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The Growers' Move

UNCLE SAM is digging into his pocket to subsidize movement of a large volume of domestic surplus wheat into foreign markets. The subsidy is announced this week in the form of a two- to five-cent premium over loan-value on white wheats now held under government loan.

Morrow county farmers voted favorably on the plan at a meeting at Lexington yesterday, as Will Steen, state chairman of the Oregon agricultural committee, explained the plan. Still some farmers seem reluctant to let go, apparently believing that they will be able to sell for a higher price.

It is not the intention of this newspaper to try to tell the farmer how or when he should sell. But it does look like cooperation with the government plan is called for if a severe congestion in domestic wheat terminals is to be avoided when the new crop comes on, and if a more severe drop in price is to be avoided.

Under the loan contract signed by farmers who took the loan, farmers may turn their wheat over to the government in settlement of the loan at the end of seven months if they do not wish to sell in that time. So far since the loans went into effect there has been little improvement in the market so that, so far, as good a sale has not been possible as that now offered by the government, and it is highly problematical if a better market will be found before time of expiration of contracts. Of course, the farmer is assured receiving the amount already taken on the loan, and if he holds he is only gambling on the loss of the two to five cents now being offered as a premium. From the individual viewpoint, it possibly appears to be a good gamble.

On the other hand there is the re-

cent history of the surplus commodity credit corporation which ended disastrously with Uncle Sam holding large stocks of wheat. If the good uncle is forced again to be the holder of such large stocks there is little to indicate an improvement in the market situation.

As announced to be the intention of the export subsidy at this time, clearing of warehouses to make way for the 1939 crop seems to be a wise move for the welfare of the wheat industry. A point to be considered also is that the open market at this time does not justify the premium price. The premium is being paid out of Uncle Sam's jeans to clear the way for better times.

Happy Living to Be Theme of Big Home Conference

"Happier Family Living" is the theme around which the program of the ninth annual Oregon Conference for the Study of Home Interests is being built, according to Mrs. Azalea Sager, state leader of home economics extension, who has announced the dates as February 7 to 11, inclusive.

The program, as tentatively outlined, again offers a wide variety of topics dealing with the various phases of family life. Many outstanding speakers, recognized as authorities in their fields, are scheduled. In addition to the general assemblies, numerous group meetings are planned, to allow those attending to choose the subjects in which they are most interested. Each group will have a member of the college staff or a visiting speaker as discussion leader.

Registration will begin at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 7. The program proper will begin with the noon luncheon in the Memorial Union building, when President G. W. Peavy will welcome the delegates and Wm. A. Schoenfeld, dean of agriculture, and Mrs. Jessamine Williams, acting dean of home economics, will extend greetings.

The conference will, as usual, be preceded on Monday, February 6, by the annual meeting of the Oregon Home Economics Extension council, many of the delegates to which remain for the week.

The time which motorists require to react to emergencies was measured at the Medford auto show December 9-10, with the reactometer from the office of Secretary of State Earl Snell making the tests. Past tests have shown that most persons have a reaction time of three-fourths to seven-eighths of a second.

One of Oregon's newest community traffic safety councils is now operating in Tillamook, where I. E. Keldson is chairman. The council has decided to hold monthly meetings and to call upon committee heads to submit written reports to the general chairman before each meeting.

LOS ANGELES COLUMNIST TELLS OF COPENHAVER FAME

Lonnie Copenhaver's rise to fame by being retained as trainer of the Louis B. Mayer racing stables at Hollywood was cited in these columns last week through an excerpt from the Grants Pass Courier. Lonnie, former Morrow county boy, had early racing experience at the Heppner Rodeo, later ran a stable of his own near Grants Pass, and since has trekked to race tracks far and wide.

This week another clipping anent Lonnie's fame came to the editor's desk. It was taken from a recent issue of Gene Coughlin's "On the Level," sports column in the Los Angeles Examiner.

Coughlin calls Copenhaver "one of the most romantic figures in modern horse racing" in telling of experiences leading up to his berth with Mayer. Copenhaver, says Coughlin, first got folks taking notice with a nag known as Malicious. Only under the newly-acclaimed wizard's training did Malicious seem able to win. In Coughlin's words, Copenhaver explained it:

"Shucks, I never did anything to him. I just knew the old rascal and I found out the way he liked to train; that was to trot around in circles at the end of a rope.

"And I found out he liked to run every quarter of every race at the same speed. He never sprinted in the stretch. He just kept running his usual gait and the other horses came back to him. That old rascal knew—and still knows—more about run-

ning a two-mile race than any trainer on the tracks."

