

Drouth Clouds Farm Set-Up In California But Oregon Held Safe

By RALPH HEPPE
SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 (AP)—Prospects for the varied crops of the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain states range from uncertain to good. Drought casts a shadow over important areas.

California—leading the nation in crop values in recent years—has been hit by winter drought. Some field crop acreages and yields will be lower in the dry belt, the outlook for fruits, nuts and vegetables in California is clouded. In the other states of the region moisture conditions are mostly satisfactory. That means a favorable outlook in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Utah.

Varied Crops

Field, tree and bush crops in this region are perhaps the most varied of any section of the country. There are oranges and lemons; apples, peaches and other deciduous fruits; almonds and walnuts; figs and olives; cotton and flax; potatoes, alfalfa and other vegetables, all the grains, hay, livestock, turkeys and hops for your beer.

Production last year was valued at more than 20 per cent of the national total.

Aside from water, probably the most important factor, there are the usual farm problems. Machinery shortages, especially in tractors, still plague ranchers. But they are trading use of machines where the situation is critical.

Marketing, except in some specialty crops such as figs, does not appear to pose a difficult problem in view of the world food demand. Smaller yields in some fruits, such as prunes, apples or raisins, might be helpful in view of the 1947 surpluses of these and resulting low prices.

Tough Winter

Livestock men have come through one of the toughest winters on record in some states. The industry lost millions of dollars in California because of the drought.

The livestock population of the region as a whole is below normal. That includes turkeys in Oregon and California for your next Thanksgiving Day table. High meat prices encouraged heavy marketings. An uncertain future, dry pastures and high feed costs discouraged many producers.

But there are many bright spots in the picture. Here it is:

Washington

Farmers in the Evergreen state are pinning their hopes on the best moisture conditions in several years. Wheat is a major crop and the outlook, therefore, is good. Apple growers expect good yields but are wary of the price situation.

Indications look toward a normal and good crop, said Harold Copple, secretary manager of the Washington state apple commission. "Buds are fine, but with part of last year's crop still unsold, and what is left moving slowly, it would be impossible to even guess at the price outlook for the coming year."

Oregon

The overall outlook in the West-foot state is good although nothing can be said about fruit until the blossom stage has passed, several weeks hence. Moisture in the wheat areas generally is above average.

"In the ordinary rotation we are heading into a lighter year in both apples and pears," said E. R. Pooley, president of the Oregon-Washington-California pear bureau.

Rains, as usual, will decide the cherry crop. Rains at the wrong time split the fruit and ruin the crop.

California

Water is the key to farming in this state. It is needed for irrigation and power. Some of the largest producing areas, such as the San Joaquin valley, have had the driest year of record. Others, like the Imperial and the Santa Verde valleys which depend on Colorado river water, are not affected by the drought. Most of the citrus areas have ample water.

So the state's agriculture is topsyturvy.

How the state as a whole will end up the season is anyone's guess. George A. Scott of the state crop reporting service said it would be "pure recklessness" to make an estimate now.

Idaho

Shortages of labor and water cloud farm prospects in the Gem state. Fruit growers are optimistic, however, and a bumper crop of potatoes is forecast. Reductions of about 15 per cent in bean and sugar beet acreages are indicated.

Montana

With an eye on prices and world demands, farmers are increasing crop acreages and expect to seed more than 5,000,000 acres. The outlook for wheat and other grains is generally good.

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New Pine Creek

The East grange will hold regular session this Saturday evening but an innovation will be introduced for the evening when Master Roy Millipap turns over the chairs to the YOA, which youth group will proceed with the business of the evening. Following the business meeting the group will also put on the program. A social hour and pot-luck supper will follow the usual.

Clyde McLain, private first class, arrived home last Sunday week ago, March 21, for a 40-day furlough with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLain. This is Clyde's first visit home in two years, he having flown from Boston where his destroyer, the USS Douglas Fox, is docked for repairs.

McLain has been in foreign water around Italy about half the time during the last two years and in his boat that struck a mine in the Mediterranean sea some time ago, doing considerable damage to the ship, killing four men and injuring three others. The destroyer was towed to port and patched up for the homeward voyage where it will get a complete overhaul.

