

Lower Meat Prices Seen By Senator Despite Pay Increases For Workers

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Lower meat prices were forecast by Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) today, despite administration concern that wage increases for packing industry workers may involve a price advance.

Thomas sized up the general outlook, however, and announced his verdict that "meat is going to get cheaper."

As chairman of the senate agriculture committee, Thomas has devoted a lot of years and effort to trying to raise farm prices. He said that right now the major factors in the situation point to a decline in meat prices due to a heavy supply.

"There is a world of meat in the country," he told reporters. "And the agriculture department is encouraging slaughter because of short feed supplies."

Thomas pointed out that chickens were scarce just a few months ago, but now warehouses are full and chickens are selling for half the ceiling price because of the over-supply. He looked for the same thing to happen on beef, he said.

Problem
The administration's problem is what to do about meat prices in view of 16 cents an hour wage increase recommended for packing workers by a presidential fact-finding board.

The government already is paying subsidies to packers at the rate of \$720,000,000 a year on the theory that the spread

between meat ceiling prices and costs are so narrow that the industry must have the payments for a fair return on operations.

An OPA official said yesterday that Chester Bowles, the stabilization director, was inclined to the view that meat prices should be increased to take care of the higher costs resulting from the wage increase. Senator Taft (R-Ohio) contends increasing subsidies would mean in effect that the government was "subsidizing a wage increase."

Taft argued that instead of increasing subsidies plans should be laid to taper off and end them.

Death Claims Former KF Man

Robert S. Hart, 41, former Klamath Falls accountant and well known Medford resident, died Friday at the home of his brother, Floyd Hart of Medford, according to word received by friends here late yesterday.

Hart operated his own accounting office here until three years ago when he moved to Korb, Calif. Last fall he returned to Medford to go into business. He had been ill for some time. In addition to his wife, Jean, he is survived by

two young daughters, Ann and Sara, and his brother, Floyd. Final rites will be held in Medford Sunday at 2 p. m. with interment there.

Carnival Coming To Klamath Falls

A carnival is coming. It will be here Saturday, March 2, at 7 p. m., in the auditorium of the Sacred Heart academy. The Mothers club of the academy is sponsoring the affair with Mrs. David R. Vandenberg as chairman in charge.

There will be regular concessions, including a fish pond, country store, turtle race and food stand. The public is cordially invited to attend.

USO Tax Levy Vote Opposed

City recreation committeemen decided last night against recommending a ballot vote on a tax levy to finance operation of the present USO quarters as a community youth and social center.

The USO will move out on March 14, and it had been proposed that the recreation committee take over operation of the center for community purposes, financing the job with taxes.

After long discussion, committeemen decided that the estimated costs are too great for a temporary center, and the city would not be justified in asking taxpayers to vote the money necessary. Committeemen expressed regret that it may be necessary to give up the USO quarters for community purposes, but said that some other means of financing would have to be found if this is done.

Unless some other arrangement is made, the quarters will probably be turned to some commercial purpose after March 14.

Visiting—Capt. and Mrs. L. P. Michaud and their young son, James Ralph, of Bangor, Maine, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Michaud's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. LaLonde of 628 Upham.

The Michauds flew from New York to Portland and came here by train.

Vets Unemployment Will Be Discussed

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP)—Hugh E. Rossen, state veterans' affairs director, said today he would confer with Governor Snell this weekend on a plan to

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help solve the rising unemployment problem for veterans.

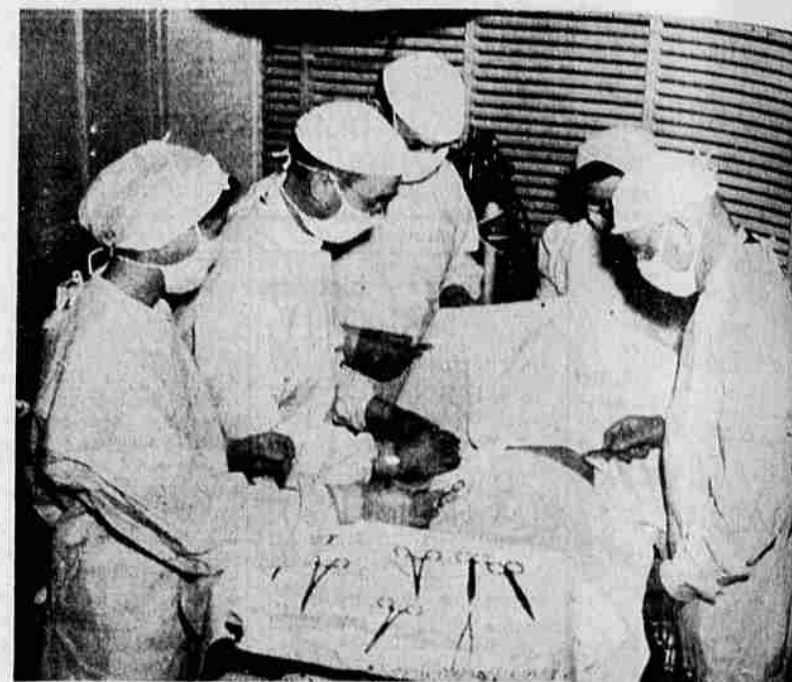
The program, to be completed by next week, will seek co-operation of large and small employers throughout the state to provide jobs and to teach skills, he said.

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