

Farm Income Found To Be Generally Improved in Recent Survey

ILLINOIS VALLEY

Brush Fire Extinguished

By BURN BURN
Cave Junction — A brush fire on the O. Kohler place along the fork of the Illinois River was brought under control by the State forestry department Monday noon after three hours of mop up time.

It was estimated that the fire, probably caused by a cigarette of a careless fisherman, had been smoldering since sometime Friday. It was reported by B. Randolph. The fire, which had not been heavy enough to relieve the fire hazard.

The two lookout stations of the forest service have been in operation for a week. Freda Thayer is on Tennessee and Martin Sachse is on Waldo.

College Student Killed in Accident

Milwaukee, Ore.—(UPI)—Rodney Albert Alexander, 22, a student at Oregon State college, was killed early Saturday when the car he was driving plunged over a high embankment on Springwater rd. one mile north of Carver.

The youth was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henry Alexander of Milwaukee. The coroner's office said Alexander and a friend, Dan Stockwell, also of Milwaukee, had gone to Willsada park in Stockwell's car. The two became separated and Alexander was alone in the Stockwell car when the crash occurred. He was killed outright.

SEES DETERIORATION

Moscow — (UPI) — Soviet composer Dmitri Shostakovich, back in the good graces of the Communist Party after 10 years in semi-disfavor, believes that Western culture has deteriorated to the crisis point. He spoke to a group of fellow Soviet composers Friday.

"A BAD BEGINNING MAKES A BAD ENDING"

(Author's Note Below) — The beginning of any illness is the best time to take care of it. Serious sickness has not yet taken full hold.

Some people begin badly by either neglecting to take care of themselves or attempting self treatment. Unless they are lucky, sickness time is prolonged and sometimes life, itself, is endangered.

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Guard school is scheduled to be held at the Illinois Valley Ranger station from June 16 to 20. The ranger station lookouts will go to their stations June 23, 24 and 26.

Friends and relatives surprised David Sauer with a party to celebrate his ninth birthday this week at his home on Lone Mountain rd. in O'Brien.

Those attending to share in the games were: David's cousins of Kerby, Sharen, Roxie, Jack and Mike Milner; friends from O'Brien, Mike Rogers, Hommer Lemm, David, Bud, Sharon and Sandy Staples, Kathy Bottel, Lee and Claudia Woodbury, Robin and Mark Kirk, John and LaVesta Cooke and David's brothers and sister Dan, Billy and Carol.

Special guest was David's grandmother, Mrs. Rose Kirtley, of Kerby and his aunt, Mrs. Doris Milner, who assisted in serving ice cream and cake.

A combination farewell and welcome open house was held at the Illinois Valley Bakery Saturday jointly sponsored by the retiring owners, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hendrix, the new owners.

A large box of groceries and an elaborately decorated cake were given as first and second door prizes to Mrs. E. O. Greene and Mrs. Lyle Prairie. Five other names were also drawn, the lucky ones are to receive a decorated nine inch cake at the time of their choice. Names drawn were Irene McCasland, the Rev. Robert Kingsbury, Herb Falkenhym, Mrs. William J. Sowell Jr., and Mrs. Claude Reineohl.

Cake, cookies, coffee and punch were served by the co-hostesses.

Elwood Hussey reported that the road signs directing the route to Brownstown mines are now erected at the junctions of the Holland Loop with Oregon Caves highway. Holland Loop affords a tour of historical Illinois valley, including old Fort Briggs. Hussey said a number of tourists and local visitors have already been guests of the Brownstown Mine. The rains have made the road slippery but it is still passable with caution.

Ken Rosenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rosenberg, is recovering from a knee injury contracted when he missed the net and struck the frame of a trampoline at Oregon State college.

It was necessary to have several stitches taken. Ken has been released by the attending doctor and expects to be home Saturday.

He will report for work with the Aerial Project on Monday where he will be in training this year as a squad leader.

Mrs. William Raines and daughter, Mrs. Carl Jolly, have returned from a week's trip to Seattle and Whaling, British Columbia.

While in Seattle, Mrs. Raines visited six of her children and their families. They were Norma Lee Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Raines of Renton, Donald Raines, and his wife of Ft. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Messinger, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith and the H. L. Raines.

