

Business Lull is Held Prelude to New Surge

Federal Economists Find That United States Still in Advancing Phase of Cycle.

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WASHINGTON (UP)—The United States still is in the "advancing phase" of the business cycle, despite a lull in industrial output, according to economists of the Department of Agriculture.

The bureau of agricultural economics said that for the remainder of this year, relatively little change in industrial activity is expected, but predicted that "sooner or later the upward movement will be continued."

"In several very important industries output continues well in excess of new business, but backlogs of orders may be sufficient to keep them going with little more than the usual summer recession until larger volume of new orders is received," the bureau said.

Consumer Demand Stable

Economists working under direction of A. G. Black, chief of the bureau, said consumer demand for farm products is expected to be relatively stable during the next few months.

"Since consumer incomes and the demand for farm products fluctuate less than industrial activity, no reason is apparent at present to expect any major changes in domestic demand until 1938," the bureau said.

The bureau said the effects of large crops on business activity may be over-emphasized, "since the large crops mean increased business for transportation, processing and marketing agencies."

Good crops this year, the bureau said, will add somewhat to farm income, even though the larger quantities in most cases will be sold at lower prices. Advances may be expected this fall in some commodities, it was said.

Meat Prices to Rise

"Prospective strengthening of world markets," the bureau said, "may result in somewhat higher prices for wheat. Marketings of livestock for the remainder of the year will be small, with prices higher."

The economists attributed the "generally optimistic business outlook" to "excellent crop prospects, decreased labor unrest, generally improved business sentiment, easy credit, the still large replacement needs arising from purchases deferred during the depression, improved world trade conditions and the general impetus of the recovery movement."

"Consideration of the situation prevailing in the several industries contributing most importantly to industrial production does not, however, point to much additional improvement during the remainder of the year, at least," the bureau said.

"Eventually, the construction industry is counted upon to furnish the necessary stimulus for an additional cyclical upswing," it said. Recently, it added, building activity has been "rather disappointing."

QUESTIONS STATE COUNCIL

LINCOLN, Sept. 18 (UP)—State Auditor W. H. Price today announced he would ask the attorney general for an opinion as to the constitutionality of the new law creating the legislative council.

He said that Senator Allen Strong of Gordon had raised the issue regarding legality of the measure.

"This council is made up of members of the legislature and each one of the 15 members of the legislature receives his salary," Strong wrote.

"The unicameral amendment specifically stated that that salary was to be just that and not any more. How can they pay themselves a per diem, as I understand they contemplate doing in addition to their annual salary? I am not a lawyer, let alone being a constitutional one, but I believe this bill should be tested in the courts."

Strong, a republican, said he was opposed to the whole idea of the legislative council and that, if a special session were called he would introduce a bill to abolish it.

"This council is just another bureau," he wrote. "Proponents of this bureau make claims for research. Fifteen. The American taxpayer is about fed up on research and bureau."

NO CHANGE IN PHEASANT SEASON

LINCOLN, Sept. 17 (UP)—The state game, forestation and parks commission has decided to make no changes in the pheasant hunting season or regulations, Secretary Frank B. O'Connell announced today.

"After studying a survey we have been making of pheasant population the commission decided it would not be advisable to alter the pheasant hunting season," he said.

The pheasant season extends from October 17 to 26 inclusive. O'Connell added that there was some doubt as to the constitutionality of any regulation which would make some counties open to hunting and others closed. He said such a rule might be construed by the courts as a "violation of the constitutional provision prohibiting special game laws."

This is the first year that all counties have been opened to pheasant hunting but the legality of opening only a few counties never has been determined he explained.

O'Connell said he had received letters from many sections of the state advocating a closed season because of belief that pheasants are needed to destroy grasshoppers.

Seek United States Promise of Co-Operation

Great Britain and France Want Aid in League of Nation Consideration of China Protest.

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GENEVA, Sept. 16 (UP)—Great Britain and France moved today to enlist United States co-operation in League of Nations consideration of China's appeal for aid against Japanese aggression.

