

Conservative Sugar Use Helps During Shortage

By ESTHER KIRMIS

What's happened to the price of sugar? I was discussing this with Tom Howell of the Economy Market, Heppner, the other day. He says the hike in price started about two months ago. Sugar has been as high as 18 to 20c a pound. Right now it's selling at around 14 and 15c a pound.

Some reasons for this upsurge in sugar prices was outlined this week in a letter I received from Zelma Neugart, Oregon State University Extension Food Marketing Specialist. She says that a number of factors are influencing the price of sugar. She lists a few: 1. The free world no longer has large surpluses that it had in 1960 and preceding years. A poor sugar beet crop during 1961-62 in Western Europe tightened sugar supplies on the world market. 2. Sugar from Cuba, formerly the world's largest producer, has practically disappeared from world trade. Some authorities say part of the variation in sugar prices is due to heavy speculation in the sugar market. 3. Shoppers who purchase 5 and 10 pound bags at the grocery store represent only a small portion of the sugar market. Three-fourths of the sugar goes into products made up for consumers. Beverages take more sugar than household uses, and baked goods take almost as much. Candy, ice cream, canned foods, jams and jellies plus hotels, restaurants and institutions take the rest.

What can shoppers do to help the situation? Be conservative. Buy and use only sugar that's needed for immediate uses. Hoarding, or buying up extras, only aggravates prices, says the specialist. With home canning and freezing season just around the corner, homemakers are reminded that it's unnecessary to completely sweeten fruits for either canning or freezing. Latest canning and freezing recommendations specify to freeze fruits in syrup or dry sugar or without sugar, depending upon how the fruit will be used. Fruits that are packed in dry sugar or without sugar are the best for most cooking purposes. Blackberries, gooseberries, currants, cranberries, rhubarb, grapes, pineapple, plums and figs may be frozen without sugar. Syrups recommended for freezing fruits vary from 2 to 7 cups of sugar to 4 cups of water. A similar situation applies to canning. Jams and jellies needn't all be made now, reminds Mrs. Neugart. Can fruit or juice without sugar, and make up preserves with sugar at a later time, she suggests.

Bulletins Available on Foods And Fair Booth Ideas

"Is it safe to use jelly and jam that has moulded?", asked Mrs. Don Clark, Heppner, in a telephone call the other day? The USDA bulletin on "How to Make Jellies, Jams and Preserves at Home" says that mold does not make the products harmful to eat. If the mold is slight, the molded portion can be removed and the rest of the product will be all right to use, provided the flavor is not affected. Mold is caused by imperfect seal on the jelly and makes it possible for mold to get into the container.

Would you like a copy of this bulletin? We also have one on "Home Canning of fruits and vegetables," "Freezing Fruits and Vegetables" and "Pickles Pointers." This is the season for canning and freezing. Ann Jones, graduated high school senior, was in the office the other day asking for information on the growing of herbs and their use in cooking. I showed her the new bulletin "Exploring the Seasoning Shelf" that Ruth Klippstein, former OSU Extension Nutrition Specialist, has written.

Speaking of this bulletin we received word that "Exploring the Spice Shelf" has been picked as one of the best in its class by the American Association of Agricultural Editors. Only three other states got similar recognition in the popular publications class. This bulletin consists of suggestions for using all kinds of seasonings, ways to tastefully blend them, and recipes for their use.

We have a small supply at the County Agent's office. County advisory committee women, Mrs. Weldon Witherrite, Echo; Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Irrigon; and Mrs. Joe Wright, Heppner, got together the other evening to plan the Extension Unit's fair booth for Morrow county fair, August 19-23.

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Three California men are held in the Umatilla county jail, Pendleton, in lieu of posting \$1500 bail each on charges of burglary not in a dwelling in connection with an entry into the melon stand of Mrs. Mary A. Nelson, Boardman, at an early hour on August 2. District Attorney Herman Winter said.

The three, Paskel Junior Mason, 39, and Andy Mack, 45, both of Firebaugh, Calif., and Glen Lavell Eastbridge, 34, Compton, Calif., were arrested by state police shortly after the stand was burglarized.

Mrs. Nelson heard prowlers and called state police. A patrol car was in the area and stopped the car which was occupied by the suspects.

Allegedly taken in the burglary were scales valued at \$225, a coffee-maker, soda pop and other articles.

They were brought to Heppner for arraignment in justice court and were held in jail here before removal to Pendleton.

The three have been bound over to the grand jury, which will convene August 22. Circuit Judge William Wells has appointed John Kottkamp, Pendleton attorney, as defense counsel.

