

Farmer's Share of Retail Food Dollar Drops to Five-Year Low

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High prices for farm products do not account for all the rise in the consumer's food costs, the United States department of agricultural review, released this week shows.

Food marketing charges in June were the highest since 1920 and the farmer's share of the retail food dollar dropped to 50 cents. This was the smallest share in the past five years.

New meat animal prices raised the over-all index of prices received by farmers during the month ending June 15 to 295 per cent of its 1909-14 average. Meat animal prices rose 9 per cent and the over-all index rose 2 per cent. But during the first five months of 1948 the farmer's share of the consumer's dollar spent for farm food products dropped from a record-matching 55 cents in January to the five-year low of 50 cents.

Record Lamb Prices

Record prices of 27 cents for choice lamb were paid on the North Portland market Tuesday with buyers reporting that lambs received from the mid-Willamette valley were among the best they had ever seen.

Combining of early fall barley was started Tuesday with crops reported to be well above average. While oat combining will not start for a brief time yet, that crop is reported as "doing well." Wheat prospects have improved 4 per cent over earlier forecasts and will in all probability be the second largest crop in our history. The corn acreage, though relatively small throughout the country, is a half million above intentions and a record production of more than 3.3 billion bushels in the United States is now indicated. Corn acreage in the Willamette valley is estimated as considerably larger than last year and growing good.

Crops to Increase

The crimson clover and flax seed crops this year are expected to be a little larger than last, with Tennessee ranking first in crimson clover acreage and Georgia second, topping Alabama, Kentucky and Oregon. Prices for crimson clover opened considerably higher this year, the southern growers receiving \$21 to \$25 for 100 pounds of clean seed. More than twice as much crimson clover seed has been imported during the 11 months ending May 31 as received during the previous year.

The crop reporting service now estimates that this year's flax seed crop will be 10 per cent larger than last year and nearly two-thirds larger than the 10-year average.

VISITORS AT LYONS

LYONS — Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bridges and family of Portland visited friends in Lyons Thursday. They were luncheon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Nydigger. The Bridges formerly owned and operated the Lyons garage.

Valley Briefs

Labish Center — A number of onion growers in this area have had their crops dusted by airplanes with DDT for control of thrip. It is hoped that the hot weather with some wind will continue for the next several weeks to present wide-spread mildew damage to the onions. Several growers have reported finding small patches recently.

Stayton — The new Baptist church building will be dedicated Sunday, July 25, according to an announcement made this week by Rev. Willard Buckner, pastor. Volunteer labor of the members of the church, assisted by one hired carpenter, has rebuilt the church which was destroyed by fire 18 months ago.

Roberts — Craig Biddgood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Biddgood, left Saturday for Glendale, Calif., where he will be associated with Rotor Craft corporation which is constructing XR11 helicopters for the United States air force.

Brush Creek — A special school meeting has been called for the Brush Creek district for Friday night, July 23, at 8 o'clock to vote on a special \$800 tax for improvement required for standardization. The funds would be used to install a heating system, a new floor and minor repairs.

Stayton — A picnic at Stayton city park is planned by the Eastern Star and Masonic lodges Sunday, July 25. Coffee will be furnished. Local members are planning to attend a reception at Cottage Grove Saturday, July 24, in the school gymnasium, for Mrs. Ilma Thumb, worthy grand matron of the Eastern Star. Those without transportation may contact the secretary, Mrs. Flora Shuck.

Salem Heights — Six Boy Scouts of Troop 19, who will spend this week at Camp Pioneer are James Ponsford, Eddie Robertson, Mark DeCew, Lee Peterson, Don Blankenship and Boyd Adalott.

Labish Center People Travel

LABISH CENTER — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Love and Gary left Thursday by car for North Dakota to visit relatives.

Beverly Boehm and Eva Pearson are on a week's vacation in San Francisco.

Mrs. Lucy Minton of Salem has been hired by the local school board as principal of the grade school.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Aker were dinner guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cole in Sherwood.

Ernest Mott, 2-year-old son of the Walter Motts who was hit by an auto several weeks ago, now has a cast on his leg.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kurth are Mrs. Darrell Frewing and her four children from Prineville.

