

# New Pioneer From Dust Bowl Finds Life Hard, Rough in Oregon

## DESTITUTE HORDE PROVING PROBLEM FOR RELIEF AIDES

### New Farm Units Through Irrigation, Drainage, Insufficient to Care For Thousands Coming West.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—“New pioneers” the Pacific northwest calls a fugitive horde of weary men and women and their children who, in dismantled automobiles, are rattling today out of the nation's dust bowls, across the Rocky mountains and on to Oregon—a country they thought was a land of promise.

For every farmer resettled with money and land from the government, many others have drifted, the farm security administration said, to the backroads on the fringe of civilization, scratching out pitiful garden patches in the timber, working for subsistence in the fields and living in hovels.

The records of the farm security administration are filled with happy interviews from families who qualify in money, implements, stock and intelligence. For the majority of others, unheard of and unknown, there is only desolation.

**Relief Worker Shocked**  
Deep in Oregon's rich farm, dairy and orchard region, a middle-aged man with a tubercular wife, two sons and three daughters took precarious refuge in their flight from eastern Colorado.

The environment shocked a hardened relief investigator.

The mother and father, beaten and worn, slept in a trailer more like a box-car. It teetered on its rusty jacks when the wind blew along the face of the hill. Chickens wandered in and out the flapping door, at home on a soiled, untidy bed or hopping from broken chairs to grubby table.

Two boys of pre-school age slept on a bursting mattress in a packing box hut. The chickens had been there, too. The lady had done Trojan work stuffing the bedding through the tiny door. Dirty socks and shirts were tossed to the floor to dry the sweat in the June heat. The girls—one of them went to a distant high school in the county bus—had a shack a few yards up the slope. It was tidier and here and there a child's hand had lightened the appearance of misery with a magazine picture.

**Goats Provide Milk**  
Three goats provided milk. The only cow was dry. A flea-bitten collie rolled in the dust. When the sun became too warm the dog crawled onto the boys' bed.

A few vegetable plants pushed through the soil around fir stumps. The father muttered something about it “not being much worse back home.”

A rugged, sturdy Kansas plains family had set up a half-tent, half-shack home on another hillside. From the canvas covered doorway they looked out upon fertile orchards and clover fields sweeping westward to the cool coastal mountains.

The father, new in this land of trees, toiled on a seven-acre tract felling fir and hewing and sawing it into cordwood. His labor was the price of his tenancy. The fuel will be sold in town and the slim revenue may provide a crop among the stumps next season.

**They Like Oregon.** It's green and cool and there's not so much dust,



Scores of families from the dust bowls of the midwest, needy and without the benefits of loans and land from government resettlement, fight for precarious existence in the northwest, a region they looked forward to as a “land of promise.” Upper left: This old car rattled over the Rockies from Kansas and the family of four, the parents and two children, set up a poor tent-shack home on a timbered tract in fertile Washington county in northwestern Oregon. Upper right: Dirty faces are as great a bother in green Oregon as they were in dusty Kansas. A raggedly dressed mother finds it hard to keep children clean and tidy in none too abundant surroundings.

Lower left: A farmer, typical of the midwest refugees, from the treeless plains of Kansas sends his ax into a tall Oregon fir. It's a new kind of job for him. His labor is the price of tenancy on a seven-acre tract in Washington county. He plans to sell cordwood through the winter and perhaps, if there is enough money left over, to scratch in a crop among the stumps next spring. Lower right: A little Kansas girl, who likes Oregon because it rains, shines her shoes in an over-crowded tent shack while little brother looks on. The bright new radio came from Kansas, too, but it hasn't been turned on in Oregon because there is no electrical wiring and the family can't afford a battery.—Associated Press Photo.

