

By FRANK JENKINS

The department of agriculture reports this week that the nation's farm real estate hit a RECORD market value of 112 billion 400 million dollars as of July 1 of this year.

It adds that the value of America's farms increased eight per cent during the federal fiscal (financial) year ending on June 30, 1957. That is the largest increase in the capital value of U.S. farms since the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 1951—six years ago.

For this achievement officials of the department credit favorable crop prospects (the 1957 crop is expected to be one of the largest in our history), increased demand for farm products and CONTINUED CONVERSION OF FARM LAND TO RESIDENTIAL SUBURBS.

Why the capital letters in that last sentence?

Well, continued conversion of farm land to residential suburbs is significant. It is significant for two reasons:

1. Farm land sold for suburban residential purposes brings higher prices.

2. Covering up farm land with residences, factories, freeways, airports and so on takes agricultural land out of production and tends to hold down surpluses.

That helps to bring the supply of agricultural products back more nearly into balance with demand for them.

It has been the custom for some time to look upon agriculture's situation as pretty black. Its present balance sheet, however, doesn't confirm that impression.

Farm assets climbed to nearly 177 billion dollars at the end of 1956, an increase of \$8.6 billions, or five per cent, over 1955. This reflected a gain of \$8,800,000,000 in the value of farm real estate and a rise in the value of livestock and farm machinery inventory.

Farm indebtedness rose three per cent to a total of 19 1/2 billion dollars. Of this total, real estate debt was approximately 10 billion dollars. While farm debt has risen in each postwar year except 1953, its growth during the past few years has been LESS THAN THE GROWTH IN ASSETS.

As a result, there has been a steady advance in the farmers' equity, or net worth, which rose eight billion dollars last year to a total of 157 billion dollars.

That isn't such a bad record, everything considered.

Here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California, we are looking forward to a large expansion of industry. Especially in industry based upon our huge stands of fiber timber. But we want a BALANCED economy. We don't want to get all of our eggs into one basket. We hope and believe that our agriculture will rise along with our industrial development.

There is good reason to believe that in this Southern Oregon-Far Northern California area agriculture has good prospects for expansion. The huge and growing California market is immediately adjacent to us. Already in much of California, productive farm land is being covered up by residential areas, factory sites, airports and highways faster than new agricultural land is being brought into production.

Much the same is occurring in Arizona in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. At the same time, and the cities of California and Arizona, which provide the bulk of the MARKETS for agricultural products, are growing astronomically.

Southern Oregon and Far Northern California agriculture can help benefit from this situation.

CLIPPING ILLEGAL

MADISON, Wis. (UP)—Jacket near cuts aren't legal at the Madison jail. Dist. Atty. Joseph Bloodgood said the sheriff had no right to put a 17-year-old inmate into a restraining jacket just to trim his locks.

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Committee Digs Deeper Into Unions

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)—Senate investigators disclosed Saturday they are digging deeper into the handling of union funds by Teamster locals in areas which, they said, have been under James R. Hoffa's domination.

All Teamster locals in the Central and Southern Conferences have been asked to supply a listing of their cash assets, their stocks and bonds, all of their loans since January, 1950, and any advances or payments to other Teamster units.

The request was made in letters sent by Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.), chairman of the special Senate committee investigating racketeering in the labor-management field.

McClellan said in a statement his action was prompted by "clear examples" already uncovered of what he called misuse of union funds by Hoffa, the newly elected president of the Teamsters Union.

McClellan said his committee wants to find out the extent to which "this type of activity was going on in areas which have been under the control and domination of Mr. Hoffa."

After the requested information is received, McClellan said "it will be sifted and studied to determine how the problems raised can be dealt with legislatively."

Hoffa, long Midwest boss of the Teamsters, was overwhelmingly elected head of the giant union at its convention in Miami Beach last week, despite corruption charges leveled against him by the Senate probers and AFL-CIO leaders.

A group of 13 rank-and-file New York Teamster members went into Federal District Court here Friday seeking an order that would bar Hoffa from taking office. Judge F. Dickinson Letts said he would rule on their plea Monday.

The Senate committee, which is looking into charges that the election was rigged in Hoffa's favor, has requested all Teamster locals in the country to furnish it with all their records relating to the selection of convention delegates.

