



ISOLATED—Thirty inches of snow brought by recent storms in Southern Minnesota isolated this farm from the outside world. Roads leading to the farm from Marshall, 10 miles away, are blocked by deep drifts.

Slight Recovery Seen In Non-Agricultural Employment Decline

Salem—(U.P.)—A decline of 26,700 in non-agricultural employment in January has been

followed by a slight recovery this month, the State Unemployment Compensation commission said.

Workers Being Sought For Several Positions

Salem—(U.P.)—A lot of Oregon workers are looking for jobs—some 50,000 of them.

But a lot of jobs are looking for Oregon workers, as witness: Medford wants an anesthetist at \$350 a month.

Lebanon wants an automobile mechanic at \$45 a week plus commission.

Hood River wants a head nurse at \$350 a month.

Roseburg can use a commercial photographer at \$75 a week.

Astoria wants an electrical production supervisor at \$500 a month.

Bend wants a cook for Chinese dishes at \$250 to \$300 a month.

For details see any of the state's employment service offices.

Man, Nearing 60, Still Is Active as Bellhop

Boston—(U.P.)—Although he is edging 60, "Red" Keefe is still active as a bellhop at a Back Bay hotel.

Bellboys work harder for what they get these days than they did years ago, Red says, but he loves the work.

"I expect to be doing it 10 or 20 years longer," he said. The red-haired bellhop already has been on the job nearly 40 years.

Red Cross Drive For Funds Slated Here During March

Red Cross workers of the Jackson county chapter are preparing for their annual fund-raising drive, to be held throughout the month of March.

March was named "Red Cross month" by President Truman, who opened the 1952 fund appeal during a radio program last night. "Answer the Call" is the slogan of the drive this year. An "absolute minimum" of \$85,000,000 is being sought to "early on the heaviest responsibilities the organization has ever faced except in time of all-out war."

No Reserves

For the first time since before World War II no reserve funds are available to apply to the coming year, according to Red Cross National President E. Roland Harriman.

"Only through rigid economies in operation was it possible to hold the 1952 goal to \$85,000,000," Harriman said. "The organization's board of governors and the leadership in our 3,700 chapters have geared Red Cross budgets to provide increased services to men and women in the nation's armed forces, to continue the growth of the life-saving blood program to meet the needs of victims of disaster emergencies, and to continue health and safety activities."

Utah City Seeks Colorado Town's Support To Secede

Vernal, Utah—(U.P.)—Eastern Utah's key city, Vernal, Thursday invited western Colorado's oil center of Rangely to join in seceding from their home states and forming a 49th state.

Rangely announced Wednesday night that it was mad at Colorado because a state-produced natural resources map ignored petroleum—and Rangely is one of the nation's major oil centers.

Suggests Joining Forces

Secretary Frank Ward of the Vernal Chamber of Commerce telegraphed Rangely Thursday suggesting they join forces.

"We're unhappy with Utah," Ward said. "We're ignored most of the time."

Vernal is nearly 200 miles east of the capital at Salt Lake City and the terrain in between is sparsely populated. But within the last three years Vernal has also developed into a major oil producer.

Utaco Suggested

"We might call the new state 'Utaco' to combine the names of the states we want to leave," Ward added. "Or we might name it 'Richland' to boast of our oil. Or even 'Dinosauria' because of the famed prehistoric fossils found in the area, still enveloped in the earth layers that produce the oil."

Ants Said Used To Rid Birds of Lice

Washington—(U.P.)—Ants can be an asset, according to Arthur Cleveland Bent of the Smithsonian Institution.

The hermit thrush and several other varieties of birds snatch ants and place them in their feathers, usually under their wings, to get rid of lice. Bent said. They also may kill ants and spread the juice over their bodies or dust themselves in ant hills. Some ornithologists believe the birds even eat ants to rid themselves of internal parasites.

The louse-repelling power of the ants springs from the formic acid they secrete.

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Phoenix Grange

A covered dish dinner preceded the regular meeting of Phoenix Grange on February 26. Good attendance was noted with all officers and committee chairmen present. Master Claude Hutton was in the chair and Master Henry Tjoelkes of Live Oak Grange and Master J. K. Swatzlander of Talent Grange were escorted to the master's station.

Other visitors included Mrs. Swatzlander and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lacy of Talent Grange, Miss Betty Studebaker of Live Oak Grange and Mr. and Mrs. Panky of Bellview Grange.

The third and fourth degrees were conferred on Dorothy Carter, Tom Carter, Velma Swingle, Clarence Wood, Dorothea DeGroot, Anna DeGroot, Herman DeGroot, Allena Floyd and Betty Studebaker. Laurel Poling had charge of the tableaux.

The charter was draped for Sister Lillian Gilham.

Ways and means committee announced a rummage sale on March 14 and 15. Chairman Faye Lewis stated garments should be cleaned, pressed and have the size attached.

Mr. Lattie spoke in behalf of the Production Credit association and thanked the Grange for the splendid dinner served February 20.

Next regular Grange meeting will be March 11. Serving committee will be Myrtle Ferns, Mona Ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Parker, Echo Alford and Harry Reames.

Scientist Advances Theory for Source Of Aurora Borealis

Boulder, Colo. — (U.P.) — A Harvard university scientist advanced a new theory for the source of the aurora borealis, the "northern lights" of the Arctic regions.

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, physicist and associate director for solar research at Harvard university, said the streamers of light are caused by hydrogen gas from outer space breaking through the earth's magnetic field.

Particles Luminescent

When the gas breaks through, the scientist said, the hydrogen particles become luminescent upon contact with the earth's atmosphere some 200 miles above the earth's surface.

Menzel, a visitor to the University of Colorado high altitude observatory here, based his theory on findings of the Harvard-Cornell observatories. Sun Shoots Gas

The Colorado observatory discovered the sun shoots out streamers of almost pure hydrogen gas, and the earth is continually plowing through the gas formations.

Menzel believes the energy and heat thrown off by the hydrogen atoms could have an important effect on both weather and radio reception.

Man's Retirement Dream Under Water

Grafton, W. Va. — (U.P.) — A retired railroad man purchased a small tract of land for \$66.75 on which to spend his retirement along the Tygart river.

However, the property, bought at a sale conducted by the state commissioner of forfeited and delinquent lands, didn't turn out

so well. And the commissioner isn't willing to take it back.

The lot was found 70 feet under water, caused by construction of the Tygart dam. Commented the commissioner: "I'm sorry to say the purchaser has expended his money for nothing."

Limitation on Bonds For Cropdusters Told

Only "third party" landowners are protected by financial responsibility bonds accepted by the state from aerial cropdusters, it was announced today by the State Department of Agriculture.

The 1951 agricultural chemical control act regulating the application of agricultural materials covers only landowners situated within a legally established protected area, the department said.

The policy of the department is based on an opinion of the attorney general, which holds that the department may accept

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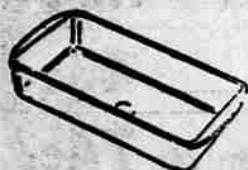
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