Clyde got tired laying around this week and went to work for Robert Snider on the farm, discing with a tractor.

Mr. and Mrs. George McLain of Olympia, Wash., arrived last Friday for a few days with their brother, Clyde, and their parents, leaving for home on Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Daugherty entertained at Easter dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brickey and Mr. Fuller of Lakeview, and Mrs. Alpha Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blunt.

Mrs. Neva Morton, residing now in Eugene, Ore., has a new baby boy, born Saturday, March 29, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cloud are now visiting their daughter in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Means are the proud parents of a 5-pound baby boy, Monte Jackson, born at the Lakeview hospital on Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock. It being a premature baby, the little fellow was placed in an incubator.

The New Pine Creek Needle club met at the home of Mrs. Nellie Green in Lakeview, Saturday, March 27, with Mrs. Sarah Keiler as hostess.

The occasion was a very delightful party honoring club members whose birthdays occur in March. The rooms were beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and jonquils. The Easter music was also carried out on the luncheon table decorations. Refreshments of molded salad, nut bread sandwiches, ice cream with strawberry topping, cake and coffee were served.

Honored members present who received birthday gifts from Secret Pals were the hostess, Sarah Keiler, Belle Moffitt, Ruth Brickey, Myra Hobnett, Alpha Smith and invited honor guests, Janet Camberton Bly.

While the beautifully decorated birthday cake was being served other members joined in the happy birthday wish.

The hostess also received a beautiful potted plant from the March birthday members. Edna Ayres and Helen Moss became members at the meeting. Other members present were Lillian Reid, Dorothy McDonald, Thelma Butler, Helma Barry, Merlene Moffitt and Katie Dick. Invited guests were Theresa Jennings of Los Angeles, and Sara Johnston of New Pine Creek.

A \$5 donation was voted for the Red Cross drive, with \$2.50 being allotted to both the Alturas and Lakeview chapters respectively.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Dorothy McDonald at Lakeview.

Mrs. Burns Paris, co-chairman with Mrs. Fannie Fisher for the New Pine Creek district of the Red Cross drive, reported having collected and turned in \$49 so far. Any who have not yet become a member this year may still turn in their membership at the post office.

Jim Burgoyne, county road employee, had a very close call on Sugar hill just this side of the old Clark ranch Tuesday, when he was driving one of the big county trucks. Getting too close to a soft shoulder his truck slid over the grade and turned over about seven times before it finally stopped rolling two or three hundred feet from the highway. Burgoyne was left on the ground, bruised and battered and stunned some, at the fourth revolution the truck made when the battered cab became disconnected from the truck. No serious injuries were sustained by Driver Burgoyne, it was learned Tuesday from Supervisor George Perkins.

C Of C Manager Defends Group's Position As The Agent For KU Grid Ducats

By CHARLES R. STARK
Manager Klamath County Chamber of Commerce

Coach Ed Ryan's swan song contains the suggestion: "Let the high school handle the sale of season tickets and take off the exaggerated atmosphere that exists on the football program and try to strive for a more rounded program of athletics."

This has raised some questions about the part the chamber of commerce plays in selling season reserve tickets each fall. To be sure of the early background I phoned Boise to contact Earl C. Reynolds, who was chamber of commerce manager at the time the present system was adopted. I also talked to L. B. Kenery who was then KUHS principal, to Everett Vanderpool who was in charge of ticket sales for KUHS, and to Marcella Reynolds who was then a KUHS student and assisted in selling tickets at the chamber of commerce when the system was instituted.

Reynolds and Vanderpool recall that the high school felt it desirable to make season reserve tickets available to the public at a convenient downtown location. In 1939 tickets were placed in a number of business houses but this system proved unsatisfactory.

Central Location

After this procedure had been tried, Vanderpool went into the chamber of commerce and was discussing his problem with Reynolds. He stated that the school needed one central location in which to make season tickets available for the convenience of the public.

The chamber staff members receive complimentary tickets for their efforts, and wait until the line-up at the door on the day tickets are sold is entirely served before selecting their own tickets. While this seems like bending over backwards, we have done this to be fair to the cash customers.

