

Things Look Politically Better For GOP On Farms

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Things political are looking a bit brighter for Republicans on—of all places—the farms.

Not on all of the farms, of course, but on enough of them to give some farm belt Republican candidates something cheerful to think about.

Credit for that will be disputed. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson substantially credits his conservative farm policies which tend away from high and

rigid farm price subsidies. A Democratic wheat farmer in western Kansas would be more inclined to credit the almighty and weather conditions which are bringing toward harvest a big wheat crop.

However much the weather may have helped, it is obvious that Benson's farm policies did not—as predicted—prevent the good things which are happening to many farmers in the Midwest. Good things, especially, for the corn-hog, corn-beef farmers. The grain growers who sell for cash instead of feeding stock are not doing so well.

That was the report this month of Bernard Brenner, United Press International farm writer, after a swing through the Midwest and into the Texas cotton fields. Brenner found farmers and their small town merchant suppliers better off now than previously in many Midwest areas.

There are other indicators of opinion. In a recent congressional record was reproduced an editorial from the Boise (Idaho) Daily Statesman which is listed by editor and publisher as an independent Republican newspaper. The editorial remarked evidence that Benson was emerging from the farmer's dog house by reason of improvement in the agricultural economy.

"It is coming to be rather commonly remarked now-a-days," the editorial continued, "that there's no recession in agriculture. And it's a matter of record that farm prices as of last April 15 were about 10 per cent above those of April 1957, while—most significantly—farm costs rose only 3 per cent in that period. Thus, arithmetic favors the secretary."

Benson touched the same theme in an interview with Brenner. Benson replied that rising costs had hurt farmers more than declining prices. He estimated the cost hike from 1929 to 1952 at 100 per cent compared to only six per cent since 1952.

Assistant Agriculture Secretary Marvin L. McClain told senators three weeks ago that agriculture, long the weakest spot in the U.S. economy, "has been a source of strength in the current recession." Somewhat earlier, the department predicted a hike in egg prices at the farm during the next few months.

That is big political news of itself because egg money usually is a reward of the farm wife. When prices are right she is likely to be happy, perhaps happy enough to vote Republican.

Dairy farmers do not have it as good as the corn-hog, corn-cattle feeder men and there are other short spots. It all adds up, however, to some good news for the Republicans, of which they haven't had much lately.

Farm Wages Hike Noted

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department reported Friday that farmers received 9 per cent more money for agricultural products sold during the first five months of this year than in the like period last year.

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Burney Lions Plan Picnic

BURNEY — The Burney Lions Club will hold a Charter Day picnic this Sunday, June 29, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Jack Rabbit Flat. Special invitations have been issued to Lions and their families from Mount Shasta, sponsor of the Burney Lions Club; Fall River Mills, Bieber and Alturas.

Deputy District Governor William Letcher will head the delegation from Mount Shasta. The Fall River Mills delegations will be headed by their International Councilor Ben Jenne.

Buck Meeker, is general chairman of the Charter Day picnic, and Murph Terry is co-chairman. Col. Jim Long, Jack McAvoy, Bill Hanan and Bill Jackson of the Redding Club are on the food committee.

Refreshments will be handled by Rex and Walt Vaughn; Wally Hilliard, food stand; Dave Podbielski, children's entertainment; John Downing, adult entertainment; and Don Parker, lighting.

A special feature of the children's entertainment will be a fishing contest in Burney Creek, and all participants are reminded to bring their own fishing gear.

The food committee requests that all attending the picnic bring their own complete table service.

A highlight of the day's program will be the presentation of special awards, such as monarch pins to Lions with 10 years membership and 100 per cent attendance pins.

Dancing will be enjoyed later in the evening.

Judge Mack To Attend Meet

Klamath County Judge Charles H. Mack has been named one of two Oregon delegates to the Interstate Public Lands Committee's annual meeting July 20-21 at Glacier National Park, Montana.

Mack will accompany Oregon's other delegate, Jackson County Judge Rod Keating.

Eleven western states compose the important group—all interested mutually in what happens to federal public lands.

At a recent State Land Committee meeting in Portland, state of Oregon officials agreed this state's share of the interstate group's 1958-59 budget would be \$3,500. Most of the other states will put up considerably less to raise a required \$8,000, but Oregon reaps about one-half of the income from all the federal lands in the member states.

Also at the State Public Land Committee meeting, the group reaffirmed a resolution of last November that sale of Klamath tribal lands as part of termination should be postponed until a proper study of the complicated problem can be accomplished.

Calm Thief Robs Burlingame Bank

BURLINGAME (UPI)—A calm tanned robber in a Panama hat and conservative gray suit robbed the American Trust Company of \$883 Thursday and then slipped away in the noontime crowd.