Visitors from Washington at Lyons Home

LYONS — Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bassett were Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Puse and son, Pat, of Vancouver, Wash. Cecil Bassett returned home with them for a few days vacation at Silver Lake, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett visited Sunday at the Puse home and brought Cecil home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Finkbeiner and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Golic of Glendale, Calif., spent several days at the Wallace Power home. The Powers are former residents of Glendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knight and sons Philip and Jimmie are spending two weeks at Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Berry and son, Donald, of Tillamook visited recently at the home of Berry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Berry, and Mrs. Berry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haynes, in Mill City.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr and daughters, Gloria, Kathryn and Nadine, visited several days with relatives at Boise, Idaho.

Mrs. Charlie Bilyeu and little son, Mikie, and her sister, Miss Marcella Hessner, of Wisconsin, who have been visiting here, are visiting at the home of her parents in Sacramento, Calif.

William Fetherston has left for Nebraska, where he will visit his sister, Mrs. Fetherston will visit their daughter, Mrs. Bill Fairfowl, at Valselt while he is away.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell of Fresno, Calif., arrived in Lyons Tuesday to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eldo Betcke, and at the home of Mrs. Rockwell's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Brassfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pennington have moved into the new home they recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goodman. Mr. and Mrs. Gail Pennington moved into the house vacated by them.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Grimes spent several days at Cathlamet, Wash., with her parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hiatt spent a couple of days traveling and sight-seeing through eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Daisy Johnston is spending this week in Salem at the home of her sister, Mrs. Bertha Woodworth, who is seriously ill.

Valley Births

DALLAS — To Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson of Valselt, a daughter, at the Dallas hospital, July 14.

To Mrs. Harold Wyse of Independence, a son, at the Dallas hospital July 12.

To Mrs. Lola Woodhurst at the Dallas hospital July 14, a daughter.

Valley Obituaries

ORCHARD HEIGHTS — Funeral services were held in Chehalis, Wash. Monday for N. G. Wilson, 79, who died Friday. He had been in ill health the past year.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Priscilla Wilson of Chehalis, and five daughters, Mrs. Lillie Wilson of Port Orchard, Wash., Mrs. Jessie Gish of Chehalis, Mrs. Lona Davis, Portland, Mrs. Emma Busch of Stayton, Mrs. Jewel Kennedy of Swegle, and two sons, Nona Wilson of Chehalis and George Wilson of Orchard Heights. Thirty-five grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren also survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson made their home here in 1925 and 1926.

Irene Belle Veatch

ALBANY — Mrs. Irene Belle Veatch, 66, Albany, died July 15 in a Salem hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday from Fortmiller - Frederickson chapel with the Rev. Henry Turnidge officiating. Concluding services were at the IOOF cemetery at Cottage Grove.

Irene Southworth was born June 8, 1882, at Cottage Grove. In 1906 she was married to Arthur Veatch, at Coburg. They made their home at Cottage Grove until 1926, then moving to Woodburn where he went into the jewelry business. Veatch died in 1934, and Mrs. Veatch moved to Albany to live until her last illness. She was a member of the Albany Christian church.

Surviving are a brother, Stellan O. Southworth, Albany, and three sisters, Mrs. Julia M. Berkshire of Irving, Mrs. Gertrude Mathers of Goshen and Mrs. Etta M. Welch of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Alletta Rose Sandner STAYTON — Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Weddle's chapel in Stayton for Mrs. Alletta Rose Sandner, 53, who died Sunday at her home in Stayton after a long illness. Concluding services will be at Weisner's cemetery.

Born in Corvallis Oct. 11, 1894, Mrs. Sandner moved to Stayton when she was 18, and there married John Sandner, jr. He preceded her in death a number of years ago.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Reva Louise Custer of Mapleton, Mrs. Alletta Louene Williams of Seattle, Mrs. Letta Yvonne Blum, Mrs. Dolores Eliegn Holm and Mrs. Valeta Naola Williams, all of Stayton. Eight grandchildren also survive.

LAWNS RUINED

STAYTON — Several Stayton property owners who take pride in the appearance of their yards had reason recently to be wrathful towards midnight joy riders who found they liked to run over smooth lawns rather than the pavement. In all, about a dozen places were visited.

Committees for Lions Club at Silverton Set

SILVERTON — Clifford Almqvist, newly installed president of the Silverton Lions club, has announced his committees for the new year to include: Finance, John Becker, C. B. Anderson, Ralph Adams, Ted Burian; attendance, Maurice Schnorenberg; membership, Frank Powell, E. L. Montgomery, Dr. R. L. Schmidt and Morris Van Soman.

