

Average Farmer's Spending Income Declared \$2,364

By United Press International
Washington—The Agriculture Department said Friday the average farmer's spending income last year was \$2,364 down 14 1/2 per cent from 1958.

The rate of decrease in the realized net income per farm compared with the 16 per cent drop in the total farm income last year—down to \$11 billion from the \$13.1 billion in 1958.

Money Left Over

Realized net income or spending income of a farmer is the money left over after he has sold his crop and paid all production expenses. It does not include any adjustment for the value of changes in crop and livestock inventories.

A department publication, "The Farm Income Situation," said 1959 spending income of farmers per farm was down in all but seven states, reflecting lower cash receipts and higher production expenditures.

Production Costs Up

Cash receipts were down in 32 states. Hogs, eggs, wheat, broilers, and soybeans showed the sharpest declines. Production expenses were up in 43 states, with depreciation charges, cost of repairs and operation, purchased livestock, fertilizer and lime, hired labor, and taxes accounting for most of the increase.

Man Returned Here From Kodiak, Alaska

Howard Rollin Brooks, 35, of 6302 Chaparral st., Central Point, was lodged in the county jail Wednesday afternoon following his return from Kodiak, Alaska, in the custody of County Sheriff Joe Walsh.

Brooks is charged with larceny by embezzlement, involving \$14,256.48 taken from Cascade Wood Products Inc., Camp White, between Jan. 1, 1955, and Nov. 30, 1959.

Brooks who had been an employee of the corporation, was arrested following a grand jury indictment on evidence presented by the district attorney.

The indictment charges that Brooks did "feloniously and fraudulently convert" the money to his own use. He had been in Kodiak since November, according to Walsh, who flew north Monday morning. He will be arraigned in circuit court.



DIVORCE SUIT FILED—Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball, stars of the "I Love Lucy" television series, announced their separation Thursday after Miss Ball filed for a divorce in Santa Monica, Calif., Superior Court. The couple was married Nov. 30, 1940, in Greenwich, Conn., and have two children. (UPI Telephoto)

Lucille Ball Files Suit for Divorce Against Desi Arnaz

Hollywood—(UPI)—The most phenomenal success story in television history came to a crashing end today when Desi Arnaz could no longer say, "I Love Lucy."

Wall Street Chatter

New York—(UPI)—You can't just project consumer sentiment to arrive at a sales estimate for an entire year, says Prentice-Hall.

"Moods can change—so that a stock market break, undue business pessimism, excessive or unavailable credit, rising prices, further declines in farm income or spreading unemployment could all too easily make buyers lower their sights," the firm points out in its weekly report on business.

However, independent studies indicate that the U.S. is ripe for another record round of consumer spending—"if businessmen price right, merchandise attractively, and sell hard," it notes.

The first objective of universal oil products in its current move appears to be the 32-33 area, considering the aggressive buying which has developed in this issue, says Bache & Co.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Jackson, Miss.—State Sen. Ollie Knight, vainly opposing a local option bill that would end state-wide prohibition of liquor sales:

"It would be just as sensible to authorize the selling of tuberculosis germs."

Ft. Dix, N.J.—Sgt. Elvis Presley, promising he will continue singing rock 'n' roll:

"I will never abandon it as long as people keep appreciating it."

Chicago—New police commissioner Orlando W. Wilson, promising to crack down on all segments of crime but noting complete elimination of crime would be impossible:

"I think criminal acts are a little like sin. You try to eliminate them, but in spite of your efforts, some will continue."

Milwaukee—A member of Wisconsin's "Humphrey for President" committee, disputing a statement that Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) should not be considered seriously as a candidate because he has not done well in polls:

"Hubert Humphrey will not be nominated by George Gallup or any other pollster."

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Republican Gains Expected in House Barring Stronger Democratic Trend

Washington—(UPI)—Barring a strong Democratic trend later in the year, a sizable number of Congressional districts are expected to return to the Republican fold in the 1960 elections.

Congressional Quarterly's statistical analysis of the country's 437 House seats, and their political behavior over the past decade, shows the

Democrats deeply extended into traditional Republican territory in many states.

Political professionals of both parties agree that the Democrats may well have reached their high water mark in Congressional representation—at least for the foreseeable future—and that it will be very difficult for them to hold onto the 283 districts they now have.

But it would be a political feat of major proportions for the Republicans to gain control of the House.

Republican spokesmen say

the Democratic trend apparent since 1954 will not only reverse in 1960, but that the GOP may well pick up the 65 additional seats necessary to regain control of the House.

Democrats admit they have reached a point of saturation in picking up large blocs of Republican seats, and call 1960 a year of "protection rather than expansion" for their cause.

But Democrats claim they can hold Republican gains in 1960 to a minimum, and they sharply contest Republican claims of winning a majority in the next Congress. In order to do that, Democrats say, the Republicans would need an unlikely 11 per cent increase in their popular vote from 1958.

