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BRANNON PLAN

It is a little surprising that farmers are not discussing the administration's farm program. Surely they have not decided to take whatever is handed down to them without discussion. Governmental supervision hasn't gone that far—or has it?

Secretary of Agriculture Brannon in presenting the program to the joint senate and house agricultural committees April 7th based it on six premises.

1. **IT can help prevent depression.** He said "most depressions have been farm-led and farm-fed. Farm prices traditionally go down before, faster and farther than any other prices." (Perhaps he should have said why: which may be that city purchasing power drops.)

2. **Farm production and price adjustment program can help build markets for industrial goods and help maintain employment for labor.**

3. **Stable farm prices and incomes encourage high-level production with the greatest assurance of reasonable prices to consumers.**

4. **A program that helps maintain farm income helps to maintain agricultural resources.** (This section talks about soil conservation, a matter in which the department has been political instead of effective.)

5. **An effective farm program is essential to our national security, will provide a reservoir of goods which protects the nation against crop failure, and will assure supplies for an even flow of world trade.**

6. **A price support program which safeguards our rural economic strength can help stabilize the rural community and help maintain individual opportunity in our free enterprise system.** (This is a small sop to the unreconstructed. There could be no individual opportunity or free enterprise on the farm under this system.)

It may be stated here that this resume of the proposed farm plan was studied in the hope that it would be found satisfactory. It will never be satisfactory to this county.

Above are the six divisions of thought on which the program is based. NOT ONE CONSIDERS THE FARMER FIRST, "prevent depression," "aid labor," "reasonable prices to consumers," "maintain agricultural resources," "protect nation against crop failure and help world trade," "stabilize the rural community."

This program, if enacted, would make the farmer subservient to business and labor. It would pay him a dole to produce for the city. "In the first place this program does not close the gap between farm and nonfarm income. It offers a realistic beginning!" says Brannon.

One suggestion would be an improvement. It would make the 1939-48 period the basis for parity instead of the 1909-14 period. This would be beneficial because it is more recent and more realistic. It would hurt farm prices, however. The entire parity scheme is unfair one way or the other, either to farmers or to consumers. There is no such plan for any other branch of our economic life. It handicaps and hampers farmers this tying his economy to some past period.

Actually there is no need for subsidization of the American farmer. His ability at production needs no subsidy. Proper function of the department of agriculture would be to help the farmer adjust his production to national needs. No more is needed.

For years the department of agriculture has been paying subsidies for production of surplus crops which is utterly silly. There might be some excuse, on the basis of national need, to subsidize the production of needed crops. There is now no excuse for subsidizing the production of wheat since the war is over and Europe's need is satisfied.

Wheat farmers of the productive west find their competition doubled and tripled by the wheat subsidy. We can produce wheat cheaper than can other farmers. Yet we are (or will be) required to reduce acreage. Land that can produce 40 bushels of wheat per acre will be retired so that land that can produce 10 bushels can remain in production. There is

no excuse for such action except ignorance or politics. The Brannon plan would permit price support for production up to 1800 units. Wheat is rated at 7.77 bushels per unit. (Subject to change without notice, presumably). This would permit production of 13,986 bushels of wheat. Price support for wheat is estimated at \$1.88. Of course this would remove the large farmer from the scene.

Actually there are two distinct kinds of American farmers. One is the subsistence farmer who follows farming as a way of life, who grows a little of several crops, produces some milk, a few veal, some berries or fruit, a few tons of hay and most of the nation's eggs.

The other kind of farmer is the kind we know. He is a farmer for big production. He is efficient and is a producer of great quantities of foodstuffs beyond the needs of his family.

The Brannon bill would restrict the large farmer and subsidize the subsistence farmer. It is thus a measure to curtail the most efficient part of our agriculture (the part that did the main job of producing during the war).

It is pleasant to note that the Oregon Wheat League, the Farm Bureau federation and the Grange (often spokesman for smaller farmers) are opposing the plan. There is no reason for any Sherman county farmer to favor it.