Bear Stunt Nearly Fatal

BOTHELL, Wash., Oct. 13 (AP)—A man dressed in a bear costume to publicize a Junior Chamber of Commerce "Laff-O-Rama" nearly became a hunting casualty Saturday.

Vern Strom, dressed as a bear, climbed a tall fir tree used as Bothell's Christmas tree. Bothell residents spotted the "bear" and the word spread around town.

One of the first at the scene was Dep. Sheriff E. L. Kirkpatrick. And he brought along a rifle.

Kirkpatrick said he had the "bear" in his rifle's sights when he noticed the "bear" was wearing shoes. Later he said he noticed other hunters also were aiming their guns and he rushed to tell them not to shoot.

After a crowd gathered, Strom released handbills advertising the Jaycee event, then came down out of the tree.

Kirkpatrick called the stunt "a very foolish thing."



GOING OVER PLANS before returning to Congress are three democratic members of the House Subcommittee on Indian Affairs. They are left to right, James A. Haley, chairman, of Florida, Al Ullman, Klamath County's representative and George A. Shuford, North Carolina. The trio is here for two days to make further examinations of the Klamath reservation before heading back to Congress in January.

—Photo by Otto Ellis

Reservation Plan Studied

Congressman James A. Haley (D-Fla.) of the House Subcommittee on Indian Affairs said Saturday he is "concerned about the holdings of the federal government" and added that purchase of more land by the government was "not too good."

Haley was here with Al Ullman, this district's congressional representative and George A. Shuford, (D-N.C.). They are on a two-day tour of the Klamath Indian Reservation, gathering additional information for the next session of Congress.

During the last session, a bill was passed providing that no sale of lands could be made until after the 96th session which convenes in January, Haley said.

"This gave us an opportunity to study the problem more thoroughly and it will also provide you people with a chance to be more helpful."

"However, we can't make an actual offer until we have a complete inventory of the timberland. That inventory will be conducted later this month," the congressman said.

Ullman interjected that more legislation is needed and said that "We'll have to do that in the next session. The economy of the Basin is fundamental. We'll see what we can come up with."

Weather BULLETIN

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Occasional rain through Sunday. High Sunday 50-60. High Saturday 48. Low at midnight 35.



Table with columns for SHOOTING HOURS, OREGON, and CALIFORNIA, listing dates and times for open and close periods.

Political Crisis Faces French

PARIS, Oct. 13 (AP)—Rightist former Premier Antoine Pinay inched cautiously ahead Saturday in an attempt to form the 24th postwar government of France.

He seemed in no particular hurry and no one was very optimistic about his chances. After talks with caretaker Premier Maurice Bourges, Maunary, Finance Minister Felix Gaillard, and Wilfrid Baumgartner, governor of the Bank of France, Pinay decided to call it a day.

He arranged Sunday appointments with agricultural and social security experts and such of the party leaders as he could find in town.

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower has no particular plans for observance of his 67th birthday anniversary Monday.

Committee Eyes Problems Facing Migratory Workers

Governor Holmes' Interim Committee on Migratory Labor Saturday heard the principal of the Merrill Grade School, William Kurtz, say that housing conditions for migrant laborers are poor and that going to school means money that could be spent on tangible commodities.

The principal said that even though his school buys shoes and other articles of clothing for some of the families, many are too proud to accept the donation.

Another problem he faces, Kurtz said, is that migratory children are usually one to two years behind other children their own age.

The governor's group is conducting a survey throughout the state relating to Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, which is legislation designed to insure industry an adequate and fair supply of labor and to improve working conditions of the migratory laborers.

Head of the fact-finding committee, Sen. Truman A. Chase, (R-Lane County) heard the principal say that another problem is attendance of the migratory children.

"They see you coming," Kurtz said, "and they tell you that they live in California. It stops you cold. The whole trouble is that we live too close to the border. I suppose that they tell them the same thing down there."

Kurtz was referring to children 10 and 11 years old who should be in school, but because of above mentioned instances, stay in the fields and help their parents.

Another facet of local problems which the workers raise is that of welfare support.

