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Food Costs Declining

Consumers today are spending 17 1/2 percent of their income on food, a smaller percentage than ever before. This compares with 1950 when the consumer was spending about 25 percent of the family budget for food, according to the Agri-Business Council of Oregon.

Today's all time low is expected to continue to drop to approximately 15 percent by 1970.

While this is good news to the consumer, it's making things tougher on the farmer. In 1945, the farmer received 53c of each dollar spent for food at the retail level. Now, this figure has dropped to 32c. The poor profit picture has reduced the number of farms in Oregon from 59,000 to 37,000 in the past 14 years.

Governor Tom McCall recently noted, "The greatest threat to the continued abundance of family farm agriculture is that farm income will continually be so low as to drive most farmers out of business."

For many foods, the farmer receives so small a part that if he gave his products away, retail prices would decline very little. As an example, the retail price of a loaf of bread is about 25c. The farmer receives 3 cents for his wheat. With free wheat, the bread would still cost 22c a loaf.

Agri-Business Council recently conducted a statewide public opinion survey in which the majority of Oregonians stated they did not think the farmer was getting his fair share of the food dollar.

These people felt, however, that some mysterious middleman was taking a big chunk of the profit from the farmer. Using the "loaf of bread" example, there are middlemen. The transportation industry gets its share from moving the wheat several times. A percentage of each dollar also goes for storage and warehousing. The mills get part of the dollar, as does the bakery and the super market.

Yet these "middlemen" are not mysterious, nor are their charges exorbitant.

Who, then, is taking the profit out of farming? Agri-Business Council contends it is the consumer. The association says, "The reason the farmer is not getting his fair share is that he is subsidizing the consumer with low food prices."

Something has to give. Agri-Business Council asserts that food prices must increase—and this increase must be passed on to the farmer.

TO THE EDITOR

Memorable Tour

To Everyone of Morrow County: As a chaperon of the eighth graders who visited your county April 26, 27, and 28, I wish to thank you for the wonderful time we had in Morrow County.

We wish to say "Thank You" to all those people who contributed time and money to make our visit in Morrow County possible: the sponsors, the host families, the people whom we met on the scheduled tour, those who served the delicious dinner on Friday, the girls who demonstrated horsemanship, our bus drivers and those who did the hours of planning and paper work to make our visit one we will never forget.

You of Morrow County have cast your "wheat" bread upon the water and I'm sure it will return to you fourfold. The students who visited your rural community will make better sportsmen and will have more respect for the farmer because of their stay in your home. They will make better voters and legislators because they know that you have problems too. They will make better citizens because they were educated last week-end in Morrow County.

Robert H. Reysburn
Boise School
Portland, Oregon

Publicity Liked

Dear Mr. Sherman: On behalf of the elementary and high school PTA officers, Arnie Hedman and the band, the carnival chairman, Paul Warren, and all of the committees we would like to thank you and your staff for the publicity given the carnival in your paper. We really appreciated it. Also, we would like to thank everyone that helped with the carnival and all of the people in the community who attended.

Sincerely,
Claudine Warren, Sec.
High School PTA

Rev. and Mrs. Dirk Rinehart and daughter Ann traveled to Port Orchard Sunday, April 21, to enable Rev. Rinehart to attend a week's leadership skills institute. Mrs. Rinehart and Ann then spent the week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hawkins, on Orcas Island. On Saturday, the Rineharts visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stearns in Moses Lake, while the group attended a dog show in Yakima, in which the Rinehart's dog, Abby, was entered. On Sunday, the couple stopped and visited with the Roger Lunds in Toppenish before resuming their trip home Monday.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

AN "INVADER"

