



Plan Farmers' Field Day—Marion county agricultural leaders met on the site of Willamette Valley Soil Conservation Day, the Irvin Bartels farm, near Aumsville, to complete arrangements for the demonstration of good land use September 17. Kneeling, left to right, Bartels, owner of the field day site, and Ronald Elmes, district conservationist, U. S. soil conservation service. Standing, left to right, Leonard Burns, in charge of the Stayton staff of the service; Lillie Madsen, publicity chairman for conservation day; Vernon Jette, supervisor of the Santiam soil conservation district; Bob Schmidt, general chairman, and agricultural chairman of Oregon State Grange; W. M. Tate, chairman for local arrangements; and Harry Riches, Marion county agent.

ARE YOU EFFICIENT?

How Much You're Doing Is What Bosses Worry About

By SAM DAWSON
New York, Aug. 30 (AP)—It isn't how long you work but how much, or how little, you do. Bosses around the country worry more about that today than ever before.

The reason is they're in a double squeeze. They're trying to get production costs down so they can price their products to suit a demanding public. At the same time, labor's drive for a shorter work week spreads out into more industries.

These trends pull against each other. It would look like a stalemate, with the consumer getting the worst of it, in higher prices—unless ways can be found to turn out more goods in less time.

The railroads are face to face with the problem. Their non-operating employees go on a 40-hour week Thursday at the same pay they've been getting for 48 hours. That will be costly to the roads, unless they either can close down some facilities two days a week without loss of revenue, or can get the former amount of results in eight less hours of work.

Rail labor leaders, however, note that freight loading has been decreasing on Saturdays anyway since industry generally beat the roads in taking up the 40-hour week.

Textile mill spokesmen warn workers that the industry faces extinction in New England unless they produce more. Mill owners contend that productivity there ranges as much as 50 per cent less than in some other textile regions.

An employer in the building industry contends that employees average one day off for each two days of work. H. C. Turner, Jr., president of the Turner Construction Co., with offices in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago, adds up 104 Saturdays and Sundays a year, 8 holidays and 10 vacation days to get a total of 122 days not worked. That leaves 243 work days out of the year's 365.

In a letter to his employees he says the one off, two on ratio should mean "starting work promptly and working a full day."

The plea for more work also comes from a source that might surprise you. In a report to be submitted next week, leaders of the British Trades Union congress are telling workers that business is being taxed almost to the limit and labor's only hope for better living standards is to work harder.

Some executives in this country think that maybe hiring some more men might be the way to get this increased output per man hour.

Gustav Mentzman, president of New York Central, says it may be wise to add supervisors to the railroad's staff "to see that we are getting a full day's work for a full day's pay, and to see that the work that we are getting is productive work."

Against this, labor makes two points. One is that with fewer working hours employees are fresher and can produce more work per hour. The other is that management often wastes labor's time, keeps employees hanging around unnecessarily and doesn't provide work for them efficiently while they are on duty.

Another factor—one of which labor and management often do not see eye to eye—is the matter of mechanization. This is being speeded up in mills, factories, on the farms and in the offices. A case in point is labor's ob-

Worker Loses Arm in Dynamite Blast

Tillamook, Aug. 30 (AP)—A construction worker lost one arm and possibly will be blind as the result of a dynamite explosion at a Netaris bay stream project.

County Coroner Lellan Lundberg said Arthur Wridge, 53, Netaris, was handling the dynamite yesterday when it exploded prematurely. The circumstances were not known. His son, Delwin, 20, was cut about the face and chest. He had been standing at some distance from the elder Wridge.

Wridge's left forearm was amputated at a hospital here. It had been shattered in the blast. Hospital aides said one eye may be permanently disabled. Wridge is already blind in the other eye. Wridge's wife collapsed when brought to see her husband and son.

Capsized Motorboat Hints at Drowning

Astoria, Aug. 30 (AP)—An overturned outboard motorboat hinted of the first drowning of the lower Columbia river sports fishing season.

A coast guard boat crew found the capsized craft near a jetty yesterday. It was among 20 craft to which the coast guard was called. Most of the other calls were due to disabled engines and sand bars.

An estimated 5000 boats were expected on the river today for the opening of the salmon derby here and others along the river. Hotels began filling over the past week-end.

Silversides were running close to the surface, but the Chinooks were scarce, apparently running deeper.

Brooks—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Boylan of Stockton, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. LeDoux were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Hauptman at Brooks. Dinner guests also included Mr. and Mrs. Ross McDougall of Gervais.

