



RAGNOR JOHNSON
Oregon Real
Estate Commissioner

Johnson Plans Realtor Talk

Ragnor Johnson, real estate commissioner for the state of Oregon, will open the educational conference to be held here Thursday at the Willard Hotel.

Plans for the real estate workshop were completed at a luncheon meeting of the conference committee held Tuesday at the Willard Hotel. Present for the meeting were: Vernon Durant, president of the local board of realtors; Claire Ellis, secretary; Ed Chilcote, member of the state real estate commission and Deane Sacher, Ron Fisher, Cal Peyton and Al Longe.

Registration for the all-day meet will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, December 8, in the Juniper Room of the Willard Hotel. Luncheon will be served at noon with State Treasurer Sig Unander, principal speaker. The conference will end at 4 p.m.

This educational meet is open to all brokers and salesmen in the Klamath Basin and affiliation with the local board of realtors is not required. Local realtors will close their offices all day Thursday.

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Benson Says Government May Restore High Price Supports On Top Products

Editors: The United Press submitted a series of questions to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson on the farm problem which has become the center of a heated political debate. The following dispatch is based on his replies.

By BERNARD BRENNER
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today there is a possibility the administration will restore 90 per cent price supports on "top quality products only."

Benson emphasized, in reply to a United Press questionnaire, that he is not abandoning the administration's flexible support program which has been under heavy fire from Democrats.

But he said "we are exploring" a limited 90 per cent support plan "especially as it concerns next year's wheat crop." He does not regard this as a "compromise" with high-support advocates.

"I think that we must recognize and will recognize differentials for quality," he said. "Therefore, I think that there may be some pos-

sibilities for 90 per cent parity supports on these top-quality products only."
The general idea of restoring 90 per cent supports on top-grade basic farm crops already has attracted backing from several leading farm belt senators, including Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Ellender described the proposal as a possible compromise between Benson's flexible program and the rigid high price guarantees in effect under previous Democratic administrations.

Under the former program, originally drafted to spur wartime production of scarce foods and fibers, the government supported six basic crops at 90 per cent of the

so-called "fair" parity price. Under present law, supports may range from 75 to 90 per cent.

The "basics" are wheat, corn, cotton, peanuts, rice and tobacco. Tobacco still is supported at 90 per cent under a special law.

the general idea of a price support differential based on quality.

In his replies to the questionnaire, Benson stoutly defended flexible supports as an overall farm program.

"I do not believe we can get anywhere by raising prices above the levels where commodities will sell," he said. "We must market what the public wants and at

what price levels that will clear the market."

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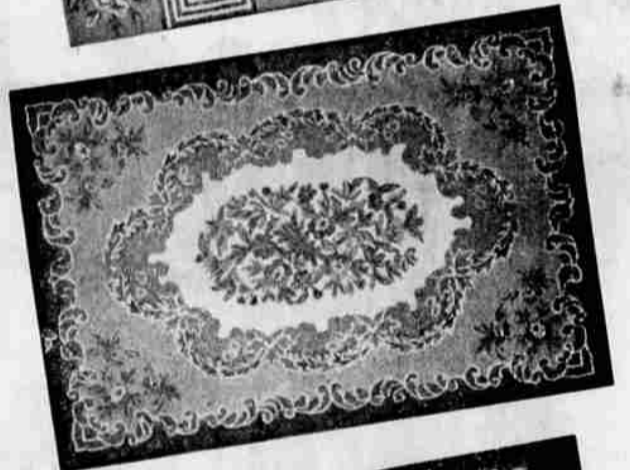
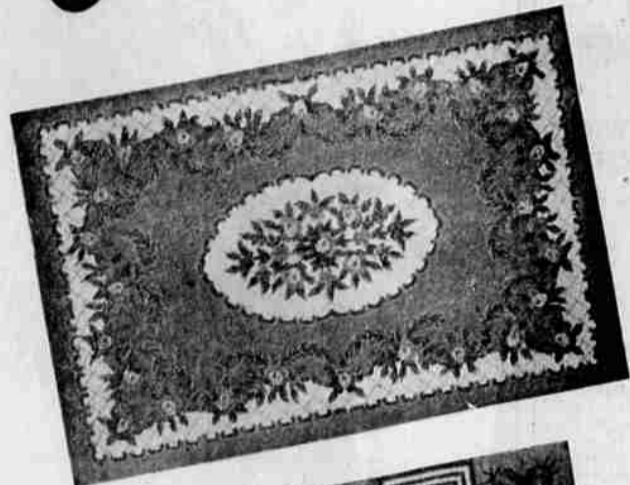
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