That is what the SCS call the growth of juniper trees that are crowding out forage in the grass lands of the John Day watershed. There is not complete agreement among the interested agencies on why the invasion occurred, but all agree that it is a menace. Grant County Agent Bill Farrell is directing a unique program of eradication on a trial plot of 100 acres on the bench lands south of Mt. Vernon. Two types of removal are in use. One, a bulldozer to push and pile; the other two DS cats driven about 200 feet apart pull a ship's anchor chain (90 lb. per foot) studded with two sections of railroad iron welded to each link in alternate directions. Comparative cost figures are being kept. It is an interesting experiment that involves burning the removed trees. Some individual ranchers are attacking the problem in a different way. They chain-saw the trees down and let them lie. The skeleton of the tree provides protection of a limited area. By the time the skeleton decays a small area of forage has been restored. For those ranchers who have a limited and scattered invasion, this seems to be the better and most economical solution. What caused the invasion? Was it overgrazing? Was it a climatic change? No one seems to know for sure.

Birth of Grandson Calls Mrs. Peterson

Mrs. Lucy Peterson returned Monday from Portland where she had visited the past week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Martha) Long, and became acquainted with her newest grandson, Alden Brian Long II. Little Alden Brian was born Thursday morning, April 25, and weighed 8 lb., 8 oz. Besides his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Peterson, he is welcomed by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Long of La Grande.

The Rhyming Philosopher

PATIENCE

HOW PATIENTLY BESIDE A BROOK
OR STANDING IN THE SURGING SURF,
THE FISHERMAN WILL BAIT HIS HOOK
AS THOUGH WITHOUT A CARE ON EARTH.
HELL WAIT FOR HOURS, THEN TRY AGAIN
AND CAST AT EVERY SPOT IN SIGHT;
REBAIT HIS HOOK AND NOT COMPLAIN
IF FISH AT TIMES ARE SLOW TO BITE.
AT HOME, IN OFFICE, SHOP OR STORE
HE MAY BE CRANKY, NERVES ALL TENSE,
AND NOT THE SAME CHAP ANYMORE,
WHICH FAILS TO MAKE A BIT OF SENSE.
THERE'S LOTS OF PEOPLE JUST LIKE HIM,
AND YOU AND I ARE NOT IMMUNE.
OUR STARK APPROACH TO WORK IS GRIM,
WITH PATIENCE SADLY OUT OF TUNE.
WE'D CULTIVATE LESS IRRITANTS
AND SLEEP MUCH EASIER AT NIGHT
IF WE'D RELAX AND CHANGE OUR STANCE,
LIKE WAITING FOR THE FISH TO BITE.

HARRY W. FLETCHER

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WE'VE RECEIVED some more interesting information on Gooseberry and Eightmile (this is turning out to be quite a thing!) but will have to hold it back this week because of lack of space and lack of time. We will try and make it. Didn't realize so many people were so interested, but apparently that was quite a place in the early days.

WE'VE HEARD a great deal about student demonstrations recently. Well, we saw one Saturday night—only this was the kind that we all like to see. We witnessed 550 of the Northwest's finest high school musicians give one of the most impressive and inspiring demonstrations one can imagine at Pacific University's Music in May in Forest Grove.

This was enough to warm the cockles of your heart and restore your faith in the future of America. Internationally famous conductors, Carmen Dragon, who has been director of the Standard School Broadcast for 19 years, has written musical scores for some 30 movies, and often appears on television, directed the orchestra (and the kids obviously adored him).

Vaclav Nelyhy, who achieved fame as composer and arranger for the Swiss National Radio but has been a famous American composer since 1957, directed the band. Like Dragon, he was tremendous!

Chorus was directed by Frank Holman, conductor of the Portland Symphonic Choir. He is well known also for his solo work.

The standing-room-only crowd was on its feet with standing ovations several times during the course of the evening, and the ovation at the conclusion rivaled that at a national political convention, but perhaps not so boisterous.

We have never heard John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" played so impressively as the some 250-piece Music in May band played it. Every musician gave it all he had, and as Mrs. Co-Publisher said, "This alone was worth the trip."

Eastern Oregon was very well represented with students from Burns, John Day, Wahtonka, Wheeler county, Pendleton, and Heppner among them from our area. Son Jim Sherman did his part on the Sousaphone for dear old Heppner High.

