

Prices on Spring Lambs Take Drop Second Straight Week

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For the second straight week, spring lamb prices dipped sharply.

Civil Guards Seek Rebels In Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (U) — The government sent out a strong unit of civil guards Friday to pursue a band of 20 armed followers of former President Rafael Calderon Guardia who attacked the telegraph office at Vara Blanca, several miles north of here.

The men cut telegraph wires and took as hostages three farmers. Then they headed north to San Miguel, where they raided an office of the National Bank of Costa Rica and made away with about 27,000 colones (\$4,000).

The men were believed to have headed toward the Nicaraguan frontier where, unconfirmed reports have said, Calderonista elements were concentrating.

Claudio Mora Molina and Rodrigo Pacheco Musmanni, well-known Calderonistas, were recognized in the band.

Several weeks ago the government unexpectedly ordered a black out when rumors spread that Calderonistas were planning to march on Costa Rica from Nicaragua in a rebellion against President Jose Figueres. Former President Calderon is in exile in Nicaragua.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (U) — Reliable diplomatic sources said Friday night Costa Rica has asked El Salvador to mediate the ill feeling that has been mounting between Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua has spoken out sharply against President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica since an attempt to assassinate him was uncovered by his intelligence service. Somoza accused exiled Nicaraguans living in Costa Rica of being behind the plot.

Figueres sent an emissary, Edgardo Odio Gonzalez, here last week to discuss the Nicaraguan dispute with the Foreign Ministry and other diplomats.

Diplomatic sources said President Somoza has agreed in effect to accept Salvadoran mediation in providing Figueres will order immediate expulsion of all Nicaraguans living in exile in Costa Rica.

Rapid diplomatic maneuvering apparently is under way. The Foreign Office called in Costa Rican Ambassador Felix Osegueda and Nicaraguan Ambassador Salvador Duque Estrada for separate talks during the past 24 hours.

Grand Slam Goes to Court

DETROIT (U) — Gordon Mitchell, 27, was acquitted of assaulting his wife with the door of their home. Mitchell came home one night and found his wife Margaret, 25, entertaining some women friends with whom she likes to sing "barber shop" tunes.

Mrs. Mitchell went outside to bid them goodnight. Mitchell slammed the door. Margaret slammed it back. He slammed again. So did she. The next slam caught Margaret's elbow. It went through the glass in the door. Her arm was cut. She went to court.

Assault and battery was out. Mitchell hadn't laid a finger on her. So she charged him with "assault with a grade door."

Justice of the Peace Randall C. Koehler decided the whole thing was an accident and acquitted Mitchell.

Midwestern and eastern markets showed the largest declines. At Chicago, quotations for dressed spring lamb at wholesale dropped \$4 to \$5. The New York market was down \$3 to \$7. Dressed spring lamb at West Coast markets also showed lower trends. Prices at Portland dropped \$1 to \$2. The San Francisco market was fairly steady for dressed spring lamb, but the Los Angeles market was unchanged to \$4 lower.

At Portland as the week closed, choice spring lambs were bringing \$17.50 to \$18. In almost all markets the salable supply of sheep and lambs stepped up the week just ending.

Some Oregon raised spring lambs, but grazed in Montana, were sold on the St. Paul, Minn., market this past week for \$23 for good and choice grades.

Returning to Oregon, around 10,000 spring lambs in the Pendleton area this past week, were contracted at \$19 for fat lambs and \$17 for feeder lambs. Delivery is up to the first of August.

Until 1953, lamb consumption in Oregon, particularly in Western Oregon, has been rated particularly low. This picture is greatly changed, however, meat marketers report. In some areas lamb consumption has gone up so rapidly that it is almost on a par with San Francisco, the heaviest lamb consumption area per capita in the United States.

Queries in Salem markets Friday also revealed that consumption of lamb here is on the increase. At one market, the owner said that two or three years ago, he never carried lamb at all. Last year, he carried considerable lamb at various times. Now, because of demand, he stocks it at all times.

The USDA reports of Friday showed that the imports of wool into the United States have been dropping off rather sharply. The total imports from the first of July 1953, through March, 1954, totaled around 141 million pounds. This was down 52 per cent compared to the same period a year earlier.

On the other hand, the consumption of wool for apparel use in the United States during the past year, held about the same as during 1952. However, the consumption began to drop off in late 1953 and has been lagging rather sharply this spring compared to a year earlier.