A few hours before a League Council meeting at which China planned to demand League action against Japan, British and French delegates urged—apparently with success—that Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, chief of the Chinese delegates, defer a proposed request that the League invoke Article XVII of its covenant.

This article provides that non-member nations, like Japan, shall be invited to participate in any discussions concerning them. If the non-member refuses, the League continues with its action. Japan has already made it clear she would flout any League effort to intervene in her war against China.

Britain and France urged China to delay invocation of Article XVII in hope that United States co-operation might be obtained.

They thought the best course for the present might be to revive the League's International Advisory committee formed after Japan's seizure of Manchuria. The United States accepted an observer's seat on this committee, though the committee was powerless to stop the Japanese seizure, at least most league powers, and the United States, never have recognized the conquest and to them Manchuria remains Chinese.

ASK APPROVAL

LINCOLN, Sept. 17 (UP)—Approval by State Engineer A. C. Tilley of a proposed reorganization and redistricting of the eastern Nebraska public power district was sought in a petition filed today by Secretary George W. Kline of Lincoln.

Kline, one of the four directors who would be dropped from the board of directors if approved, asked Tilley to set a date for a hearing on the proposal. The law requires the state engineer to advertise the hearing for three weeks.

Other directors who would be affected by the reorganization are George I. Craven of Lincoln, William Bischof, Jr., of Nebraska City, and Mrs. Mable Gillespie of Gretna.

The law also stipulates that Tilley hold a hearing whether or not there are protests against the change. It was anticipated, however, that Craven, Bischof, and Mrs. Gillespie would enter a vigorous protest. They have been at odds with the majority members of the board for several months.

The ruling majority headed by Dr. A. P. Fitzsimmons of Tecumseh, president of the board, is attempting to oust them by eliminating from the district Lancaster county, home of Craven and Kline; Nebraska City Bischof's home; and Gretna, Mrs. Gillespie's residence.

The Southern Nebraska rural public power district of Hastings sought a less controversial change in its setup in a petition in which Tilley was asked to approve a change in headquarters to Minden which is the center of the district.

MURDOCK ITEMS

Mrs. Harold Luetchens was in Lincoln last Thursday for a few hours.

Harold Luetchens attended a sale in Syracuse, Nebr., last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. August Ruge were in Nebraska City last Wednesday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Matzke had the telephone service to their home discontinued last week.

Miss Berdene Hansen, one of the grade teachers in Murdock, visited with her parents at Milford over the week-end.

Miss Lone Weddell, who was so ill for some time, is now reported as considerably better and expects to be entirely well again soon.

Leo Rikli has been bothered considerably of late with a hand infection that has kept him from engaging in the fall farm work.

LeRoy Dean of Ashland was a business visitor in Murdock last Wednesday afternoon, calling on his friend, W. T. Weddell, while here.

Marvin T. Bushnell of near Ashland visited in Murdock last Sunday, coming to visit at the home of Robert Crowford, who is a cousin of Mr. Bushnell.

Mrs. Robert Stock, who has been suffering the past few days with a skin infection on her face, which nearly closed one eye, is considerably improved.

Mrs. Alvin Neitzel and her niece, Mrs. Clara Zierot are visiting at the bedside of their sister and mother in South Dakota, where they were called recently.

Anton King of near Alvo was looking after business matters in Murdock Wednesday of last week and was meeting with many of his old friends while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller attended a cattle sale at Seward, Nebraska, last Wednesday. They report that good milk cows sold at a high price, one going as high as \$125.00.

Bryan McDonald was looking after business matters in Lincoln last Wednesday afternoon. While he was away, Mrs. Hannah McDonald looked after business at the store.

Edward Guehstorf and family and Mrs. Barbara Goetz motored to Lincoln last Monday on a shopping trip. They returned home late that evening after a pleasant journey.

August Ruge and family were in Lincoln Wednesday of last week, where they were visiting friends for the day and were looking after business matters as well.

Miss Dorothy Gakemeier, who is teaching school over near Phillip Schaeffer's, was a visitor at home over the week end, returning to her school work late Sunday evening.

A fine baby girl was born last month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brandt, in Louisville. Reports have arrived that the baby and mother are gaining nicely at this time.

