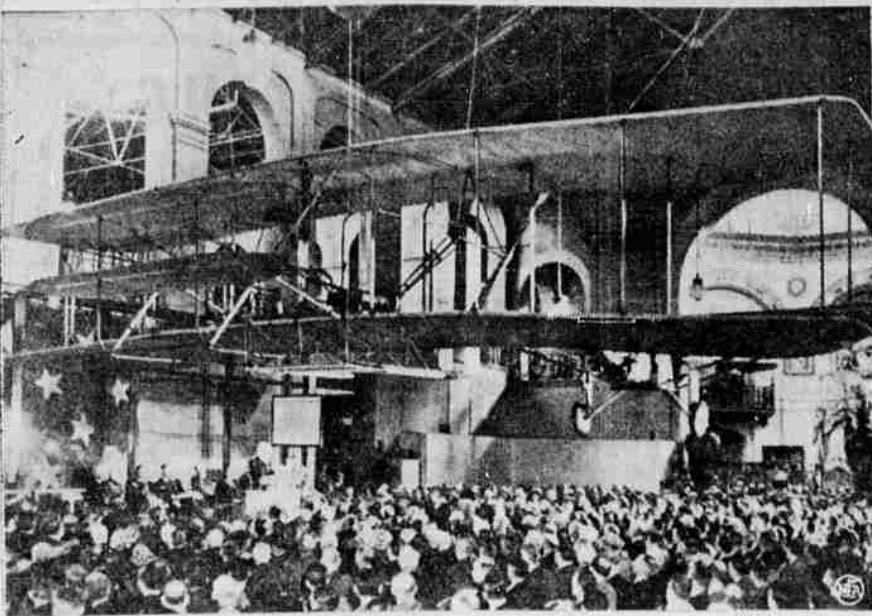


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General view of the ceremonies at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., as the "Kitty Hawk," the original Wright Brothers' aeroplane, was officially presented to the American people by a representative of the Orville Wright estate. A label placed on the plane will give the Wright Brothers' full credit for discovering the principles of flight. Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" can be seen in the background.

LIVING STANDARDS NEVER HIGHER

Prosperous Condition Of American People in 1948 Wasn't Uniform, However

By SAM DAWSON
AP Newsfeatures

NEW YORK—Higher prices are raising squawks all over the land. But more people are finding more money to buy more things than ever before. The American standard of living was never higher.

This happy condition isn't uniform, however. Some classes of people have fallen far behind in the race to keep income ahead of expenses.

These are the ones with fixed incomes: those who live on pensions, annuities, savings from early years; most of the white collar class, teachers, salaried professional people; those whose living comes from rents and dividends, which haven't advanced at the same rate as the cost of living; and many in the unskilled labor group, where food and clothing takes the major share of the family budget, and where the rise in living costs has pinched the most.

But the rest of the people are doing a lot better. Prices have gone up, but Americans own more automobiles, home appliances and the like than ever before.

Autos As Example

Take that symbol of the American standard of living, the family car. It costs about twice what it did before the war, but more are owned now than then, and people pay premiums to get their names high on the dealers' lists. Nearly 29 million families own the more than 30 million cars now on the roads. And still more plan to, and expect to find the money to—no matter how much Dad grumbles. Where is the money coming from? The nation's total personal income has about tripled since 1939. In the same nine years the consumer price index of the federal reserve board increased 75 per cent.

Farmers and Corporations

Total income of farmers is now four times what it was in 1939—when, it should be noted, in all fairness, farm income didn't look so good when compared to some other classes.

Total corporate profits are four times as high now as in 1939. So is total income from business and professional activities. Dividends, however, total only twice as much as prewar, and so does income from rents and interest.

This great gain in total income is more widely distributed than ever before. There are 15 million more persons employed in non-farm jobs now than in 1939, or a gain of 50 per cent.

High prices may play a major share in jacking up the dollar total on national income. But some of it is due to increased production.

Since 1939 farm production has increased by one-fourth. The physical volume of manufactured and mineral products has increased by three-fourths.

Take one example of this. The farmer is getting less per bushel for his crops this year. But because of the big crops he is selling more bushels. He is still buying cars and farm equipment. The total farm income has turned down since the harvest but it is nearly as high as last year, and four times higher than 1939.