Mrs. Gary Linton, Monmouth, accompanied Mrs. Dick Ruhl and daughter of Corvallis to Heppner over the week-end. Mrs. Linton is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson, and Mrs. Ruhl and baby are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint McQuarrie.

Visitors last week at the Frank Hamlin home were Mrs. Grace Thim and her daughter, Mrs. Elaine Engleman, and two children of Gladstone.

MORROW COUNTY FAIR

HOME ECONOMICS AND MISCELLANEOUS 4-H PROGRAM
(All events take place in Heppner Fair Building Annex unless otherwise designated)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 a.m.—Entries of 4-H Home Economics and Miscellaneous.
12:00 Noon—Lunch time (4-H Snack Shack open all four days of the fair).
1:00 p.m.—4-H Judging Contest—Clothing (Junior 9-13; Seniors—14 and over) (separate contests).
3:00 p.m.—4-H Home Economics Judging in foods. (Junior 9-13; Seniors 14 and over) (separate contests).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 a.m.—Judging for Style Revue (girls return dresses to clothing racks as soon as you are through).
12:00 Noon—Lunch Time.
1:00 p.m.—4-H Home Economics Judging contest in knitting, Junior 9-13; Seniors 14 and over (separate contests).
3:00 p.m.—Dress Revue Rehearsal (Outdoor Stage).
8:00 p.m.—Public Style Revue (Outdoor Stage).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 p.m.—4-H Demonstrations Day (contestants will be notified as to time).
12:00 Noon—Lunch Time.
1:00 p.m.—Flower Arranging contest (Dance Pavilion).
Continuation of 4-H Demonstrations.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

4:00 p.m.—Announcement of winners. Premium checks will be mailed out this year.
*Miscellaneous 4-H includes: Rifle, Archery, Rockhounds, Woodworking, Fishing, Photography, Horticulture, Flowers, and Vegetable Garden.

IFYE Youth Tells Of Ireland Trip; To Visit Morrow

(Editor's Note: Dean Wilmer, an Oregon State University student from Brownsville in Linn County, has just arrived in Ireland to begin six months living with families as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate. This is the first letter from Dean. On his return to Oregon this fall he will make talks and show slides of his experiences in Morrow county. Purpose of the IFYE exchange is to promote world peace through an exchange of ideas learned by living with families as a family member.)

Dear Friends: Greetings from Tyrone County in Northern Ireland. Since my arrival in Ireland every day has held a new experience for me. Things are so much like home I forget I'm 6000 miles away. My family lives in the town of Omagh, (oh maw), about 60 miles west of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. My host lives in town, and is active in the Young Farmers Club.

The Young Farmers Club of Ulster is the equal to our 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America organizations. Anyone 12 to 25 years old who is interested in rural life may join. YFC clubs try to develop members' talents and personalities, to accept responsibility and become good farmers and citizens, with a love of country life. The most popular activity is debating, followed by educational lectures, craftwork, socials, concerts, stock judging, farm efficiency contests, ploughing matches, and stock rearing projects.

During my time in Omagh I was "farmed out" for four days at a time to some of the active YFC members. I found on these visits that most of the farmers were progressive and willing to try new methods.

I think the average Irish farmer is more mechanized than a comparable farmer in Oregon. The Irish farmer generally has a late model tractor with most of the equipment made for the specific tractor. Something else is interesting. Concrete is used everywhere. Generally the whole farm yard is paved with it. Many of the buildings are concrete or brick. One reason—cost. Their cement is about one-half the cost of ours. It also helps fight mud—lots of rain here. The government subsidizes farmers for farm improvements amounting to one-third or more of the cost.

Almost everything here gets some governmental support. Some farmers feel that this is unhealthy for the economy, but they all take advantage of it. Most of the supports started during the war as an incentive to produce more. After the war they found it difficult to halt these payments. I have had some wonderful experiences since my arrival. One evening I decided to pop some corn for my family. Everyone gathered around me as the corn began to pop. They loved to watch it explode! They put sugar on it and didn't want salt.

The weather here has been very damp. I have been told

Salem Scene

by Robert H. Elsner

AOI OPPOSES DEFEAT OF TAX PACKAGE

Associated Oregon Industries, statewide employers' association, has announced it will actively oppose defeat of the \$60 million tax package passed by the 1963 Oregon Legislature should efforts to place it on the ballot next October through referendum be successful.

Robert R. Carey, president, said, "Although we recognize the right of every Oregon taxpayer to reject legislative measures by referendum and that they have become disturbed by the delay tactics by certain groups, we also recognize what could occur should the legislature be re-assembled."

