

Oregon Farm Prices Stay High Despite End Of OPA, But Costs Cut Down Profit

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.
SALEM, July 3 (AP)—When the OPA price controls died a year ago, most Oregon farm leaders and state agriculture officials predicted a drop in food prices, believing that farm production soon would exceed demand and thus force prices down. But just the opposite has happened. Supply hasn't yet caught up with demand and food costs have soared higher than ever. Now no one is making any bets on what will happen to prices.

Rex Warren Named To OSC Post

Rex Warren has been appointed extension specialist in farm crops at Oregon State college effective July 1, it was announced this week by F. L. Ballard, associate director of the extension service. Warren is a graduate of Utah Agricultural college with an M. S. degree in farm crops from Oregon State college. He served as emergency assistant agricultural agent in Yamhill county during 1934, and on April 1, 1935, he was appointed county agent in that county—a position he held for the next 10 years. For the past two years he has been production manager for the Alderman Farms, Inc., in Yamhill county.

Warren will work with E. R. Jackman, filling the position vacated by W. G. Nibler, who recently resigned to become county agent in Columbia county. Other recent personnel changes include the following: Anthol Riney has been appointed 4-H club agent of Marion county, succeeding James Bishop who resigned to enter commercial work. Riney recently was graduated from Oregon State college with a B. S. degree in agriculture. He was a 4-H club member for 10 years and a local club leader for two years. He is a graduate of the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth and taught school in Klamath Falls a year before entering military service. Upon his discharge from the service, he entered Oregon State.

Chris H. Starr has been appointed as county club agent in Benson county to succeed Fred Boyer, who also resigned to enter commercial work.

Agriculture Board Men Named Today

SALEM, July 3 (AP)—E. A. McCormick, Eugene, and A. F. Hayes, Brooks, were reappointed today by Governor Earl Snell to six-year terms on the state board of agriculture. McCormick represents cooperative marketing, and Hayes represents market gardening.

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Pilots Rest Between Air Raids On Weeds And Insects



Bud Arnold, Andy Silani, Gall Putnam and Cliff Hogue relax by the four Piper Cubs they use in their work of weed and pest control on Klamath basin farm lands. The planes are rigged with hoppers and sprayers for dust and liquid 2,4-D and DD-T, the materials used in the control campaign.

Klamath County 4-H Clubbers Attend Summer School



4-H summer school at Corvallis was attended this year by 46 club members, two leaders and the club agent from Klamath county. Instruction classes in crafts, home making and farming were given and awards made for various activities during the week of school.

24 per cent above a year ago. But the index of prices paid by the farmer is 230 per cent of the 1910-14 average, and 22 per cent above a year ago. In general, as prices have risen, the farmer's costs have risen in the same proportion.

Farm wage rates have started to drop in Oregon, but they still are 3 1/2 times the pre-war average. Colored motion pictures showing how to pick berries are being prepared by the Oregon State college extension staff. The pictures will be loaned to farmers' associations and other groups hiring berry pickers.

The movies are expected to boost berry production by demonstrating there is more to berry picking than just grabbing it and yanking it off the vine. The week's crop forecasts: Oregon's 1947 peppermint average will total 10,500 acres, a gain of 6 per cent over last year and three times the 1936-45 average. The spring pig crop is estimated at 175,000 head, or 1 per cent more than last year, but 20 per cent less than the 1936-45 average. Egg production in the first five months of this year is 6 per cent less than the similar period of last year, and large eggs are being shipped here from the Midwest.

The Victory garden habit has taken a firm hold on Oregon. R. Ralph Clark, extension horticulturist at Oregon State college, said after a tour of the state. He reports almost as many gardens as during the war.

The future of the Easter lily, production of which has become big business in Curry county, will be discussed next week when the Pacific Fruit Growers' association meets at Gold Beach. They will talk about how to hold onto their markets in the face of foreign competition.

Farm Fire Caution Urged

With the season at hand when fire danger is greatest, farmers are cautioned to guard against crop loss and damage by observing certain preventive rules.

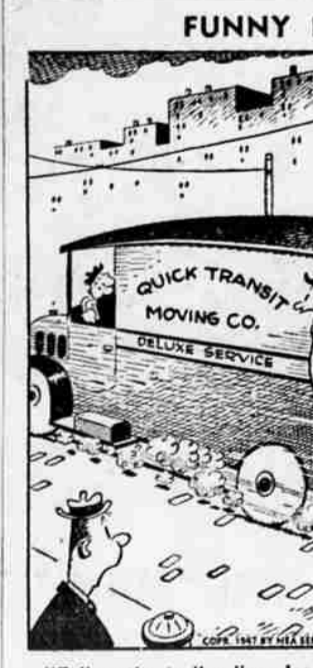
Prohibiting smoking in and around barns is a good rule to enforce. Lanterns should be lit before entering barns to avoid striking matches inside. Safety matches that must be struck on boxes should be used exclusively. Hooks or wire to hang lanterns on should be provided to avoid knocking over lights.