83RD AND 'FINAL' ENCAMPMENT

Last of Boys in Blue In Battle for Prestige

By BOYD GILL
Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 30 (AP)—Six shaky and fragile old men, who were five strapping buck privates and a drummer boy 85 years ago, mustered their feeble strength for a last battle for prestige today.

Deaf to most of the sounds around them, their sight dimmed by the passage of the century or more that they have lived, the six were gathered here for the 83rd and "final" encampment of the once mighty Grand Army of the Republic, the GAR.

For the most part, they sat in their wheel chairs, seemingly caring little even for the ceremonies which went on in their honor.

But for Theodore A. Penland, 100, Portland, Ore., who fought in the battles along the Potomac after his father died at the second battle of Bull Run, the encampment was the site for a struggle to keep his office at national commander-in-chief of the GAR.

Penland and Charles L. Chappel, 102, Long Beach, Cal., spryest of the six, threatened a showdown on the twin issues of who will be the last commander and whether this will be the last encampment. The other four were expected to be drawn into it, at least for their share of making the final decisions.

Chappel stormed about the hotel lobby with a crutch under his right arm and said Penland was trying to "hog the show." "He wants to be the last commander," snapped Chappel. "I'm going to ask him for his place and see what he says."

Penland, perked up by a spiked egg-nog his nurse slipped him despite the fact he's a teetotaler, said he was sorry this was the last encampment.

"It's going to be hard to say goodbye to my comrades," Penland said. "But we're getting too old for these trips. There won't be another."

Nearby sat James A. Hard, 108, Rochester, N.Y., so old and feeble he can seldom leave his wheelchair. Albert Woolson, 102, Duluth, Minn., the drummer boy, was so deaf he had to talk with pencil and paper, the written questions held close to his eyes.

Joseph Clovese, 102, Pontiac, Mich., only negro left in the GAR, his dusky face less lined and wrinkled than his comrades, told stories in French and English of his days as a slave in Louisiana before he ran away and joined the union army.

The only beard, flowing white down the blue serge vest of his uniform, was worn by Robert Barrett, 102, Princeton, Ky. Chappel frowned at the people trying to make him more comfortable. He looked at a crowd of younger men standing around him.

"Boys, do all you can to keep the flag up," he said.

The state flower of Kentucky is the goldenrod.

Ryegrass Yield In Valley High

Portland, Aug. 30—Higher ryegrass yields have boosted the Oregon crop to 49,000,000 pounds compared with 34,600,000 last year. But the federal crop reporting service said legume seed yields were down.

A severe winter and late spring frosts were blamed for the drop of legume seeds to 113,000,000 pounds. The crop represents about 68 per cent of the nation's supply.

The department of agriculture's weekly bulletin said hairy vetch would total about 14,500,000 pounds, down 500,000 from last year. Common and Willamette vetch was estimated at 11,900,000 pounds less than half the 1948 output.

Although plantings of Austrian peas were increased 17,000 acres, the harvest will be 29,600,000 pounds, only 4,600,000 above a year ago. Hungarian vetch output was estimated at 630,000 pounds compared with 1,100,000 last year.

Support prices for the 1950 crop will be based on parity prices as of April 1, 1950, the department announced.

The agency said that if parity prices next April are the same as those of July 15, the average support levels for top grade seed would be as follows: hairy vetch, 13.54 cents a pound; common vetch, 6.34 cents; crimsion clover, 16.03 cents; common ryegrass, 7.09 cents; Austrian winter peas, 4.62 cents.

These would be slightly under 1948 support prices.

Birmingham Boy Wins

Detroit, Aug. 30 (AP)—Herbert L. Davis, 15, Birmingham, Ala., returned home today with top honors in the third international model airplane contest.

Third Transmission Line Comes to Salem

Portland, Ore., Aug. 30 (AP)—The Bonneville Power administration Monday awarded a \$74,790 contract for construction of the east McMinnville sub-station and control house to the Teller Construction company, Portland.

The sub-station facilities will improve service to McMinnville and will supply a third transmission line to Salem and southern Oregon. Construction will be completed near the end of this year.

Old Fiddlers Contest September 8 and 9

The annual old fiddlers contest, sponsored by the Veterans' Living Memorial association, will be held at the Hollywood theater September 8 and 9.

There will be two classifications as to age, adults up to 50 years old and those older. They will compete for trophies and cash prizes.

Proceeds of the contest will go to the memorial building fund. No entry fee will be charged. The first night all entrants will play. The second night will be elimination and award of prizes. Entrants will register at the Will Music store on State street.

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