In addition to Malicious, says Coughlin, Copenhaver will have with him at Santa Anita this winter some \$250,000 worth of horseflesh owned by Mayer. Coughlin relates:

"This is a strange and wonderful thing that has happened to Lonnie Copenhaver, who decided, all at once, to give up his career as a blacksmith and shoved off for Tijuana with a motor truck and a trailer. And in the trailer was a piece of horseflesh named Handsome C., by Beauty Boy, so help me."

"Handsome C couldn't even walk fast," is the way Coughlin put it. But from one horse to another, and one flock of bangtails to another, Copenhaver withstood the jests of track followers, Coughlin relates, to make total earnings in 1936 to the neat sum of \$30,000. In 1937, he "saddled 70 winners and collected \$37,150 to place him seventh on the list of American trainers. And this with a bunch of cheap platers."

Last year, Coughlin said, Copenhaver topped all trainers in the Chicago district. "That settled it for Mr. Louis B. Mayer. He had to have Lonnie Copenhaver to train his quarter of a million dollars' worth of prize beauties."

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman arrived home from Portland Tuesday morning driving a new car, purchased through a local agency.

Employment Figures Show Improvement

Salem, Jan. 17—Oregon enjoyed an employment complexion improved 5 per cent over November, figures covering the December experience of the Oregon state employment service released by the over-all state agency here today disclosed. Placements totaled 2715 and 49 per cent were in private jobs.

Pendleton, covering Morrow and Umatilla counties, accounted for 65, or 2.4 per cent, of the state total.

Twenty-five per cent of the total were handled through the Portland office. Klamath Falls was next with 11 per cent. Marshfield had 8.2 per cent and Albany and Eugene, 6 per cent each.

Industrially, public construction absorbed the greatest share of the unemployment load, 46 per cent. Personal service groups accounted for 12 per cent; lumber manufacturing, 11 per cent; agriculture, 6 per cent; and private construction, 4 per cent.

Women got 15 per cent of the jobs and veterans accounted for 13 per cent of all male placements.

From the Klamath Falls Herald comes the suggestion, through its column on safe driving, that motorists remember to slow down to city speeds when entering a town after a long highway trip. The writer comments that after travelling long distances at 50 miles per hour or more, one is prone to underestimate the speed of his car as he comes into a city.

Firemen's SMOKER

At the DICK GARAGE, Heppner SAT., JAN. 28

MAIN EVENT--- 6 Rounds

BENNY WHITE vs. **STANLEY PARTLOW**
160 Lbs., Heppner 160 Lbs., Boardman

SEMI-FINAL

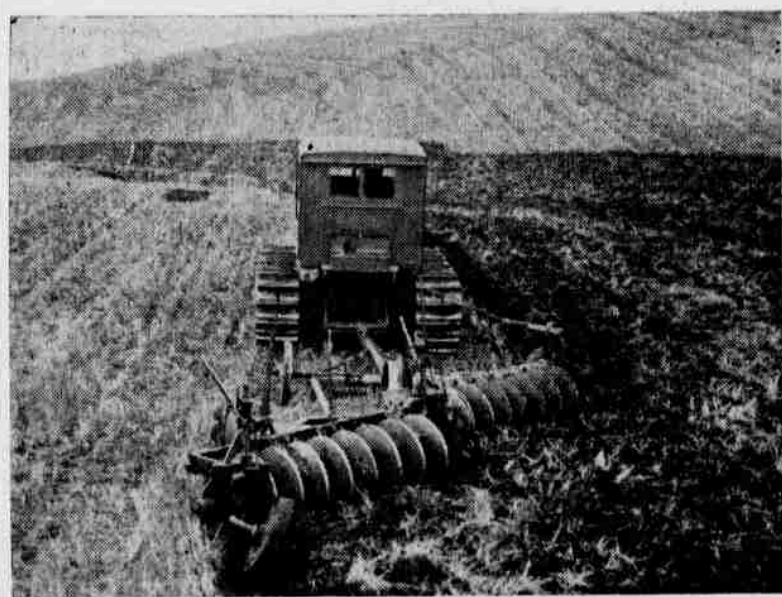
RICHARD HAYES . . . vs. . . . **IRVIN GREENER**
175 Lbs., Heppner 175 Lbs., Hardman

3 PRELIMINARY BOUTS

Admission 35c and 75c

Starts at 7:30

❖ Dance at Elks' Hall Following ❖



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