

Change in 'Family Size' Farm Limits Considered Following Truman Stand

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (AP)—Congress probably will be asked next year to write a new description of the "family size" farm.

That seems to be the reclamation bureau to be the import of President Truman's comment in vetoing the bill to waive the excess land provisions of the reclamation law for part of Colorado's San Luis valley project.

Truman said congress should consider amending the law "so as to authorize appropriate adjustments in maximum acreages, where necessary, under carefully worked out standards, which could be applied not only to the San Luis valley

Pennsylvania Hunter Has Quite a Day

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7 (AP)—Warren H. Mitchell has been hunting small game for 38 years but he's never experienced another day quite like last Saturday.

Here's what Mitchell says happened within the space of six hours afield:

At 11 a. m. he lost one of his two hunting dogs.

At 2 p. m. he lost his \$75 wrist watch while looking for the dog.

At 3:15 p. m. he shot a pheasant.

At 3:45 he acquired another pheasant when his remaining dog

found a crippled bird shot by some other hunter.

At 4:30 Mitchell tripped and sprained his ankle.

FOR SIGHT-SEERS
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 7 (AP)—Tourists will be able to watch McNary dam construction from an overlook building now in the planning stage, H. Brandt Gessel, Walla Walla architect, said yesterday. The reinforced concrete structure will cost between \$60,000 and \$75,000, Gessel said. Plans will be completed soon.

SP Engine Blast Injures Fireman
HILLSBORO, Nov. 7 (AP)—A locomotive boiler explosion near here sent a Southern Pacific fireman to a hospital yesterday.

The Jones hospital reported Harold Holmes, 40, Hillsboro, was inspecting a pressure valve on top of the engine when the boiler burst. He later was transferred to a Portland hospital. His condition was not revealed here.

COFFEE PRICE RECORD
GUATEMALA, Nov. 7 (AP)—An all-time high price in Guatemala coffee history was recorded yesterday as anxious bidders paid from \$40 to \$52 per 100 pounds, f.o.b. Puerto Barrios, for 22,000 bags of old crop coffee, sold at public auction.

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Oregon Farm Receipts Off 21 Million

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (AP)—Cash receipts from farm marketings for the first nine months of this year in Washington and Oregon are estimated to total \$615,055,000.

The bureau of agricultural economics, in its latest analysis of farmers' income, placed the Washington total for the nine months at \$378,578,000 (M) and that for Oregon at \$236,487,000 (M).

Comparison
The Washington figure compared to \$363,633,000 (M) for the same period of the Oregon total to \$257,701,000 (M).

The bureau said livestock and products brought the Washington farmers \$136,151,000 (M) this year compared to \$147,012,000 (M) last year.

Crops brought them \$242,427,000 (M) this year compared to \$216,641,000 (M) last year.

In Oregon livestock cash receipts brought the farmers \$106,183,000 (M) this year compared to \$117,843,000 (M) last year. Crops brought the Oregon farmer \$130,304,000 (M) this year compared to \$139,858,000 (M) last year.

Moderate Drop
The bureau said that cash receipts may be down, moderately, in 1950 for both crops and livestock.

"They are likely to show some decline for nearly all commodity groups," it said, "although receipts from fruits may hold fairly well to the 1949 level."

project but also to other projects in which some adjustments may be warranted."

Points to Change
"I think the language of the president's veto message indicates congress must set up new, specific standards to meet new conditions we are encountering in the West," said E. D. Eaton, assistant director of the bureau's operations and maintenance branch.

When the reclamation law was enacted, in 1902, it provided that no settler could own more than 160 acres or a husband and wife more than 320 acres of irrigable land. Detailed studies had fixed that area as sufficient for the support of a farm family on public lands then considered susceptible of irrigation development.

Congress has waived that provision for only three projects: the Truckee river storage and Humboldt projects in Nevada and the Colorado Big Thompson, in Colorado. It has refused several times to expand the farm unit measure on other projects.

Opposition
There has been opposition to expansion of the farm unit from congressmen from reclamation states and protest from reclamation leaders throughout the West.

The federal money used for project construction is advanced to the irrigation district under a contract for repayment, without interest. The fear among reclamationists is that any abandonment of the "family size" farm idea would arouse opposition from the East and South which would wipe out the interest-free advantage reclamation now enjoys.

But the type of reclamation project has changed in recent years. Much of the better class of irrigable land is already under water. On the newer projects, there is likely to be considerable land suitable for hay and pasture, rather than garden truck and orchards.

Reason
The yield can be improved by irrigation but it takes more acreage to support a family. Hence the demand for new "family farm" standards.

Settling on new standards which could be applied anywhere in the reclamation area: from the Canadian to the Mexican border and from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast is obviously the "toughest" part of the job before congress, Eaton said.

"The bureau has nothing of the kind 'in the mill.'"

"Of course," said Eaton, "the land limitation problem has been very much in our minds for years. We have studied it from every angle but I do not recall that we have ever drawn up any formal proposal of this kind. It will require a great deal of study but the bureau is in full accord with the president's suggestion."

BEATING PENALTY
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 7 (AP)—Former Florida Police Chief Thomas I. Gantt was fined \$200 and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary today on charges of beating five Negroes to make them confess a crime.

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Victor Johnson, Pendleton, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers association, said the two day meeting will take up major problems confronting the industry.

President W. H. Steiwer, Fossil, opened the convention. Senator Wayne Morse is scheduled to speak tomorrow. Other speakers include federal and state agency and association officers.

ADA Chief Charges GOP Scare Tactics
PORTLAND, Nov. 7 (AP)—The national chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action told an audience here last night that the republicans were trying to scare the voters again.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) said they are attempting to do this with the term "welfare state." He said the GOP forgets the constitution calls for the government to "promote the general welfare" of the people.

The Minnesota senator described himself as a "New Deal, Fair Deal, rip-snorting democrat." He spoke to an audience sponsored by the Oregon chapter of the ADA.

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