

# Little Change Is Noted In Local Food Situation

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Except for minor fluctuations in some items due to seasonal changes, there was nothing startling in the market situation this week. The egg market was reported strengthening just a bit, the price on some grades rising a cent, but with no major change seen in the current great amount of eggs available for sale.

Likewise little change was seen in meats. Pork and smoked meats remained among the better buys. Beef continues a bit high, but has not shown much change at the retail level. Salmon is found on some local super markets but the supply is short and the price to retailers is high. Spring lambs, making their appearance in increasing amounts, will be featured by some markets this week.

**OLD POTATOES** will soon be a thing of the past — in about 10 days. The Deschutes crop is already through. Increased shipments from new California districts are dropping the price of new Shafter potatoes, coming in from Edison, Bakersfield and Wasco. Shipments and quality are improving daily and the market is reported weakening from that of a week ago when prices reflected sharply upward.



**CARROTS** continue plentiful and the market is firm. The demand for turnips is off, although the quality is good. Parsnips and rutabagas are through for the season.

The market is off this week on dry onions. Increased shipments from southern California regions have reduced the price to consumers considerably.

**LETTUCE** continues plentiful and very reasonably priced from several California shipping districts and the quality remains good. Celery also remains good, but the market is a bit higher this week.

**CORN** from the Imperial and Coachella valleys is coming in in increased amounts, and the quality is reported much improved. Peas are about through in Bakersfield, and there will be no good ones until the Northern California crop comes on. Beans, also, are scarce. None are being produced on the coast, and only a few are coming through from Mexico.

**ARTICHOKEs** are another spring crop which is about through for the season, after an excellent run. Broccoli remains scarce, and what there is is too mature for best quality. There is an abundance of cauliflower, however, but because of a comparatively high demand, the price stays high. It's coming from Irvington and the California Bay area. The cabbage market is weakening, and the quality remains good.

**OREGON ASPARAGUS** out of Independence is tops on the coast for quality. There is also a good supply from Washington. It is reasonably priced.

**PEPPERS** out of India are priced lower this week and the quality is much improved. Egg plant,

too, is plentiful and the quality good, although the size is smaller than usual.

**RADISHES AND GREEN ONIONS** from the Bay area are in large supply and the quality is good. Butter lettuce is through, but romaine, endive and red lettuce is still very reasonably priced. The market is down on cucumbers with heavy shipments from lower California and the consumer can see a continual drop in price the next six weeks. Winter avocados are scarce. Some summer varieties are showing up but the price will remain higher at the retail level.

**THE TOMATO** market dropped sharply. Hot weather in the Imperial Valley has ripened tomatoes rapidly and the supply will be much greater and the price considerably lower than that of the past three months.

**PRODUCTION OF WATERMELONS** is up but the demand down with the current cooler weather.

There are lots to be had and the demand should pick up with better weather. The cantaloupes from the Imperial Valley are greatly improved. They are reported much better than those of last year at this time.

**LOCAL RHUBARB** clean up this week, held back by cold weather but should be coming on again in about a week. There is some on the market from the Portland area.

**STRAWBERRIES** were in short supply early this week, because of intense rains in the shipping areas of Santa Maria, Salinas, Watsonville, Fresno and Florin. Shipments are expected to pick up later this week for weekend shoppers.

**LOTS OF WINESAP** apples and a few Roman Beauties and Newtowns remain, but Delicious apples are being produced in California, but none are being brought in due to poor quality.

**NAVEL ORANGES** are through, but Valencias are in heavy supply from all parts of California, and the quality is comparable to that of the navels.

A few Coachella Valley pink and white grapefruit remain and the last of the Arizona 8-pound-bag bulk fruit is seen. After that only the California variety, a much inferior fruit, will be on the market for a time.

**BANANAS** are again plentiful, but the price remains little changed. Tropical fruits — pineapples, papayas and mangos — are also available from the Hawaiian islands.

## Idaho Approves Water Program

**BOISE (AP)** — George N. Carter, state reclamation engineer, has signed for Idaho an application for federal aid in developing a co-operative Idaho-Oregon project under the small watershed act. The application involves land along Sucker Creek which originates in Idaho, flows into Oregon, then returns to Idaho before it empties into the Snake River near Homedale.