In Everett, Wash., they stopped with Carl Jolly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casey Jolly, and brothers, Jim and Walter, and their families.

The guardian council of Job's Daughters Bethel 36 held their last meeting for the summer at the home of Mrs. Dan Piper recently.

Guardian Fay Snider presided at the meeting.

Joint installation of American Legion and auxiliary officers will be held at 2 p.m. today at the American Legion hall in Cave Junction.

Benson Sentiment Found To Vary; Not All Sharing

Editor's note: How do the farmers feel now? Farm income on the whole is up but the improvement in various areas is far from uniform. Which of the big Middle West farming areas are doing the best? And how do the farmers feel now about Agriculture Secretary Benson, who has been cordially disliked by many of them?

United Press International sent one of its Washington farm writers, Bernard Brenner, on a grass roots tour into four key areas to appraise such questions. He visited farmers, small-town businessmen and county-district politicians in the wheat area of Western Kansas; in the livestock and grain counties of Eastern Iowa; the dairy district of Southern Minnesota; and the cotton country of the Rio Grande valley in Texas.

His findings are summarized in the following dispatch.

By BERNARD BRENNER
United Press International
"Recession? I don't believe this locally even noticed it." This was J. M. Concannon, a wheat farmer, talking as he leaned against the machine he was using to work the soil of a fallow field near the wheat belt town of Garden City, Kan.

"We don't know what recession is this year," agreed Arend Balster across a cluttered desk in his farm supply store at Scotch Grove, Iowa.

This reporter talked to dozens of men like Concannon and Balster in a nine-day, four-state tour to sample the economic and political climate of the farm belt.

The findings may be summarized as follows: —Business and farm income prospects were generally up in the Kansas wheat and cattle sections and in the Iowa hog and cattle feeding areas, typical of many other high-producing corn belt areas.

—Grumbling about Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson was fading in some of these areas under the impact of a bumper wheat crop and good livestock prices.

—But not all farmers were

sharing in the improvement. Cash grain growers in Iowa were "crying the blues as hard as ever," one merchant reported.

Complain About Cut

Farmers in the Southeastern Minnesota dairyland were complaining about a recent cut in their price supports.

In the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, despite prospects for an excellent cotton yield, farmers were worried about a Labor Department regulation which they said will raise the cost of harvesting the crop.

The Agriculture Department in Washington reported recently that farmers' receipts from marketing nationwide in the first four months of 1958 were 8 per cent above the same period in 1957. The improvement, department economists said, was due largely to reduced supplies of some major farm products including livestock and vegetables.

To get the picture firsthand, this reporter went to typical farming areas of Western Kansas, Central and Eastern Iowa, and Southeastern Minnesota. He also visited the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, which grows the nation's earliest-maturing cotton.

"People vote their pocketbooks," said Dale E. Saffels, a Garden City, Kan., attorney and Democratic member of the state legislature. Saffels said there is "still a lot of anti-Benson sentiment" in Kansas' wheat-heavy 5th congressional district which elected a Democratic congressman in 1956 after more than 30 Republican years. But the grumbling has been shrinking as a record-breaking wheat crop matures, he agreed, and the size of the anti-administration farm "protest" vote will probably be down this fall.

"When prices are down, farmers and people in our small towns vote for the outs," said James Bradley, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, attorney and Democratic chairman for Linn county.

"It's not so much the farmers — we're getting about half of them — it's the small town voters," Bradley added. "If farmers aren't spending

and their pocketbooks are pinched, the small towns will vote Democratic. As of now, we Democrats will get clobbered in the small towns."

At nearby Clarence, Iowa, hog farmer Elmer Meyer climbed off his tractor to observe that the vote in Iowa's recent primary was light in Cedar county.

"That's a good indication that times are good, and it will likely be a good Republican year," Meyer predicted.

Almost Forgotten

"Benson is almost forgotten now because prices are in pretty good shape," Meyer said. "I've been getting from \$44 a head up to \$52 for my hogs this spring, and whenever I can get over \$45 I figure I'm making good money."