Herman Kuehn and his son-in-law, V. H. Truler, of near Elmwood, were looking after business matters in Murdock Wednesday of last week and enjoyed a visit with friends while here.

Mrs. Joseph Parriott of east of Elmwood was a visitor in Murdock last Wednesday, visiting her daughter, Miss Orland Parriott and having the latter give her a permanent during her stay.

Harry Gillespie and wife, of North Loup, where they are managers of the telephone company's exchange, were guests last Sunday of Mrs. Hannah McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gillespie.

Frank Dean, Walter Stroy and Glenn Buck were called back to work again Thursday morning at Thaca, Nebraska, by the light and power company, after a short lay-off last week.

Oscar McDonald, of Manley, was a visitor in Murdock last Tuesday and was looking after business while here, delivering a number of automobile insurance policies to clients in this vicinity.

Miss Rosemary Powers of Brock, Nebraska, is the school teacher at Grand Prairie school this year. Alvin Oehlerking, John Newman and Albert Bornemeier are the present board of directors.

Mrs. W. H. Zabel spent Thursday afternoon at the Carl Schlaphof home, where several ladies gathered to work on a quilt for the afternoon. Fine progress was made on the quilt by the ladies.

The Cass County Christian Fellowship Association, recently reorganized, held its first gospel service in the Louisville M. E. church last Sunday afternoon under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Callaway.

Miss Dorothy Gorthey, who is attending school at Peru, was home for a visit for over the week end, and on Monday morning, Mr. and

Mrs. Gorthey took the daughter back to her school at Peru.

Miss Dorothy Gorthey returned to resume her studies at Peru Normal last Tuesday, where she is preparing herself to teach kindergarten work. She enjoys her work and is participating a successful year.

Paul Stock took a large number of horses which he had taken in on trade for tractors and farming machinery to University Place, where they were sold in the sale ring last Thursday, bringing very good prices.

Miss Arlyne Zabel went to Lincoln Wednesday to begin her second year in the University of Nebraska. She intends to work part time during the year to assist her in meeting the expense of securing an education.

Mrs. Marie Schewe, who has been in Salt Lake City for a number of weeks, and who recently attended the funeral of a sister in that city, expects to return home soon, after spending a short time with a son, Marion, at Denver, Colorado.

W. O. Gillespie, aided by A. H. Ward, was unloading a car of lumber for the T. W. Engles Lumber company at their yard here, for W. T. Weddell, the local manager, who reports a brisk demand for lumber and other building materials.

Mrs. H. R. Schmidt and two daughters, Mesdames Gustav Straich and Robert Stock were in Lincoln Wednesday of last week, where they were visiting with friends for the day, driving over in the auto of Mrs. Straich.

Clark Miller went to Lincoln last Monday morning, where he took entrance examinations to enter the State University as a Freshman. He assisted his father on the farm during the past months since graduating from high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Matzke and an aunt and uncle from Milford, Nebraska, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Matzke on Sunday, September 12. The guests returned home Sunday evening after enjoying the day with their folks.

Many from the Murdock circuit enjoyed the W. M. S. annual Missionary program at Elmwood last Sunday evening. A fine offering was given for kingdom extension work, and the program by the Elmwood W. M. S. organization was very well rendered.

Alfred and Roland RIKI drove to Ord, Nebraska, last Monday, where Alfred intends to spend some time in plowing and sowing wheat. He expects to return home in about two weeks. His brother Roland returned in time to attend the Cass county fair.

Leroy Goerthey recently purchased a pony for the children of which they were very fond. However, the animal was stricken with the prevailing sleeping sickness that has taken a heavy toll among horses over the county. It was some better at latest reports.

Mrs. Rosie Sherman, of Enid, Oklahoma, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. R. Schmidt and daughters at the present time, after spending time with other relatives in Louisville. Mrs. Matt Sherman is a sister of Mrs. Schmidt. She has been enjoying the cooler weather the last few days.

L. Neitzel spent last Sunday in Havelock and Lincoln, taking part in the services at the Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the forenoon and in the afternoon at the City Mission in Lincoln, where he conducted the service. He reports very enthusiastic and deeply spiritual meetings at both places.