said the mother. Two children, a boy and a girl, cling to her tattered skirts.  
“Our friends in Kansas wrote that it rained this year but we're not going back. My husband has always been a farmer and as soon as we get a little money ahead we'll start buying our own place.”  
“He does pretty well at cutting wood for a Kanan, doesn't he?” she glanced proudly at the neatly piled wood.  
“This isn't such a very good place to raise children, but they're healthy.”  
The Kansas mother had spread the sides of cartons on the damp ground. The tent was crowded by beds, cook stove and utensils. There were no pegs. Clothes and bedding were draped on tables and chairs. Dishes and pans were strewn in all directions.  
A new radio stood out in sharp contrast against the soiled canvas wall.  
Along another dusty road at the crest of a hill, more transient families from afar had taken cover. There was a scuffle when a stranger approached and they disappeared. Matted heads and dirty faces peeped from the windows.  
**Not Enough Farms**  
A young woman about to have a child stuned herself in a doorway. One family—the parents, a little boy and a baby—had the good fortune to live by a creek. They had caught an eight-inch trout in a gunny sack and were cleaning it for dinner. The father had watched it

in a tiny pool for several days and had demmed the stream to prevent its escape.  
The northwest regional planning commission estimated that 36,000 families left dust bowl homes in seven years.  
About 10,000,000 acres, or 150,000 new economic farm units, may ultimately add to the cultivated area in Oregon, Washington and Idaho through irrigation, drainage, clearing and flood control. Unless present construction schedules are speeded, only 10,000 new farms will be available in the next five years—2,000 short of the number needed to care for the refugees arriving in the northwest in the last 18 months.

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## Meteorological Report

June 7, 1938.  
Forecasts.  
Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly cooler tonight.  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly cooler tonight in interior of west portion; moderate to fresh northwest wind off coast.

Local Data.  
Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 70; lowest, 53.  
Total monthly precipitation, none. Deficiency for the month, .18 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1937, 24.96 inches. Excess for the season, 8.03 inches.  
Relative humidity at 8 p. m. yesterday, 13 percent; 5 a. m. today, 74 percent.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:35. Sunset tomorrow, 7:44.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

CITY	High Temp.	Lowest Temp.	Wind	Direction	Relative Humidity	Weather
Holt	88	48	—	—	—	Clear
Boston	78	66	—	—	—	Clear
Chicago	84	61	—	—	—	Cloudy
Denver	78	48	T.	—	—	Cloudy
Eureka	86	48	—	—	—	Cloudy
Helena	62	42	—	—	—	Clear
Los Angeles	74	54	—	—	—	Cloudy
MEDFORD	98	55	—	—	—	Clear
New York	82	58	—	—	—	Clear
Omaha	80	48	.01	—	—	Clear
Phoenix	106	68	—	—	—	Clear
Portland	94	58	—	—	—	Cloudy
Reno	90	48	—	—	—	Clear
Roseburg	90	54	—	—	—	Clear
Salt Lake	84	54	—	—	—	Clear
San Francisco	64	54	—	—	—	Cloudy
Seattle	82	54	—	—	—	P. Cdy.
Spokane	80	54	—	—	—	P. Cdy.
Washington, D.C.	86	66	—	—	—	Clear
Yakima	88	60	—	—	—	Clear

## JACKSON COUNTY SAVINGS & LOAN VOTES DIVIDEND

A dividend at the rate of 4 per cent per annum on both savings and investment share accounts for the first six months of the year was voted by the board of directors of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association at a meeting last night.

In addition to declaration of dividends, which will distribute approximately \$12,760 to 666 saving members of the association, over \$2,200 will be added to the surplus and reserve accounts from the earnings of the six months' period, A. P. Butler, secretary of the association, said today.

During the last six months the association made substantial progress in every phase of its activity. The mortgage loan department reported the granting of 45 loans on homes during the first five months of the year, showing a disbursement of \$54,800 to finance purchase and construction of homes.

The appeal to the public of insurance of savings share accounts by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance corporation, an agency of the government, was credited by the board of directors for the substantial increase in volume of share account payments over the previous six months' period. This made available a larger sum for new loans.

The new liberalized loan plan adopted by the association is attracting a large number of persons interested in home ownership.

Directors of the Jackson County Federal are: C. M. Kidd, John C. Mann, R. E. Green, Glenn O. Taylor, W. J. Warner, H. J. Field and A. P. Butler.

