pest and disease control, farm machinery rationing and marketing problems and a general discussion of the nut growers' problems in relation to the war effort.

Meetings are open to the public and all growers who can make the trip to McMinnville should plan to avail themselves of the information which is presented at this annual meeting.

Markets Briefed

Stocks Irregularly higher in moderate trading. Bonds higher. Curb stocks irregular. Cotton up around 50c a bale. Wheat unchanged to 1/2c lower. Corn up 1/4 to off 3/4. Silver unchanged in N.Y. at 44 1/2 cents.

6,000 Workers Strike
Detroit, Dec. 3 (AP)—Six thousand employees of the Budd Wheel company struck today in protest to a reported difference in wages paid women workers at the plant.

Births, Deaths

Births
Rund—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Rund, 1497 N. 5th, a son, Terry Lee, Nov. 17.

Deaths
Rees—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Rees, Spokane, at a local hospital, a son, Dennis Earl, Nov. 20.

Rolow—To Mr. and Mrs. Willard J. Rolow, Mt. Angel, a son, Jerry Gene, Nov. 25.

Spencer—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Spencer, Independence, a son, Michael Ralph, Nov. 28.

Gentzkow—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Gentzkow, Rt. 4, a daughter, Margaret Helen, Nov. 24.

Grens—To Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Grens, Rt. 2, Albany, twins, Jerry Kay and Terry Jon, Nov. 25.

Hansen—To Mr. and Mrs. Ingvard Hansen, 637 Piedmont, West Salem, a daughter, Judith Mariene, Nov. 24.

Rickreall—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lapach, a daughter, Connie Marie, Nov. 11, weight 8 1/4 pounds. Mrs. Lapach was formerly LaVerne Kellogg.

Hoyer—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hoyer, at the Salem General Hospital, Dec. 3, a son, Robert Gordon, Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hoyer and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. White.

Ede—W. H. Ede, late resident of Myrtle Point, in this city, Tuesday, December 1. Husband of Mrs. Lillian Ede of Myrtle Point. Announcement of services later by Clough-Barrick cemetery.

Bayne—Mrs. Althea B. Bayne, late resident of 414 Bellevue street, at a local hospital December 2. Survived by two daughters, Miss Agnes C. Bayne of Salem and Mrs. Florence A. Mathews of Anchorage, Alaska; one son, Kenneth W. Bayne of Salem; four grandchildren, Mary John and Pauline Mathews of Anchorage, Alaska, and Donald M. Mathews, U. S. navy; brother, J. A. Devconon of San Francisco. Services will be held Saturday, December 5, at 2 p.m., from the Clough-Barrick chapel, Rev. H. C. Stover will officiate, with interment in City View cemetery.

Heyden—Gust Heyden, at his home, 915 Saginaw street, December 2, at the age of 80 years. Survived by wife, Bertha, Annala Heyden of Salem; four children, Mrs. Martha Neiger, Mrs. Gertrude Heyden, Mrs. Hilda Casper, and Karl Heyden, all of Salem; two brothers, George of Perryburg, Ohio, and Martin of White House, Fla., and eight grandchildren. Services will be held Saturday, December 5, at 1:30 p.m., from the Bethel Baptist church in Salem. Rev. John F. Oltorf will officiate, with concluding services in Belcher Memorial park, direction Clough-Barrick cemetery.

Davidson—At Black Rock, Ore., December 1. Henry Hugh Davidson, late of Rt. 1, Salem, age 72 years. Husband of Reva Davidson of Salem; father of Cloeyden, Janet and Freddie Davidson, all of Salem; son of Mrs. Libby Davidson of Salem; and brother of Edith Madeoofsky of California. Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 5, at 2:30 p.m., in the chapel of the W. T. Rigdon company with concluding services at Hopewell cemetery. Rev. S. Raynor Smith will officiate.

Rubeck—In this city December 2, Robert Rubeck, late of 525 North 21st street, Salem, age 72 years. Husband of Florence Mildred Rubeck of Salem; father of Mrs. H. I. Boeler and Mortimer Rowe of Salem; brother of Mrs. Amanda Moon of Ohio; uncle of Mrs. J. C. Adamson of Portland and Paul Rubeck of Canby; and grand uncle of Shirley Jean Adamson of Portland. Funeral services will be held Friday, December 4, at 1:30 p.m., in the chapel of the W. T. Rigdon company with concluding services at the Lee-Mixon cemetery. Rev. M. A. Getzen-dener will officiate.

Quake at Tahoe

Tahoe, Calif., Dec. 3 (AP)—An earthquake shook buildings here for approximately 30 seconds at 2:45 a.m., PWT, today. No damage has been reported.

many years she made her home at Grafton, N. Dak. Before coming here several years ago. Survivors are four sons, Edwin in Canada, John of Bremerton, Wash., Carl and T. R. (Ted) Jorgenson, both of Portland; two daughters, Gertrude Langford of Sand Point, Idaho, and Laura Johnson of Grafton, N. Dak. Final services and interment will be held at Grafton.

Lawrence Stupfel

Mt. Angel—Funeral services were held from St. Mary's church Wednesday morning for Lawrence Stupfel, 65, who died in a Salem hospital Monday morning. Rev. John Cominsky sang the requiem high mass and gave the funeral sermon. Grave-side services were conducted by Rev. Hildebrand Melchior. Pallbearers were Urban and Oletus Butsch, Raymond Hassing, all of Mt. Angel, Arthur Reichman of Portland, all nephews of deceased, Fred Hassing and Arthur Schwab. Resident of Mt. Angel for more than 50 years, was born at Ashton, Wis., July 18, 1877, and came here with his parents March 16, 1882, and made his home here since, except during the fishing season in Alaska where he worked many seasons. At the funeral were his brothers, Frank of Canby and Alphonse of Mt. Angel; sisters, Mrs. Frances Butsch and Mrs. Rose Hassing of Mt. Angel, Mrs. Anne Blackmar and Mrs. Antonia Smith of Portland. Another sister, Mrs. Marie Klinger of White Salmon, Wash., was not present. Cousins present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stupfel of St. Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Camille Stupfel, Salem.