Some years ago it became apparent that a few people were buying season tickets and tickets thereby curtailing the best seats. To be fair to the largest possible number of purchasers, it was mutually agreed by the high school and chamber of commerce staff to limit sales to six tickets to any one purchaser. All other details of handling ticket sales have been subject to the direction of the high school.

Line Priority

A recent problem which has caused some criticism is the matter of getting into line to establish a priority, taking a numbered ticket from someone who volunteers to pass them out (the ticket number indicating the place of that person in the line) and then leaving the line, returning just before the ticket sale starts at 8:30 a. m. This arrangement was developed by mutual agreement of those in the line. Both the high school and chamber of commerce have kept out of this matter. The chamber staff feels that its responsibility starts when the customers come through their door, and that arguments over places in line are strictly between the individuals involved.

The chamber of commerce staff has been glad to cooperate with the high school in making tickets available to the public at a convenient location. We shall be happy to continue the service as long as it is the wish of the high school authorities to have us do so, and as long

as it appears to be a worthwhile public service.

There is a tremendous amount of work connected with selling these season reserve tickets and a few customers are abusive, as though they felt they should receive special consideration over and above the fair treatment we try to render to everyone. However, from the standpoint of the staff, we shall continue to give this service until it seems desirable to change the present system.

The horse is one of the oldest existing mammals on earth today, while man is the youngest.

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Midland

Friends and neighbors gathered Friday evening at the Midland grange hall and celebrated with a dance and miscellaneous shower for Angela Milani and Clarence Casebeer, who were married Easter Sunday at the Sacred Heart Catholic church.

Mrs. Fred Milani was hostess and was assisted by Mrs. Al Schneck, Mrs. John Mistler and others.

The serving table was centered in white with blue trim and a basket of jonquils, with a lovely bride's cake made by Mrs. Earnest Milani. Candies completed the decoration. About 60 guests were present. A table was filled with useful and lovely gifts for the couple. James Phipps and Clarence Casebeer sang several songs and after refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee the gifts were opened and best wishes were given the honored guests.

After the wedding Sunday a reception was held at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milani, after which they left on a short wedding trip into California. On return, Mr. and Mrs.

Casebeer will live in the home of the groom in Midland.

Mrs. Lyle Loomis and son Robert Casebeer left Sunday evening for Phoenix, Ariz., where Mrs. Loomis will enter the government Indian hospital as a supervisor on April 5. Robert expects to be there for a month or more.

Carroll Mistler has recovered from a severe case of mumps and has accepted a position at the Pacific Fruit company.

George Andrieu is out again after two weeks with the mumps.

7-Year-Old Dies Saving Sister

NEWARK, N. J., April 3 (AP)—Barbara DeCouse, 7, died last night in City Hospital after saving the life of her little sister, Paula, two-months-old.

Barbara was home minding her sister, police said, while their mother was out shopping. Her dress caught fire from the kitchen gas range.

She rolled on a bed, extinguishing the flames. The bed caught fire, and Barbara snatched up Paula from her nearby crib and ran to the home of a neighbor.

Firemen put out the blaze. Deputy Fire Chief Charles Manger said Barbara "showed more spunk than I've ever seen in my 25 years with the fire department."

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HERALD AND NEWS COMICS

BLONDIE

IT'S SO LATE—NOW, IF I CAN JUST GET IN BED WITHOUT WAKING UP BLONDIE

YOU LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL, STANDING THERE—WOMANHOOD IN ALL ITS GLORY—A VISION OF DELIGHT

NOW STOP IT, DEAR! I'M TRYING TO BE MAD AT YOU!

Red Ryder

DOWN IN ROCK

ARE YOU BOYS WILLING TO USE YOUR GUNS FOR A SHARE IN SOME GOLD DIGGINS?

WE'VE USED 'EM FOR LESS—WAKE UP!

GET YOUR HORSES AND FOLLOW ME! YOU'LL ALL BE RICH TOMORROW!

IN LOST BASIN MAYBE RED RYDER GOOD FAIR-FACE, MADE NOT-PRINCESS KEEP HIS PRISONER TILL AFTER ATTACK!

Alley Oop

HOLY COW! WHEN I CLIMBED UP HERE LOOKIN' FOR SOME SIGN OF LIFE, I WANTED EXPECTIN' I'D MEET ANY 'E-LIONS!