Olympic Group Seeks Million

NEW YORK (INS) — The U. S. Olympic Committee has expressed hope that Olympic Day may some day become as popular as the Fourth of July, Labor Day, and pay day, and that the world's greatest international sports program will have as much appeal as the World Series or a traditional football game.

President Eisenhower has proclaimed October 16 Olympic Day in a bid to rally the nation's sports enthusiasts behind America's top amateur athletes who will compete in the 1956 Winter Olympics at Cortina d'Ampezzo, the Olympics in Australia, and the Pan American Games at Mexico City next March.

The Olympic Committee says it plans to raise and spend a million dollars to send more than 300 athletes to Melbourne, 100 skaters, skiers, and bobsled riders to the Italian Alps, and nearly 300 athletes to Mexico City to help promote peace, understanding and sportsmanship. The Games, which were held for nearly 1,200 years in ancient Greece, were revived in Athens in 1896.

Olympic Committee President Kenneth L. "Tug" Wilson said Olympic Day, which will be an annual affair, is designed to stimulate interest in the Olympic Games in the four years between competitions, and to serve as a focal point for a nationwide effort to raise part of the funds to help equip, transport and maintain our national Olympic team.

French Call Halt to Action In Indochina

By JOHN RODERICK
SAIGON, Indochina (U) — The French High Command called a halt to offensive action throughout Indochina Friday and announced the Geneva cease-fire will go into effect in North Viet Nam at 7 a. m. Tuesday, July 27 (4 p. m. PST Monday, July 26). Vietnamese forces kept up the fight in the Red River Delta Friday.

The cease-fire will not begin officially in other areas of Viet Nam until shortly afterward to give the Communist-led Vietnamese time to get word of the agreement to scattered outposts without radio links to headquarters.

Vietminh guerrillas struck violently before dawn at the French post of Vietri, 40 miles northwest of Hanoi, and were harassing other garrisons in the Red River Delta, a French briefing officer reported. Red forces tore up 120 yards of rails on the Hanoi-Haiphong supply line east of Hanoi, blew up a locomotive and attacked a French-Vietnamese post at Cheo Reo, 300 miles northeast of Saigon.

Gen. Paul Ely, French commander in chief, warned that he will "unleash massive air support" unless the three Viet Minh battalions at Cheo Reo stop firing.

The French air force, which cut its operations down to 11 bombing missions in the 24 hours ending at dawn, showered leaflets over Vietminh positions. The leaflets announced the French had stopped offensive operations and demanded the Vietminh do the same.

The French aircraft carrier Bois Belleau, formerly the American Belleau Wood, has ceased all air activity. Based in the Gulf of Tonkin, the Bois Belleau carries American-supplied Hellcats and Helldivers.

The French High Command disclosed that agreement had been reached with Vietminh conferees at Trung Gai for the tapering off of military activities until the cease-fire goes into effect throughout Viet Nam.

Indian Bills Win Approval

WASHINGTON (U) — Several Senate bills to end federal supervision over property of some 6,000 Indians in three states were approved Friday by the House Interior Committee.

One bill provides for termination of supervision over property of the Klamath Tribe and its individual members in Oregon. It would affect about 2,000 Indians.

Another measure would terminate federal supervision over 2,100 Indians in several tribes and bands in Western Oregon.

Mid-Valley Lawmen Hold Session at Jail

Some 25 law enforcement chiefs of Polk and Marion Counties convened Friday in the jail section of the Marion County courthouse for their monthly meeting and dinner.

Feature of the session was a film showing the operation of dynamite caps. Sheriff Denver Young served as host for the meeting.

Russian Youth Off for Wilds

MOSCOW (U) — Russian pioneers are moving rapidly into wilderness areas says the newspaper Komсомol Pravda. In one six-week period more than 15,000 young people left cities for unsettled areas, the paper says. But it complains that the pioneers cannot buy as much as a toothbrush, a spoon, rug or basin in the new settlements.

The report tells of five settlers who made a 300-mile trip to buy toothpaste, thread, shoelaces, shoe polish, pencils, ink, envelopes and pens. One girl made another long trip to buy matches. The paper urged Communist officials to open trade in the new lands.

In most fishes, the eggs are fertilized after they are laid.

Big Show Business Names Seek Bookings in Dallas, Texas

DALLAS, Tex. (INS) — Some of the biggest names in show business seek jobs in Dallas — traditionally a one-night stand.