HEALTH PROGRAM

President Truman has sent to congress a plan for health and hospital services that is inclusive of many of the features of the English plan. Some of it is expected to carry. Perhaps some of it should.

Whether it is necessary or not to provide health services at government expense the program has been made possible by the doctors and medical men themselves. For various reasons the number of medical schools has been decreased. Some, undoubtedly because they could not maintain the standards, some, we are sure, because of misplaced competition.

This means that there are too few doctors—and the armed services take their pick of those. Then too, the trend has been toward specialization which keeps doctors in the cities where there are enough customers of one kind. There are too few general practitioners such as rural America can use.

Then the price of doctoring and of hospital treatment has risen scandalously. Some must be necessary and some, we are sure, must be due to poor management and avarice. The medical fraternity has priced itself out of the market.

Perhaps it could all be settled according to our accepted American ideal if the government would subsidize medical students until there were enough doctors. But the president's plan includes much more. There is to be medical treatment for all at taxpayer expense if the scheme is approved. That will not only be expensive but it will undoubtedly create a race of hypocrits and malingerers.

Any further reduction in the quantity of responsibility an individual owes to himself may be very dangerous.

One thing an occasional flood does for the Columbia river is to make people conscious of the possible danger. Ordinarily the river doesn't flood two years in succession although it would be possible. And then, the proponents of river development can use possible floods to scare people into their ideas.

In Days of Old

From the G. V. J. April 30, 1920
 Grandma French passed away at her home in Grass Valley, Wednesday, April 28th, aged 89 years.

W. S. Orcutt has sold his ranch to J. A. Schassen and will dispose of the personal property at public sale May 1st. He will move down near the coast.

The local tryout for the county Field meet will take place this Friday afternoon at the ball park, and in the evening the local tryout for the oratorical will take place in the school auditorium.

From the Observer, April 27, 1900
 The Monkland Flyer leaves New Moro hotel daily at 11:00 a. m. sharp. The only stage left in this famous stage town. All succeeded by the advance of steam and electricity.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Duncan, Mrs. C. W. Moore and daughter, Mabel, of Grass Valley, were guests at the New Moro hotel Saturday, Mrs. D. wasn't looking for lamps but found a new hat that just suited Kelly.

John Kay has finished the foundation for Harry King's new house from Sherman Huff. Mr. Kay left for Colfax on the 24th.



GALIC GLAMOUR . . . Patricia Patrik was recently selected in a contest in Paris, France, as the actress typifying what French movie-goers like to see on their silver screens, Pat's name is really Patricia Gonzales.

Andy Patjens Visits In Germany

Mr and Mrs Andy Patjens and son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs Ernest Patjens motored to Portland Wednesday. The Andy Patjens by plane from there for Germany where they expect to make an extended visit.

Mrs Lottie Borthwick and Mrs Cathy Hickson and daughter of Antelope were business visitors here Wednesday. Margaret Olson accompanied them home where she visited until her return on Friday.

Mrs Maude Garrett left for Cambridge, Idaho, Sunday where she plans on being two weeks visiting her daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs Roy Van Fossen.

Among those who went fishing Sunday were Mr and Mrs James Phifer, Mr and Mrs C. W. Carrigan, Volna Guyton and son Billie, and Mr and Mrs Leo Lang and family.

Mr and Mrs Claud Bayer and son Phillip of Grass Valley were Saturday evening visitors at the home of Mrs Bayer's grandparents, Mr and Mrs G. H. Reeder.

Mr and Mrs James L. Phifer and children motored to Wasco Sunday afternoon for the base ball game.

Mr and Mrs James A. Rees and son Johnnie were here from Portland over the week end. They visited his parents, Mr and Mrs W. A. Rees.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Helen White Bruckert, Administratrix of the Estate of Louise White, deceased, has filed her Final Account and Report and that Friday, May 27, 1949, at 2:00 P. M. in the County Court Room in the County Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections, if any there be, to said Final Account and Report.

HELEN WHITE BRUCKERT Administratrix of Louise White Estate.

