

## VETERANS! Here's how to convert your GI Insurance:

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3 Select your Beneficiary (unlimited choice) and Mode of Settlement (lump sum pay or choice of three income settlements)

4 Pay your premium... monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or yearly.

You have eight years from date of issue to convert your GI term policy if issued before Jan. 1, 1946—five years if issued later. Meanwhile, DON'T allow your present policy to lapse.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry left Mr. and Mrs. John Keegan. The Wednesday morning for Chicago to women are sisters. The Kennys visit several days at the home of, drove to Pendleton, taking train on

## Sharp Gains Are Made in General Farm Price Level

Despite a slight loss in purchasing power of cash crops as a group, the general level of prices received by farmers in the United States registered a very sharp gain from mid-September to mid-October, an analysis of the data by OSC extension economists shows. The crop group advanced three percent in price while the parity index of farm costs rose 3 1/2 percent during the period.

Under decontrol conditions, the index of prices received by farmers for animal products rose 20 percent, carrying the overall farm price level up 12 percent above mid-September. Thus the overall index of the exchange value of farm products rose to 132 percent of parity. The highest previous "parity" level was 123 in July 1946. Oregon's general farm price level rose 9 percent from mid-September to mid-October, following decontrol of prices for meat animals. The spread in costs is probably of greater significance to more farm families in Oregon, however. It is characteristic of postwar price trends that costs do not go down as fast or as far as prices for farm products.

Even before the 3 1/2 percent advance from mid-September to mid-October, the national index of prices paid by farmers for commodities, interest and taxes stood at 15 percent above a year previous. Thus the high cost of farming and of farm family living is becoming of considerable to many farm operators and associated industries, the extension service points out.

## Oregon's Citizens Make Record 'Keep Green' Year

Salem, Nov. 9—(Special)—Oregon's citizens won high praise from State Forester N. S. Rogers for outstanding cooperation in the state's fire prevention program which has kept forest fires to a gratifyingly low for the 1946 season, both in acreage burned and in number of man-caused fires.

"Due very largely to the efforts of the Keep Oregon Green association which has conducted an intensive state-wide educational campaign to prevent forest fires, there were only 516 man-caused blazes in protected forest lands this season," the state forester pointed out.

"By far the most encouraging part of our preliminary 1946 estimates is the extremely small amount of forest land burned, only 8,459 acres on private, state, and county lands," the state official disclosed. "Only in 1942 was this record exceeded and then we lost 7,163 acres and had 424 man-caused fires."

Forester Rogers pointed out that there had been a steady decline in both the number of fires caused by carelessness and in the area of land burned over since 1940 when the Keep Oregon Green association first undertook its program of prevention of fires. In 1945 the total area burned jumped as the third re-burning of the blackened Tillamook stump patch covered over 200,000 acres, and in 1943 when careless fern burners set fire to more than 25,000 acres of fern-covered juniper forest land where young seedlings were getting a start.

"We are more than pleased that the efforts of our county Keep

Green committees and the work of our state committee has resulted in these outstanding results," said Dean Paul M. Dunn, of Corvallis, state Keep Oregon Green leader. "This is a difficult year with many thousands of additional travelers and tourists using the forestlands of our state."

Lynn Cronmiller, assistant state forester, who has been tabulating and analyzing fire returns from the state's wide-spread protection network, called attention to an interesting feature of the 1941 fire season when 681 lightning fires were started in a single season, an all-time record. In a two-day period, July 14 and 15, the lightning pyrotechnics which most Oregonians still remember, started 515 blazes.

Worst fire of the 1946 season, Cronmiller points out, was in Douglas county and covered 1500 acres. It was one of 50 lightning fires started in an isolated area in eastern Douglas county on Scared Man mountain. Ray Hampton, fire control chief for the Umpqua national forest, gave assistance on the Scared Man mountain fire, sending in men on foot and supplies on pack train. Fred Southwick, district warden for the Douglas Fire Protective association, dropped supplies to fire fighters by plane in this fire battle which was fought in rugged, almost inaccessible timber country.

Charles Furlong is still confined to the hospital in Pendleton, to which place he was taken several weeks ago.

## SUCCESSFUL POTATO, ONION CAMPAIGN TO BE CONTINUED

The statewide potato and onion campaign to help Oregon producers market surplus crops of these commodities has been an "outstanding success," according to a report from John L. Denny of the state PMA office, secretary of the special food trades committee which directed the October 18-November 9 drive.

Both consumers and the food trade have cooperated to help producers out of a difficult marketing situation, Denny said. Increased consumer buying is reflected in reports of greatly increased sales from representative retailers, who featured potatoes and onions at attractive prices for quantity lots. The Central Oregon potato producing area reports that carlot shipments to November 1 were 531 carloads, almost 100 cars ahead of the 433 cars for the same period a year ago.

Although the state campaign ended on November 9, Denny pointed out that continued efforts to increase consumption of potatoes and onions are needed to avoid waste of abundant supplies of these foods. Potatoes are being featured as an abundant food in a nationwide campaign during November.

## PLAIN GELATIN USED TO REVIVE LIMP RAYON DUDS

Homemakers can wear their desert instead of eating it if they follow the advice of Myrtle Carter, acting clothing specialist of the OSC extension service. Mrs. Carter suggests using gelatin as a stiffener for a rayon garment that loses body in laundering.

The method is to dip the garment in a gelatin solution, using approximately 1 to 2 tablespoons of

gelatin for a dress and less for a blouse or a garment of sheer material. The gelatin is soaked in cold water and then dissolved in about two quarts of boiling water. This solution is poured in a bowl large enough to hold a dress, and cold water added until it is comfortable to the hands. The garment is dipped in this solution and squeezed gently. The garment is then rolled in a bath towel until it is sufficiently dry to iron. Experience will determine the exact amount of gelatin necessary for a particular garment, Mrs. Carter adds.

Plain gelatin, rather than the flavored type, is used. The plain product is more readily available than the flavored variety, although not all stores have been able to obtain it.

## From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



### How to Handle a Fortune

Some months ago I reported in the *Clarion* how Mel Bate's uncle died up north, and left him with a tidy fortune.

Naturally, our town was curious to see how Mel would spend it: Traveling around the world... getting a new house or car... wearing fancy clothes... or dining on cold pheasant and champagne...?

We can now report, Mel hasn't changed a bit! Drop in on him any night, and you'll find him in his shirt sleeves by the fire, chatting

with the Missus, sharing a mellow glass of beer with friends.

From where I sit, Mel has learned the art of handling money—as well as handling people. You don't let cash-in-the-bank push you around any more than you let people push you around. If you like the simple, homey life; companionship and quiet ways; a glass of beer and friendly talk—that's worth a fortune, after all!

Joe Marsh

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