At Rochester, Minn., center of a big dairy area, a Democratic leader said Benson's order cutting dairy price supports April 1 will "help us some." But it won't be enough to elect a Democratic congressman in the first Minnesota district — where Democrat Eugene Foley lost a hairline decision to Rep. Albert Quie in a special election several months ago — "unless we get a stronger candidate," the Rochester party leader said.

Rex H. Gregor, a Southeast Minnesota Republican leader, said at Rochester that recent

months have produced a steady drift toward support of Benson's policies among farmers — in spite of Benson's order cutting dairy supports.

Some Farmers Quit

Some smaller dairy farmers are getting out of the business, Gregor said, and the effect of farm issues will be smaller in future elections. "I don't think that even farmers put as much stock in farm issues as the politicians do," Gregor said.

R. V. Eppard, a farm machinery dealer at Fort Dodge, Iowa, said however, that anti-Benson feeling was still high among the farmers he talks to.

Farm income in the area will be up perhaps 30 per cent this year, estimated Oscar Lundgren, vice president of the Union Trust & Savings

Co. at Fort Dodge. The increase will go mainly to livestock producers, leaving cash grain producers "pretty pinched."

Eppard told UPI at Fort Dodge his machinery sales are up 50 per cent over last year in spite of a 7 to 10 per cent increase in prices and stiffer bargaining by farmers.

Machinery and equipment sales by Arend Balster, who retails from his Scotch Grove, Iowa, store and distributes throughout Eastern Iowa as a wholesaler, are up 20 per cent for the first four months of 1958. Farmers, however, complain repeatedly about the high cost of equipment.

At Kasson, Minn., in an area hit by the slump in farm milk prices, a salesman at Ralph Engelstad's equipment dealership reported business was "not quite up to last year,

but not bad." In the wheat country, Hoy B. Etting said farm machinery sales around Garden City, Kan., are the best in many years.



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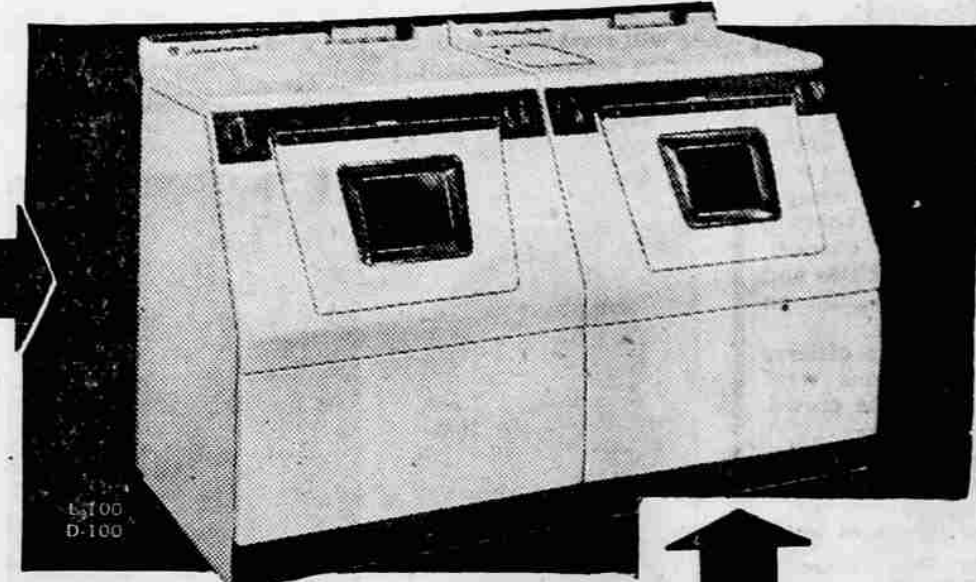
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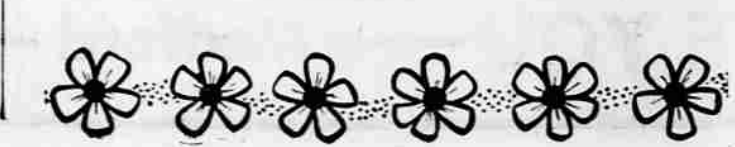
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