Jack Summerfield, of the welfare commission, said that the county office is spending \$1,000 per day for assistance to the workers.

Armed Killer Still Free In Badlands

PAISLEY, Ore., Oct. 13 (AP)—An influx of weekend deer hunters Saturday complicated the search for an armed killer in high ridges and prairie sagebrush north of here.

A posse of 60 ranchers and lawmen again Saturday failed to turn up any trace of the gunman who Thursday killed John T. Lawson, 60, in a holdup of the post office here.

The possibility existed that the killer may have escaped from the area where the search is being conducted, 20 miles north of here.

The posse Saturday started searching ranch buildings already checked. Bloodhounds again were brought into the search.

But their work was complicated by deer hunters who poured into the area.

Lawmen said the missing killer may have stolen a hunter's car and worked his way around roadblocks that still cover roads in this Southern Oregon ranching area.

The weather was cloudy and damp here Saturday. But a cold wind poured over the high ridges, where the temperature was near freezing.

The killer, armed with a pistol and rifle, was costless.

One man was shot and taken into custody after a posse of ranchers forced the gunman to abandon their car following the robbery. He said he is 32-year-old Donald Ferguson of Bakersfield, Calif.

Ferguson told Postal Inspector G. A. Dunning the missing man is Thurman Jesse Hibden or Jesse Thurman Hibden, about 30, of Delhi, Calif. Hibden is a former ranch hand here.

The gunmen obtained \$160 and some blank money orders in the robbery. The cash and money orders were recovered.

Lawson, a veteran of both world wars, was killed when he tried to go to the aid of Mrs. Anita Bannister, the postmaster who was pistol-whipped in the holdup.

Postal inspector E. H. Eskola filed charges of assault and armed robbery against Ferguson, who waived a preliminary hearing. The case is to go before a grand jury at Lakeview, the county seat where Ferguson is held.

Lawson leaves a widow at Paisley and several daughters, including Mrs. O. C. Johnson, Bellingham, Wash.

Lake County Sheriff Thomas Elliott Saturday denied reports that Ferguson had been moved to another jail for fear he would be lynched.

Elliott said Ferguson was in the Lake County Jail. "I know the people of this community not to be inclined toward violence. If they had been of that bent of mind, something would have happened when Ferguson was captured."

Elizabeth Arrives For Canadian Tour

OTTAWA, Oct. 13 (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip arrived here Saturday amid the booming of a 21-gun salute to her first North American visit as a reigning monarch.

The Queen's four-engined DC7C landed at 4:21 p.m. EDT, four minutes ahead of schedule on its 13 1/2-hour flight from London.

However, clinging to the precise schedule, the aircraft's door was not opened until exactly 4:30 p.m.

A Royal Canadian Air Force Band played "God Save the Queen."

The 31-year-old Queen stepped quickly from the plane as a great cheer went up from a crowd of about 30,000 persons at the Uplands Air Base, many of them school children waving small flags.

A step behind her was her tall, blond husband.

Philip was hatless in the bright sunshine.

Elizabeth, looking pert in a full-skirted red afternoon dress with a pink collar, stepped forward smartly to receive the official hello from Canada's governor general, Vincent Massey, and Prime Minister and Mrs. John Diefenbaker.

Then she took off, as camera flashbulbs popped, on a brisk inspection of the honor guard, 100 Royal Canadian Air Force men.

It was the second visit of the royal couple to Ottawa. They came here on a tour of Canada six years ago, when Elizabeth was a princess.

Capt. Gordon Store, the South African pilot of the American-built plane, said the westward flight was smooth except for slight turbulence at some stages, and that this did not affect the royal passengers. Both Elizabeth and Philip went forward to visit him during the transatlantic trip.

By the time the plane, a blue-and-silver craft named the Seven Seas, rolled to a halt here the thousands at the airport were cheering with emotion.

The crowd was hushed while waiting for the Queen to appear.

Then as she emerged from the plane, followed by Philip, deafening cheers filled the airport.

Massey, smiling broadly, greeted the Queen and then presented the Prime Minister and Mrs. Diefenbaker.