Teller Camille Carlson, 26, reported that the bandit rested a revolver on the counter and ordered her to "give me what you have."

Once he had the money, he ordered Miss Carlson to turn around and then he strolled calmly out the door. Bank Manager Andrew McConnell sprinted after him, but couldn't find him on the crowded street.

FAMILY CUSTOM

OGDEN, Utah (AP)—Dennis R. Earl felt right at home when he joined the Naval Reserve here. He was sworn in by his father, Lt. Comdr. Lemuel R. Earl. His brother Lemuel Jr., also a reservist, was on hand for the ceremony.



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Steel Industry Hit By Mogul

MIDLAND, Pa. (UPI)—David J. McDonald, United Steelworker president, charged today the steel industry was telling a "barefaced lie" each time it attempted to "alibi" a price increase by blaming labor costs.

McDonald, in a keynote speech at the USW District 20 conference here, said wage rises were earned through increased productivity at no additional cost to the employer. He said steel production per employee had risen "impressively" year after year.

The USW chief cited figures which he said demonstrated the rise in production during a long period. He said a ton of finished steel requires 15 man hours of work. Thirty-eight years ago, McDonald said, 70 man hours were needed to produce a ton of finished steel.

"In recent years the growth in productivity has averaged between three and one half and four per cent," McDonald said. "Unfortunately, this fact is not known by enough people. And steel industry management does its best to conceal this fact from its own employees as well as the public."

"By concealing it the industry is able to pretend that the slight increase in hourly wage rates requires a price increase to pay for it. Any attempt to alibi such a price increase by pointing to wages is a barefaced lie."

He said industry was "convincing" in its attempts to stir public indignation with the union. He said many industry spokesmen and "politicians" blame "organized labor for the condition of our country."

McDonald said "explanations for the (economic) downturn seem to add up to one recommendation—just freeze wages and everything will be all right."

Work To Start On New Sewer

Last official step in getting construction under way on the South Suburban Sanitary District's sewer system has been taken, it was announced today.

A contract for the job was awarded by directors to Lee Hoffman, Inc., Beaverton contractor, who submitted the low bid of \$1,615,672 June 18.

The firm told directors it expects to start work Monday, July 7. The entire job, calling for installing some 45 miles of 8- to 36-inch diameter pipe plus disposal facilities, is slated for completion by September, 1959.

Concrete sewer pipe will be used and directors declared it would be rigidly inspected and tested both before and after it's laid.

The district, with voters' approval, has previously sold \$1.8 million in bonds in pay for construction, administration, etc.

Directors opened bids June 18 from nine contractors. Hoffman's was lowest.

Church Summer School Closes

NEW PINE CREEK — The Baptist Church summer school closed on Friday with a program at 7:30 p.m. which was well attended.

Dr. C. E. Hunt, supervisor of instruction for the summer classes, returned last Monday to his home in Fresno to prepare for a big fifth Sunday meeting on June 29 at Modesto.

Elder Swinney and his family plan to attend the meeting and for that reason there will be no church services at the local Baptist Church on Sunday. Sunday School will meet as usual.

HUNGARIANS DEMONSTRATE

VIENNA, Austria (UPI)—A protest demonstration by Hungarian refugees against the Communist executions of freedom Premier Imre Nagy and other rebel leaders was broken up by Austrian police in front of the Hungarian Legation here Thursday night. Police arrested about 30 demonstrators who refused to obey orders to disperse.

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State Representatives Back Klamath-Reno Air Service

Hopes for scheduled airline service between here and Reno got a shot in the arm today when it was learned U.S. Senators Wayne Morse and Richard Neuberger along with Representative Al Ullman are backing the project solidly.

The three legislators notified Chamber Manager R. Frank Tucker by letter they would appear in person before the Civil Aeronautics Board July 30 when oral hearings on Reno air service are to be held. They were originally slated for July 16, but have been delayed two weeks by the CAB.

Tucker, too, will be in Washington, D.C., and present this community's arguments to the board, which must consent to the additional service.

A CAB examiner has recommended Klamath Falls be given air service to Salem and Boise, which it doesn't currently have. But he failed to recommend the Reno flights, which many local persons believe would be a greater asset than the Boise service. All additions are still subject to CAB approval.

Tucker said he has forwarded all the chamber's arguments for the Reno extension to the three legislators, so they can familiarize themselves in detail on why the service is essential.

The manager said one of the chief points to be emphasized is that bus service currently is the only public transportation available to the Nevada town. (The bus trip takes seven hours, makes only one trip daily from here, at 3 p.m.)