After years of convincing and convincing by a man who has Dallas at heart and musical comedy on his mind, the big names finally realize there's an audience in Texas to help shape their futures.

Happy Position
The situation is a self-admitted happy one for Charles Meeker, the youthful producer who has put his all into Dallas State Fair Musicals for the past ten years.

"This year for the first time several big stars were available for the summer shows," explained Meeker, "and we're in a happy position."

When Meeker first launched the policy of bringing big names deep into Texas for summer appearances, he had to do a lot of convincing.

The stars felt that working away from the big entertainment centers would be a gamble because of poor production support," he said.

"Once we convinced a few they would get a 100 percent Broadway production to back up their talents, the rest realized a Dallas appearance would do their careers good."

This year the Dallas musical will spend some \$150,000 — more than any other summer theater — in salaries for the "big names" which have been rounded up from radio, television, Hollywood and Broadway.

For the 1954 season, which opened in June for 12 weeks, the call-board includes Jack Benny, Gale Storm, Don Ameche, Patrice Mun- sel, Vivian Blaine, Imogene Coca, Sheila Bond in such shows as "Wish You Were Here," "Hazel Flagg," "Naughty Marietta," "Panama Hattie" and "Wonderful Town."

Meeker is justly proud of his record in what he calls a "continuing policy" of bringing the best to Dallas. Since the policy was inaugurated in 1946 with a successful engagement by Allan Jones, the producer points out "we've made only one bad buy in a big name."

Meeker's "happy position" is not at all an unhappy one for Dallas and the audiences which come from half the states of the U. S.

Huge Audience
The musicals are a municipal undertaking, profit is not of prime importance and all is turned back into forthcoming production and Dallas' cultural future.

This gives music-loving southerners the opportunity to see top Broadway productions played by leading stars for \$3.50 in the orchestra or 90 cents in the balcony.

Meeker estimates the shows play to 50 percent Dallasites and the rest of the audience, according to mail order ticket purchases, came from 491 cities in 25 states last year. That doesn't include those who pick up their tickets at the box office.

One man brings his family by plane from Hobbs, N. M. on three different weekends each summer to see the last and first performances of two shows each trip.

Bustloads of eager music lovers come regularly from Oklahoma City and Shreveport, La., as well as Texas cities. Even the tradi-

Communist China Schooling Limited

HONG KONG (AP) — Of 4½ million high school students in Red China graduated in June, only 90,505 will be allowed to enter institutions of higher learning according to an order of the Ministry of Higher Education.

The largest group will study engineering while 24,975 will undertake teaching courses. Only 385 will be allowed to study fine arts.

This select group will have to undergo rigid examinations in their education and their "political stability."

Young Reporter Arrives on Scene

A 7 pound 13½ ounce boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Averill, 1889 S. Commercial, at 11:41 p. m. Friday at the Salem General Hospital. Both baby and mother are reported doing fine.

David Averill, the father and recent addition to The Oregon Statesman news staff, is also reported doing fine.

tional rivalry between Fort Worth and Dallas is put aside as "cowtown" customers flock to the musicals.

The man behind all this — Meeker — describes himself as the only hometown product in the guiding echelon of the productions. Conductor Franz Allers, Director George Schafer and most of the staff are well-acquainted with Broadway — Meeker was graduated from Southern Methodist University at Dallas in 1936, worked for a state theater chain then took his first professional producing job with the musicals in 1945.

At the Theaters Today

ELSINORE
"MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION" with Jane Wyman and Rock Hudson
Also "Who's Who at the Zoo" Featurette

CAPITOL
"SOUTHWEST PASSAGE" with Rod Cameron and Joanne Dru
"BAIT" with Cleo Moore

GRAND
"I WAS A MALE WAR BRIDE" with Cary Grant and Ann Sheridan
"THE CARNIVAL STORY" with Anne Baxter and Steve Cochran

HOLLYWOOD
"CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON" Joel MacCre
"BORDER RIVER" Joel MacCre

NORTH SALEM DRIVE IN
"FRANCIS" with Donald O'Connor
"TAZZA, SON OF COCHISE" Rock Hudson

"CARBINE WILLIAMS" with James Stewart and Wendell Corey in Technicolor
"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN" with Donald O'Connor, Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds

Jet Crashes Base Houses

WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (U) — A pilotless Air Force plane plunged into the officers' housing section and exploded here Friday. A child was killed and four other persons were injured in two flaming homes.