Key Republicans hopes are pinned on the 76 seats which they have lost to the Democrats over the past six years. These districts, Republicans feel, are not yet solidly in the Democratic column, and can be won back by an effective Republican campaign in 1960.

35 in Midwest

CQ's survey showed that 35 of these key seats are in the Midwestern states, 26 in the East, 13 in the West and 2 in the South. By contrast, there are only ten recently Democratic seats presently in Republican hands.

Secondary Republican targets will be the 121 Northern Congressional districts, now held by Democrats, which President Eisenhower carried in 1952 or 1956.

The exposed Democratic position in 1960 is underlined by a study of the 196 seats which have been listed in the "doubtful" column after the 1952, 1954, 1956 and 1958 elections. Doubtful seats are those won by less than 55 per cent of the vote. Democrats now hold 119 of these seats and the Republicans 77.

Strong Trend Usual

A study of Congressional elections over the past 30

City Issues 167 Permits in Month

A total of 167 building permits, having a total valuation of \$322,411, were issued by the city building department during February, according to the department's monthly report.

The majority of last month's valuation was for new residences for which 16 permits, having a valuation of \$213,700, were issued.

Four permits for new businesses having a valuation of \$33,800 were issued and two for moving buildings were issued.

One permit was issued to construct a swimming pool and two were issued to build patios.

Last month's total was below that of February, 1959, when 118 permits were issued with a total valuation of \$359,050.

The department made 1,888 inspections last month and grossed \$2,052 in permit fees.

Boy Scouts

Pack 4

Cub Scout Pack 4, Oak Grove and West Side Schools, held their annual Blue and Gold dinner last Monday evening at the Oak Grove gymnasium with 170 in attendance.

Don Collins had planned games for the children prior to the dinner. Invocation was asked by Douglas Lamb, with dinner served at decorated tables.

Den 5 conducted the flag ceremony and the group was led in singing by Bill Rose and W. H. Howell. Visitors introduced were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips, Ricky Larsen of Troop 4, Tom Turpin, Troop 9, Mrs. Clark, Scoutmaster and Mrs. Hawkins, Scoutmaster Don Fredenberg of Troop 4 and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryant.

Mrs. S. B. Sandberg, retiring den mother, was presented an azalea plant by Mrs. Howell.

A candlelight ceremony was conducted by Scoutmaster George Bryant for three new bobcats—Robin Freeman, Jerry Billeveo and Royce Lull. The parents presented the bobcat pins to their sons.

A Webelos ceremony was conducted by Scoutmasters Hawkins and Fredenberg, Troop 7 and Troop 4, respectively, assisted by Ricky Larsen, David Rott and Ricky Howell of Troop 4. New Webelos were Bob Clark and Bradley Thompson.

Mr. Collins, assisted by Mr. Phillips, presented the following awards: Den 1, Greg Collins, 2-year pin; Ricky Gravelle, 2-year pin and two silver arrows; Ronnie Hamilton, five silver arrows and 2-year pin; Tommy Howell, bear badge, 1 gold and 1 silver arrow; Bill Huffman, 2-year pin and gold arrow; Henry Keesee, 2-year pin and 2 silver arrows; and Donald Ludwig, bear badge, 1 gold and 1 silver arrow.

Den 2, Donald Wilson, wolf badge, gold arrow and assistant denner's stripe; Tommy Linehart, wolf badge; Jeff Rose, wolf badge and denner's stripe; and Bob Hubbard, wolf badge.

Den 3, John Baker, denner's stripe; Mitchell Baker assistant denner's stripe; Ron Gustafson, bear badge and assistant denner's stripe.

Den 5, Gary Ekberg, denner's stripe; Mike Flinn, 2-year pin and bear badge; Victor Linehart, assistant denner's stripe and wolf badge; and Arnold Waldron, 1-year pin.

Den 6, Craig Bryant, bear badge and gold arrow; Mike Herrin, gold arrow; and Max Higginbotham, bear badge.

The group was reminded of the Scout-O-Rama to be held March 12.

Mr. Bryant reminded the group to see the window display which was set up in the gym, stated a red ribbon had been received, and thanked the den mothers for their work in connection with the window display and also the dinner.

The achievement flag and Akeila doll for attendance were both won by den 1. A door prize was won by Mrs. Vesta Huffman.

Den 5 retired the flag.

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4-H NEWS

Ranchers

The Eagle Point Ranchers 4-H Livestock club met at the Eagle Point Vocational building, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Higday. The roll call was taken and there were 22 members and six parents present. There were also three visitors. Everett Adamson also introduced a new member, George Schautle.

Under new business the group talked about the last of sheep diseases. Next meeting the group will start on pig diseases.

After all business was over a birthday party in honor of our leader, Mr. Ray Dowell was held. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dowell.

The next meeting will be March 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Eagle Point Vocational building. Anyone interested in joining is invited to attend. Frances Huffman, Reporter.

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His district is one of the presently Democratic seats which have switched from Republican to Democratic control since 1953. Therefore, it is considered a key target for the Republicans this year.

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