Electric connections and outlets should be checked, well-insulated wiring and correct sizes of fuses used. Damp hay should not be stored in barns. Gasoline and kerosene should be stored outside barns. Tractors and other implements could well be kept out of doors in dry weather also to prevent loss if a building should catch fire. Ground-around buildings should be kept clear of litter. Such precautions help limit fire loss and are advised by the national safety council and the Oregon State college extension service.

Rare Palomino Stud Colt Born

BOTHELL, Wash., July 3 (AP)—The first birth of a black-skinned, golden palomino stud colt ever recorded in Washington state was reported yesterday from the K. L. Raab farm near here. Breeding authorities said only 28 registered palomino studs exist in this country, and only three have the rare black skin and palomino coloring. The colt was sired by "Supreme's Golden Boy," purchased by Raab two years ago from Ray C. Smith of Eugene, Ore.

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Aerial Warfare Used To Combat Weeds And Insects

Aerial warfare against weeds and insects is fast taking the place of more pedestrian methods on the farmlands of Klamath basin. Everett Murel Long and son Murel, farming 4500 acres of leased grain land between Lower Klamath lake and Tulelake, have a squad of four Piper Cub planes which they use on their own project and for control of weeds and pests throughout the county. Three of these planes are equipped with hoppers for lethal dust and one is rigged with a sprayer for a liquid solution. Chet Stinson built and installed all the equipment used. 2,4-D is used in both dust and spray as a weed killer. Wild mustard and lamb's-quarter are the worst offenders among weeds here and 12,000 acres in Tulelake vicinity were treated. Long's crew this spring, also about 11,000 acres around Alturas.

Pilots flying the crop-dusters are Gall Putnam, Cliff Hogue, Bud Arnold and Andy Silani. These men flew over Fort Klamath area in a mission against the hordes of grasshoppers hatching there and the treatment given the marauding insects was reported 100 per cent effective by the county agent's office. About 1900 acres were dusted on the Tommy Hawkins and John Coghapp holdings in the territory.

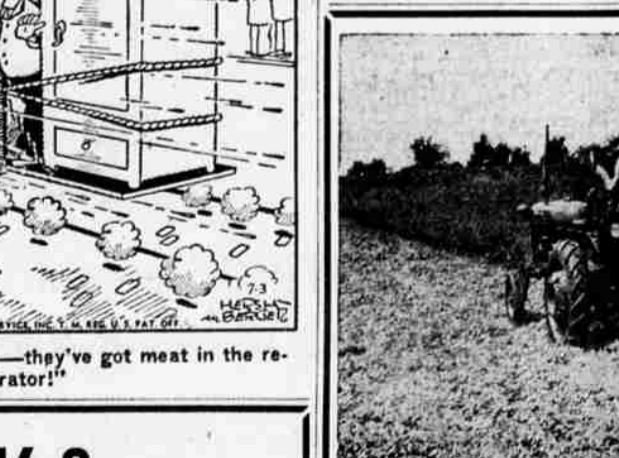
Indians File Water Suit

SPOKANE, July 3 (AP)—An action to void a 1908 agreement which allotted white residents three-fourths of the water in Ahtnum creek, Yakima county, was filed in federal court yesterday on behalf of the Yakima Indian tribe. The suit, filed by U. S. Dist. Atty. Harvey Erickson, contends the 1908 agreement was never approved or ratified by the tribal council, and violates terms of a treaty signed June 9, 1855, by Isaac I. Stevens, Washington's first territorial governor. Chief Kamaikun, head of the Yakima Indian nation, and 13 other tribal chiefs. The early treaty, the Indians contend, granted them "sufficient water from the Ahtnum creek in Yakima county for the needs of the reservation."

The 1908 agreement was approved by the chief engineer of the Indian bureau, and not by the tribal council, the complaint alleges.

NICKEL EGGS
PORTLAND, July 3 (AP)—Eggs were a nickel apiece here today following the second 1-cent price increase this week to a total of 60 cents a dozen for grade A large eggs.

GCA—ground control approach—is a landing system by which pilots are "talked down" by radio instructions from technicians following the plane's progress on radar scopes.