I PROBABLY COULD BEAT HIS BRAINS OUT, BUT I HATE THINKIN' OF 'EM 'TAKIN' IN 'THE PROCESS!

STILL, TH' CRITTER DON'T LOOK VERY AGGRESSIVE—Mebbe IF I JUST SORTA DOZZED AWAY...

GOTTA BE CAREFUL, THOUGH—EXPOSIN' YOUR BACK TO A BIG CAT IS JUST ASKIN' FOR TROUBLE...

YEEOWP!

Boots and Her Buddies

I MUST SAY THAT WAS MIGHTY NEIGHBORLY OF BOOTS OFFERING TO TAKE CARE OF ADELBERT WHILE I'M AWAY!

BUT I'LL WRITE GOLLABY AND WELL LOOK AFTER THE BOY FOR ME! I WONDER WHERE THE OLD SCAMP IS GOT TO GO—MAYBE FLORIDA... OR TEXAS... OR CALIFORNIA...

OH, WELL! I'LL USE OUR OLD COMMUNICATION SYSTEM! IT'S NEVER FAILED YET! I JUST WRITE THE SAME LETTER TO THE POST OFFICE DELIVERY DEPARTMENT IN THAT MANY OF HIS FAVORITE TONGUES, AND SOONER OR LATER, HE'S BOUND TO GET ONE OF 'EM!

HE NEVER FAILS TO CHECK IN AT THE POST OFFICE THE FIRST THING WHEN HE BLOWS INTO A NEW TOWN!

Wash Tubbs

THEN YOU MAY BE GONE SEVERAL MONTHS WHILE SERVING ON THAT COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON—MR. McKEE?

YES, FORTUNATELY WE HAVE A MAN LIKE MR. LUCIFER TO HELP BEAR THE BURDEN OF CARRYING ON IN MY ABSENCE!

HMM, I'VE HEARD STORIES OF HIS EFFICIENCY WHEN HE MANAGED OUR WAL MANUFACTURING PLANT.

AH, YES! IT WAS LUCIFER WHO INTRODUCED THE POLICY OF RETURNING ALL WALS USED IN HANDLING THE NEWS OUR WALS ARE SHIPPED IN! SAVED US SEVERAL THOUSAND A YEAR!

DID YOU MENTION TO HIM THAT YOU THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR ME TO RUN DOWN TO CUBA F--

I SHOWED HIM THE LETTER FROM WOTCHINGS EARL. HE WOULD DECIDE HOW TO HANDLE THE SITUATION!

Freckles and His Friends

HARRUMPH! SERIOUSLY, BOYS, YOUR BASKETBALL EXPLOITS HAVE BROUGHT US DOWN TO THE FAIR NAME OF SHADYSIDE!

AS A REWARD, HOW WOULD YOU MEMBERS OF THE TEAM LIKE TO TAKE OVER THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR A DAY?

WHO GETS WHICH JOBS?

US! RUN THE TOWN! LEAVE ME AT IT!

I'LL RUN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION—THE CLASSICS MUST COME INTO THEIR OWN!

CITY TREASURER FOR ME! JEERS! NOTHING BUT HANDLE DOUGH ALL DAY!

BOYS! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT—AS YOUR MAYOR FOR A DAY, I GIVE YOU THAT STERLING HERO THAT DANIEL'S YOUNG MAN, THAT SOUL OF MODESTY, MR.—MR.—OH, DEAR, WHAT DID I DO WITH MY GLASSES?

Little Orphan Annie

IS IT A LONG TRIP TO THAT SCHOOL WHERE DADDY'S BENDIN' ME, MR. JONES?

OH, A COUPLE OF DAYS' JOURNEY ON 'THE TRAIN—

WE'LL HAVE CONNECTING ROOMS—IT SHOULD BE A COMFORTABLE TRIP...

IT'LL BE SORT OF NICE TO BE SAFE AND QUIET AWAY FROM ADEL AND HIS KNO...

GO—THIS SHOULD BE EASY... AND ONCE SHE IS IN MY POWER, HAWKBACKS WILL DANCE TO MY TUNE...

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