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DAIRY INDUSTRY'S PROBLEM

Secretary of Agriculture Benson is in conference today with 75 invited representatives of the dairy industry to inaugurate a "self help" sales program to put all dairy products, including those in government warehouses under the federal price support program which has created a surplus, as doles always do.

The conference is seeking ways of preventing butter, cheese and dried milk from piling up because the dairy industry has priced itself out of the market and cheaper substitutes are replacing them. This is due to support prices boosted by congress at 90 per cent of parity based on wartime markets. It is a repetition of the costly experiment along the same lines of a few years ago with potatoes.

At the behest of the dairy industry, the agriculture department has been supporting, and will continue for another year to do so, prices of these products at 90 per cent of parity. Parity is a farm product price designed to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they must pay.

The dairy industry unloaded a record daily volume of 42 1/2 million pounds of butter, cheese and dried milk onto the government Tuesday, the last day before the support price was reduced because the parity price for butter in dollars and cents has declined.

The agriculture department has acquired all the butter available in the country, except small lots held by distributors. Product of all dairy products has been greater than the quantity consumers will buy at support levels. Hence the department has been forced to buy the extra production which now amounts to 180 million pounds of butter, 61 million pounds of cheese and 185 million pounds of dried milk.

The sooner the dairy industry cuts out the dole program of visionaries, which increases the cost of living by class legislation and solves its own pricing program in a common sense manner, by increasing the market for them or cutting down production to consumption requirements, the better for the industry and the government and its taxpayers. In the long run the law of supply and demand always prevails and paternalism fails.

EISENHOWER'S PRESS CONFERENCES

The presidential press conference has been going on for years, with its ups and downs, depending upon the president, sometimes a great producer of news, sometimes of entertainment, and sometimes of presidential foot in mouth episodes. But always a factor in official life at Washington, ever since T. R.'s day.

Many reporters were fearful when Eisenhower became president. A man of his military background was apt to treat the conference as a briefing, in which he would tell them he wanted them to hear and restrict questions, particularly the embarrassing kind. Eisenhower, as a newcomer to big league politics, gave them some reason for this fear by his timid handling of the press during the campaign.

But he has been opening up at recent conferences with the reporters, now that he's catching on his job, which certainly includes press relations among its more important phases.

Arthur Krock of the New York Times, probably the top news reporter in Washington, says "the president is making news conferences into the most powerful constructive instrument of information they have ever been. And Krock's memory goes back through four or five previous administrations, including that of F.D.R., who was a past master at parrying with reporters.

Bert Andrews of the New York Herald-Tribune, another top hand in the Washington press gallery, adds this significant comment: "Members of the president's official family, and the president himself, have opened up so freely that some of the lazier reporters wish they'd never kicked about the earlier secrecy." Since that first conference there has no limitation on the length of the question period. Eisenhower, still a new man in politics, learns fast and "comes clean."

THE SPECIALIST ISN'T ENOUGH

Big business is finally catching up with a disturbing factor in mid-twentieth century America's educational setup which has disturbed some of us so long we've just about decided to quit fretting over what can't be helped. We refer to the tendency of the colleges to turn out an army of specialists, no one of which has a broad, general picture of the whole scene.

A current article in Fortune Magazine, the organ of the managerial upper crust, says the nation's great enterprises are disconcerted over the failure of the colleges to educate this type of man. They are finding the trained specialist useful, up to a point, but for top level leadership they need a man with a broader outlook.

This is what liberal arts, the "impractical" training is supposed to do. Only it isn't doing this for so many, or for enough if we may believe the Fortune article. The percentage of liberal arts trained men is dropping and industry is finding a vacuum where its future leadership should be.

This is indeed the age of the specialist, but it must also be the age of the man who knows something about many things, even if he doesn't know everything about any one thing.

