

Federal Housing Policy Blamed By Western Pine Men For Spiraling Cost

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20—“Dangerous” government home loan policies and political pressure were charged this morning by S. V. Pullaway Jr., secretary-manager of the Western Pine association, with a major share of blame in skyrocketing building costs.

Minimum Milk Price Boost Eyed

Suggestions that in the long run could increase the price of bottled milk were heard yesterday by investigators of the Oregon milk control board during a meeting of the Klamath area producers at the city hall.

The milk control board has a long-established minimum price which creamery operators may pay for the milk they buy from dairy farmers, a minimum of 85 cents a pound buttermilk. That was also the OPA maximum figure.

Price Jumped
But since OPA died, the price of milk has taken a couple of good-sized jumps forward and distributors here are paying \$1.32 a pound buttermilk to the dairymen. The milk control board's minimum price is left far behind and actually doesn't mean anything.

No distributor who expects to get any milk is going to offer the minimum these days and no producer is going to take it.

The control board wants to raise that minimum to somewhere in the neighborhood of present-day prices. A raise to \$1.32 or less would not disturb the present price structure of milk here, but a raise to put the minimum over that \$1.32 figure would increase the price of milk.

Bottled milk in Klamath Falls now costs 19 cents a quart at the store. If the minimum price which distributors could pay producers were raised to around \$1.42 per pound buttermilk, the retail price of milk would go up to 20 cents a quart.

Suggestions
The meeting yesterday produced several suggestions from dairy farmers for increased pay, but not much actual pressure. Various dairymen said they'd like to be making more money but did not demand the state milk control board step in and force distributors to pay them more.

The average suggestion was for a minimum price raise to \$1.35 or \$1.40, which, if done, would increase the price of milk to consumers.

A transcript of yesterday's hearing will be taken to the milk control board for consideration.

Another phase of the minimum price level law was brought out at the hearing. By forcing distributors to pay a set minimum price for milk in times when milk is plentiful, price wars between distributors can be averted. However, the Klamath milkshed does not produce as much milk as the area consumes and may not for years.

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Truman Off For Florida

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—President Truman left by plane at 10:32 a. m. (EST) today on a 15-day trip to Florida, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Cuba.

His first stop is the Boca Chica airport near the Key West, Fla., submarine base where he will spend the night. The flight was expected to take about four hours.

Secretary of State Marshall was in the small crowd to see the plane take off.

Asked whether he had anything to say before starting, Mr. Truman replied with a smile:

"I'm just as happy as I can be." Several aides, including Adm. William D. Leahy, personal chief of staff, accompanied the president.

He will visit in San Juan tomorrow with Puerto Rico's first native-born governor—Wm. T. Ponce—and on Sunday with William H. Hastie, negro governor of the Virgin Islands.

Both the governors are Mr. Truman's personal appointees.

PORTSMOUTH, O. Feb. 20 (AP)—The Norfolk and Western railroad's "Powhatan Arrow" passenger train was derailed today 15 miles east of here. All available ambulances in Portsmouth were rushed to the scene.

A. J. Glassow of Brooks-Scanlon, Inc., Bend, Ore., gave the report of the forest conservation committee in the absence of Frank Gilchrist of the Gilchrist Timber company, Gilchrist, Ore., chairman.

Also on the morning program was Richard A. Colgan Jr., executive vice president of the National Lumber Manufacturers association, Washington, D. C. The association members also heard standing committee reports. Scheduled for the afternoon was a business session and election of officers and directors.

The members' meeting wound up a three-day series of committee, sub-committee, and general association conferences.

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Crude Oil On Export Ban

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—The commerce department today banned the export of crude oil without a license to any foreign country except Canada.

It was the first peacetime imposition of license controls on crude oils. It was also the second action in as many days to bolster scarce supplies of fuel at home by squeezing foreign receivers.

The controls allow the commerce department to say how much crude oil can be shipped out of the country and to whom.

The department yesterday cut down on the amount of petroleum products it will permit to be shipped abroad.

How much crude oil will be stopped from shipment under the new license control is not clear since no export quota has yet been set.

Crude oil shipments abroad have been at the rate of 7,200,000 barrels a year, exclusive of Canada, which has been getting 2,600,000 barrels a month.

Popularity Increased
Book matches were highly unpopular when they first were made, fewer than a million being made during the first year. Today more than 200 billion book matches are produced in the United States annually.

Hitchcock Slated For GOP Speech

Phil Hitchcock will address the Young Republican club at its first out-of-town meeting, to be a dinner in Ruppert's restaurant at Merrill on Tuesday at 7 p. m.

Ernest MacBeth will preside and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hitchcock will be guests. Hitchcock is a candidate for state senator.

Transportation to Merrill will be furnished and for information and reservations for the dinner, members may call 5200 before Monday.



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SALEM, Feb. 20 (AP)—Payrolls of firms insured by the state industrial accident commission totaled \$48,949,531 during January, the commission said today.

The figure was \$700,000 less than in the preceding month, but almost \$2,000,000 more than in January, 1947.

January payrolls of Multnomah county firms were \$20,168,000, about \$700,000 more than in December, and \$2,000,000 more than in January, 1947.

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