

Better Future Seen For Dairy Farmer In Klamath Country

A definite indication of the renewed interest in dairying locally was seen this week in the purchase of 45 head of registered Guernsey cows by J. E. Williams for his ranch on Airway drive.

Williams once was one of the largest market milk producers in the Klamath area, shipping more than 200 gallons of milk a day to local producers. But during the time when OPA had pegged the market here at 85 cents per pound for butterfat, Williams, along with many other dairy farmers, sold off the herds to California buyers.

Market milk brings \$1.27 per pound butterfat on the local creameries now, and farmers are again looking to dairying as a business, although the county still doesn't produce over 50 per cent of the milk consumed within the county.

Last fall Williams went to Nebraska and purchased 19 Red Poll heifers as foundation stock for his future dairy herd, getting calves from cows with outstanding production records.

This potential dairy herd represents an entirely new line of breeding in this area and has created a flurry of interest among Klamath dairymen.

The Williams dairy establishment is now one of the best equipped for market milk production in the county, and is now delivering more than 100 gallons of grade A milk a day to the Klamath Falls creamery for local distribution.

Half Production
The fact that only half or less of the milk consumed in Klamath county is produced in the county would seem to indicate that there is a considerable field for additional dairy development here, but according to dairymen any major improvement in the industry locally is not yet in sight.

There are several reasons for that assumption:
The dairy herds which were sold off here during the price-control years will take several years to replace.

At the present time it is difficult for dairymen to compete on a sound financial basis with other forms of agriculture in the highly-developed farm lands of this area.

Prices of dairy feeds, labor and equipment during the war virtually killed the profit in dairying and caused the dissolution of many large herds, so that today dairying is generally limited to family-sized herds that can be taken care of without too much costly extra labor.

Better Future
However, there is a feeling among farmers that while the economic cards are not favorable to dairying right now, the climate, soil, crop and market conditions here are favorable and may eventually bring about a large and stable industry in the Klamath basin.

Dairy prices quoted on the local market today were \$1.27 per pound butterfat for market milk, \$1.11 for manufacturing milk, 78 cents a pound for premium butterfat, 76 cents for first grade butterfat and 75 cents for second grade butterfat.

Georgia Mixup
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27 (AP)—Clarence Ingersoll, 38, went free today because of Georgia's gubernatorial mixup.

Superior Judge Thomas L. Ambrose ordered Ingersoll's release, on a charge that he escaped a Georgia prison camp six years ago, by ruling that former Gov. Ellis Arnall signed the extradition papers three days after he resigned.

Beef Sale Hits All-Time Record
CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (AP)—The trainload of 418 steers and one cow brought to the Union stock yard from the farm of Julius Snoozy of Centerville, S. D., was sold for \$100,703.12, and veteran employees at the yards agreed, the largest amount ever paid to an individual.

The cattle were brought to market by Snoozy's two sons, Melvin and Everett, who deposited the check in a bank before starting out to see Chicago's sights.

The cattle weighed 488,780 pounds on the hoof, averaging 1337 a head.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
The undersigned Police Judge will receive sealed bids up to and including 2 p. m. Monday, March 10, 1947 for one new motor road grader of the latest model available.

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Homesteader Opens Farm Machine Shop



Frank E. Bell, Tulelake homesteader in 1931, has moved his farm machinery business to Klamath Falls and is now open at 4615 S. 6th. Bell is the builder of much potato machinery in use in this area.

Growers May Get Barracks '31 Tulelake Homesteader Opens New Machinery Shop

Release of additional Tulelake relocation center buildings for distribution to members of the Klamath Potato Growers association has been indicated as a good possibility.

According to Joe Thomas, in charge at the center, a further request by the association could be expected to clear rapidly.

Association members interested in obtaining the 20 by 100-foot barracks buildings should file requests at the county agent's office immediately.

Buildings are granted to farmers for farm housing purposes. Title remains in the association for a period of three years. During the three years the buildings cannot be sold or mortgaged.

Several barracks and utility buildings of the old relocation center were turned over to the growers early this week and are already being moved.

SAFE KEEPING
TORRINGTON, Conn., Feb. 27 (AP)—It was the vault's fault that Albert E. Wellman had to borrow a coat and hat—several sizes too big, at that—to wear home on one of the coldest nights of the year.

Wellman, employed by a Torrington bank, thrust his haberdashery in the vault just before closing time to get it out of the way of a painting crew. Another employee closed the time-locked vault.

And nobody could open it until the next morning.

