

Farm Wage Top Believed Near

The peak in farm wage rates in Oregon may not be far away judging by the relatively low increase during the year ending April 1, according to a review of farm market prices and outlook data by the agricultural economics section of the OSC extension service. The annual advance in farm wage rates was the smallest in five years.

Farm wage rates in Oregon as of April 1 were about 3 per cent higher than a year previous compared with about 5 per cent increase in other farm costs including commodities purchased, interest and taxes.

The sharpest rise in farm wage rates in Oregon was 82 per cent from 1941 to 1942. That was followed by 35 per cent increase from 1942 to 1943, 16 per cent from 1943 to 1944, and 63 per cent from 1944 to 1945.

Before the war, in 1939, hired farm labor represented slightly less than one-fourth of the production expenses of farm operators in Oregon, and amounted to less than \$20,000,000. At present this item accounts for nearly one-third and probably will cost 3 times as much money in 1946 as in 1939.

The United States parity index of prices paid by farmers and the general level of prices received by farms both advanced from mid-March to mid-April. The national farm price level reached 212 per cent of 1910-1914, the highest in 25 years. Oregon's general farm price level also advanced about 1 per cent, to nearly double the 1935-1939 average.

The parity index advanced to 181 per cent of the 1910-1914 average, bringing parity prices for farm products up somewhat. The parity price of wheat stood at \$1.60 a bushel at mid-April, one cent higher than a month before and 7 cents higher than a year previous. Another advance in grain ceiling prices may be required under legal provisions in view of the up trend in the parity index.

Currently, farm family living costs appear to be advancing somewhat faster than farm operation costs. At 195, the index of farm family living stands 58 per cent above 1935-1939. There was an increase of 64 per cent from April 1, 1945, to April 1, 1946. Estimates of farm receipts from marketings the first half of 1946 indicate no increase over the same period of 1945, however, and perhaps a slight decrease.

CITY FOLKS
OLYMPIA, Wash., May 9 (AP)—A Chicago hotel owner, distressed over his city's brownout, jokingly asked Governor Mon C. Wallgren if he could "borrow" Grand Coulee dam temporarily.

The governor, in turning him down, had this advice for his friend: "Why don't you Chicagoans move into the country where you can benefit from modern conveniences, such as electric lights?"

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Operations In Progress For Reclaiming Useless Land



This sub-soiler built by Harold Warner is being used to reclaim 40 acres of basin land which have lain useless since time began. Two large cat-tractors are used with the sub-soiler.

Henley Dairyman Attempts To Reclaim 40-Acre Tract

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Klamath basin growers are eyeing with interest the project being undertaken by Earl D. Tilton on his Henley district ranch to reclaim 40 acres of useless alkali land.

The swampy land which is full of potholes and produces nothing but alkali grass has been useless since time began, Tilton states. A hardpan subsoil has formed like a sheet of solid cement across the flat acreage, from alkali deposits washed down from higher ground through the decades. Improper drainage caused the hardpan, which is one foot to over 18 inches thick at some points.

Regular equipment was found useless in the job of breaking up the hardpan. Last week Tilton worked on the land with equipment rebuilt last winter by Harold Warner, 3740 Boardman, operating it from as many as three large diesel cat-tractors at one time, with a power control unit. The job was completed in 10 hours at \$20 per hour. No other equipment was strong enough to stand the heavy drag and pull cutting through the hardpan.

Ditches Criss-Cross Land
The machine was started in the ditch along the edge of the land where it could be dropped below the hardpan, biting into the edge of it. Parallel ditches were then cut across the land, four feet deep and 30 feet apart where the pan was toughest and about 60 feet apart on the eas-

ier sections. More ditches were cut at right angles, effectively breaking up the hard deposit. When the criss-crossing ditches were finished the subsoiler was used through the bottom of the water ditch at the edge. The land will now be flooded and adequate drainage is expected to wash out all the alkali from the soil in time. If proper drainage is employed on lands at a lower level the well-drained alkali washing down from this land will not effect other areas.

This fall the 40 acres will be seeded in rye for a cover crop which will be turned into the soil. Next year it will be planted in pasture grass and after about three years the land should be sufficiently recovered to be planted in any crop desired.

Final Effort to Stay in Business
The project was undertaken by Tilton as a last effort to stay in the dairy business. Due to the higher prices paid for crops than for dairy products, he said, Klamath dairymen are being forced into poorer land which must be made tillable in order to grow feed for the cattle. His herd of 60 head of dairy cattle has dwindled during the last two years until he has only 20 milkers left. With OPA ceiling prices fixed at 85 cents per pound for butterfat, and cattle feed exorbitantly high in proportion, the only hope of survival for the dairyman is to produce his own feed, Tilton said.

