

New Farm Price Support Bill Seen One of First Major Issues in Senate

Oregon Farm Bureau Approves Pay for Land Out of Production

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Ben Robinson, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau, told a hearing of the Senate Agriculture Committee yesterday that his organization favored payments to farmers who take land out of production.

But he said the government must enforce "cross compliance" to prevent acres taken out of one crop by government controls from creating a surplus in another crop.

"Tough To Accomplish" This, he admitted, "will be tough" to accomplish. The hearing audience applauded when Sen. Milton R. Young (R-N.D.) replied "it will not only be tough, it will break most wheat farmers if you force cross compliance without payment for the diverted acres."

Robinson said he thought "there would have to be some payment."

He recommended also that plans for a reclamation project be temporarily shelved until the farm surplus situation is eased, a recommendation the committee had received in other areas.

Walter Ellis, a fruit grower from Milton-Freswater, Ore., said a meeting of 600 fruit producers in his area agreed it was unfair for the government to support some crops without offering them similar protection.

But Harry J. Beernink, Seattle, Wash., an official of the Washington cooperative association which markets poultry and eggs, said his group was "consistently opposed to price ceilings and price supports."

Opposition Expressed Beernink said national poultry groups had "expressed opposition to high, continued, flexible, front-door or back-door support for poultry products."

Darwin Meader, Prairie City, Ore., representing the state cattlemen's association, said the cattlemen want the government to

be "ready to purchase" surplus beef in cases of extreme emergency as they did in 1952 and as they are now doing for hog producers.

Meador agreed cautiously in answer to a question from Sen. Young that low feed prices "probably will cause a little increase" in meat production.

'Fringe Area' Sanitation Problems Slow Down Home Construction, Hart Says

The fact that federal financing is not available for building or purchasing homes not connected to a sewer line is creating a problem in the Medford area, Bob Hart, county sanitarian, announced yesterday.

Hart, who spoke at the weekly Chamber of Commerce round table luncheon in the Jackson hotel, pointed out that construction of new homes in Medford "fringe areas" has been slowed down and plans for at least one housing project have been dropped because of the lack of sewage disposal facilities.

Four Reasons Listed

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, listed four reasons for the sewage problem in Jackson county.

First, was the "bathtub" shape of the valley, allowing drainage from higher elevation to seep down and create a problem in lower spots.

Soil type and the mean water level were given as another reason for the problem. Most of the soil in the county is not suited to the use of septic tanks, Merkel said. He added that the mean water level is so high that the waste water from an increased population soon saturates the soil, allowing drain-off.

Difficulty in financing was listed as perhaps the largest problem. Hart pointed out that the cost of a sewage system was almost prohibitive in a fringe area without dense population and high property values.

Bonds, for financing, can only be issued for 25 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property in the area to be served by a sewer. In some cases, Hart said, this means that no sewage system at all can be installed or only one barely adequate for the needs of the area. When population in the area increases, the system becomes inadequate, often, Hart pointed out, before it is paid for.

Project Plans Dropped Plans for a large housing project in the Camp White area

were dropped, Hart said, because the sewage line there is inadequate and the project couldn't get Federal Housing Association financing. People now owning homes are finding it difficult to resell them, in cases where FHA or G.I. financing is necessary, he said.

Three possible solutions to the problem suggested at the luncheon were the creation of individual sanitation districts; annexation to the city of Medford; or the creation of a large, metropolitan sanitation district which would include much of the Rogue valley.

John H. Pletsch, Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association, was chairman at the meeting.

Pickets Appear at Portland UAL Office

Portland — (U.P.) — Pickets representing striking flight engineers appeared in front of United Air Lines' downtown ticket offices in Portland yesterday and began to distribute leaflets explaining strike issues.

No flight engineers are stationed in Portland but Seattle units of the union sent the pickets to the Portland posts. The engineers have struck the airline because of a dispute over job security involved in United's proposal to use qualified pilots as engineers. The union said a commercial pilot's license would be the principal qualification.

United pilots have not recognized the engineers' picket lines.

EARLY OPERATOR

Malden, Mass. — (U.P.) — William J. Pelissier, 94, was one of the world's first telephone operators. He worked on a switchboard in Boston in 1878 as a boy of 17.

Gasoline consumption in Norway last year averaged 96 kilograms per capita, fifth highest in western Europe.

'Rent' Subsidies May Be Used To Reduce Surpluses

Pendleton, Ore. — (U.P.) — Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee, predicted today a new farm price support bill will be one of the first major measures before the Senate next year.

