

Ohio Farmers Grow Grass Roots Results

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COLUMBUS, O. — (NEA) — At a meeting of farmers to discuss falling farm prices, a bald-headed sunburned soil-tiller of 70 stood up and piped:

"All I been hearing for 50 years is supply and demand, supply and demand. What is it? As far as I can make out, it's when a farmer has a supply of anything, there ain't any demand."

In less than a week, the entire Ohio Congressional delegation in Washington was getting a firsthand report on the elderly speaker's sentiments, plus the feelings of more than 7000 other Ohio farmers on the big price drops.

This rapid transmission of the news was the result of no casual agrarian grapevine. It was the doings of a highly organized system set up for just such a job by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, with a membership of 50,000.

A big part of the bureau's job is to provide its representatives in Congress with the latest opinions of its members on timely and important subjects—social security, foreign trade, the United Nations, and the like.

Looking ahead, the state headquarters of the bureau here picks a subject for discussion in 1950 and then sends out to its 1500 local council groups extensive informational material on the subject. The minutes of the 1950 group meeting are then correlated for the over-all report which goes to Washington.

Once a year an elected delegation of nearly 40 members goes to Washington to call on senators, congressmen, Department of Agriculture officials, and others in key positions.

The government officials seem to like it as a direct expression of grass roots feeling on important

matters of the day. "The senators and congressmen ask us more questions than we ask them," says D. R. Stanfield, bureau organization chief.

The Ohio plan is being copied by farm groups in other states. Out-of-town delegations are becoming regular visitors at headquarters here.

The performance turned in on exceptionally fast one, but it illustrates what can be done when the necessity for quick action arises.

At first it was planned that falling prices be discussed at the regular monthly local council meetings. But as the subject became increasingly serious, it was decided county-wide meetings should be held.

Within 24 hours, time was bought on three big-city radio stations. Meeting places were obtained for the county-wide meetings. Special information was sent out.

Despite competition from high school commencements and spring farm work, 7000 farm people showed up for 80 separate rallies.

That same night county poll results were tabulated and telegraphed to Columbus, where the State totals were compiled just in time to be taken to Washington by the delegation of 40 leaving on the annual trip.

That the legislators in the Nation's Capital were impressed by the speed of this grass roots poll goes without saying. Senator Taft put off going to the hospital to have breakfast with the group and hear what they had to report.

Some of the results of bureau polls are a little on the unexpected side. In November, 1952, for instance, 38 per cent did not want government farm price supports. By May, 1953, the figure had dropped to 16 per cent.

The latest poll showed 59 per cent favored increased foreign trade even if it means increased imports of farm products.

"The group feels that overcoming our fear of world trade is one of the first steps toward freer world trade, which is vitally necessary," the bureau reported.

The Ohio poll shows farm opinion strongly in favor of the United Nations, urging "the strengthening of this world organization until it becomes an agency capable of maintaining peace."

Not all the 1500 monthly local council group meetings are concerned with weighty matters. In Belmont County, a cow had to break through a dilapidated bridge before the county could exert enough pressure to get a new one.

As Ohio farmers find they can get results—in the county and in Washington — by their pooled action, their interest in government grows. And as their interest grows, they believe, so grows the strength of our democratic principles of government.



TED BILLINGS, who is to team with Stephen Crane as a clown-bull fighting team at the Roundup rodeos here July 2, 3, and 4, works with a trained mule, "Whirly Gig," and a chimp, "Hook."

Mechanically-Undressed Man Loses Little

BRISTOL, England (AP) — A cement mixer undressed 32-year-old David Collins down to his shoes and socks yesterday. Gear wheels on the mixer first seized his shirt and whipped it off, together with his vest and undershirt. Before Collins could break free, his pants and undershorts went the same way. Workmates whipped a raincoat around the bruised and blushing Collins, who said: "It was a cheap suit. Filmy material, thank heaven."

ICELAND RATIFIES

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — Iceland Tuesday officially ratified the European convention on Human rights, an international agreement for the protection of fundamental freedoms in the member-states of the council of Europe.

NJ's Waterfront Cleanup Act Law

TRENTON, N. J. (AP) — New Jersey Tuesday completed its legislation designed to drive racketeers and hoodlums from the waterfronts of New York harbor. Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll signed a bill creating a bi-state commission to control the waterfront. An identical measure passed by the New York Legislature last week is awaiting the signature of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in Albany. The legislation outlaws the shape-up system whereby hiring bosses select dockworkers for jobs and does away with the public loader system in the handling of waterfront freight.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED HILLSBORO (AP) — The AFL Seafarers' International Union has awarded a \$8,000 advanced educational scholarship to Robert Goodwin, 24, Hillsboro, a 1953 graduate of Pacific University.

First Try At Saving Stricken City From Polio Starts Today

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Years of weary trial-and-error research that cost millions of dollars gets the first full-scale tryout here Tuesday in a history-making effort to save a stricken city from a polio epidemic.

The first of more than 30,000 youngsters scheduled to be inoculated with polio-resisting gamma globulin during the next four days trooped to injection stations with anxious parents this morning.

The nation's polio fighters hope this unprecedented mass inoculation will not only stop the fierce outbreak, but will also sound the death knell for future unchecked ravages of crippling infantile paralysis viruses.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has shipped in 87 gallons of the scarce GG serum together with 30,000 hypodermic needles, 15,000 syringes and stacks of other equipment.

The community itself, frightened by the daily climb to 81 polio cases, is tackling the huge inoculation job on a volunteer basis unparalleled in the city's history.

The gamma globulin doesn't give permanent immunity. But experts think the month of protection it does provide will halt the pending

epidemic through the worst of the hot weather "polio season."

At 18 inoculating stations, hundreds of volunteers helped today in the task of dressing and undressing thousands of babies and small children.

Medical staffs at nearby Maxwell and Gunter Air Force Bases aided doctors here in the emergency. And the county health board at Columbus, Ga., 90 miles distant, has offered to help.

The national foundation is picking up most of the estimated million-dollar bill.

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Hop Growers' Case Dismissed

SPOKANE (AP) — Asserting he lacks jurisdiction, Federal Judge Sam Driver Monday dismissed an action brought by several Yakima Valley hop growers to prevent Secretary of Agriculture Benson from ending a federal marketing agreement for West Coast hops. Judge Driver said the secretary is empowered by Congress to terminate the agreement. The marketing pact affects 30,000 tons of hops grown in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. It is scheduled to end Wednesday.

The court action was brought by several Yakima area growers who contended a four-state referendum which led to the order revoking the agreement was not valid because it did not represent more than 50 per cent of the hop producers.

DOCKYARD STRIKE

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Nearly 6,000 civilian workers of the Indian naval dockyard here struck Tuesday as part of a one-day token strike by ordinance employees all over India.

The strike was intended to protest retrenchment and to demand wage hikes.

Down from the land of sky blue waters comes this tale of a wonderful, wonderful beer

How the fame of an unusual beer from Hiawatha Land has been spreading all over America. A friendly challenge to discover the pleasure it can bring to you.

For many years, vacationers from all over America have been coming to the land of sky blue waters.

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