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Farm Safety Week Slated

The president of the United States has proclaimed the week beginning July 20 as National Farm Safety Week. His proclamation follows: "WHEREAS more fatal accidents occur in agriculture than in any other occupation; and "WHEREAS the increasing complexity of modern farm operations creates additional accident hazards; and "WHEREAS caution and intelligent effort on the part of every farm family in the land will lessen the suffering and economic loss caused by accidents, and the coordinated observance by all our people of a week dedicated to farm safety will effect an immense saving to our country."

"NOW THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, president of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the nation to observe the week commencing July 20, 1947, as National Farm Safety Week, as a spearhead to a year-round farm safety program, and I request all persons and organizations concerned with agriculture and farm life to cooperate in the observance of this fourth annual National Farm Safety Week. I also urge farm people everywhere to set aside a specific time during National Farm Safety Week for family discussions of methods for the prevention of accidents, in order that these producers of the nation's food may live and work with greater safety."

Observance of Farm Safety Week in Oregon is being encouraged by the newly organized Farm Safety Council headed by F. E. Price of Oregon State college. Membership of the council includes the Oregon State grange, the Oregon Farmers union, the Oregon Farm bureau,

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Spray Proves Effective In Bug Control

DD-T and oil in a smoke form is being effectively used to kill mosquitoes in the Don Hunt ranch on Caladonia marsh. Murel Long is doing the work from a Piper Cub, using a combination hopper and sprayer. The solution is put in a tank and a pump injects it into the exhaust manifold. It comes out in smoke which has been found encouraging in killing both adult and larvae mosquitoes in early experiments.

Mosquitoes have been so bad that cattle are losing weight, being driven from the tall luxuriant feed which harbors the insects to barren scrub country which is comparatively mosquito-free.

Bob Every, entomologist with the Oregon State college extension service working with Long on the control project, approved the material used for this purpose. It has a residual action effective for two or three weeks, experiments show. DD-T is used 25 per cent in the prepared spray which the oil holds from being blown away from the area in which it is used.

Mosquito control work, started this week on the Hunt place, is being continued, and Long advised that the smoke from the plane may look like a fire from some of the lookout stations in the vicinity and might be reported as such but there is no danger of fire from this oily smoke.

Cabs Back On Duty In Seattle

SEATTLE, July 3 (AP)—Taxicabs roamed Seattle's streets today for the first time in three weeks. B. I. Bowen, secretary of the Drivers' union, said members had accepted an offer for a five-day week with alternative of \$8.50 for an eight and a half hour day or 45 per cent of a tax receipt, whichever is greater. Previously drivers had received \$6.50 or 45 per cent, with a six-day week.

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Californians Deny Water Use Design

LOS ANGELES, July 3 (AP)—Governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho were advised today that Southern California water users have no designs on waters of the Columbia river. A letter signed by Preston Hutchins, president of the Colorado River association, and Evan T. Hewes, chairman of the Colorado River board of California, informed the executives that the Columbia river diversion proposal is "a red herring being dragged across the way by interests outside Southern California."

Stock Markets To Close Down

By The Associated Press
Domestic security and commodity markets throughout the United States will be closed Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, with the exception of the grain exchanges which will operate as usual on Saturday. Canadian security exchanges will be open Friday and closed as usual on Saturday. The Winnipeg grain market will operate both Friday and Saturday. The London stock exchange will be open Friday.

Hillsboro School To Expand Soon

HILLSBORO, July 3 (AP)—The Hillsboro school system today announced award of two contracts for expansion of elementary schools. One for \$19,551 went to P. L. Dolph, Portland, for general construction of a cafeteria addition to the Peter Boscow and B. W. Barnes schools. Another for \$16,172 went to A. G. Rushlight, Portland, for remodeling and installation work on the central heating plant.

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SALEM, July 3 (AP)—The state civil service commission said today that applications for its examination for personnel assistant must be postmarked by midnight of July 3. The beginning salary for the position is \$190 a month.

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Outlook For Critical Items

Bale Ties
Again we are entering haying season with bale ties a very short item. We expect to receive a limited amount in the near future but do not pass up an opportunity to purchase ties in event the opportunity arises. Evidently the steel manufacturers can make more money on other products and have no consideration for the farmers and ranchers who are feeding them as well as the most of the world.

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Refrigerators, Ranges, Washers
Delivery still slow. We expect six Crosley Sheldorads within 60 days. A few electric ranges should also arrive soon. Washers very slow, but should have a shipment of Coops quite soon. A few Coop Home Freezers on hand with 3 cubic ft. capacity. We believe this to be one of the best values on the market today.

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