

# Farmers Becoming More Important To Industry, Finance

New York—(UPI)—One of the paradoxes of American society is that as farmers become fewer and less potent politically, they become more important to industry and finance.

That's a reflection thrown into focus because this is a Presidential election year—and, almost for the first time in our history, nobody is saying the farm vote will be crucial.

But Wall Street and industry are more conscious of farmers than ever.

Sixty years ago, the farmer meant relatively little to Wall Street, although some "plungers" of those days liked to speculate in commodity futures, and of course some of the railroads that carried large tonnages of bulk crops were leading issues for traders and investors.

**Saturday Trips Important**  
Industry's most important customers, and those of a big share of the railroads, were the workers and commercial and professional people of the cities and larger towns, and

the mining regions. The farmer was important to the still small mail order business and his Saturday trip to town in his horse-drawn wagon was what kept many small merchants and wholesalers in business.

The proportion of the American people on the farm has dropped enormously since then and still is dropping—it fell by another 30 per cent in the last 20 years.

How different things are today is shown by one government estimate figure. The average American farm has a machinery investment of \$20,000 per worker today—against \$16,000 per worker in industry, in spite of all the billions of dollars poured by industry into modern plants, new machines and automation.

Since the efficiency of industry often is increased by having a high investment in machinery per worker, this speaks volumes for the level of managerial skill among successful farmers.

**Forced To Leave**  
A social price is paid for this. More and more small farmers cannot keep up with the competitive pace and have to leave the land. Whatever the social consequences, good or bad, that tends to make farming even more efficient and even more important to industry.

It also encourages corporate farming. And corporate farming may ultimately lead to financing publicly of big farms. So far, corporate farms all either are private corporations or divisions of processing or packing companies that may be publicly owned.

Another government estimate figure to ponder over. The farm industry today has twice as much money invested in the steel industry and perhaps five times as much as the entire automobile industry.

In spite of his declining numbers, the farmer is by far the biggest single customer group of both the automotive and petroleum industries. There are 12.5-million motor vehicles on farms and these consume \$1.5-billion worth of oil products a year. In the days when farmers were so numerous, they reared their own draft animals and grew the feed for them. Industry had no part in it, nor did the investment markets that finance industry—only country banks.

**Excels City Customer**  
The farmer also has grown as a market for consumer goods, especially a durable like appliances, until



**POPPY BOUQUET**—Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower accepts a 50-state poppy bouquet from eight-year-old Candy Fisher, of New York, to launch the American Legion Auxiliary 1950 Poppy Drive at the White House. Candy is the National Poppy girl. Looking on is Douglas Allen Cross, 10, of Washington, D.C., a member of the Sons of the American Legion (the youth group of the Legion which cosponsors Poppy Day). (UPI Telephoto)

# Thermonuclear Fusion Research Full of Successes

By JOSEPH L. MYLER  
Washington—(UPI)—The harder scientists work to harness H-bomb reactions for power, the harder they discover the job to be—and the more confident they become that they can do it.

The brief history of thermonuclear fusion research is full of brilliant laboratory successes, all of which to date have had the effect of adding years to estimates of when hydrogen power plants will be supplying man's ever growing energy needs.

At the same time, they have strengthened faith that fusion reactions, so violent in the H-bomb, can eventually be harnessed to power.

he rivals or possibly exceeds on a per capita basis, the city customer. Farmers like big refrigerators and freezers. His oil or gas burner and tank will be large.

During the last 20 years while the number of farm people has dropped 30 per cent, the value of farm production has jumped from \$9.1-billion to around \$34-billion. Even discounting that heavily for monetary inflation, it's a big rise.

tamed for peaceful work and that the dream of inexhaustible power will some day be realized.

According to the experts, however, nuclear power of the kind generated by the A-bomb's fission reactions will come of age long before fusion power.

**Has Had Setbacks**  
Fission power itself has had setbacks. It has turned in many fine performances, as in the case of atomic submarines.

But fission power has proved to be dirtier, meaner, more costly than its early enthusiasts thought it would be, and it is not yet competitive with conventional power.

The Atomic Energy Commission says nuclear power could become competitive by 1968 in parts of the United States where coal and oil are high-priced. But some years ago the AEC was predicting economic atomic power long before now.

As Rep. Ched Holifield (D-Calif.) said earlier this year, "Economic atomic power still remains a will-o'-the-wisp—off somewhere yonder."