Price Trends Mixed
There has been a change in the trends this year. Prices made their spectacular rise between the spring of 1946 and the spring of 1947. Now they are decidedly mixed. Ending 1948 lower than they started are the prices of farm products, foods, chemicals, tex-

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Gandhi's Program For India's Uplift Being Carried On

WASHINGTON—Gandhi is dead, and his followers feel he is irreplaceable. But Dr. Sushila Nayyar, one of his intimate associates, says his program is being faithfully carried on.

This young and spiritual Indian woman, a physician who was imprisoned with Gandhi from 1942 to 1944, and later was his doctor, is in this country on a United Nations fellowship. She has been studying maternal and child health and welfare programs.

Dr. Nayyar received her medical degree from Lady Hardinge Medical College at New Delhi and is now working under a \$5,000,000 fund raised by the people in memory of Gandhi's wife. The fund is meant for the welfare of women and children in rural India.

Like all Gandhi's followers, Dr. Nayyar looked upon Gandhi as her "Bapu" or father, and considers herself one of his "humble instruments." Gandhi, she said, set up programs for education, rural uplift, adult education, improvement of cattle and agricultural conditions and so on. These programs—about 18 in all—are being carried out by some eight or 10 organizations started by Gandhi himself. His followers are working to improve living and working conditions in India's 700,000 villages.

"The idea is to make these villages as nearly perfect as possible so that the people will not wish to build more cities," said Dr. Nayyar. She said Gandhi believed that India's life depended on the retention of its rural areas. She cited Gandhi's theory that if India's 400,000,000 were living in a highly industrialized and militarized state they would be "a real menace to the peace of the world."

"Either the ideology promoted by Gandhi must predominate, not only in India, but all parts of the world as well," Dr. Nayyar said fervently, "or the ideology of violence symbolized by high industrialization or high militarization will ultimately destroy us. There is no halfway house."

In order to train workers to extend the Gandhi program, centers are being set up in the various provinces where doctors and nurses are working voluntarily for as little as \$50 a month. A young English nurse, Dr. Nayyar said, was working for only \$15 a month and said it was all she needed.

"To all according to their need, from all according to their capacity," was the creed Gandhi preached to his people. Dr. Nayyar said this theory is as similar to the Communists' but that Gandhi emphasized that the means were more important than the end, whereas the Communists believe that no matter how you do it, it's the end that matters most.

Los Angeles County

Census Near Four Million

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The California Taxpayers Association, which makes a yearly census estimate, said today that Los Angeles County has a population of 3,951,500 people. The figure is 42 per cent above the official U. S. census of 1940, which gave a population of 2,785,643.

Czech Nationalization Falls on Two More Groups

PRAGUE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Drug stores and chambers of commerce are the latest to fall under the nationalization ax in Czechoslovakia.

The ministry of foreign trade is to take over all chambers of commerce, including the Czechoslovak-formed foreign chambers. Among them are the French, the American and the Latin-American chambers.

The nation's central insurance administration will take over the direction of pharmacies, it was announced.

Cooked rice makes a delicious stuffing for roast chicken when it is mixed with plumped raisins, poultry seasoning, and a little finely chopped onion and celery.



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Popular film stars Peggy Wood and Otto Krueger will be co-starred when KJH-Mutual Don Lee's Friday evening dramatic program feature presents the famous Philip Barry romance, "You and I." The Barry drama deals with the romance of two troubled youngsters, and the more mature situation facing the boy's distraught parents. Mr. Krueger will be heard as the father in the adaptation, which is another one of MDL's "Great Scenes From Great Plays" presentations. (Friday, Dec. 31, 7 to 7:30 p. m.)

We keep telling ya, but you won't listen: KJH is definitely carrying the Cotton Bowl game New Year's Day—That's Oregon vs. Southern Methodist, y'know... 11 a. m. to conclusion. 'Twill be followed immediately by the East-West game, by the way.

Saturday's "Meet the Press" program, (7 to 7:30 p. m.) will have Senator Scott W. Lucas (Demo) of Illinois, who is expected to be named majority leader of the Senate when the 81st Congress convenes next January 3, as guest on this press conference of the air.

Sunday, Jan. 2—Walter Winchell will be heard one hour later (due to California's switch to PST)—with a new sponsor—the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation. He'll be followed immediately by newcomer Louella Parsons, the nation's top columnist and radio commentator on Hollywood affairs, with the Andrew Jergens Company as sponsor.

Another newcomer for your Sunday listening will be Lionel Barrymore in the popular human interest packed "Mayor of the Town" program. The first program in this series for Mr. Barrymore will feature Springdale's mayor in a story that has been titled "A Happy Postscript to a Merry Christmas," a drama that will outline, in part, what happens to old Christmas Trees. Hear it Sunday, Jan. 2, 7 to 7:25 p. m.