Carmen Dolores Vauck was born in a Lincoln hospital Monday evening, September 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Burnette Vauck, of Duncan, Nebr. The little girl, weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces at birth, is doing nicely. The mother, who was formerly Miss Ethel Schwab, lived in this community for several years and attended high school here. Harvey A. Schwab, her brother, saw her a few minutes last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goebbrugge of Riverside, California, visited for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller over Sunday, Sept. 12th, and many other relatives in this vicinity. They intended to leave for points in Ohio and Canada last Monday. But an urgent telegram from business partners on Monday called him back to California. Mr. Goebbrugge is superintendent for an Irrigation and Water company at Riverside, California. He was very favorably impressed with Murdock and together they enjoyed their brief visit immensely.

Last Monday evening forty young people from the Murdock E. L. C. E. gave a farewell party for Miss Doretta Schlaphof and Elmer C. Schlaphof at their father's home. The affair was a complete surprise and was under the direction of

Miss Loretta Ruge and Miss Bernice Rikli. The crowd brought in many good things to eat and a happy spirit of fellowship. After refreshments were served by the committee, a beautiful electric toaster was presented to them as an expression of the young people's interest and well wishes for them as they make their home for a time in the state of Arizona.

Returns from Kansas

Mrs. Sarah Schumacher, of Nebraska, who has been visiting for the past several weeks with two sisters and a brother, who reside in Thomas county, Kansas, returned last Wednesday, expecting to be met here as she left the Rock Island train. However, for some reason the mail went astray and there was no one here to meet her, necessitating the making of other arrangements, and the Journal field man took her with him to the home of her daughter, Mrs. I. A. Warlick, near Murray.

Mrs. Schumacher tells of the country down there being very dry, but that some rain has fallen quite recently.

Married in the West

Announcement cards have been received in Murdock of the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Anna Neitzel, daughter of H. R. Neitzel and wife, former Murdock residents who moved to Boise, Idaho, many years ago to reside. The wedding took place August 19 of this year at St. John's Cathedral in Boise. The name of the groom is James Brooks Griffin and they will make their home at Santa Maria, California.

The bride will be remembered as a little girl attending school in Murdock prior to the departure of her parents for the west.

Taught Bible Class at Plattsmouth

L. Neitzel, who edits the weekly Bible school lessons appearing in the Journal, accepted an invitation from M. S. Briggs field man to teach the latter's adult Bible class of the Christian church Bible school at Plattsmouth and was at the county seat yesterday, where he was pleased with the large number of men present to hear him discuss the pertinent lesson of the present times.

Visiting Friends in Murdock

Francis Neitzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Neitzel of Boise, Idaho, drove in with a Studebaker car to visit with friends in Murdock, being here last Thursday and as well visiting with his grandmother, Mrs. Frank R. Guthmann and aunt, Miss Minnie Guthmann, at Plattsmouth. Following his visit in Cass county, Francis will continue on to South Bend, Indiana, where he has relatives with whom he will visit for a time.

Visiting Friends Here

August Reicke, former resident of Murdock and his daughter, Mrs. Otto Detman and husband, of Oshkosh, Nebr., were guests several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Straich and Mrs. Fred Stock, Sr., and also visited many other friends and relatives in and near Murdock.

Given New Territory

Louis Hornbeck, who has developed into an expert accountant, has been with the Modern Woodmen of America for some time and has just been assigned to the Colorado territory and immediate adjoining states, with headquarters at Colorado Springs, to which place he has just moved to make his home. Louis has the ability and the experience to handle the work that has been assigned to him.

Will Give Concert Here

The Weeping Water band, of which C. I. Long of Murdock is a member, has arranged to give a concert at Murdock Wednesday evening of this week, September 22nd, at which time the entire community, including the town and surrounding territory are cordially invited to come and enjoy. This is an excellent band and produces very fine music as is demonstrated by the number of out-of-town people attracted to the concerts at Weeping Water each week through the summer season.