Still, in certain special applications, a atomic power would be cheaper than conventional power right now. In Antarctica or Greenland, for example, electricity from portable atomic plants would cost less than conventional power generated by combustion of fuel oil transported over the long haul to those remote regions.

**Dangerous Byproducts**  
But fission, unlike fusion, produces extremely dangerous radio-active byproducts which must, somehow, be disposed of safely. Atomic Commissioner John W. Williams has estimated that by 2000 A.D., if all U.S. power came from fission, the accumulation of radioactive wastes would be equivalent to 8 million A-bomb explosions a year.

Then why bother with fission? Why not wait until comparatively clean fusion power is perfected? Williams has cited power consumption estimates which indicate that conventional fuel reserves will be exhausted before 2100 A.D.

So man must have other sources of power, and fission is one of them. Dr. A. M. Weinberg of the AEC's Oak Ridge National Laboratory has estimated that there is enough fissionable material "to sustain humanity for the indefinite future."

But this material will become increasingly costly as reserves are depleted, whereas the fuel of fusion—a form of heavy hydrogen found in all waters—is relatively cheap and for all practical purposes inexhaustible.

One pound of fusion fuel contains energy equal to 85,353,000 kilowatt-hours, compared to 11,400,000 in a pound of fissionable material and 3.52 in a pound of coal.

**Harder To Tap**  
But fusion energy is far harder to tap than fission. The stars do it by application of extreme heat and gigantic pressures to make hydrogen nuclei fuse. When they do that, they give up part of their original substance in the form of energy.

To achieve a sustained fusion reaction among nuclei of deuterium, the heavy hydrogen found in nature, scientists must generate so-called ignition temperatures of around

# Locals

**Permit Issued**—The city building department issued D. L. Pickell a permit to erect a \$10,500 residence at 2741 Lawrence st., recently.

**To Elect**—Officers for the coming year will be elected at a meeting of the auxiliary to Crater Lake aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Thursday, May 2, at 8 p.m. at the lodge hall.

**To Meet**—Rosy Ann Home Economics club will meet Wednesday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at Rosy Ann Grange hall. Refreshments will be potluck.

**Rummage Sale**—Veterans of World War I auxiliary will hold a rummage sale Friday, May 6, at the Fehel building, 108 North Ivy st., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Persons having items to donate may telephone Mrs. W. A. Hastain, SPring 3-1309, or Mrs. Tom Lynch, SPring 2-6837.

**Business Opens**—Roy H. Maudlin, 3744 Colver rd., has opened the Red Arrow Realty firm at his residence. It was reported this week. Maudlin who has been a real estate salesman in the area for two years, handles both commercial and residential transactions and acreages. Mr and Mrs. Maudlin have lived in the valley since 1947.

**To California**—Mrs. Edwin G. Calhoun, 202 North Front st., left Monday for Los Angeles where she was called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Bella Cohen.

**Driver Cited**—Charles Franklin Casey, 70, Talent, was cited by city police for inadequate equipment (brakes), following a two-car traffic accident Sunday at the intersection of 12th st. and Riverside ave. Police said the Casey vehicle hit the rear of a car operated by Brooke McKay Shadburne, 20, Ashland, which had stopped for a red light. Both cars sustained moderate damage.

**Items Stolen**—A number of items, including a red wheel barrow and motor controls, valued at approximately \$300, have been taken from a building at the site of the partially burned Morton Milling company, 10 West Jackson st., in the past week according to city police.

**Servicemen GRADUATES**  
William A. Dixon, training deviceman airman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Louise G. Dixon, Rogue River, was recently graduated from the Training Devices Man school at the Naval Technical Training center, Memphis, Tenn.

720 million degrees Fahrenheit. Fusion will occur at lower temperatures, but not on the sustained basis necessary for power production.

Scientists also must find some way of confining and controlling fusion reactions. This obviously cannot be done with material walls. So fusion researchers everywhere—here, in Britain, and in Russia—are trying to train magnetic and electrical fields to do the job.

**Egg-Shaped Fireball**  
There have been some laboratory scale successes. Scientists at the AEC's Los Alamos (N.M.) laboratory believe they actually achieved a fusion reaction in one of their "magnetic bottles." They pumped giant pulses of electricity into a thin plasma of hot deuterium, squeezed by magnetic lines of force, and produced an egg-shaped fireball about four-fifths of an inch long.

Williams believes a sustained fusion reaction generating more power than it loses may be accomplished in 15 to 20 years. It will take "several additional decades," he has said, to develop a hydrogen power plant capable of competing with fission.