In his letter to Tucker, Morse declared: "By working closely with you and my congressional colleagues, I have great hopes for a successful conclusion to this important case."

Senator Neuberger said he had checked the office of Senator Bible (Nevada) and that it "would appear that Reno and Nevada interests will also vigorously support the request."

Said Representative Ullman: "I have been following this matter closely and I will do everything possible to assure favorable action by the CAB."

Reds Refuse U.N. Request

BUDAPEST (AP)—Communist Hungary refused Friday to answer a U. N. request for information on the recent executions of former Premier Imre Nagy and three other leaders of the Hungarian revolt.

Government spokesman Laszlo Gyarus said no information would be provided to the five-nation committee which appealed last Saturday for any information U.N. members might have on the executions.

Gyarus pointed out that Hungary had not cooperated with the committee's original investigation of the revolt. The committee condemned Russia for suppressing what it called a spontaneous national uprising.

"This organ of the U. N. is a willing instrument of certain imperialist powers," Gyarus charged, "and its activities threaten the impartiality of the U. N."

"The government of the Hungarian People's Republic has never submitted and will never submit to those resolutions passed in the (General) Assembly on the so-called Hungarian question, which are an interference in its domestic affairs and thus in conflict with the U. N. Charter."

The Hungarian Ministry of Justice announced June 17 that Nagy, Gen. Pal Maleter and two journalists had been tried and executed on charges of creating a rebellion against the government. The trials reportedly took place a short time before that and the four were believed executed early June 16.

The U. N. committee said the four "were secretly sent to death in defiance of the judgment and opinion of the United Nations" and in violation of solemn pledges they would not be harmed.

Old Billie Walker Ranch Is Sold

NEW PINE CREEK — The old Billie Walker ranch on Lassen Creek was sold recently to E. H. Boys of Paso Robles, California, by Carmen Fleming. The property had become a part of the late Fleming Brothers' estate.

The deal was handled by Lee Cruzon of the Strout Realty Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Boys plan to build a new home on the place where they will live in semi-retirement. While investigating various properties in this area, they stopped at the State Line Motel here.

Families To Move Back To Homes

GUTHRIE, Okla. (AP)—Some of the 150 families evacuated from their homes in flood-swamped areas of this central Oklahoma city were due to move back in and begin mopping up today.

Floodwaters which spread over a 12-block area started receding last night. The flood sent an estimated 400 persons burrying for higher ground early yesterday. No injuries were reported.

BITTEN WHILE SWIMMING

SARASOTA, Fla. (UPI)—A 15-year-old boy recovered today from a severe bite inflicted by an "unknown marine creature." The boy, Frank Mahala of Salem, N.J., was bitten Tuesday while swimming at a beach on Florida's west coast. Authorities said the animal may have been a barracuda. Doctors performed a long operation to repair damage to the leg, which was bitten twice. Some of the flesh was torn away.

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LORRAINE (Buttons) Smith, 17, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Givan Sr., Beatty, entered the Senior Queen contest of the Klamath Basin Rodeo last Friday. Buttons, who is a senior at St. Mary's High School, Medford, has been riding for 13 years. Her horse is a black and white pinto, Dutch.

Jets Collide; Pilots Safe

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Two Navy Crusader jets collided 42,000 feet above San Francisco Bay Thursday, with the pilot of one surviving an eight-mile plunge into bay waters.

Lt. (jg) Robert C. Burlingame, 24, Sunnyvale, parachuted safely from his damaged craft, and the pilot of the second jet, Lt. (jg) Paul Schulz, Palo Alto, landed his plane safely at Moffett Field.

The two fliers were executing a high altitude maneuver when the tail of Schulz' plane clipped the wing of Burlingame's Crusader. Burlingame said afterwards he jettisoned himself from the spinning jet and tumbled at speeds that nearly blacked him out until his parachute opened about half-way down. He dropped into the bay south of Alameda Naval Air Station and was rescued minutes later by a crash boat.

Pair Granted Passports

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer Paul Robeson and Professor Corliss Lamont Thursday received the passports they have been trying to obtain for years.

Robeson, a Negro, has been trying since 1950 to acquire the little green book necessary to go abroad. Lamont, lecturer at Columbia University, had been unsuccessful since 1951.

They were denied passports because of refusal to answer questions on their passport applications about Communist Party membership. Both men have been identified with left-wing causes, but have denied Communist Party membership.

Last week the Supreme Court ruled that a passport could not be withheld from a person because of his beliefs or associations.

Robeson said he plans to fly to London in about two weeks for stage, television and radio appearances.

Lamont said he wated his passport for a trip around the world next year.

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