

New York Meat Prices Shoot Up
 CHICAGO (U.P.)—Wholesale prices shot up in a "semi-way" market at New York today and livestock prices at cornbelt markets rose sharply.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said a broad demand from volume buyers and extremely light receipts were responsible for the swift climb in prices at New York.

Wholesale meat prices at Chicago failed to keep pace with the sharp rises recorded at New York.

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School System's Fame Spreads To Remote New South Wales
 The fame of Eugene's school system has spread far. Even into such centers of culture and human advancement as New South Wales, the most populous state of sparsely populated Australia.

Clarence Hines, present superintendent of the Eugene system, was informed of this far-flung fame through a pamphlet forwarded to him by Dr. J. F. Cramer, former Eugene superintendent.

The pamphlet contains a reprinting of a speech delivered last fall before the New South Wales legislative assembly by Mr. E. D. Darby, B. Ec., M. L. A. Report From Eugene

After moving that a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the problem of decentralization of education in the state, Mr. Darby supported his motion with a long series of examples putting forth the advantages of decentralized educational set-ups.

Part way through he said: "Before leaving the subject of schools in other parts of the world I propose to refer to the annual report of the Eugene schools of 1941.

"Eugene is a town of about 20,000, situated in the backwoods of the state of Oregon.

"It controls its own educational system, and each year presents a report of its 4000 school children and their 145 teachers.

"There is an account in the report of the activities of the educational board. The town has everything educationally, including two high schools. Each high school has its own symphony orchestra and band, and if a child is sick, its home is visited.

"In one year," Darby marvelled before the assembly, "every child was inspected by a school nurse. In addition, every child was given anti-tubercular treatment; and crippled children were given lessons by a school teacher in their homes.

"The board," he then added, "has assets of \$1,500,000, and liabilities of \$200,000. This year it received \$450,000 and spent \$380,000.

"One Of The Best"

"I admit," Darby concluded, "that this is a show district — one of the best. But it indicates what can be done by a decentralized system.

"People (of Eugene) who read the report of the board are actively interested themselves in the education of their locality, in vivid contrast to the disinterestedness of the people of New South Wales...."

Six in Family Set Record For School Attendance
 MULGA, Ala.—(U.P.)—The three sons and three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pender have attended school for a total of 44 years without an absence.

Gaynelle Pender, 13, has attended four years without missing a class. Jean, 14, has a six-year perfect record. Carl 15, has not missed a day in eight years.

Tommy Pender, 17, attended school for nine years without being absent, before graduating. James, 19, also a graduate, is even better. He had a nine-year perfect record.

Zeina Pender, 21, and now married, completed school with a perfect nine-year attendance record also.

Honesty Beats The Humidity
 CHICAGO (U.P.)—There were 800 cases on the docket in Chicago's traffic court and with the temperature and the humidity climbing toward the 100 mark, tempers were high, too.

Stewart Becker, 19, approached prosecutor William H. Barth and asked that his case be heard then instead of next day as scheduled. Barth took a dim view of the prospect.

But Becker explained that he thought he was supposed to come up for trial today on a speeding charge. This was the only time of the year he could take his vacation and he had made arrangements to go to Canada.

"I wanted that vacation," he said, "but I also knew I had to appear for trial. So I went on my vacation and flew here from Canada, thinking I was due here. It cost me \$90 plane fare."

Barth went into a huddle with Judge Gibson E. Gorman.

"It is very refreshing on a bad day to find a young man of such a deep feeling of responsibility," Gorman said. "Case dismissed."

Becker flew back to Canada and the rest of his vacation.

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Business Hurt By Flood News

SPOKANE (U.P.)—President Truman has been asked to "help overcome the unfavorable publicity" received by the Pacific Northwest because of its recent floods.

The request was made in a telegram sent by Joseph Drumheller, president of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce.

"Official releases coming from high government officials that the Pacific Northwest is a disaster area are creating an alarming situation in the minds of people who desire to do business with us, and with thousands of tourists planning vacations here," the message said.

Drumheller asked that President Truman issue a personal statement that "the Pacific Northwest is back to normal."

Tripp Tripped Often Police Files Show

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (U.P.)—When Edward Tripp, 58, was arrested again, police did some figuring.

They concluded that Tripp has not had too much free time to spend at his job as a painter.

Since 1925, Tripp has spent 3300 days in jail, until his latest sentence, which added another 60 days. It was his 145th sentence in 23 years for such charges as intoxication and panhandling.

In addition, he was arrested 11 other times on misdemeanor charges for which he received suspended sentences or forfeited bail.

Helicopters for Peace, Test Pilot Concludes

JAMESTOWN, N. Y. (U.P.)—The helicopter is a "plane for peace," according to Floyd W. Carlson, pioneer test pilot for that type of aircraft.

"The helicopter can't be used to kill people," Carlson says. "It's great for saving people. It's a plane for peace, and that's one of the big reasons why I have so much admiration for it."

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Accident Mars Vacation Trip

NEVADA CITY, Cal. (U.P.)—The proposed vacation trip of an Eagle Point, Ore., mother and her five children ended in the county hospital here.

Mrs. Mary Picard, 38, and her children, Donald, 17, Beverly Ann, 13, Kenneth, 8, Penny, 4, and Ralph Picard Jr., 15 months, all were injured when their car brakes failed to hold and the vehicle plunged over a cliff 20 miles east of here. They were bound for Milwaukee, Wis., for a vacation.

Hospital authorities said the mother appeared to be the most seriously injured and that the teen-aged children were hurt more than the smaller children.

Highway Patrolman George Hammill, who discovered the accident, said it was a "miracle" that any of them were alive. He said the car was completely demolished.

Ralph Picard, the children's father, lives in Medford, Ore.

STAY AWAKE!

PHILADELPHIA (U.P.)—Coloradoans started to the Democratic convention Monday with a tip on 1948 etiquette from their national committeewoman. "Remember," said Mrs. Marguerite Peyton Thompson, "there is television now. Don't go to sleep in your chairs on the convention floor."

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