The application carries also signatures for the Owyhee Soil Conservation District in Idaho, the Adirian Soil Conservation District in Oregon and the South Board of Control in Oregon.

Construction of reservoirs with storage capacity of from 8,000 to 10,000 acre feet is proposed along with the development of drainage system and a more efficient distribution system that is now available.



**LICKETY-SPLIT**—Two small sisters lick the warm weather in Albany, N.Y. Lee, 4, left, and Dianna Van Microp, 3, share cooling ice cream cone.

## Woman Escapes Husband's Fate

**MOAB, Utah (AP)** — A woman feared drowned on the turbulent Colorado River was rescued Tuesday by helicopter. Mrs. Frank A. Rich, 64, of Lakewood Village, Calif., was brought to a hospital here. Her husband still was missing.

Mrs. Rich's son, Dr. Delbert F. Rich of Cedar City, Utah, said searchers had not found any sign of his father.

Dr. Rich, 41, and his 35-year-old wife were rescued Monday. They had last seen Dr. Rich's parents Sunday as they bobbed away through the dangerous rapids of Cataract Canyon, 40 miles from Moab.

"Thank God she is all right," Dr. Rich said. "She is in very good condition after being out in the open two days and nights. She has only a bruise on her right knee."

He said his mother apparently floated to shore after being swept through a second set of rapids in dangerous Cataract Canyon.

"She told me the last she saw

of father was when he floated by hanging onto the back of the boat. He (father) probably went through another rapids."

Dr. Rich said the helicopter also spotted the wrecked boat in Gypsum Canyon, below Cataract Canyon. The helicopter was to land by the wrecked boat and see if there were signs of life or tracks leading away.

"Going over the Cataracts he might have lost hold of the boat," Dr. Rich said. "But they were both in good physical condition, and both were wearing life preservers."

## Cowboy Fingers Convict 'Father'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Rodeo cowboy Casey Tibbs says a man serving time in Arizona's state prison actually fathered a rodeo queen's child.

Tibbs, named in a paternity suit by Miss Leah J. Conner, Tuesday introduced a deposition by convict Donald Gene Baag, who admits intimacies in July, August and September, 1954, with Miss Conner. Tibbs denies paternity.

The deposition indicated Baag was a friend of Tibbs and that Tibbs lent him money several times.



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**RETIRING** — Johnny Parsons, 40, of Van Nuys, Calif., is pictured in Indianapolis shortly after he announced he is retiring from the big car championship circuit. Parsons, winner of the 500-Mile Memorial Day Race in 1950, said, "I'm getting a bit old for this game."

## Blind Students Cited By Ike

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Eisenhower today gave awards to four blind college students for outstanding scholastic achievement. Then he remarked with a chuckle: "There are too many brains around here for me."

In presenting grants of \$500 to each of the students, Eisenhower also disclosed how he keeps his own grandchildren on their toes scholastically.

With a grin, he said he gives each of the children \$2 for every "A" they get, but nothing for anything less. And if they get anything below a "B," then they have to give him a dollar.

Today's awards to blind students went to:

Richard O. Cowan, a graduate student at Stanford University in California. He has a straight "A" record in his graduate study and is a Phi Beta Kappa member.

James R. Slagle of Brooklyn, N.Y., who is receiving a doctor's degree in higher mathematics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has had a straight "A" record during the last three semesters.

Bianca C. Stewart of Jackson Heights, Queens, N.Y., who is graduating from Queens College at Flushing, N.Y. She also is a Phi Beta Kappa and has been on the dean's honor list for three years.

Robert J. Winn Jr. of North Texas State College at Denton, Tex. He has been an honor student each semester and is president of the student body.

The \$500 grants were presented by Eisenhower on behalf of an organization called "Recording for the Blind, Inc." The organization provides free recorded textbooks.

## Ton Of Mercury Taken

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)**—Thieves carted away more than a ton of liquid mercury Tuesday from a factory after smashing through 14-inch concrete walls to get at it. The mercury, valued at \$7,300, was stored in 33 metal flasks at the Troy Chemical Co. Detectives dispose of the loot on a flourishing gray market.

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