Hundreds of acres in Klamath basin's low areas are absolutely

useless because of the alkali hardpan, and the extent to which this procedure will be employed to reclaim the land will depend upon the success of Tilton's venture, according to growers.

Warner used the same equipment on his 110 acres in the Hager district about a month ago. This land was not such a tough proposition as it had been ruined through improper drainage only over a period of a few years. Warner is planting to alfalfa, barley and oats for dairy stock.

Horse Dies From Sleeping Sickness

LA GRANDE, May 9 (AP)—Death of a horse of sleeping sickness was reported here today by Dr. M. J. Belton, state department of animal industry, who said the case was the first in Union county since 1943.

Dr. Belton said the rare cases in Oregon are usually reported in July and August.

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Rural Pastors' Class To Be Held In July

Leaflets announcing the general purposes and program for the first Oregon institute for town and country pastors have been issued by the Oregon State college extension service. The institute, scheduled for July 22-27, is sponsored by the college in cooperation with the Oregon Council of Churches, the Archdiocese of Portland and the Home Missions Council of North America.

Among purposes of the institute will be to increase the contacts of rural pastors with trained leaders, to acquaint them with tested methods of town and country work, to introduce them to available social, economic, religious and educational resources of the community, state and nation, and to develop fellowship among rural pastors through discussions and recreational activities.

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Famous Picnic Spot Will Be Preserved

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9 (AP)—Preservation of a famous Mount Hood scenic spot has been assured by Crown Zellerbach corporation's release of 2400 acres of land, the forest service said today.

Crown Zellerbach released the land around Larch mountain picnic grounds in exchange for the right to cut \$233,922.54 of timber on the Big and Little

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While we and our dealers would like to tell you that this means an immediate end to the shortage of service parts and machines, it is more accurate to say that it means the beginning of the end of it. If illness or bad weather delays you seriously in the Spring, you know how much it throws you off your schedule. The strike has thrown our schedules off balance, too. There are many "chores" we must do before new machines reach you.

Material shortages

The preliminary chores of getting our plants back into shape for full production are unfinished. But disturbances in other industries and resulting material shortages may affect our plans. Light gauge steel sheets, brass and copper, fractional horse power motors, and many other items are all very short. The coal situation may also prove serious—we hope not.

Refilling the well

Both our dealers and our branches have run dry on parts and new machines. So the biggest chore is to get their working stocks back to normal. It will take time to fill the pipeline to dealers—just as it takes time for you to refill a well or cistern after it has run dry.

Stock and display rooms of our dealers represent not one, but ten thousand reservoirs which must be refilled. The most heroic pro-

duction efforts will mean that your local dealer can expect only a small number of parts and machines at a time. Since we must play fair with all our customers, there will be a sprinkle of parts and machines all over the country—not a downpour in any one section.

You will be glad to know that all repair parts production schedules are far beyond normal.

No hoarding

You may be sure that every machine will be shipped to dealers as soon as completed. We do not and will not hold machines off the market.

At the start of the strike we had on hand at all our factories and branches just 837 tractors of all kinds—less than two days' production—and 405 of these were not completed. Many of those on hand had one or more important parts missing—principally radiator cores. Most of the rest represented the normal daily "float" between the end of the assembly line and the shipping platform. Naturally no tractors were made during the strike.

What dealers may have for you

We can report to you that our current production on TRAC-

TORS is good and we are shipping at a normal rate. Even so, there will not be enough to go around. The situation on PLOWS

and DISK HARROWS is reasonably good. On COMBINES, MOWERS, HAY RAKES, ONE-MAN HAY BALERS, CORN PICKERS and many other items, our schedules have been seriously disrupted. We must in fairness say that many of our customers are likely to be disappointed on delivery of these machines. On MILKING MACHINES, STATIONARY ENGINES, and some other small units we are hopeful of making practically normal delivery.

We know you will understand the reasons why your dealer cannot fill your orders overnight. He would like to give you the kind of delivery on machines you would like to get, but his situation is a difficult one and not of his own making. He is doing the best he can.

No cutting corners on quality

There is one thing you can be absolutely certain about: We will NOT cut corners on quality in order to increase production in this emergency. For years we have said: "QUALITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR BUSINESS." Today we say it—and mean it—as much as ever.

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