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Without Painful Backache
Many sufferers relieve nagging backache quickly, once they discover that the real cause of their trouble may be tired kidneys. The kidneys are Nature's chief way of taking the excess acids and waste out of the blood. They help most people pass about 3 pints a day.

When disorder of kidney function permits poisonous matter to remain in your blood, it may cause nagging backache, rheumatic pains, loss of pep and energy, getting up in the middle of the night, frequent headaches and dizziness. Frequent or scanty passage with stinging and burning something like sand is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder.

Don't wait! Ask your druggist for Doan's Pills, used successfully by millions of men and women. They give happy relief and will help the 15 million of kidney trouble sufferers waste from your blood. Get Doan's Pills.

Roy Ritner, 66, Ex-Senator, Dies at Pendleton

Pendleton, Dec. 3 (AP)—Roy W. Ritner, 66, one of Pendleton's most prominent citizens and widely known throughout the northwest, died at a local hospital early this morning following a paralytic stroke suffered a week ago.

Born in Georgetown, Calif., February 13, 1876, Ritner came to this county with his parents as a small child and had resided here since that time.

A leader in republican politics, Ritner served as state representative from 1915 to 1917 and in the state senate from 1919 to 1925, being elected senate president for the 1921-22 session and serving as acting governor in November and December of 1922.

He was business manager of the Pendleton Round-Up from 1910 to 1917, resigning to go overseas as a captain with the American Red Cross. He again became Round-Up business manager in 1932 and held that position until the time of his death. Ritner was also Chamberlain of Commerce secretary from 1932 to 1941 and was secretary of the Round-Up's Happy Canyon night show from 1932 to 1936.

He had been secretary of the Oregon state farm bureau since 1941, being re-elected at the recent state convention in Hood River, and was vice president of the Rodeo Association of America.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Storie of Pendleton and Mrs. Jack Buchanan of Portland; and a brother, Harry Ritner of Portland. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Tribute Paid Draft Boards

Governor Charles A. Sprague today endorsed the plans of the American Legion for public recognition of the work done by selective service boards throughout the nation.

"Having had the responsibility of organizing the selective service system in Oregon," the governor said, "I have naturally been interested in the work of these boards. I feel that they are playing a most important part in the mustering of great armies on democratic lines. They have been most conscientious in the performance of their duties, serving long hours without compensation, impelled only by patriotic considerations."

"I want to add my tribute to the members of these boards for their fine public service. I hope the people of Oregon, under the leadership of the Legion posts, will join in local testimonials honoring these board members."

Parity Prices to Include Labor Costs

Washington, Dec. 3 (AP)—The house by unanimous consent today passed legislation redefining agricultural parity to include the costs of all farm labor, a step against which President Roosevelt expressed "unalterable opposition" when anti-inflation proposals were before congress two months ago.

At the time parity redefinition was debated in the anti-inflation fight, one government office contended this might result in an increase in living costs of as much as \$3,500,000,000 a year.

Rep. Pace (D-Ga.), author of the measure, told the house he did not know what effects it might have on living costs.

The legislation now goes to the senate.

Pace told the house that under agricultural labor policies being established by the government "virtually no crops will be produced next year, unless farmers are allowed to embrace the increased labor costs into the parity formula."

(Parity is an arbitrary price calculated to give farmers buying power equal to that of some past favorable period for agriculture, usually 1909-14.)

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Bombers Chase 4 Jap Warships In New Guinea

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Dec. 3 (AP)—American heavy bombers chased four Japanese destroyers north from New Guinea today after a fierce, rocket-lighted engagement off Buna in which the enemy attempt to land reinforcements for its beleaguered garrison was cut short.

One destroyer was hit and 23 Japanese planes were shot down in this sixth attempt since November 1 to bolster the enemy ground forces, now pinned by Australians and Americans to a narrow coastal jungle strip mostly less than a mile wide and about ten miles long, with Buna the strongest enemy point left. In Buna Outskirts

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said American forces had reached the outskirts of Buna for the first substantial gain in ground fighting for several days. As for Buna, isolated when Australians drove through to the beach below the village, a spokesman said it was not claimed that the village itself had been occupied.

The big job was to eliminate Buna, off which there was a spectacular sea and air clash last night when the Japanese destroyers arrived.

The enemy ships came within a few miles of Buna, despite sustained bombing and strafing by four-motored bombers and numerous fighter planes. The destroyers zig-zagged wildly to escape bombs and bullets. They sent up rockets and flares to illuminate the American planes for anti-aircraft fire. May Have Landed Some

At one point, the destroyers were seen to be surrounded by a few landing barges and small boats. This led to a supposition that some few fresh troops may have landed at Buna, but not enough to ease the position of the garrison.

The destroyers were able to remain off Buna only a short time, steaming away speedily with Boeing flying fortresses and North American B-25 medium bombers in pursuit.

Obituary

Leona Mildred Slyh
Independence — Leona Mildred Slyh, daughter of George and Dottie Milledge, born at Independence July 9, 1914, died in Dallas Nov. 30, age 28 years 4 months 21 days. She married Harry Slyh of Independence June 10, 1936. Survived by her husband, son, Michael of Valse; mother and father; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Esbrick of Dallas. Services were held from the Smith-Baum mortuary in Independence Dec. 2 with Rev. James Aiken Smith officiating. Interment was in IOOF cemetery south