Carey said a special session of the legislature may result in additional taxes for some, and that the session would not be limited to just tax matters but could open a Pandora box of problems for employers and private citizens alike.

AOI considered the problems of the 1963-65 budget two years prior to the session. As a result of its own study, the association publicly informed Oregon citizens of the likelihood for a substantially increased budget if the state was to continue its high level of services, particularly in education. As a means of balancing the budget, AOI recommended to the legislature the adoption of a cigarette tax, broad based income tax similar to the Governor's proposal and capital gains equity.

"If the voters are seriously concerned about excessive high taxation," Carey continued, "they

ought to take a good long look at their demands upon the state for services."

AOI has a membership of 850 firms, whose combined employment totals more than 40% of the state's payroll.

Ray Cole Serves Aboard Transport

Raymond L. Cole, engineman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Cole of Heppner is serving aboard the attack transport ship USS Henrico, a Seventh Fleet unit, which recently participated in a joint U. S.-Republic of Korea amphibious exercise dubbed "Operation Flagpole" and conducted near Seoul, Korea.

The training exercise involved 67 ships plus numerous Marine air and ground units of both nations.

It ended June 28 as U. S. and Korean Marines secured their last objectives after four days shore combat amid driving rain. "Flagpole" is similar to other operations periodically conducted by Seventh Fleet units with armed forces of Far Eastern countries to improve proficiency in amphibious maneuvers. It is aimed also at maintaining close working relationships between allied nations.

It consisted of a mock invasion force gaining limited control of parts of the Republic of Korea and requiring action by American and Korean forces to destroy the enemy and restore governmental control.

The Henrico normally operates out of San Diego, Calif.

Stouts Take Alaska Trip to Ketchikan

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stout returned to their home in Heppner Friday from a two-weeks vacation trip to Alaska. Accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stout and son of Pendleton, they drove to Prince Rupert, B. C., and took the new 6-hour ferry boat trip to Ketchikan, Alaska, where they visited another son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stout. The new luxury ferry can carry 500 passengers and provides fine tourist accommodations.

Much of the highway was found to be under construction through British Columbia and north to Prince Rupert.

that I missed a fortnight (2 weeks) of good weather, and that winter has already set in. In 19 days I have seen only 5 days without rain and only two of these had sunshine. I wear my coat almost constantly. Farmers here talk more about the weather than anything else. It's their first question when they meet a friend. "What do you think of the weather today?" My next letter will be written from Down, a county in Northern Ireland that fronts on the Irish Sea.

"Cheerio!"
Dean Wimer

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Over \$4500 Paid Out in Premiums

Fair premium checks in the hands of a 4-H youngster or an interested adult might seem like "peanuts" to most of us. But added all together, last year they amounted to \$4566.25, announces Mrs. Glen Smith, secretary of the Morrow County Fair Board.

Breakdown of this amount shows that the following amounts were won last year: Community booths, \$241.00; open class exhibits, \$2332.35; Morrow county schools, \$225.00; Future Farmers Association, \$45.00; total 4-H exhibits and contests, \$1385.15 and Wranglers horse show, \$337.75.

The State Legislature supports the belief that the county fairs promote agriculture, industry, and youth activities, by each year assigning a portion of the state's racing receipts to each county to produce these county fairs, Mrs. Smith explains.

She calls attention to "General Information to Exhibitors" found in the 1963 premium book which states that premium checks will be mailed out to exhibitors this year, instead of given out on the last day of the fair. This will do away with the great rush on checks made in previous years.

Al Fetsch, Lexington; Bernard Doherty, Heppner; and O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington, compose the Morrow County Fair Board.

Co-op Corner...



By JOE ENGELMAN

A Cooperative is like a democracy in that to keep it you have to keep right on working at it.

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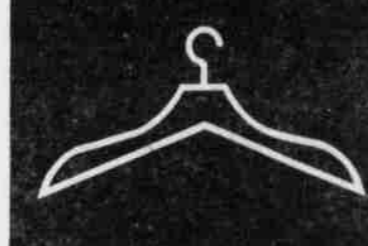
REVEALS BUSINESS COUP TO WIFE



"We're down to our last daffodil!" this flower grower announced in a long distance call to his pleased wife. "Sold the whole kaboodle to the seed company for a good price!" Long distance is a fine way to share triumphs with friends and loved ones. For business or pleasure calls, it's still the next best to being there. How about sharing some joy tonight, after six, when rates are even lower? PACIFIC NORTHWEST BELL

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