Will Play at Korn Carnival

The Firemen's Kittenball team of Murdock, which is rated as one of the best small town teams in this part of the country has arranged to play at Plattsmouth on Thursday night of this week with a Plattsmouth team.

Building Special Refrigerator

Considerable changing is going on at the Murdock Mercantile company store of which Henry Amgwert is manager. The main store room has been enlarged and a new refrigerator is being built, about 20 feet square and eight feet in height, that will

afford room for storing a large amount of perishable foodstuffs. The improvements are increasing the ability of the store to serve its patrons and demonstrate a faith in the future of the town and business conditions that is commendable.

Plan All Day Meeting

An all day Woman's Missionary fall rally will convene for this district at Lincoln, Nebraska, in the First Evangelical church next Friday, September 24th. A well planned program, commencing at 10:00 a. m. will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Alvin Oehlerking. Missionaries on furlough from Nigeria, North Africa, will be the principal guest speakers on the program in the afternoon and evening. A covered dish luncheon at noon will be a feature for fellowship with the many representatives from ten different fields in the Lincoln missionary group.

Evangelistic Services

Special union evangelistic meetings are being planned and will convene in the Murdock Evangelical church Sunday evening, September 26th. The meetings continue until October 10th. The co-operating Evangelical churches are those of Elmwood, Callahan, Louisville and Murdock. Special gospel messages and singing are to be heard each evening except Saturday evenings, during the two weeks' period. All may come and participate in that large community privilege.

Public Recognition Service

Sunday evening, September 12, a public recognition service was held in honor of those who were registered in the recent Leadership Training school at Milford, Nebraska, at the Evangelical assembly. Those who received credit certificates in Young People's work were the Misses Martha Oehlerking, Bernice Oehlerking, Ruth Ruge, Bernice Rikli and Daniel Ruge. The course of training consisted of ten 50 minute class sessions and twenty 50 minute study periods over a period of six days. The students from the Murdock circuit got a great deal of help from the course with Dr. Raymond M. Veh of Harrisburgh, Pa. He had forty in his class.

Entered College at LeMars

August Oehlerking, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Bernice, took his daughter Martha to LeMars, Iowa, last Monday, where she was entered as a Freshman at Western Union college for the coming year. Martha recently finished a three years' nursing course in Omaha and received her diploma as a registered nurse.

The family made a short visit with Henry Reuter and family at Grand Junction, Iowa, before returning home last Wednesday. Henry Schroeder of Clay Center, Nebraska, took care of the farm interests during their absence.

To Direct Work from Distance

Daniel A. Ruge, who was recently re-elected president of the Nebraska Youth Union at the Evangelical Summer Assembly, has matriculated at North Central college, Naperville, Illinois, for another year. He began his studies last Tuesday as a Junior in the eastern school. Although he is several hundred

miles away, he plans to keep in touch with the Nebraska young people's work, through occasional bulletins and newsletters to promote the adopted youth program for the year.

The Youth Union recently adopted the Four Department Plan, as it is promoted through the Evangelical Leagues of Christian Endeavor, which are: The departments of Worship, Instruction, Service and Recreation. The young people, between the ages of 15 and 25 years, elected some splendid assistants for Mr. Ruge, who were given responsible positions as heads of various departments or who become special project supervisors.

Projects for the new year include Church and Parsonage Property Beautification; supporting the youth weekly "Crusader," enlisting Comrades of the Quiet Hour, sponsoring Conference Spring Rallies and assuming the camp projects of the Friendship Circle and Riverside Echo.

A committee was appointed to investigate the proposed plan of erecting a rustic Bell Tower. Authority was given to act if the committee deemed it advisable to engage in this newest park improvement. They completed and erected a beautiful arched gateway last year at the entrance to Riverside park. New opportunities for improvements are always at hand for them to undertake.

Mr. Ruge was chosen to represent his Nebraskans, next December, in the first annual Evangelical Student Conference, to be held in Naperville, Illinois, December 31, 1937 and January 1 and 2, 1938. It will be national in its scope and is the first of its kind ever attempted by the denomination. Outstanding prominent speakers will be present to lead students assembled at that three day conference in some of the present day needs of the church.

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