BROWN & VAN VACTOR, Attorneys.

Publish April 22, 29, May 6, 13.

EQUALIZATION BOARD

Meeting of the board of equalization for Sherman county. To the taxpayers of Sherman county, Oregon. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Sherman county, Oregon, will attend at the County Court Room of the Sherman county Court House, State of Oregon on the second Monday of May, or May 9, 1949 and publicly examine the assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by such assessor; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition or application for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and shall be filed with the board within the first week it is by law required to be in session; and any petition or application not so made, verified and filed shall not be considered or acted upon by the board. Each such petition or application shall state thereon the address to which notice of the action of the board of equalization shall be sent.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Eakin and children Joan, Mildred and Gordon of Moro were invited dinner guests Sunday of Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller. The dinner was in celebration of Joans Eakin's and Don Miller's birthday anniversaries.

Melvin Brady of Portland spent the weekend in Rufus with Mrs Brady, who is principal of the Rufus school here.

The Navy's new 65,000-ton supercarrier is 1,090 feet long.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

L. V. Henrichs, W. M. H. B., Pinkerton, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 216 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Sallie Martin, N. G. Clara Houston, Sec

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon

Elsie Jones, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

C. R. ANDERSON Grass Valley, Phone 232

KEITH McDONALD Wasco, Phone 552

MARIE HOSKINSON, Sherman County Assessor. Publish April 22, 29, May 6, 1949.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of W. H. Carlisle, Deceased, are required to present them, with vouchers properly verified, to the undersigned at Miller, Sherman County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

April 7, 1949
 Horace S. Carlisle
 Marivene Carlisle
 Executors

Gavin & Gavin, Attorneys for Estate, The Dalles, Oregon
 Publish April 15, 22, 29, May 6

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Mrs. Louie Davis, Deceased, are required to present them, with vouchers properly verified, to the undersigned at Grass Valley, Sherman County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

April 7, 1949.
 Sam Davis,
 Executor

Gavin & Gavin, Attorneys for Estate, The Dalles, Oregon.
 Publish April 15, 22, 29, May 6

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of ANTONE B. SANDVIG, Deceased.

No. 480 Citation
 TO: Mrs. Olivia Carr, Monrad Wigen, Olga Oglivlie, Elmer Wigen Huscroft, Irene Olga Mitchell, Elmer Andestad, Arne Andestad, Roy Andestad, Mrs. Rosten, Victor Sandvig, Valborg Sandvig Larssen, Hjrdis Sylvia Honve, Olaf Kjel Giovanni, Jenny Sandvig Tossebro, Olaf Sandvig, Ambrosia Sandvig Engelberg, Borghild Victoria Sandvig Boe, To Edwin Sandvig, or if he is deceased, to his heirs or devisees, to the unknown heirs of Antone B. Sandvig, deceased, and

George G. Updegraff Attorney at law

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also to all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described herein.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby required to appear in the above entitled Court within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this Citation as hereinafter stated, to show cause, if any exist, why an Order and License should not be granted authorizing the Administrator of this Estate to sell real property belonging to said Estate which is described as follows: Lots 2, 3, 4, and the East 12 feet of Lot 5, Block 1 of the Town of Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon.

Service of this Citation is made upon you in accordance with an Order of the above named Court, that service be made in accordance with Law, and is published for four weeks in the Sherman County Journal at Moro, Oregon, and the date of the first publication is the 15th day of April, 1949, and the said Court Order was dated

on the 1st day of April, 1949.

WITNESS, The Honorable C. A. Tom, Judge of the County Court for Sherman County, Oregon, with the seal of said Court affixed this 13th day of April, 1949.

C. A. Tom, County Judge (SEAL OF COUNTY COURT) Publish April 15, 22, 29 and May 6

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of James D. Kenny, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of James E. Kenny, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to wit: April 15th, 1949.

GLEN W. KENNY, Administrator
 T. Lester Johnson, Attorney for Administrator, Moro, Oregon.
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