Surely never suspected that the Alma Mater had such a great thing going. They are

going to outgrow any facilities they have in Forest Grove it would seem to us. If you think the young generation of today doesn't have what it takes, we wish you could have been at Music in May Saturday night.

WE WANT to write a few words in tribute to a fine friend and former associate who died unexpectedly last Wednesday—Jack Powell of Stayton, who was our news editor during the three years we were co-publisher of The Stayton Mail.

Jack was not well known here, but he did have some good connections with Heppner. He—in University of Oregon days—was a roommate of Dr. Francis Nickerson. Jack was also a friend of Ed Dick, of Howard Cleveland, and of Bob Ferland, former editor of The Gazette-Times. Bob used to run his column, "Jack's Jottings," from time to time in the G-T a number of years ago. We, too, have quoted him rather frequently.

This man was an outstanding feature writer and columnist. He was a master of satire and a great humorist. Jack had sort of a Will Rogers slant in a more sophisticated way, in which he could poke a jab at a fellow and make his target laugh when he read it in Jack's Jottings.

He was like Will Rogers in another way, too. Everyone liked him, and he seldom seemed to get riled, no matter what the provocation. It was easy come, easy go with him.

Jack once wrote and said that he would like to spend a summer over here doing features on the many subjects that deserve to be written. We had hoped that this could be arranged some time, but it is too late now. What rich stories and anecdotes he would have dug out from Morrow's past had he been here!

Well, early last Wednesday morning, Jack, 52, went to the high school track to do some jogging. He didn't return. A heart attack took his life and he was found on the track by Fred Graham, the high school principal, a close friend of his.

In recent years, Jack devoted his time to high school teaching—English and journalism—but continued his award-winning column in The Mail. We had always urged him to try for greater fields—such as the national magazines—for we were convinced he had the talent for it. He did have some articles published and not too long ago had an item in "Life

Beginning Tonight! (THURSDAY, MAY 9) PROPHETIC PREACHING CRUSADE

CONDUCTED BY
Kenneth and Lily Wells

(DAILY EXCEPT SATURDAY)

During the second week of the Prophetic Preaching Mission now in progress at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene, Mrs. Lily Wells, Evangelist, will conduct a

Children's Hour

from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, starting Monday, May 13. There will be illustrated songs and choruses, Bible stories, Object lessons and colorful Flannel-graphs. All children are invited to attend.



Heppner Church of the Nazarene
Hear These Challenging Messages



STEVE PETTYJOHN

Heppner Senior Achieves Private Pilot's License

Steve Pettyjohn, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, recently received his private pilot license after completing approximately one and a half years of training.

Steve passed written and flight exams in Portland in December and at Martin Field in Walla Walla in March. Approximately 40 hours of flying are involved in preparing for a license, which include 20 hours dual flight, (both student and instructor), and 20 hours of solo, which includes 10 hours of solo cross country, five hours of instrument flying, and two trips solo cross country of a distance of 100 miles or more. Completing his flying requirements mainly on week-ends, he is probably the only high school student pilot in this area.

Steve is a graduating senior with the class of 1968 at Heppner High school and has plans to attend Oregon State University in the fall, where he will take ROTC training. He has been an honor student during his high school years, maintaining a grade point average of about 3.8. At the same time he has been a three-year letterman in football and two-year letterman in basketball and track, editor this year of the school paper and vice-president of the student body, as well as active in many class and group activities.

Board Date Changed

The advisory board of the Heppner Neighborhood Center will not hold a board meeting during the month of May, due to conflicts with school activities. Next board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 17.

In These United States" in the Reader's Digest.

All those who knew Jack will realize the world was brightened a great deal by his being here. This was the consolation we felt at his funeral Sunday afternoon, and we know this will bring some solace to his wife, Henrietta, and family. And so we very reluctantly say "Thirty" to this very good friend.

