

## AROUND THE FARM BY DON COIN WALROD County Extension Agent

Parity, parity price is a term that we hear often but it is one that is not too well understood, especially by non-farm people. The word parity is so frequently heard in connection with support prices that some folks might confuse these two.

In effect parity prices are the dollar and cents prices that will give farm commodities the same buying or purchasing power that these commodities had in a selected base period when the prices received by farmers and the prices paid by farmers were considered to be in good balance. This purchasing power is measured in terms of (1) prices of goods purchased by farmers, (2) interest on farm indebtedness secured by farm real estate, (3) Taxes on farm real estate, and (4) Cash wage rates paid hired labor.

Parity prices are not set up to measure cost of production plus a fair profit. Also they are not prices that will provide farmers with income equal to non-farm people. However, when prices of farm commodities are at parity, farm incomes are in a much better balance with those of non-farm people than when prices are below parity.

There might be some question by some people about the fairness of seeking a balance between prices received and prices paid. However, a similar situation exists in industry where comparisons are made between wages paid workers and living costs. Labor contracts often contain cost of living clauses to which wage rates are geared—a relationship that is similar to parity.

The basic period used in computing parity prices generally is the period of 1910-14. This period was selected because it was one in which farm and non-farm prices apparently were in reasonable balance with one another. For many commodities a more recent period, or modernized parity, is used for determining the relationship of prices.

Naturally parity prices change from time to time and in the same direction and by the same relative amount as prices paid by farmers change. Thus if prices farmers pay doubles, parity prices double; or if farm prices go down to half, parity drops to half. When the price of a certain commodity—say beef—is at parity, the return from 1000 pounds of beef will buy as much

food, clothing, building materials, machinery, or fertilizer, etc., as it did during the five-year period 1910-14. If the price is below parity the farmer can buy less with the return from 1000 pounds of beef; when it is above he can buy more.

The effective parity price is computed for 165 commodities on the fifteenth of each month by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and published in the bureau's mid-month price reports. Some of the parity prices reported for February 15 are as follows: Milk per hundredweight, \$4.38; oats per bushel, \$3.84; beef cattle per hundredweight, \$21.10; eggs per dozen, 45.4c; and lambs per hundredweight, \$23.23.

Most of the present prices are below parity. One interesting observation on this parity matter is that the only time that prices for farm commodities have been up to or above parity is during periods when the United States was at war.

### Portland Church Group Visits Vernonia Church

RIVERVIEW — Several young people from the Friendly Bible church in Portland visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Snook Sunday afternoon and then attended the youth meeting and church services at the Vernonia Bible church. The visitors were: Beverly Avery, Al Reichenberger, Billy Miano, Craig Wehesser, Gail Langdon, Mary Neal, Jewell Fest, Opal Bond, Joyce Beighley, Judy Johnson, Deanna Ruff and Daniel Ready.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison moved from First street to the Schaack house at Treharne.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lindsley of Springfield visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lindsley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bond of West, California have been visiting in the neighborhood. They spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Krinick and visiting at the Ed Buckner home both Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huntley took their daughter, Mrs. George Schlessler to the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schlessler at Beaverton on Saturday, where she will visit for a while.

### SCOUT LEADERS TRAIN

Jewell Lloyd, John Vike and Truman Knight attended a Scout leaders basic training course in Portland Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, at the new council training center. Lloyd and Knight completed the training and were presented with certificates. Vike completed the last half of the work.

Prudence is an excellent virtue—but don't confuse it with timidity.

## Our Great America by Woody



## Agricultural Council to Hold County Conference at Rainier April 4

Columbia county's agricultural planning council has set the date of the Ten Year Agricultural Conference for April 4, announces Elmer Loyd, chairman. The council will meet at 8:00 p.m. at the Rainier elementary school to hear the recommendations of the committees.

For the past three months the nine committees of the council have been working on the specific problems in their field. Most of them have given considerable study to the current situation that exists in the county as well as taking stock of the potential for the area, and in addition they have attempted to look ten years in the future in making recommendations that would benefit Columbia county and its people.

A similar conference was carried out by the council in February 1946, according to county extension agent, Don Coin Walrod. However, the recommendations made at that time have either been accomplished in many cases, or they are in need of revision.