**PURR-FECTION?** They sure are!

**Swem's**  
Mother's Day Cards  
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Salem, Oregon

# Drivers Should Adjust Driving to Road Conditions

Drivers often list weather, bad roads, or acts of God as causes of accidents. "But," Charles P. Champlin, Medford police chief says, "these are actually not causes, but merely conditions that may lead to accidents when drivers fail to adjust to them."

Weather—such as icy or wet pavement, fog and rain—is a condition to which a driver must adjust his operation and speed until the condition improves.

Bad roads are evident in only a small per cent of accident cases. Ruts, bumps or loose gravel are adverse conditions that can be offset by a driver if he recognizes the situation and uses greater caution. Records show that most accidents occur when street and highway conditions are normal. Champlin said.

**Term Misapplied**  
The term "act of God" is often misapplied to accidents involving everything from slippery roads, rain or snow, to straying livestock, he pointed out. Actually, he said, the term can only rightfully be applied to natural phenomena over which the driver has no reasonable control and no opportunity for adjustment, such as a snowslide or a tree falling across the road.

"If we study these conditions as they appear in connection with traffic accidents," the chief said, "we can find only two real causes: Failure of drivers to adjust to conditions, and mechanical failure such as an outright brake failure."

# Weather

**FORECASTS**  
Medford and vicinity: Showers tonight, variable cloudiness Wednesday, with scattered showers. Low tonight 43, High Wednesday 53.  
Western Oregon: Showers and partial clearing late tonight and tomorrow morning. Partly sunny Wednesday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Low tonight 36, High tomorrow 50-54.  
Northern California: Clearing slowly tonight. Snow in mountains above 3,000 to 5,000 feet. Fair Wednesday, except scattered light snow flurries in high mountains.

**LOCAL DATA**  
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 55; below normal 1.  
Record high this date 86 in 1944  
Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Portland.  
Eggs: Prices to retailers, cartons. Large AA 47-50; large AA 44-47; large A 43-46; medium AA 40-43; small AA 38-40; prices to producers. X large AA 34-38; large AA 32-36; small AA 28-31.  
Butter: Prices to retailers. No. 1 prints delivered, AA and A 67, B 45.

**Poultry:** Prices to retailers, delivered for grade A quality, fryers, whole 36-40, cut up 41-43; light type hens, whole 27-31, cut up 32-35; heavy type hens, whole 40-45.

# Over-the-Counter Western Stocks

The following bid and asked quotations, from the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., do not represent actual transactions. They are a guide to the range within which these securities could have been sold (indicated by the "bid") or bought (indicated by the "asked") at the time of compilation.

Common Stocks	Bid	Asked
Bank of America	42 1/2	47 1/2
Calif. Pacific Utilities	19 1/2	19 1/2
Casas Viejas	26 1/2	32 1/2
Cops. Freightways	17 1/2	19
Conoco	34 1/2	38 1/2
Cypress Mines Corp.	23 1/2	25
First National Bank	52	56 1/2
Morrison Knudsen	30	32
Northwest Nat. Gas	19 1/2	21 1/2
Pacific Pur. & L.	30 1/2	30 1/2
Permanente Cement	8 1/2	8 1/2
Portland Gen. Elec.	26 1/2	30 1/2
U. S. National Bank	66 1/2	70 1/2
United Utilities	40 1/2	43 1/2
West Coast Tel.	24 1/2	26 1/2
Weyerhaeuser	30 1/2	38 1/2

# Dayton Girl Wins Oregon Essay Contest

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon winner of the national essay contest "Jobs for the handicapped, passports to dignity" is Helen M. McManis, 17, senior at Dayton high school, it was announced today.

She and other state winners will meet President Eisenhower in Washington, D.C. Thursday and Friday. The trip to the national capital will be all-expenses paid.

# Art Show Slated At Medford High

The annual spring art show will be held at Medford High school gymnasium Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The show will be open to the public during school hours, and also a general open house will be held each day from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for interested citizens.

According to Warren Wolf, art instructor, the exhibit is designed to give the public a cross-section of the creative arts program in the public schools. There is emphasis on the scope of media and variety of expression.

Wolf said he believed the lay observer will be impressed with the freshness with which the grade school age student observes his environment, how the junior high school age group begins to become selective in design material, and how the high school group approaches a mature attitude about many fields of art from commercial design to the fine arts.

In the past eight years, the high school has staged the exhibit itself, but three years ago began to include the grades and the junior high school age work.

Wolf said he believes the show this year will surpass as previous events.