Unscheduled Spring Opens Early Farming Activity

Although it was unscheduled, the February spring that hit the Klamath country failed to catch farmers napping, and the basin agricultural area teemed with activity the past two weeks.

A lot of early plowing and discing was accomplished. It has been several years since weather at this time of year has been such as to permit plowing to the extent that it has prevailed here in February, according to County Agent C. A. Henderson. Farmers who have managed to get in a substantial volume of plowing at this time have a good head start on the season's work.

Stubble burning has been in progress in fields in all parts of the basin. Last year's grain fields which are to be used for potatoes, especially, are being burned off. In general, farmers are advised to plow stubble into the soil, but burning is still widely practiced here.

Within a week, seeding of green manure crops, such as peas, will be getting under way. These crops will be plowed into the ground next fall for soil-building purposes.

General repairs on buildings, machinery and ditches have been started on many farms during the good weather. Cleaning out spud cellars, disinfection of the cellars, and going over seed stock is annually a job for this period of the year.

Some land planing has been under way.

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Pork Price Soars In Klamath

One old time buyer who remembers the year he paid 51 cents per pound for good pork, today was as surprised as the local housewife when hogs jumped to 28 1/2 cents—highest price paid in the 40 years he's watched the market.

A two-cent jump in hogs Wednesday sent the price to the highest on record here and Klamath was going right along with the rest of the nation. Talk of \$1-a-pound pork chops was scoffed at by one buyer but the housewife wasn't so sure. She remembers too well the inroads made into the budget when pork was selling over the counter for well above 80 cents a pound.

It appeared to be the same old story—the law of supply and demand. With the death of OPA, too many hogs were killed off to glut the market with fresh pork, long missing from the average table. Strange as it seems, it takes time to grow pigs and the high market price of hogs today is doing little more than reflecting a seasonal decline. In other words, there aren't enough pigs to satisfy the consumer.

But there probably are enough today as far as the housewife is concerned. She is the one to whom the last phrase—buyer resistance—is attributed. It simply means she pulls the family purse strings tighter and tighter until an atom couldn't flicker through.

A buyer who supplies five of the local markets, said late Wednesday that in a 24-hour period he had to pay 41 cents more per pound for loin cuts, the same for fresh hams and 31 cents for shoulders. The market price was also the highest ever paid by his firm for pork.

One Klamath Falls packer said that the Wednesday market price of 26 1/2 cents was being paid for "real top hogs" and they had to weigh under 200 pounds, guaranteeing rich, sweet meat. No hogs were being shipped in here and very few local animals were offered despite the price paid. There just weren't many pigs running around the pens. Some mid-west pork is reaching the western market, it was learned, but the price remains the same.

MOVERS-KEEPERS
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27 (AP)—The \$5828 that Policeman Daniel J. Carr found under a crate in an OPA office during an investigation of ration book thefts, still isn't his, despite a court ruling.

Maurice Felt claims half the money. "I moved the crate," says Felt.

The money was awarded Carr because no one claimed ownership.

Discriminatory Practices Hit
The bill calls for an investigation and action in connection with five freight rate making practices that discriminate against Oregon agricultural products. They are:

1. The practice of granting freight rate increases on a percentage basis thereby favoring the eastern shipper over western farmers.

2. The practice of charging the inland shipper a higher freight rate than is charged the shipper located close to deep water ports.

3. The omission of the western territory from the recent interstate commerce commission order abolishing regional class rates.

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Farm Produce Freight Rates To Be Investigated

At the request of the Oregon State grange a bill has been introduced to give Public Utility Commissioner Flagg \$50,000 to make an investigation of freight rates affecting Oregon agricultural products. The commissioner is also authorized to obtain, either by negotiation or by the initiation of rate proceedings, lower and non-discriminatory freight rates for all types of agricultural products.

Important Farm Legislation
Morton Tompkins, master of the Oregon State grange, says, "House bill 362 is one of the most important agricultural bills at this session of the legislature. We are fast approaching an era of surplus production of farm products. Farmers face two alternatives, either planned scarcity or increased consumption."

"Increased consumption is the grange's answer to the problem. That means new and larger markets. It also means that we must reduce the price spread between the producers and the consumers. Transportation costs are one of the largest single items in this price spread. H. B. 362 makes a frontal attack on this item," Tompkins states.

"It's no secret that the west has always been the nation's stepchild when freight rates are fixed. It is time we spoke out against this regional discrimination," Tompkins asserts. "Public Utility Commissioner Flagg and his staff have done an outstanding job for Oregon shippers with the meager funds available. But now the time has come to give them the money to do a real job."

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