

NEVADA STATE NEW BRIEFS

RANCHERS FACE RUIN BECAUSE OF DROUGHT

RENO, Nev. —(UP) — Federal aid for drought-stricken sheepmen of the state is necessary to save many from complete ruin, according to J. D. Yeager, president of the State Farm Bureau.

"If a satisfactory price can be agreed upon," Yeager said, "the purchasing of sheep will commence in the most distressed counties August 15th and should be well under way by September 1."

Reports from throughout the state indicate that many herders are abandoning their flocks or returning them to note holders rather than attempt to feed them with the present scarcity of water and feed. Hundreds of sheep are said to have perished.

Ranchers are awaiting conferences of government officials to determine a scale of prices to be paid by A. A. A. in its drought program.

A tentative price of \$2 a head for sheep used for food or condemned on the range or ranch as agreed upon at a recent conference of western sheepmen at Salt Lake City.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace however, countered that price was in excess of the market price and offered \$2 per head for those condemned.

Sheepmen opposed Wallace's offer, declaring the situation would not be workable with two prices in effect.

"I believe it is the unanimous opinion of sheepmen that we just can't do it," said F. R. Marshall, secretary of the National Wool-growers association.

"Rather than accept the two-price proposal, we feel it is better to trust to further developments."

Yeager explained that should federal officials agree with sheepmen upon prices, the relief program purchases can be started as soon as convenient to all concerned because the organization set up already to purchase cattle can also buy sheep and is prepared to do so.

—Sparks Tribune.

RELIEF PLAN SIMILAR TO CWA SUGGESTED FOR NEV.

RENO, — (UP) — Establishment of a relief administration comparable to the former civil works administration to care for the increasing number of needy in Nevada and other states, appears imminent, it was indicated here.

Relief officials have been considering the increase in relief cases, which recently advanced markedly because of drought conditions, and that an increase in work projects may result in adoption of a definite program, it was learned.

Nevada officials have been considering such a work program, it was learned, but they are awaiting instructions from Washington before proceeding with plans, it was said.

Establishment of such a work program was predicted by Aubrey Williams, assistant federal relief administrator, at Macinac Island, Mich., last week.

Frank Upham, Jr., Nevada SERA director, said his office has not received any official confirmation of the new program and that any statement by him at this time would be premature.

Projects included in the CWA program in this state and which were abandoned when the CWA was dropped by the federal gov-

Seeks Widow's Share of Estate



Claim to a common law widow's share of the \$15,000,000 estate of the late Bertrand L. Taylor sr, Beverly Hills sportsman and father of the Countess Dorothy Di Frasso, has been filed in a New York court by Geraldine Louise Ott, Beverly Hills socialite.

NEVADA RANCHERS PAID "DROUGHT INSURANCE"

"Drought insurance" is now being paid to Nevada farmers who joined the government's wheat production control program and then lost all or part of their wheat crops because of the water shortage, according to Professor V. E. Scott, of the Nevada Agricultural Extension service.

While designated primarily to permit crop adjustments which would bring production into line with effective demand at a fair price to the producer, Scott says the wheat and corn-hog adjustment programs also guarantee a definite income for those cooperating farmers whose crops have been cut down or even destroyed by drought or other forces.

Because they are based on past production averages, the amounts of the rental or benefit payments are not diminished by current crop failures.

Nevada wheat farmers who joined in the program, according to the extension man, will receive the same payment if they lost their wheat crop as they would have if they didn't. He regards this as a kind of "crop insurance."

ernment, are expected to be resumed should a new work plan be set up, it was indicated.

There is a need for such a program in Nevada, officials said, because relief cases increased 33 per cent in June. Another increase is predicted for July although figures for the month have not been tabulated as yet.

The CWA at the height of its operations in Nevada last February expended more than \$100,000 in wages and materials for projects including road work, civic betterment, painting of school houses. Both men and women, approximately 10,000, were given aid.

Social welfare officials declared at that time the CWA was aiding materially the state's recovery.

—Carson Daily Appeal.

In cases of serious drought damage in Nevada this year, benefit payments on some farms under wheat contract will represent a substantial part of their total farm income, he says.

These assured payments guarantee that a cooperating farmer will have some income, though his crop fails entirely.

"The commodity adjustment programs have been so planned that they are flexible enough to meet such unusual situations as that created by the drought in Nevada and other sections," Scott says.

"They protect the producer from being crippled, through complete

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NEW ROAD WILL SHORTEN PHOENIX DRIVE ONE HOUR

Arthur F. Black, owner of the Phoenix - Kingman - Boulder dam stage lines, with headquarters in Kingman, spent the greater part of last week on Burro Creek, mapping out the new five-mile roadway which will be built this coming month and in September by the ranchers on the Kingman to Phoenix short-cut highway.

The new road, Mr. Black says, will eliminate the Hillside mountain grades, will connect the present Phoenix cut-off with the D. & G. road below the Santa Maria river and shorten the distance from Kingman to Phoenix by 20 miles, making the trip by the short cut less than 200 miles.

This five miles of road to be built, Mr. Black says, is being financed by private subscription from Kingman, Wickenburg and intermediate points. It will eliminate most of the worst road on the route and make the time, distance better than an hour shorter between Kingman and Phoenix.

loss of income, in his efforts to renew production when the immediate failure has passed."

—Elko Daily Times.

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