P. S. PLEASE remember THE COTTON BOWL will be heard over KJH Saturday... 11 a. m. ...!

LUMBER'S GOLDEN ERA ENDS

Buyer Resistance Puts Curb on Industry in Year Of Near-Record Output

By GORDON G. MACNAB

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Lumber's golden era, born of World War II, ended in 1948.

Although it was a year of near-record production, buyers' resistance near the close put a sharp curb on the industry.

The get-rich-quick producers, spawned by the lush war years, closed down. In some areas—such as Oregon's Josephine county in the Douglas fir region—50 per cent of the mills are shut.

But there has been no collapse. Well-financed operations, in business for the long haul, are taking in stride what they call the delayed postwar readjustment. They expect to be hitting big production figures again next spring and moving their lumber at profitable prices.

The lumber story of 1948 is one of titanic production that failed to maintain its pace in the closing weeks; of a price fall-off when order-shy mills dumped their lumber for whatever they could get.

This applies chiefly to the construction lumbers, pine and fir. The hardwoods—used principally for furniture and flooring—came through the year with high production. Some price softness in the poorer grades was noted in the southern hardwood region, but northern hardwood manufacturers report prices firm and mills operating with only seasonal curtailment.

Two Varieties Fall Short
The year opened with produc-

000,000 compared with 8,749,000, 000 last year.

A variety of reasons—strikes, flood, car shortage—are given for failure to maintain the record production clip, but only one holds concern. This is the drop caused by recent mill closures. And the mills closed because orders fell off.

Douglas Fir Hardest Hit

Douglas fir seems hit the hardest and here are its figures: At the end of August this year, stocks on hand at the mills exceeded orders by 72,000,000 feet. Each month since, the unfavorable balance has increased: To 203,000,000 at the end of September; 352,000,000 at the end of October; 502,000,000 at the end of November.

That's why Long-Bell's giant mills at Longview, Wash., cut back to four-days-a-week operation on Dec. 2; why Robertson & Hackett at Vancouver, B. C., did the same a week later; why little mills shut down entirely.

There were still plenty of orders for the better grades of lumber, but as one producer said, "we can't cut just part of the tree."

When orders slackened off, the marginal operators who had neither facilities nor financing for storage put "distress" lumber on the market for whatever price they could get. The price skid was on.

No Cut For Consumer

Price was a factor in lumbermen's thinking all year. Early in 1948 Weyerhaeuser, the biggest of them all, cut prices 10 per cent in response to the government's request to the industry to do something for low-cost housing. Nothing happened. Other mills didn't cut and had no trouble selling at

the higher prices. The cut, in many instances, was not passed on to the consumer. So Weyerhaeuser abandoned the reduction. Now the public seems to have done the price cutting abetted by the industry's mammoth production.

Lumbermen see a few bright spots. Shipments have slumped less than orders, meaning that while new orders aren't being placed, old orders are not being cancelled. And for the future, there has been renewed inquiry on January and February shipments at present prices.

No one will say flatly that means the market is firming, but one spokesman says "a little stability is entering the picture."

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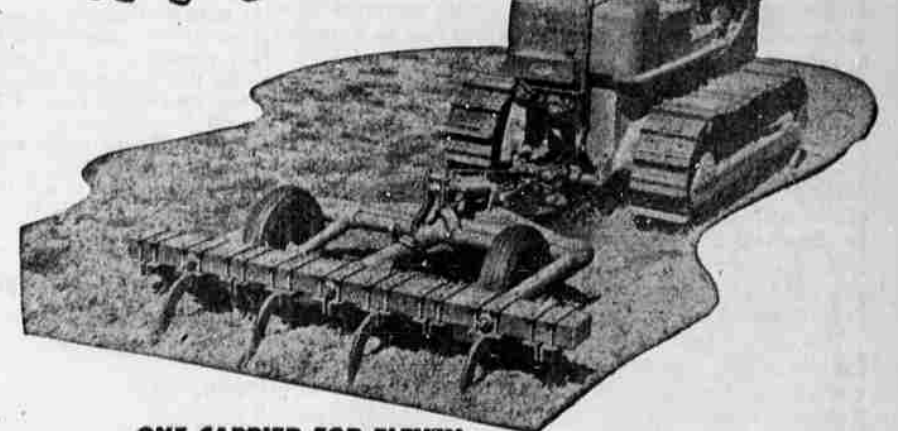
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