Program, Robert McEwan, C. E. Higinbotham, Lloyd Fry, Norman Naegeli, James Taylor, George Smith, Ralph Sears; publicity and bulletin, Robert Miller, Dr. A. L. V. Smith; convention and visitation, Dr. Smith, Clifford Robinson, C. H. Dickerson; constitution and by-laws, William Bloch, Tom McFarland; safety, Gifford Smith, Larry Carpenter, Philip Clites; sight conservation and blind, Howard Effiman, Bruce Billings, Lyle



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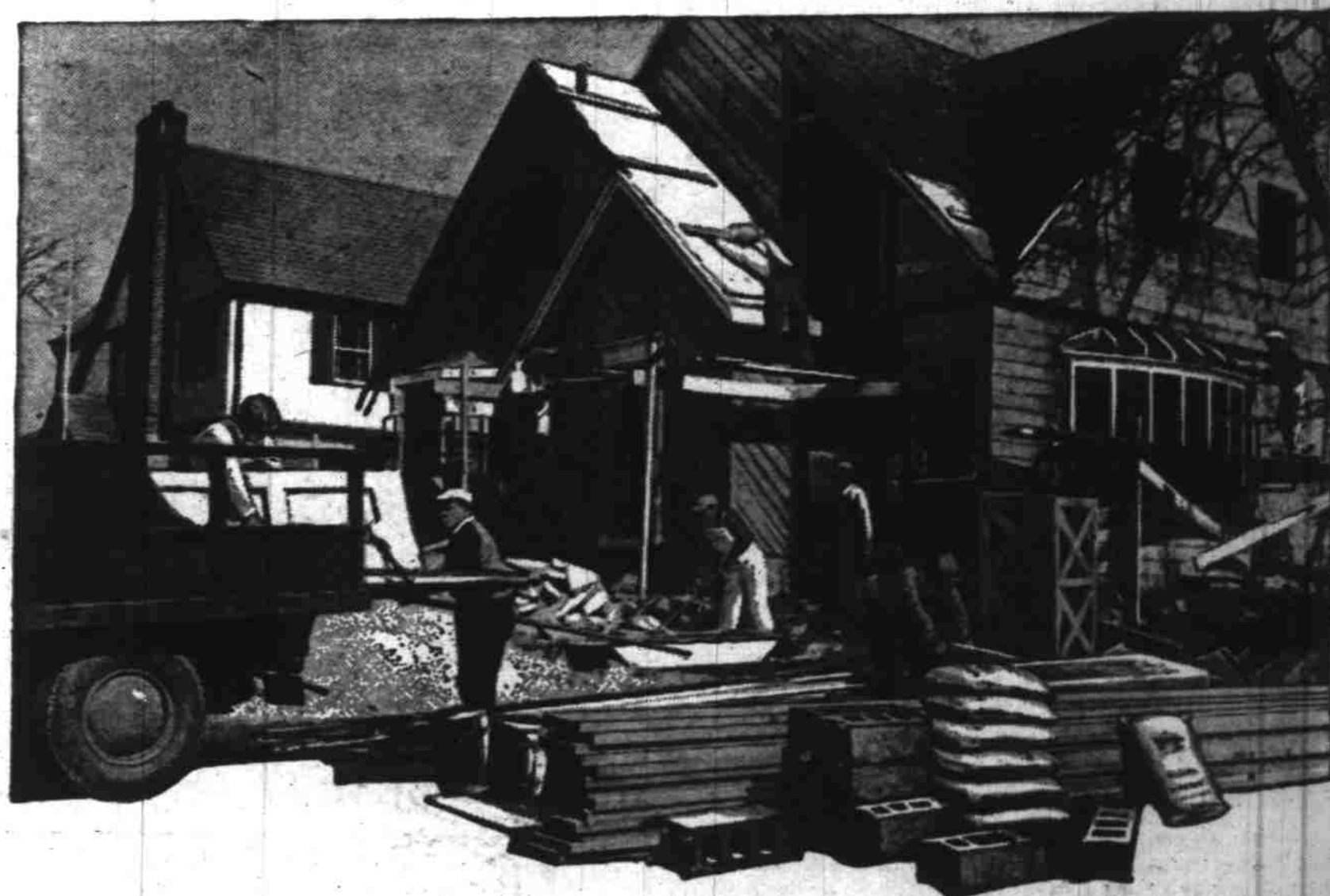
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