Bridal Shower Party Honors Miss Scalsee

A bridal shower honoring Miss Marilyn Scalsee, bride-elect of LeRoy Gardner, Jr., was held Friday evening, May 3, in the Methodist church social rooms. About 45 friends attended the lovely shower and special guest for the evening was Marilyn's mother, Mrs. A. J. Scalsee of Portland.

Candies, streamers and flowers, carrying out the pink color theme which Miss Scalsee will use in her wedding, were used as decorations about the church rooms.

Guests were served refreshments of small open faced sandwiches with coffee and tea, poured by Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, mother of the groom-elect, following the opening of many lovely gifts by the honoree. Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mrs. Harold Erwin, Mrs. Mary Malcom, Mrs. Wilbur an Blokland, Mrs. Snoda Blake, Mrs. Paul Heinrichs, and Mrs. Matt Hughes.

The young couple will exchange marriage vows on Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner.

Party Compliments Infant and Mother

A cradle shower honoring Mrs. Jerry Dougherty and her one-month-old son, Scotty, was held Thursday, May 2, at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Turner, with Mrs. Bruce Griffith and Mrs. Don Stroeber as assisting hostesses.

Following the opening of the shower gifts, guests spent the remainder of the evening playing pinocle, with Mrs. Lyle Jensen holding high score and Mrs. Fritz Cutsforth winning second high.

Guests attending in addition to the honoree, included Mrs. Tad Miller, Mrs. Bill Healy, Mrs. Ron Currin, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Bob Steagall, Mrs. Pat Cutsforth, and Mrs. Fritz Cutsforth. Refreshments of strawberry shortcake and coffee were enjoyed at the close of the evening.

Peggy Crisp to Wed John Ray in June

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith of Cecil announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Margaret (Peggy) Lou Crisp, to Pfc. John W. Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard O'Harra.

Miss Crisp, who is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Crisp of Heppner, graduated with the class of 1964 at Arlington High school. She is currently employed as a nurses aide at Pioneer Memorial hospital. Pfc. Ray is presently stationed at Ft. Lawton, Wn., where he serves as crew chief on a helicopter. He entered the Army in April of last year.

The wedding is being planned for June 16, and will be held at All Saints' Episcopal church in Heppner.

Ted Toll has been accepted for a 10-weeks training course at Colorado State college at Pueblo, Colo., in auto technology according to his mother, Mrs. Bill Richards of Spray. He started April 28 and at the completion of the course will have only six days left in the army. He has been stationed at Ft. Carson.

Warren to Graduate From 2-Year College

Steve Claude Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren of Heppner, will graduate Friday, May 10, from Ricks College at Rexburg, Idaho. Ricks is a two-year college operated by the Latter Day Saints church. As a sophomore, Warren will graduate with an associate degree or a junior college diploma.

The 687 graduates comprise the largest graduating class in the history of the college, according to Eldred Stephenson, director of admissions.

Baccalaureate services will be held Thursday, May 9. Warren will graduate with honors, being listed as a student with a grade point average of 3.33 or above.

Saturday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Keithley and family were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rghonda and children, Mark and Rhonda, of Kinzua. Mark is with the personnel department of Kinzua mill and participated in fire prevention demonstrations held Saturday afternoon at the Kinzua mill in Heppner.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

ANNUAL HOMEMAKERS ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Wednesday, May 15, 1:00 p.m.

Heppner Fair Pavilion
Dorothy Brown, OSU extension specialist, guest speaker
Public welcome

MOTHERS' TEA

Monday, May 13, 2 p.m.
By Heppner High Girls League

High School Cafeteria
All 8th grade and high school girls and mothers invited

HEPPNER BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT

Baccalaureate, Sunday, May 19, 8 p.m., Multipurpose room

Commencement, Thursday, May 23, 8 p.m.
High School Gymnasium
Public welcome

ART SHOWING

Sunday, May 12, Ione American Legion Hall, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Paintings of art students in area of Dr. McDevitt on display
Public welcome

TEENAGE ROAD-E-O

Local competition, Sunday, May 18, fairgrounds, 1 p.m.
Sponsored by Morrow County Jaycees

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