

Benson Plans Steps To Bolster Rapidly Declining Hog Prices

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson plans "immediate steps" to bolster rapidly declining hog prices.

He gave no indication as to what steps he has in mind. But he said he will call representatives of the hog and pork industry to Washington to advise the department on "how best to utilize the machinery available and to improve prices to farmers."

The plans probably will involve government purchase of pork products.

The move was the first Benson has made since he promised last week to do something concrete about skidding farm prices.

The Agriculture Department reported earlier this month that farm prices have declined 4 percent so far this year. Hog prices led the drop.

'Immediate Steps'
Benson said he "instructed the Department of Agriculture to take immediate steps to the use of appropriate machinery to improve the hog price situation."

"These plans will supplement the efforts already underway to cooperate with and coordinate a pork promotion campaign now being so successfully carried on by the whole industry from the farm to the retail store," he said.

"Two years ago we faced a

similar price situation on beef," Benson said. "Our efforts to stabilize the beef industry have greatly increased beef consumption. We are determined to make a careful appraisal of the possible need for similar direct actions to help hog producers."

Helps Democrats
The government bought up beef to help relieve the glut of lower grades of beef and strengthen the market. Benson said on his return from Europe last week that a similar plan was under consideration for hogs.

Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) predicted meanwhile that Democrats will increase their majorities in the House and Senate next year because of growing dissatisfaction with the administration's farm policy.

Symington, expected to be named soon as chairman of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, accused Benson of ignoring declining farm prices

until "other Republican politicians forced him to come out and say we are going to do something about it."

13 Communicable Illnesses Listed

Thirteen cases of communicable diseases were reported in Jackson county during the week ending Sept. 17, according to a report issued today by the county health department.

Two cases of infectious hepatitis were reported, with one each in Medford and Central Point. There were two cases of measles, including one each in Medford and Camp White. Two cases of pneumonia, with one each in Eagle Point and Medford, were on the list.

Also reported were one case of mumps at Ashland, one case of strep throat at Ashland, one case of trench mouth at Ashland, one case of amebic dysentery in Medford, one case of infectious mononucleosis in Medford, one case of erysipelas in Medford, and case of polio, previously reported, in Ashland.

SOC Faculty Holds Series of Meetings

Ashland—The first in a three-day series of Southern Oregon college faculty meetings to cover the entire faculty's problems and responsibilities for the coming school year.

Faculty members will take part in the Freshman Days program scheduled for Sept. 21-24 by attending program events, inviting groups of freshmen to their homes, and by serving as advisers during the registration process.

A series of Freshman Days events is being planned by student leaders, according to Hal Cloer, guidance director. Final event on the program will be the Southern Oregon college-Sacramento State football game Saturday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. on the SOC field.

PRESS CONFERENCE SET

Eugene—(U.P.)—The 29th annual high school press conference will be held at the University of Oregon October 7-8.



EVERYONE'S HAPPY NOW—Mr. and Mrs. James Condon (right) grandparents of Donald Murray Jr., 12 (center) agreed in Suffolk Probate court in Boston to return the youth to his natural parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Murray

(left) of Hicksville, N.Y. Donald was left with his grandparents when his mother went south during World War II to join her paratrooper husband. Donald had been with his grandparents ever since.

Pennsylvania Lake Fish Hit By Heat, Fishermen Suffer

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—The Pennsylvania Fish Commission has a double-barrelled problem, because the fish at Glade Run lake in Western Pennsylvania have been hit by an epidemic of heat prostration.

The trouble started with the onset of hot weather. The fish began rising to the surface without the enticement of fancy lures. Big, beautiful rainbows floated limply to the surface, gave the trout version of a last gasp, and flipped over on their sides.

The problem faced by the commission is more than the scientific one of what to do for the poor fish. It's also a question of public relations. Fishermen, seeking restful escape from the heat of the cities by journeying to the state's newest and prize fishing area, have been burned

up to discover the fish already done in. And, in the dark mood of thwarted anglers, they have tended to blame the commission.

It's The Oxygen
This isn't fair, according to chief fish culturist C. R. Buller. He maintains Commission biol-

ogists know very well what the trouble is. They just can't do anything about it, at least not this summer.

According to Buller, the explanation for the prostrated fish is simple. Mother Nature's generous supply of heat and sunlight this summer has created an overabundance of oxygen in the waters of Glade Run lake. The abnormal heat sends the surface water temperature climbing into the 80's. Trout are in serious trouble whenever the temperature passes 70 degrees.

The intense heat and sunlight go to work on the algae in the lake, which begin to release more oxygen than usual. The result is a "super-saturation" of oxygen—just as lethal to fish as a shortage.

According to the experts, this condition may not occur again for years. This year's damage will be repaired when the lake is restocked for the 1956 season.

LOST IN FOG

Fort Lee, N.J.—(U.P.)—The fog was so thick in New Jersey Monday that an Army convoy enroute from Fort Dix to Fort Devens, lost three of its vehicles on a main highway. State police said a distressed Army officer reported a jeep and two trucks missing after the fog lifted.

SOCTFA Meeting Set for Friday

The September meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Jackson hotel, it was announced today.

It will be an informal dinner meeting to discuss the recent fire situation, weather forecasting, and other matters of interest to the lumber and woods industries.

Stuart Moir, chief forester for the Western Forestry & Conservation association, Dick Berry, state forestry department research head, and Bob Church of the Medford weather bureau, will be among the guests.

It will be the last meeting of the association until after football season, according to L. L. Simpson, secretary-manager and forester for the association.

Eugene Park Files Suit For Dog Racing License

Salem—(U.P.)—Greyhound Park of Eugene filed a legal brief in Marion County Circuit Court yesterday in an attempt to force the Oregon Racing Commission to grant it a license for dog racing. The question of whether the commission acted unlawfully in refusing the Eugene concern a license will be argued before Circuit Judge Val G. Sloper when he returns from vacation.

Major Fluid Milk Producers To Merge

Portland—(U.P.)—Merger of two of Oregon's major fluid milk organizations with the avowed purpose of raising the prices paid producers was proposed here today.

Directors of the Grade A Milk Producers association and the Oregon Milk Producers said they would recommend the consolidation of their memberships. They said they were concerned only with increased prices at the producer level and were not interested in distributor prices. They hope to achieve the increase by Oct. 1.

Formulating plans for the merger here were Harry Lane, Wilsonville; Albert Ost, Ridgefield, and C. A. Chapman, Gresham, of the Grade A Producers; Dick Westenberg, Medford, and Roy Nickerson of the Oregon Milk Producers and Southern Oregon Milk Producers.

NROTC Exams Set For December 10

The 10th annual competitive examination for high school seniors who wish to attend college and training for careers as Navy officers will be held Dec. 10, according to local recruiters.

Applications for the Naval Reserve Officers Training corps are now available, but must be received by Nov. 19.

Successful candidates will start their Naval careers in colleges and universities in 1956, with substantial financial assistance from the government. After a normal college education, graduates will be commissioned in the regular Navy or Marine corps for active duty with the fleet.

Male citizens of the United States, between the ages of 17 and 21, are eligible to apply for the NROTC aptitude test. Those attaining a qualifying score will be given a midshipman physical examination next February. Approximately 1,800 young men will be selected.

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Thirteen scholarships were awarded in 1955. The two young men pictured here are winners from Oregon. They start their college careers this month—thanks to "Christmas in September."

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