The nine committees working in preparation for the agricultural conference are: Livestock with Bill Minkoff, Clatskanie, as chairman; crops and soils under chairman Floyd Leever, Goble; weeds, Earl Watson; forestry led by Everett Skeans, Rainier; dairy under Jack Leu, Goble; 4-H and youth committee led by Mrs. Frances Harper, Yankton; horticulture under Bob Wence, Goble; poultry, Bob Bullis, Rainier; and farm and family living under the chairmanship of Mrs. Hans Hovland, Rainier.

The committee on farm and family living gives consideration to a wide variety of subject ranging from taxation to recreation. Problems having to do with the home and the family and its general welfare are the main interests of this committee, which has been one of the more important ones in the past.

The agricultural planning council is an organization that works with and assists the extension ser-

vice in planning and carrying out the type of program that the people of the county indicate can best meet their needs. Approximately 150 people are included in the membership of the committees.

Everyone is invited to the agricultural conference program, but Loyd particularly urges that businessmen and the heads of organizations attend.

## YESTERDAYS

### FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Eagle, March 29, 1951  
James Johns was named Cubmaster to succeed Darrold Proehl who will serve as assistant.

The women's bowling team sponsored by Betty's Cafe and composed of Mary Wiese, Agnes Blount, Esme Clossner, Bess Wells and Hazel Shipman placed seventh in the Oregon State Women's Bowling tournament.

Mrs. W. F. McDonald and 12 Rainbow Girls attended the grand assembly at Seaside from Thursday until Sunday.

### TEN YEARS AGO

From The Eagle, March 28, 1945  
R. M. Aldrich, S.P.&S. railway agent here, retired this week after 47 years railroading, 22 of which were spent in Vernonia.

Mrs. Harry Culbertson, local chairman of the Red Cross drive reported that \$1051.68 had been turned in to date.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From The Eagle, March 28, 1941  
Hiram Van Blaricum was honored with a party on his 86th birthday.

Red, white and blue streamers and flags were used for decorations for the Little Dance club's last dance of the season held Saturday night at the I.O.O.F. hall. Music was furnished by Hal Cook's orchestra.

## AUCTION SALE

### Dairy Cattle, Farm Equipment and 32 Acre Farm

Having decided to quit dairying in order to devote my entire time to my Milk Distributing plant, I will sell my farm and my entire herd of fine dairy cattle and equipment 4 miles North of Vernonia, Oregon on Mist Route.

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## wage earners rights in Oregon

Subject: Child Labor Restrictions  
All minors under 18 have the safeguards of Oregon's child labor laws. Some basic protections of these laws are those which prevent excessive work-time, hazardous work, and work in environments generally considered undesirable for youth. These are explained below.

Q. How many hours may my 16-year-old son work?

A. There are three maximums in work time for all minors in industrial employment. They are an 8-hour day, a 44-hour week and a 6-day week. The only exception is on seasonal work in processing perishable farm products when a 10-hour day is permitted for minors over 16. Before employment, a minor must obtain a release from school if any work involves school hours.

Q. What kinds of work are regarded as too hazardous for minors?

A. The following are some occupations in which employment of a minor is prohibited under circumstances. Check carefully before encouraging a minor to take work in any of these classifications—

1. Logging operations
2. Sawmill operations
3. Operation of motor vehicles
4. On power-driven woodworking machines
5. On power-driven metal-cutting machines
6. Slaughtering and meat-packing
7. Mining
8. Elevator operator
9. Manufacturing of explosives
10. On power-driven bakery machines
11. Work that exposes to radioactive substances
12. Paper products machine operation.

Q. Are girls prohibited from doing any kinds of work?

A. Additional prohibitions on the employment of girls under 18 ban the jobs of car hop, house-to-house canvassing, and maid in hotel or motel. No minors, girls or boys, may be employed where draught beer is sold.

If you have a question, write Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen, State Bureau of Labor, Salem, Oregon.

The man who works only because he has to will never advance.

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## Nine New Books Now In Library

New books which are now available at the Vernonia Public library include:

The Scarlet Cord by Frank Slaughter; Case of the Terrified Typist, Earle Stanley Gardner; The Gentlemen, Edison Marshall; Search for Bridey Murphy, Morey Bernstein; Valley of the Vines, Joy Packer; Murder in Haiti, John W. Vandercook; Behind the Mountains, Christopher La Farge and a young peoples book, Youth, Youth, an exciting collection of stories helping the girl or boy to realize that there aren't any new problems under the sun. They have all been faced and solved before, collected by Albert B. Tibbets.



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