

Farmers Getting Less Than in '47 On Several Items

CHICAGO, March 4.—(AP)—The farmer sending produce to market today finds he is getting a lower income from several important items than he did a year ago.

How the farmer's income took a wallop in the recent slant of market values was revealed in a comparison of prices yesterday with March 3, 1947. Such important items as wheat, hogs and cotton were lower.

The hog top at Chicago a year ago was \$29.50 a hundred pounds. Yesterday the best price was \$24.25. This decline has developed despite a smaller number of hogs.

Farmers are doing a little better with cattle. As an example, good steers and yearlings which brought \$21.00 to \$24.00 at South St. Paul, Minn., a year ago are now bringing \$23.50 to \$26.30.

But sheep prices are under a year ago. Good and choice native and fed wool western lambs were worth \$24.00 to \$24.40 at East St. Louis a year ago. Yesterday they brought around \$22.00.

These prices are typical. The same variations with 1947 apply in all livestock markets.

In the big Kansas City Cash Market, wheat which sold no lower than \$2.54 a bushel on March 3, 1947, was down to as low as \$2.44 yesterday.

Feed Grains, Spuds Higher

But the feed grains—corn and oats—are much higher than last March. This is not as much help to farmer income as it might appear. He doesn't have much feed grains—a result of last year's short corn crop.

Potatoes are another good item. The lowly spud was so weak at times last year it required government price support. Idaho Russet Burbank potatoes sold at \$5.65 to \$5.90 at Chicago yesterday against \$3.45 to \$3.50 last year.

Butter is just about where it was a year ago. A grade which sold in the New York wholesale market last year at 76 cents a pound was 76 to 76 1/2 cents yesterday.

But eggs have advanced. A quality selling at 47 1/2 to 48 cents a dozen last year now bringing 52 1/2 cents.

Southern cotton producers also are about where they were a year ago.

In early Japanese times a cartman was taxed for any conveyance in which he rode which resulted in a custom of leading cart horses rather than driving them.

Has Touch



Cleveland's Harold Ulrich, 26, doesn't let being blinded by a German land mine keep him from his favorite sport. A mascot by profession, Ulrich's bowling average is 138.

Retail Shoe Prices to Be Slashed, Prediction

NEW YORK, March 5.—(AP)—Some trade spokesmen are predicting retail shoe price reductions of as much as \$1 to \$3 a pair next fall on the basis of current leather prices.

At the semi-annual leather show of the Tanner's Council of America, which just closed its two-day exhibit here, prices were 15 to 25 per cent lower than last fall.

On the basis of those quotations, some members of the trade predict that higher-priced men's shoes now retailing at \$14 to \$20 a pair may be reduced \$2 to \$3. Men's and women's shoes now selling at \$8 to \$15, they add, may be cut \$1 to \$2.

Reductions of around \$1 a pair are expected in men's and women's volume shoes, they said.

Mortgage Bond Flotation Permit Sought By Copco

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—(AP)—The California-Oregon power company asked permission yesterday to issue \$1,500,000 in first mortgage bonds, due April 1, 1978. Interest rate will be set later.

The company also applied to the California Public Utilities commission for authority to sell 100,000 shares of common stock of \$2 par value. Funds from both transactions will be used to reimburse the company's treasury for past expenditures and finance future expansion.

The commission approved the application by Claude Henry of the Klamath Light and Power Company to issue a note for \$35,000 at four per cent interest. The loan will finance in part his \$75,000 share of a \$105,000 transmission line into Klamath, Calif., to be built by the California-Oregon Power Co.

Commission engineers reported the new line would materially reduce the Klamath company's operating expenses.

Strip-Tease Danseuse Dunked by Students

BATON ROUGE, La., March 5.—(AP)—For her revealing entrance in offering university students here a short course in a very liberal art, "Stormy," the strip-tease dancer, got dunked.

"Stormy," whose real name is Stacie Lawrence, came up from New Orleans to present a few bare facts to students at Louisiana State University. She even brought a hand along.

Using the visual instruction technique while some of the boys assembled before the LSU fieldhouse yelled "take it off," "Stormy" got down to a bra and a pair of black and white striped panties.

At this point a group of muscular young men hustled "Stormy" off her improvised lecture platform and dumped her in a knee-deep pond.

She emerged to cloak herself in a fur coat and comment that "boys will be boys."

In some sections of Arabia, annual evaporation has been estimated as much as 160 inches of water.

Star Gazer



Frederick A. Franklin, 16-year-old sophomore at Worcester, Mass., Classical High School, is the new assistant curator of astronomy at the Worcester Natural History Society. Here, Franklin, the youngest man on record to be given the post, inspects one of society's telescopes.

Device Bounces Own Voices Back To Rotarians

Abashed Rotarians heard how their own voices sound to other's ears, as a recording of their meeting at the Umpqua Hotel Thursday was played back to them on the "Sound Mirror" by the Rev. Morris H. Roach.

Principle of the recently-developed recording device was explained by Leroy Hiatt, chief engineer of KRNR, who said that sounds are recorded on a metallic paper tape which appears much like a typewriter ribbon, and may be played back an indefinite number of times with no loss of fidelity.

When the machine is recording, he explained, the tape passes between a pair of magnets which rearrange the molecules on the tape in a pattern determined by the sounds picked up in the microphone. When the tape is played through the machine, the magnets create electrical impulses which pick up the molecular pattern, which in turn are amplified into sound.

The recordings may be "erased" by a rearrangement of the molecules when new recordings are made.

W. T. Jones, representing the Society for Crippled Children and Adults, made an appeal for his agency. Jones earlier this week spoke at the Kiwanis Club and has appeared before other groups.

Sutherland Lions Sponsor New Boy Scout Troop

The organization of a Boy Scout troop in Sutherland, sponsored by the Sutherland Lions Club, was announced Saturday by H. J. Ylvisaker, district executive.

It is planned to form a membership of 20, under the direction of Scoutmaster Byron Hopkins. Harry Chenoweth was appointed chairman of the troop committee. Other members of the committee are Ralph Hansen, Earl Thatcher, William Crowell and Gerald Kahler.

The Sutherland organization is the fifth formed this year. Others were Troop 130 in Roseburg sponsored by the Catholic Church; Troop 131 sponsored by the Baptist Church, and the senior outfit 278 at Drain. Cub Scout Pack 334 was formed by the Benson School P.T.A.

Other troops in the county are in the process of formation.

Picture of Mussolini Starts Riot in Theater

ROME, March 5.—(AP)—A picture of Benito Mussolini flashed on the screen and started a riot in a Naples theater last night. Dispatches said many applaud-

ed as the photograph of the dead duce appeared in Charlie Chaplin's film, "Monsieur Verdoux."

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