

Government Farm Experts Ponder Boosting Support Price, Knocking Ceiling

By OVID A. MARTIN
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Disappointing crop planting prospects have raised the question of whether the government should change some of its farm policies to encourage greater production and to conserve supplies.

An Agriculture Department survey last week indicated that crop acreage will be smaller than last year, despite Secretary Brannan's call for larger plantings. Brannan said the survey points to a "serious" livestock feed situation which is likely to result in smaller supplies in meat, eggs and milk.

Farm circles have been debating possible steps to get a larger acreage. Concern over declining farm prices and labor shortages

were said to be factors holding down planting plans.

Suggestions being discussed by farm leaders in and out of government include:

1. Higher farm price supports. Most items have government price aid supported at 90 per cent of parity. Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices, decreed by law to be equally fair to farmers and those who buy their products.
2. Removal of ceilings or threats of ceilings from farm products. The American Farm Bureau Federation contends price controls are dis-

couraging production.

3. Extending price supports to hogs. They have not been supported since 1950. Prices have dropped to 80 per cent of parity—a level at which many farmers say they can not make ends meet. As a consequence, production prospects are down.
4. Deferment of more farm youth from military service to ease the labor situation.
5. Reduction of exports of grain, which now is being shipped abroad at near-record rates.
6. Halting sale of government-owned grain and holding it for possible future emergencies.

The latter action might well cause corn prices to go up considerably — a development which would be frowned upon by anti-inflation officials. As long as government grain is available, it exercises a stabilizing effect on prices.

Whether any policy changes will be made is uncertain. But to influence spring planting, any made would have to be announced soon.

Wyoming Paper Tells Of Wiard Park, Describes Swimming Pool Fund Drive

Harry Wiard, father of our own Wiard park here in Klamath Falls, is the subject of an interesting sketch in a recent issue of the Cody Times, published in Cody, Wyoming, long-time home of Buffalo Bill. The Times says:

top represents 1,000 hours of work by Pete Peterson of near Cody. It is made from natural rocks of the Cody country.

"A man who served on the Cody police department many years ago has built one of the best equipped children's parks in the country. The man is Harry L. Wiard, whose early days were spent in the Cody country with Buffalo Bill and his contemporaries. The park is the Harry L. Wiard Memorial Park of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

"Mr. Wiard first came to the Cody country in 1896 and served of and on as cook for Colonel William F. Cody's hunting trips and as policeman for Cody. He went on to become one of the pioneer residents of Klamath Falls.

"Several years ago, Mr. Wiard donated five acres of land for a park and then contributed three and a half years of his own time to lay out and build the park, as well as conducting drives to equip the park with play facilities. The park is one of the best equipped of its kind anywhere.

"As a tribute to his efforts, the city of Klamath Falls recently accepted the private area as a city park and assigned \$12,000 for the construction of two tennis courts at the site."

The city of Cody is now engaged in a campaign to raise \$100,000 for a community swimming pool. So far, the Times says, 455 families in Cody, not including business firms, have contributed. The drive is sponsored by the Cody Council for Youth, and so far collections for the fund have amounted to \$25,000.

Teachers and other employees of the Cody schools have donated \$750 for the pool. Of this amount, \$200 has been in the form of a check from the treasury of the Classroom Teachers' association and \$550 in the form of cash contributions from teachers, janitors, maintenance personnel and others.

At the present time, 200 high school students are selling tickets on a handsome stone table top and a \$400 Navajo rug which the Cody Lions club is contributing to the swimming pool benefit. The table

Church Rites To Be Held

PORT KLAMATH—During the month of March, Methodist Evangelistic Advance preaching services are being held throughout the state of Oregon, and in keeping with the movement, announcement of special services being held here at the Community church during the week of Sunday, Mar. 23rd, to Friday, March 26, inclusive, is made by Rev. G. Ellery Echlin, pastor of the Chilouquin and Ft. Klamath Methodist Church.

Dates for the services remaining this week are as follows: Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 p. m., and on Friday March 26, also at 7:30 p. m.

Guest speaker on these occasions will be Rev. Joyce Kendall of Molala, Ore., with Rev. Echlin also in attendance at all services. Special music is being arranged for the services by Mrs. Richard H. Wilson.