Ellender said his committee, currently holding field hearings on the explosive farm issue, would complete its task of writing a farm bill in January.

The House last summer passed a bill junking the administration's flexible price support program and restoring the old Democratic program of rigid supports on major crops at 90 per cent of "fair income" parity level.

Rent Subsidies Ellender, however, said neither flexible nor rigid supports would in themselves restore farm prosperity. He told a witness who appealed for a "new approach" at a hearing here yesterday the committee "might be able to work out" a program under which the government would reduce surplus farm production by "rent" subsidies to keep a portion of the nation's farm land idle.

The witness was Hyrum Gibbons, a Logan, Utah, farmer who also offered the committee a solution to the vexing problem of government farm surpluses—\$7,000,000,000 worth of wheat, cotton and other assorted crops.

"If I had a lot of stuff of questionable value on my hands, I'd just be trying to find a place to conveniently lose a lot of it," Gibbons said.

Some of the government's wheat surplus is stored in surplus maritime commission ships in East and West Coast ports.

"Let's take it out in the ocean and kind of let it run out," he suggested.

With Sen. Milton R. Young (R-N.D.) the only other committee member present today, Ellender was scheduled to tour three nearby wheat farms before leaving for Fresno, Calif., where another hearing was scheduled for tomorrow.

Additional hearings will be held this week at Albuquerque, N.M., Friday and Fort Worth, Tex., Saturday.

Shelving Operations Changed at Library

Shelving operations now in progress at the Medford public library will give added space to the fireplace reading room and will improve the order of books on the shelves so that specific authors and titles will be more easily located, according to members of the library staff.

The changes also are expected to make circulating magazines more readily available to readers.

During the alterations, issues of periodicals for years prior to 1955 will be inaccessible. Old-issue magazine service will be resumed as soon as possible.

Northwest Orient Airline Plans To Place Jet Order

Portland — (U.P.) — Northwest Orient Airlines plans to place an order in the next year for delivery of jet passenger airplanes in 1960, according to airline President Donald W. Nyrop.

Nyrop said that Northwest is reviewing both the Boeing 707 and the Douglas DC-8. "We want the plane that will do the best job for us and we want to buy one type of airplane," he said.

Nyrop said the initial order probably would be for eight or 10 planes.

Two Sentenced in Circuit Court; Others Appear

Two men were sentenced to three years each in Oregon State penitentiary, in Circuit Court, Monday. Sentencing of three others was continued.

Claire Albert Hansen, 41, Pomona, Calif., was sentenced to three years on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Hansen wrote checks, totaling several hundred dollars, to seven different Medford firms.

Three Year Term Stewart Ernest Partelow, 21, Ossining, N.Y., was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Arthur Vern Maxwell Jr., 20, Shady Cove, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary, not in a dwelling. Maxwell is alleged to have burglarized O.K. Rubber Welders, 1760 North Riverside ave. Sentencing of Maxwell was continued pending receipt of FBI records.

Walter Earl Adams, 33, Butte Falls, pleaded guilty to drawing a bank check with insufficient funds in the bank to cover it. Sentencing of Adams was also continued pending receipt of FBI records.

Sentencing Continued A 17-year-old boy pleaded guilty to burglary, not in a dwelling. He is alleged to have stolen articles from two farms on upper Grave Creek. Sentencing was continued pending further investigation.

Also in circuit court Monday, trial date for Fred Edward Stewart, 38, Payette, Ida., was set for Jan. 10, 1956. Stewart is charged with burglary.

Automobile Executive On Atomic Commission

Washington — (U.P.) — Harold S. Vance, former Studebaker-Packard corporation executive, is a new member of the Atomic Energy commission.

AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss swore Vance in yesterday. Vance's interim appointment to the term, ending June 30, 1960, was announced recently by President Eisenhower.

HIGHWAY PASS CLOSED Olympia — (U.P.) — Chinook Pass is closed because of deep snow, the State Highway Department said today.



MARK HATFIELD
On SOC Program

Hatfield Speaker For SOC Assembly

Ashland — Mark Hatfield, member of the Oregon state legislature, will address the Southern Oregon college student body in an assembly Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m.

Hatfield will discuss political activities of European youth in contrast to their American counterparts. Those interested are invited to attend.

Hatfield has been active in the Citizenship Clearing House committee of the legislature and

in connection with this body took a political science study tour abroad in 1954.

He is dean of students at Willamette university and has long been active in state and national educational activities.

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