The F4 Thunderjet clipped the corner of one house, blew up and burning pieces set fire to two other houses. Two of the homes were destroyed.

The pilot, 1st Lt. Richard L. Juetten, 27, of Escanaba, Mich., had bailed out when his plane developed engine trouble about a mile from the housing area. He suffered minor injuries upon landing.

The public information office identified the dead child as 8-months-old Mathew Carl Watry. His parents, Capt. and Mrs. Charles A. Watry of Glendale, Calif., suffered severe burns and shock.

Mrs. Dorothy V. Horvath, wife of Capt. Mathew J. Horvath of Warren, O., and her son were hurt slightly.

The impact of the crash knocked down children playing two blocks away.

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Wanted Man Held in Seattle

Salem police have information that Edward Lee Ashley, wanted here on a charge of passing fictitious checks, has been arrested in Seattle.

A felony warrant on Ashley recently was issued out of Salem district court, charging passage of eight checks in this vicinity.

Police report the man also is wanted in several other states on check charges.

Suspect Held For Seattle Bank Holdup

SEATTLE (U) — A quick acting bandit obtained \$5,555 in a holdup of a Richmond Highlands bank Friday but a fast tip brought a quick arrest of a suspect and recovery of all the money within five and a half hours.

Sheriff Harlan H. Callahan and Richard Auerbach, special agent in charge of the Seattle FBI office, said they picked up Robert Cecil Wilcox, 30, Seattle, at his residence after a tip by "an alert citizen."

"How did you do it so quick," they said Wilcox asked.

A search of the premises where Wilcox was picked up brought discovery of \$1,755 hidden in various places. Another \$2,400 was recovered from a man to whom it had been paid for a 1950 Cadillac convertible and \$1,200 was obtained from a real estate office. The real estate firm had been given \$500 as a deposit on some property and \$700 in settlement of an old account.

No charges have been preferred against Wilcox.

Contrary to previous reports, it was learned from witnesses that the bank bandit had acted alone in the near 3 p. m. holdup.

Taxis Receive Safety Talks

OMAHA, (INS) — Two Omaha taxicab companies are helping in the drive to reduce traffic accidents by broadcasting safety messages to their drivers over the two-way radio systems.

Don Roth, Director of Safety for the program "is really paying off."

"In bad weather," he explains, "we broadcast safety messages every 15 minutes. And when the weather forecast is for snow or other bad weather, it gives us an opportunity to contact those cabs which don't have the proper tires or chains for such an occasion."

The Yellow Cab Company also is participating in the project to feed safety messages to radio-controlled taxis.

The Omaha Safety Council furnished three by five inch safety cards to the cab drivers, giving such safety information as stopping distances at certain speeds.

McCarthy Refuses to Fire Aide; Stevens Ouster Seen

WASHINGTON (U) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and his investigations subcommittee Friday refused to fire a staff aide after the Defense Department renewed its refusal — without explanation — to grant the man a security clearance.

Central figure in this dispute between the McCarthy group and the Pentagon is Thomas W. LaVenia, former Secret Service agent now serving as office manager and assistant counsel to the Senate subcommittee.

New reports circulated meanwhile that the administration is seeking some way of easing Secretary of the Army Stevens out of his job as a result of the Army-McCarthy controversy. One suggestion heard was that he might be offered an ambassadorship.

At the White House, Murray Snyder, assistant press secretary, said he had made inquiries and reported:

"I have heard no reference whatsoever to any change in Mr. Stevens' status."

Wilber M. Brucker, general counsel to the Defense Department, said after a closed-door session with the McCarthy subcommittee that he had refused to give the reasons for not clearing LaVenia on the ground that to do so would breach a confidence with the FBI.

A security clearance entitles the holder to handle secret and confidential documents.

Brucker said the Justice Department, which supplied the information on which the Pentagon based its decision in LaVenia's case, had insisted that the details be withheld.

The upshot was that the subcommittee announced a new demand that the Defense and Justice Departments give the reasons for LaVenia's nonclearance, and decided that LaVenia be retained in his job but assigned meanwhile to

duties in which he will not handle classified documents.

These decisions were announced by McCarthy and Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.). All members of the subcommittee attended Friday's meeting except Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.), who is campaigning in his home state.

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