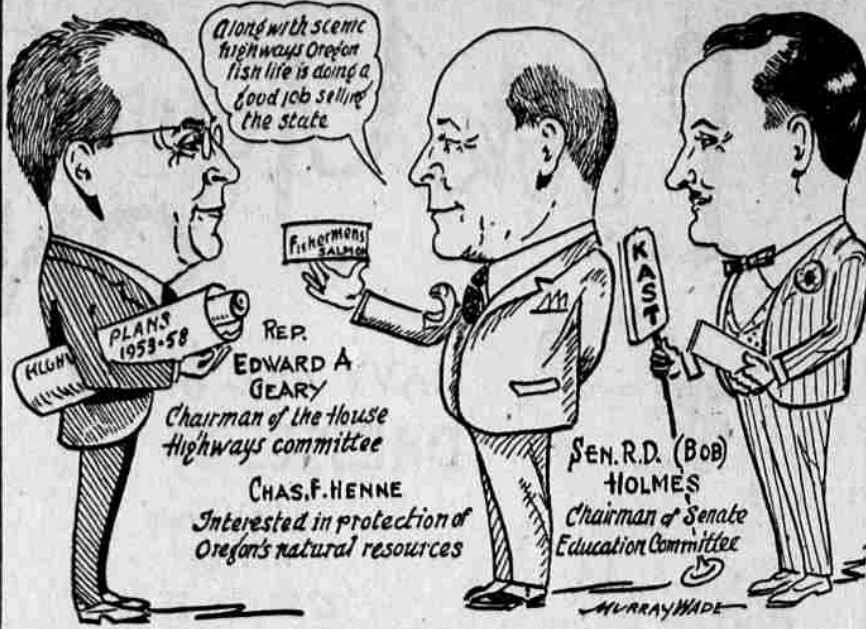
AN ECHO OF THE MINK ERA

The wheels of the law move slowly, but they do move, and justice has finally caught up with Merl Young, one of the key figures in the corruption that marked the Truman administration.

Young, a former R.F.C. examiner, who rose rapidly in the fair deal hierarchy, was convicted Tuesday on four counts of perjury and faces a prison sentence.

Yet Young's brief footnote in the history of the period will come not so much by reason of his own derelictions as by being the husband of the lady who received the \$9450 mink coat and thereby ruined the reputation of that innocent little animal.

LEGISLATORS as Seen by Murray Wade



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Martin Calls Ike to Account in Pleasant Way

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — Speaker Joe Martin is the easiest man in congress to get along with, but he also has certain ideas on how job appointments should be handled. They are not radical ideas, and in a half-serious, half-joking way he expressed his views to the highest republican in the land — Dwight D. Eisenhower.

At a Monday-morning White House conference, Joe reminded the president that it was customary to let congressmen and senators know in advance before a job was to be filled in their state so they could get credit for helping make it. The speaker, however, didn't come out with this directly. He backed into it by asking: "Is it the policy of this administration to notify members of congress when appointments are about to be made in their districts?"

President Eisenhower replied that it was. "Well, does that policy include members of our own party?"

There was a twinkle in the speaker's eye, but Ike couldn't quite tell what was brewing behind the twinkle. He nodded in the affirmative.

"Does that also apply to the speaker of the house?" pursued the speaker.

"Yes," replied the president. "Well, there were four appointments in my district last week," concluded the speaker, "and I had to read about them in the newspapers. Do I have to subscribe to every paper in my district?"

Eisenhower turned to assistant president Sherman Adams and, somewhat irritated, told him to tighten the appointment-liaison with republicans in congress.

CONGRESSMAN FROM ALLEGAN

Congressman Clare Hoffman of Allegan, Mich., now 77 years old, is one of the stormiest republicans in capitol hill. His acid remarks are shot at republicans as well as democrats, and he is just as likely to tangle with his own GOP leadership as anyone else.

Having reported on the tempestuous activities of the Michigan solon over the years, I once offered him a chance to even up the score and invited him to write a guest column while I was on vacation. He accepted with alacrity and proceeded to take me to the cleaners in a column which was duly published. Among his mildest epithets were "deceitful of the people" and "pretends to give exclusive information which has already appeared."

Salem 44 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

April 2, 1909
Salem is on the eve of the greatest horse show ever held in the city. More than 100 entries were registered today, ranging from clean-limbed thoroughbreds to heavy draft breeds. Cash prizes and special premiums offered for winners in tomorrow's events will amount to at least \$1000. Charles W. Yanke will be chief marshal for the day.