The purpose of the church-wide movement is to awaken and stimulate interest in religious activities and to obtain new members for the church. All are invited to attend the last two special services to be conducted here, which will be open meetings for everyone in the community.

Bus Strike Pow-wow On Rocks Again

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Breakdown of negotiations, followed by angry union charges, pointed up the likelihood Monday that the seven-state Pacific Greyhound bus strike would last more than a month.

Two days of talks, held at the urging of a federal conciliator, broke up Sunday in failure. Tentative date set for the next effort was April 2. The strike, centering on union demands for a five-day week, began March 2.

The AFL Motor Coach Employees Union charged that the 3,500 striking employees and the 100,000 daily passengers of the Pacific Greyhound system were being used as "pawns" in a game of chess being played by absentee corporation moguls in Chicago. Union negotiators said "it appears that company representatives are forced to clear everything from Chicago."

This drew a denial from Pacific Greyhound Vice-President M. C. Frailey. He said "the local office is dealing in good faith and has full authority to handle the matter here."

Conciliator Omar Hoskins said the Saturday and Sunday meetings yielded progress on minor issues but got nowhere on the big issue, the five-day week.

The strike halted service in California and Arizona and parts of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Texas.

Green Light Given Cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Monday authorized major increases in production of passenger cars, washing machines and other consumer goods after July 1.

The Defense Production Administration said the increases are being made possible by a slight decline in allotment of metals to the military.

This move apparently is based on the government's program to stretch out its mobilization effort over a longer period of time.

Full quotas of metal will be provided for the output of 1,050,000 autos for the July-September quarter, and DPA said producers may make up to 1,150,000 cars if they can stretch supplies sufficiently. Elimination of all ceilings is being considered.

DPA Administrator Manly Fleischmann announced that more metal also will be provided for the building of schools, hospitals, stores and office buildings; for merchant ship construction; and the erection of industrial plants.

Etna Flares, Italy Waits

CATANIA, Sicily (AP) — Mt. Etna, Europe's loftiest volcano, began to belch smoke and flames early Tuesday from its northeastern cone. The volcano has been increasingly active in recent years. Grey and white clouds of smoke and cinders were punctuated occasionally by giant tongues of flame licking the sky.

On the eastern slope, where an earthquake several days ago leveled many houses and killed three persons, the earth shook again at Zafferana, following half a dozen violent explosions deep within the volcano.

Many peasants, who scratch out a living from the volcanic soil on the mountain's lower slopes, fled in fear of an eruption.

Williams In Ike Spot

NEW YORK (AP) — W. Walter Williams, Washington State Republican chairman, took over from Arthur H. Vandenberg Jr., Monday as head of the Citizens for Eisenhower organization.

Vandenberg will work in Washington under Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. of Massachusetts, campaign manager for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Williams, a Seattle business man, is a former chairman of the Committee for Economic Development, a private business group. He said the campaign to win the GOP Presidential nomination for Eisenhower will be carried out through the press, radio, television, and "I hope, most of all, by personal contacts at the grass roots level."

Women Win Over Men In Driving

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Note to male drivers: Stop complaining about women drivers!

The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety ended the endless battle of the sexes over which has the better driving habits.

In 1951, the girls took all the honors. And the department—composed mostly of men—backed its statement up with facts and figures.

Slightly less than 16 per cent of all drivers involved in state accidents last year were women. And of the drivers involved in fatal accidents, only 8 1/2 per cent were women.

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TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — U. S. Sen. Taft formally requested Monday that his name be stricken from the New Jersey Republican presidential primary ballot.

Secretary of State Lloyd B. Marsh said he received a letter from Taft asking for removal of his name.

Marsh called on Attorney General Theodore D. Parsons to obtain an order from the New Jersey Superior Court to permit the removal of Taft's name.

Douglas Sees Waste In Asia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas believes the United States should concentrate on keeping Middle Eastern countries friendly to the West "instead of wasting our wealth in Asia."

Douglas, sometimes mentioned as a possible Democratic Presidential candidate, told a Jewish Charities Appeal Dinner Monday night.

