

Higher Marketing Costs Help Up State Food Prices

Food marketing costs in June this year were the highest of record to that date, according to an analysis of official data by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State college. Increased hourly earnings in food marketing enterprises are a dominant factor in the current rise in food marketing costs, exceeding somewhat the overall increase in marketing charges to June which was 52 percent above the 1935-39 average.

The United States composite index of hourly earnings for food marketing includes earnings of workers in steam railways, food processing, wholesaling and retailing. This index stood at 183 percent of 1935-1939 in May of this year. The rate of increase was about 1 percent per month since May 1946.

The data analyzed show that at June prices the retail cost of the family "market basket" of food would be \$636 a year—\$1 higher than the previous record last November, and \$21 above the World War I period peak in June 1920.

Out of the \$636 that would be paid by the consumer this year at June prices, farm receipts would be \$327 or 52 percent. The balance, \$308 or 48 percent, would go to pay marketing charges \$65 higher.

Compared with March 1947, however, farmers would receive \$24 less per year at June prices and marketing agencies \$28 more. Thus, the farmer's receipts dropped from 56 percent in March to 52 percent in June

while marketing costs rose from 44 percent to 48.

The so-called "Farmer's share" of the consumer's dollar spent for food is not net farm income, Breithaupt explains. Instead, it represents the farmer's gross receipts from the sale of farm food products. Out of that the farmer must pay his costs. As a general average over a period of years, 20 to 25 percent of the money spent by consumers for food may be regarded as net income to farmers.

The farmer's net share of the consumer's dollar is now unusually high, although farm costs are now at the highest level ever recorded. As of mid-August, farm cost prices in Oregon were 131 percent higher than the 1935-1939 average and 192 percent above 1910-1914.

WILD LIFE PARASITES LISTED

The first comprehensive list of parasites of Oregon wild life has been compiled by Dr. J. N. Shaw, head of the veterinary science department at Oregon State college, and has been published as an illustrated bulletin by the agricultural experiment station as technical bulletin No. 2. All of the parasites listed have been identified in Washington, D. C., though the species have not been determined in all instances, as some are undoubtedly new, says Dr. Shaw. The list is intended to be of service to sportsmen, biologists and other students of wild life.

Remember October 25—Condon.

CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

J. Palmer Sorlein, Pastor
Morning worship with a special number by the choir at 11 a.m.

Sunday school with adult Bible class and classes for all ages. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, superintendent, and Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlein, superintendent of the junior department.

Thursday choir practice at 7 p.m.

First Wednesday of each month is the meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

October 2, at 6:30 p.m. will be the first visit of our district superintendent, Dr. Joseph M. Adams, at a dinner in the church basement.

November 4 a series of special services will begin and will last for two weeks.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible school, 9:45; C. W. Barlow, supt.; Beverly Yocum, junior supt.; Mrs. Jewett, primary supt.

Sunday will be Appreciation Sunday in our Bible school. Every teacher and officer will be given some token of appreciation for the work done voluntarily through the years.

Morning worship, 11. Communion and preaching. Consecration service for our Bible school teachers and officers. Sermon by Evangelist C. Alton Brostrom of Portland. Sermon topic is "Some to be Teachers."

Evening evangelistic service, 8. Speaker and message will be announced at the morning service.

Next Sunday, Oct. 5, will be Rally Day at the Church of Christ Bible school. Our attendance goal is 140. There will be a potluck dinner at noon with a program around the tables. You are invited and welcome to attend these services.

Eastern Oregon "99" Men will meet at Milton Monday evening, Sept. 29, for a Rally and business meeting.