A. L. Brown has started a suit against Yuen Wa & Co. and Andrew Kane, their agent. The complaint alleges that the defendant's team ran away and collided with the plaintiff who was riding a bicycle. It is also alleged that the team, contrary to city laws, was allowed to stand unhitched and that through this carelessness the accident occurred. The suit asks \$10,820 for damages.

The Charles E. Falk, three masted lumber schooner enroute from San Francisco to Hoquiam, was blown ashore north of the entrance to Grays Harbor yesterday.

Next Saturday morning state officers of the Oregon Thresh-

ers association will meet in Salem for the purpose of organizing county associations. The state association is concerned with obtaining better conditions for threshers, good roads and improved bridges. There are now over 80 threshing outfits in Marion county with an estimated value of \$3000 each.

At Salem restaurant: Meals 15c, board \$2.75 a week. Count Zeppelin took 14 passengers on a successful flight in his airship today.

Free wine for dining car patrons is now being supplied with compliments of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

An appeal has been filed in the circuit court by the City of Mt. Angel in the Anna Ullmen vs. City of Mt. Angel injunction suit. Judgment was given the plaintiff in a suit forever enjoining the City from using for sewage purposes a certain ditch in front of the plaintiff's house.

For sale: Registered Morgan road mare not afraid of streetcars or automobiles.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Two Classes in U. S. Now, Dieters and Non-Dieters

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—America today is divided into two great classes—those who diet, and those who laugh at 'em.

Dieting began as a fad, now is one of the nation's greatest industries. It spread faster than television, but doesn't have as many good sustaining programs.

The people who used to laugh at Bernard MacFadden as a health fanatic because he carried carrots in his pockets now try to find out where he buys them. The empty stomach has replaced the full dinner pail as an American success symbol. But, of course, it has to be fashionably empty.

A hungry man used to be a financial failure. Today a man of wealth who gets fat is regarded as an anti-social wretch who is deliberately plotting to make his wife a widow.

This is odd, because for centuries in China a middle-aged man's wealth was measured by the size of his paunch. And he remained remarkably free of the heart ailments that ambush the chubby executives in this country.

Maybe one reason is that the civilized Orientals found out long ago that lying on a couch and munching rice while listening to a little lute music didn't wear the heart out as fast as chasing a golf ball.

But millions of Americans, rich or poor, male or female, now seem to feel that less food, rather than less tension, is the formula for a long life. They no longer count sheep while trying to cure insomnia. Makes them think of food. So they count calories jumping over a fence—the calories they plan to eat tomorrow.

As a matter of fact, a zealous dieter hardly can mention food any more without a tinge

ing his confirmation fight over appointment to the United Nations.

Yet Stassen did not hesitate to tangle vigorously with McCarthy when the Wisconsin senator barged into the Greek ship negotiations with a face-saving compromise for the Greeks—just as the Eisenhower administration was working on its own plan to bar Greek ships from Iron Curtain countries.

The Maritime Administration had also discovered a loophole in the sales contracts whereby many of the Greek ships could be recaptured by the United States. Since the Greeks bought the ships from Uncle Sam for a song, the last thing they want is to surrender them. So naturally they jumped at the McCarthy deal, whereby they merely agreed not to sail behind the iron curtain again.

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NO JOB FOR THE LEGISLATURE

(Astorian Budget)

The state legislature is at last considering a bill to empower county courts to fix salaries of county officials. Such a measure has been needed in Oregon for many years. The legislature has wasted much time at each session on county salary bills, time which was needed for the state's business. With the salary power in county courts' hands, the people always have recourse to the ballot if county court gets too liberal.

"It's all just a housewife's conspiracy to get out of kitchen chores," he said. "They aren't trying to make the husbands live longer. They're just trying to cut down on the time they spend cooking."

"They used to have to spend at least four hours a day in their kitchen. Now all a wife has to do to fix a meal is to slip a few vegetables for a raw salad and hold a lamb chop for a few seconds over a lighted match. Then dinner's ready."

"I say my husband who lets his wife starve him to death that way ought to have a saccharine tablet over his grave instead of a monument."

ALL-TIME HIGH IN CANAL
Balboa (AP)—Traffic through the Panama canal reached an all-time high during March with 878 ocean-going vessels making the transit, it was announced today.

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