The Queen was escorted by a Canadian lieutenant, Val Burdett. Her brisk tramp through the ranks of the guards polished off the inspection in less than the eight minutes allotted for the ritual.

Back at the dais, Diefenbaker presented Canada's Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin, Turkish Ambassador Amat Cavat Ustun who is diplomatic dean here, Ottawa's Mayor George Neils, Air Marshal Hugh Campbell, and the air base commander, Group Capt. C. H. Mussels.

Wives of each of the officials also were presented to the Queen.

The royal couple then drove off in their cream-colored limousine, first circling the enclosure to provide a glimpse to crowds that had waited hours to see them. The car had been fitted with a clear plastic top to protect the pair from a stiff breeze.

Windows in downtown buildings overlooking the 14-mile route were jammed. Newshoos of Ottawa sent up a small plane trailing a banner which said "The children welcome you to Canada."

The Queen and Philip will stay in a 60-room mansion during their four-day visit—Rideau Hall, the governor general's home.

CHITTENDEN, Vt., Oct. 13 (AP)—The body of a Eugene, Ore., Army officer was found in the burned wreckage of an Army L-20 airplane Saturday.

Col. Emery E. Hyde, 46, Eugene, was one of four officers who perished when the plane crashed and burned on Lookoff Mountain on a flight from New York to Burlington, Vt., Oct. 2.

Hyde's father is Clarence Hyde, the Oregon state real estate commissioner.

The body of one officer was found 200 yards from the burned plane. There was a two-day growth of beard on his face, leading the search party to believe he was the only one on the plane not killed outright.

Searchers said they thought he was Col. David M. Perkins of Wichita Falls, Texas.

All the plane's occupants apparently were sprayed with burning gasoline when the plane crashed.

Also aboard the plane when it vanished were Capt. Eual Cathley, 33, Brooklyn, and Lt. Col. Clinton Merrill, 44, DeWitt, N.Y.

"SCOWL STRIKE" ENDS

RIO DE JANEIRO (UP)—Chorus girls at a Rio night club called off a "scowl strike" following the settlement of a dispute with the management. For the duration of the dispute, the girls had refused to smile at the customers.

Local Couple Hurt In Wreck

A Fort Klamath woman, June Ryland, 24, was reported in critical condition at Klamath Valley Hospital on Saturday afternoon as the result of injuries received in a one-car accident one-half mile south of Modoc Point on Highway 97.

Upon hitting a slick spot on the road, the car she was driving went out of control and over the embankment. A finger from one hand was severed and she has a deep gash in one side and possible back injuries.

Her husband, Joe Ryland, 25, riding with her, is also in the hospital with possible back injuries. His condition was said not to be critical.

The accident happened between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. on Saturday.



NEW ZEALANDERS, traveling here under the auspices of Rotarians of the two countries in the interest of international understanding and good will, provided the program at the Klamath Falls Rotary Club Friday. These eight young businessmen and their leader, Vic Butler, vice president of the Rotary Club of Mt. Roskill, Auckland, have been in the Pacific Northwest since landing at Vancouver, B. C., six months ago. They were given an aerial view of Crater Lake and were entertained in the homes of Klamath Rotarians before continuing to Medford today. Left to right are Doug McLeay, footwear retailing; Waihi; Don Hopkirk, farmer; Stratford; Bill Carthew, stock and station agent, Pahiatua; Fred Watson, accountant, Takapuna; O. K. Puckett, president of the Klamath Falls Rotary Club; John Wilson, motor parts purchasing officer, Auckland; Vic Butler, group leader; Trevor Martin, accountant, Ford Motor Co., Petone; Archie Mason, timber and house building executive, Auckland and Michael Jeune, electrical supplies, Napier. Next year Rotarians from this area will send a similar group of young Americans to New Zealand.



QUOTARIANS from Alaska, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon met, for the first District 14 conference to be held in Klamath Falls, on Friday evening, Saturday morning and today. Business sessions opened at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday. At the head table were, from left, Ardath Danielson of Eugene, district lieutenant governor; Elsie Yarter of Cheyenne, president of Quota International; Lucille Larson of Tacoma, district governor; Elizabeth Malm, district secretary-treasurer, and James Barnes, mayor pro tem. — Photo by Ellis