

News Items from Selma

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Anderson and children spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown in Grants Pass.

Marian Breazeale who was discharged from the army is making his home in Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gregg were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breazeale and daughters, Louise and Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Abernathy and Mrs. Abernathy's daughter from Redding, Calif., were here Saturday visiting old friends. Mr. Abernathy lived here prior to 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Krauss and son Louie and Orville Camp made a trip over the week end to Coos Bay and Crescent City.

Evan Brothers, recently discharged from the army, is here to make his home with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wiswell.

John Simpson is home with his family after being discharged from the navy.

Mrs. Barbara Tucker, Reverend Anderson, Dean Warren and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dickerson attended the dedication services at the Assembly of God Church in Kerby Monday evening.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Loy Tucker who went to Alaska several weeks ago, that they have taken up a 60-acre homestead there.

Edna Breazeale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Breazeale is ill with a cold at her home on South Side Road.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dickerson, Mrs. Joyce Spain and daughter Delberta, transacted business in Medford Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Breazeale has been on the sick list the past few days at her home near Selma.

Wesley and Kenneth Kelley arrived unexpectedly at their brother's, Willis Kelley and family last Wednesday evening to spend Thanksgiving. Wesley is discharged from the army and Kenneth from the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Weiss were in Montague last week visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr.

and Mrs. Bob Akin. Mr. Weiss has returned home but Mrs. Weiss will stay for an extended visit.

Roy Wilder was recently discharged from the army and is visiting his brother, Ray Wilder of Selma this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breazeale and daughters Louise and Dorothy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl King Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewie Portsafas are here from Portland visiting relatives. They spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Portsafas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Haberman of Selma.

CORRECTION

The Selma Women's Missionary Society held a meeting at the church a week ago Thursday and not the O'Brien Women's Missionary Club as was reported in last week's paper.

FARM PRICE TREND CONFUSED AS MANY COST ITEMS SHIFT

Every experienced farmer knows that one of the greatest questions before the nation now pertains to the future trend of prices for farm products, farm operation costs and marketing costs, says L. R. Breithaupt, OSC

extension agricultural economist. Even now there are indications of a change taking place in the trends, but the trend is not too easy to measure from the available data, he says.

In October this year, the cost index that is used for figuring parity prices stood at 175 per cent of 1910-1914, but this index does not include the cost of farm labor and marketing charges. In 1944, these items took considerably more than half of the consumer's dollar paid for food, data show.

Percentage-wise, the greatest increase in Oregon's farm operation expenses in 1944 over 1939 was in hired labor. This item increased from 22.8 per cent of total farm operation expenses in 1939 up to 31.4 per cent in 1944. Compared with 1910-1914, farm wage rates stand at about 345 per cent; about

double the increase in the parity formula index.

Currently, the data show food marketing charges average only about 16 per cent above 1935-1939, requiring about 50 per cent of the consumer's dollar. This covers all costs from the point of first delivery by the farmer through to the consumer.

This percentage is low in relation to the situation between the two world wars when marketing charges took 60 per cent, or more, and the farmer's share of the consumer's dollar amounted to 40 per cent or less. Deductions for farm operation expenses, or course, must come out of the farmer's share.

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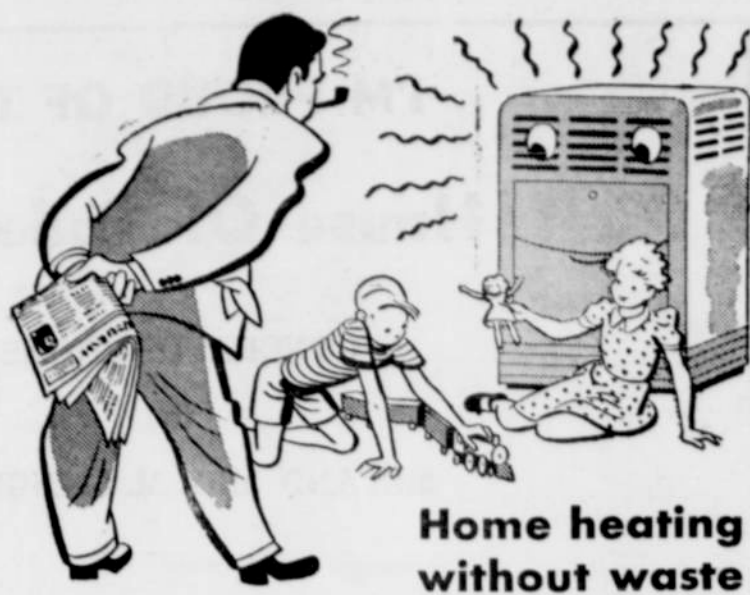
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- 3—German Attacks in U. S. sent home, 1915.
- 4—President orders liquidation of WPA, 1942.
- 5—Paul McNutt given control over nation's manpower, 1942.
- 6—U. S., Russia, Britain in agreement at Tehran, 1943.
- 7—Japanese "sneak" attack on Pearl Harbor, 1941.
- 8—American Federation of Labor organized, 1866.
- 9—British warships "Prince of Wales" and "Repulse" sunk by Japs, 1941.

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