The men of the church board of the Church of Christ will meet Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 8 o'clock in the minister's study. The monthly business meeting of the church will be Thursday evening, Oct. 2, at 8 o'clock.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Holy communion, 8 a.m. Church school, 9:45 a.m. Morning prayer, 11 a.m. Monday, St. Michael and All Angels holy communion, 10 a.m.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Schedule of services:
Heppner: Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays at 8 a.m., on 2nd and 4th at 9:30.
Ione: Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:30, on 2nd and 4th at 8 a.m.
On 5th Sunday one mass in Heppner at 9:00.
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Dropped Hemlines Pose Problems For O S C Homemakers

Fourteen inch hemlines and a rounded shoulder effect gave home demonstration and 4-H club agents a battle of wits at O. S. C. when they applied new style trends to outmoded dress patterns during a two-week training school on this and other projects.

Twenty-two counties will carry clothing workshops this year and home demonstration agents are anxious to show the practical homemaker how to cope with the latest developments in pattern alteration and dress construction. The agents and specialists have created a new cup-like shoulder pad, cut from a six to eight inch square of material, rounded on three corners and darted before padding is added to give a molded smoothness over the shoulder. They discovered that old style patterns required added length in the skirt and a change in the pattern design to correspond to the rounded shoulder pad.

Zipper placements, bound buttonholes and seam finishes were among the illustrative materials prepared for demonstration kits at school by home demonstration agents. These kits will be used in county-wide three-day workshops for community project leaders. The leaders in turn will go out into their own communities to direct unit workshops.

Agents from 27 counties participated in the annual 11-day training conference ending here Tuesday. The first week was devoted to subjects requested by Oregon homemakers such as the pressure saucepan, the sewing machine and its parts, current textiles, housing and landscaping.

RURAL ROADS, HIGHWAYS HEAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Rural roads and highways are leading city streets more than three to one in automobile-inflicted deaths, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. has disclosed.

A summary of Oregon accidents for the first six months of the year shows the chances of being killed in a car triple outside the city limits signs. Fifty persons have died in city accidents to 157 in rural areas. Speed is blamed for the top heavy rural fatality list.



The driver who killed himself and also the driver of another car in this shambles had stubbornly persisted in driving when he was fatigued after too many hours on the road. As his car came over the bridge, his weary brain blanked out for a split second, his hands relaxed on the wheel. His car grazed the bridge abutment, skidding across the road, and crashed into an approaching automobile. Motorists for their own safety, and for the sake of others on the road, have no right to drive when overtired. National Conservation Bureau safety specialists advise: don't wait until you are tired; pull off the road at intervals; drink a cup of coffee, take a few moments' rest.

VET ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HERE CLOSED

The Veterans Administration will close its part-time office at Heppner, Hermiston and Milton by September 30, the result of nationwide economy measures, it was announced today by Charles M. Cox, in charge of the Pendleton VA office.

Kenneth B. Black, who has taken once-a-week service to the three communities from Pendleton for the past 11 months, will be transferred to the Portland veterans hospital for contact duty there, Cox said.

The Pendleton office in the U. S. National Bank building will continue on a full-time basis to assist veterans of Umatilla and Morrow counties with federal benefits and rights, Cox gave assurance.

Discontinuance of itinerant service, he explained, is the result of substantial reductions in VA personnel, amounting to 160 employees in the Oregon regional facilities during the past two months. Two field offices, at La Grande and Grants Pass, and most part-time service are being dropped in the state.

Decision to close VA units came only after a state-wide survey of work loads, community demands for service and nearness of other VA offices, Cox explained. In this area, full-time offices are continuing at Bend, Baker, and Ontario, plus the VA's guidance center on the Eastern Oregon college campus at La Grande.

Besides these stations, local veterans' organizations have voiced assurance they will continue to assist ex-servicemen and women with problems involving benefits accorded them by the government, Cox said.

CANADA TO PAY BONUS TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL

It is understood that the Canadian government has approved a bonus for American personnel who served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II and who later transferred to the United States armed forces.

It is requested that all personnel residing in Washington, Oregon and the 18 northern counties of Idaho who fall in the above category contact the Air Reserve Training Detachment, McChord Field, Washington, attention: Records Section.

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Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 1-2
IMPERFECT LADY
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