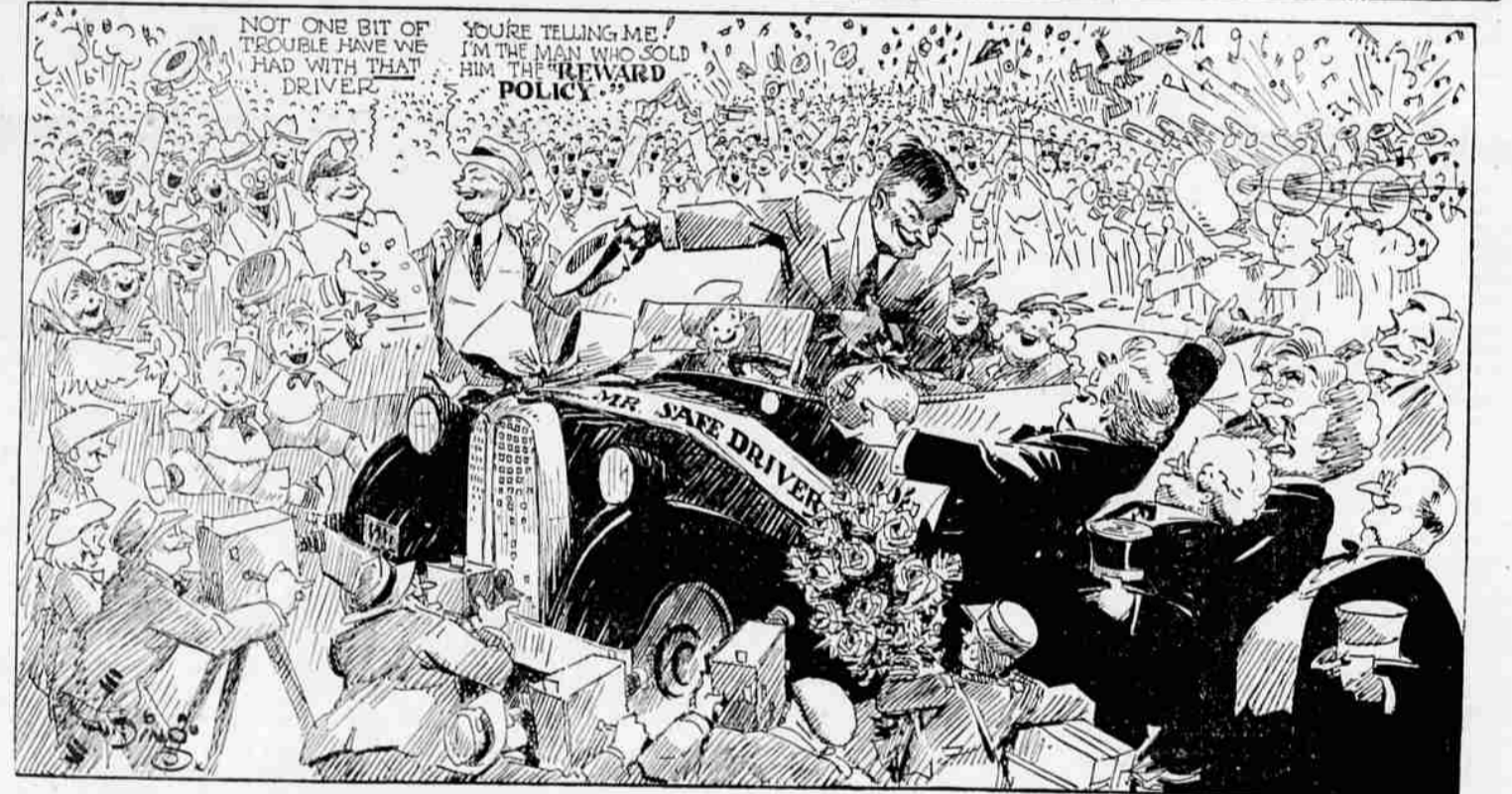
## PROSPECT SCOUTS TO HAVE COURT OF HONOR

PROSPECT, June 7.—(Sp.)—Boy Scout troop 19 of Prospect will hold a court of honor June 24 at 8 p. m. in the Prospect gymnasium. A social will follow. Those attending are asked to bring salad, sandwiches, cake or pie. All interested are invited to attend.

## HOUSE ACTION BLOCKED ON MEMORIAL TO BAKER

WASHINGTON, June 7.—(P)—Objections by Representatives Taber (R-N.Y.) and Rich (R-Pa.) blocked today house action on a memorial to Newton D. Baker, wartime secretary of war.

The bill, by Representative Randolph (D-W.Va.) would authorize expenditure of \$25,000 to establish the memorial at Martinsburg, W. Va., boyhood home of Baker.



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