# Actress Bette Davis, Husband Separate

Hollywood—(UPI)—Actress Bette Davis and actor Gary Merrill have separated, friends reported today.

The couple has two adopted children. Miss Davis has a daughter by a previous marriage.

# Portland Livestock

Portland—(UPI)—USDA—Cattle 400. Choice 1061 lb. fed steers 28; high grade choice fed steers 28-30-25; average to high good 22 1/2; heifers 26; utility cows 16-20; 12-13; utility bulls 21-22.  
Calves 30. Good vealers 29-30; choice vealers 32; standard calves and vealers 23-25.  
Hogs 450 U. S. 1 and 2 butchers 16-25; 16-18; 18-20; 18-20.  
Sheep 200. Bulk supply expected to arrive; no early sales.

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# Investment Funds

Noon quotations on selected funds:

Fund	Bid	Asked
Bullcock	12 1/2	13 1/2
Chem Fund	10 1/2	11 1/2
Colonial Energy	11 1/2	12 1/2
Easton Howard Stk	11 1/2	12 1/2
Fidelity	14 1/2	15 1/2
Group Sec—Avia-Elec	8 1/2	9 1/2
Group Sec—Com Stk	11 1/2	12 1/2
Group Sec—Petr	8 1/2	9 1/2
Group Sec—Steel	8 1/2	9 1/2
Group Sec—Tolac	7 1/2	8 1/2
Mass Inv Grth Stk	13 1/2	15 1/2
Value Line Inc	5 1/2	6 1/2
Wellington	13 1/2	14 1/2

# Public Auction

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# Obituaries

**ALICE GREENLEY**—Funeral services were held in San Jose, Calif., April 30, for Mrs. Alice Greenley, second grade teacher at Shady Cove school. Interment will be in Hampton, Iowa.

Mrs. Greenley died April 27 at the home of her son, Dr. Robert Greenley, in San Jose. She was 60.

Mrs. Greenley and her husband, Arthur, moved to Shady Cove seven years ago from California. She was a member of the Methodist church and PEO Sisterhood.

Survivors include her husband and son, a daughter, Mrs. David Jessup and four grandchildren, all of Seattle; her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Miller, and a brother, Clinton Miller, both of Des Moines, Iowa.

# MRS. THERESA WEISS

Mrs. Theresa Weiss, route 1, box 513, Central Point, died in a local hospital today. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Perl Funeral home.

# JAMES V. BRADLEY

James V. Bradley, 77, of 408 Boardman st., Medford, died at his home this morning. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Pearl Funeral home.

# WANDA I. BARNES

Funeral services for Mrs. Wanda I. Barnes, of 435 Granite st., Ashland who died Monday, will be held at Ashland Mortuary Chapel, Fourth and C sts., Ashland, Wednesday at 10 a.m. James H. Morse of Jehovah's Witnesses will officiate. Committal will be private in Mt. View cemetery.

Mrs. Barnes was born July 4, 1890, in Bellingham, Wash. She was married to Arthur B. Barnes in Seattle. Mr. Barnes died in 1955. She was a switchboard operator in Seattle for the telephone company for 30 years. She had lived in Grants Pass for 10 years before moving to Ashland last February.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Vera I. Johnson, Renton, Wash.; and Mrs. Clara E. Cunningham, Seattle, Wash., and four grandchildren.

# REUBEN E. KELLER

Reuben E. Keller, 70, of Keller's nursery and kennels, died unexpectedly this morning at his home 1320 North Riverdale ave. He had been a resident of Medford for the past 30 years. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Chapel Mortuary.

# Gary Crosby Agrees To Court Settlement

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Gary Crosby, oldest of crooner Bing Crosby's four grown sons, has agreed to pay an out of court settlement of \$2,561 to a Long Beach, Calif., couple as the result of a 1958 traffic accident.

The settlement was announced Monday in Superior Court when the case was due to come up for hearing. John A. Sullivan, 58, and his wife, Ruth, 50, claimed they suffered injuries Nov. 11, 1958, when Crosby's sports car hit their auto.

# Laboratory Facility Planned at Gladstone

Portland—(UPI)—Plans for a \$200,000 laboratory and service facility at Gladstone south of here have been announced by Carolina Biological Supply Co., a scientific supply firm.

# POISON CENTERS SET UP

St. Paul, Minn.—(UPI)—The state of Minnesota has established 16 regional centers to help curb child poisonings. The centers have a basic reference file of information identifying nearly all poisons, and can furnish data on antidotes immediately in case of emergencies.

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