"We are wasting our wealth in Asia. We are not doing any more there than just promoting Communism. Why should we lose the Middle East by default to Communism?"

He said, "Reactionary forces in Asia control the little people and the granaries which provide the daily bread for these peoples."

"The little man," he added, "throughout the world is keeping alive the torch of liberty sparked here in the United States."

Red Roster In US Falls

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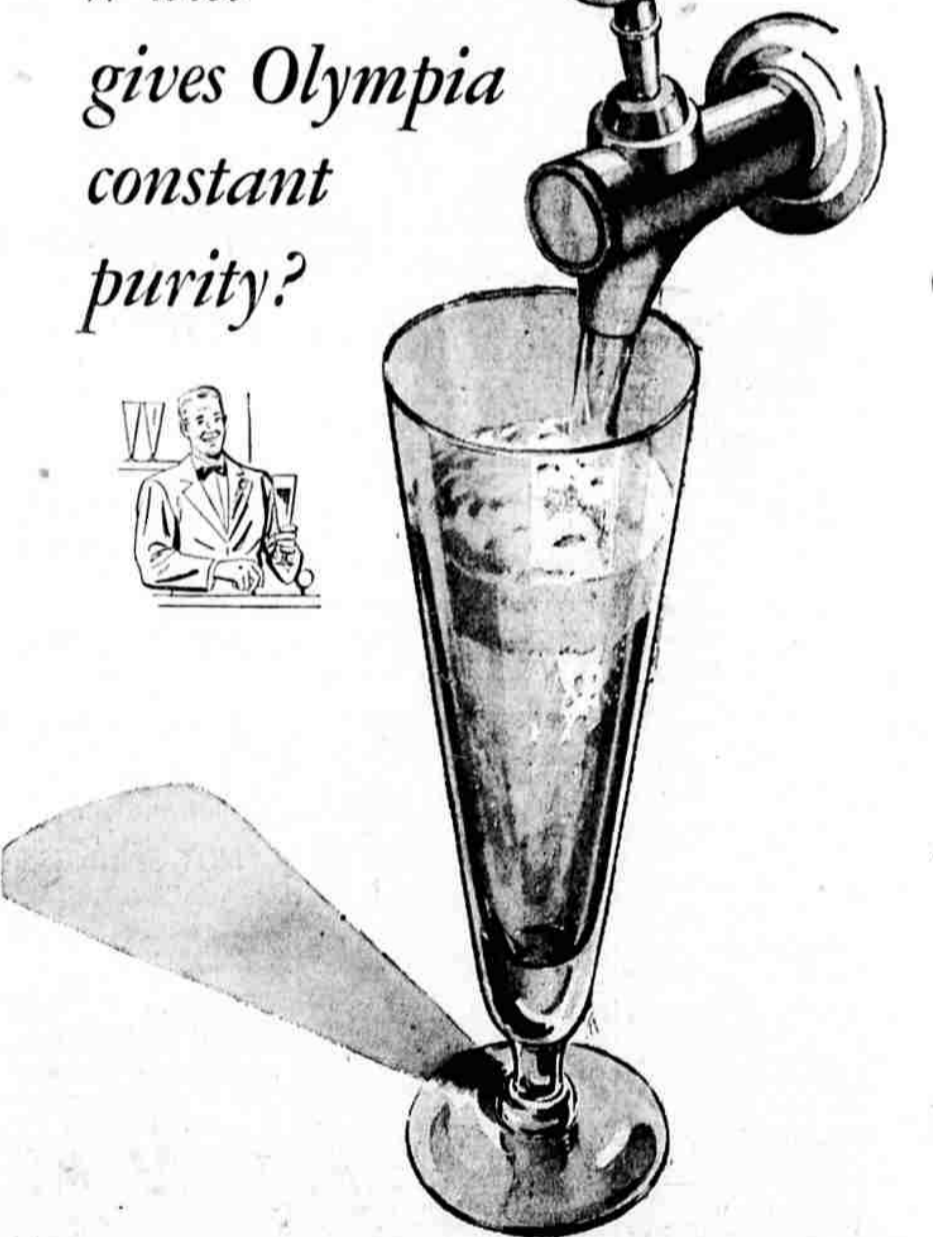
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