

**FORCED SALES AT LOW POINT**

**West Coast Land Values In '49 Drop Less Than 1%**

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL

Washington, Sept. 29 (AP)—Farm buyers and sellers were about at a stalemate in the western states this year. The agriculture department reports that despite sliding crop prices, land values dropped less than one per cent in the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast areas from March to July and that only about 52 farms in a thousand changed hands during the year ended March 15.

Voluntary sales in the mountain states were down about 10 per cent from the peak of 81.5 per thousand in 1946. In the Pacific states, the peak was reached at 70.3 per thousand in 1947 and the ratio per thousand farms had dropped to 52.3 as of March 15 this year.

Forced sales in the mountain states were at their lowest point in the past quarter century—a fraction over one in a thousand farms. Such sales in the coast states reached bottom with 1.1 per thousand two years ago. They represent 1.7 in a thousand this year.

The department's survey indicated most buyers throughout the country are in a generally safe financial situation, and it predicted that the volume of farm sales will drop gradually during the next year, even if there are further declines in farm real estate values.

In the four months ended July 1, land values in four of the 11 Far Western states were unchanged. These were California, Idaho, Utah and Arizona.

In five others, there was a decrease of but one per cent. Values in Montana and Wyoming dropped two per cent, to equal the national average.

The average decline for the Western area thus was but one per cent for the four months, compared to drops of 5 per cent in the mountain area and 6 per cent in the coast section in the previous four months.

Land values in the mountain states are still more than double those of 1940, while those along the coast are only slightly less than 100 per cent greater.

For purposes of comparison, the department uses acreage values of 1912-14 as 100. The March 1949 ratios, with comparable figures for 1948 and for 1940, includes:

Washington 166, 181 and 100; Oregon 151, 168 and 100.

The amount of energy you use, not the hot weather, determines the amount of food you need in the summertime.

she, a graduate of Linfield college, where she majored in music. Mrs. Hessler plays the organ for two daily radio programs from the Boise station. Hessler is associated with the New York Life Insurance office there.

The Hesslers are well acquainted in this community as they were both students in the high school here; he graduating from Oregon State college and

**Gates School Year Finds Packed Rooms**

Gates — The Gates schools have completed their first two weeks of this term with the largest enrollment in its history and with the prospect of more to come.

The high school registered 55 the first day which was an increase of more than 100 per cent. The first six grades have a total of 102 pupils.

Due to the crowded condition of the primary room with Mrs. Mary Champ in charge of the first and second grades, it was necessary to secure another teacher for the second grade. Mrs. Bently of Lyons has been engaged and that class is held in the hallway of the grade school. Other arrangements are being studied including the possibility of building a new room.

The odor of musk still clings to the rooms of the Empress Josephine sixty years after her death in spite of washings and paintings. She loved the scent and perfumed her rooms with it constantly.



**Saves Life of Pup**—Danny Ryan, 14, of Brooklyn, N. Y., cuddles his pup, Teddy, in Interstate park near Alpine, N. J., where police found him camping in woods. Danny ran away from home with the pup to save it from destruction advised by ASPCA when his mother agreed to the verdict after the pup's hind legs were found to be paralyzed. Sympathetic police took Teddy to another veterinarian who said the pup could be cured. Danny and Teddy were sent home happy. (AP Wirephoto)

**WEDDING BELLS SIX MONTHS LATER**

**Girl Who Wrote Fan Letter Marries Zany Disc Jockey**

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood (AP)—This should happen to girls who write fan letters to Cary Grant and Clark Gable. A girl who wrote a fan letter to zany disk jockey Jim Hawthorne married him.

The former Miss Lee Uransky just wanted to see a radio show. And look what happened. Hawthorne—he dropped his first name because it was "hard to remember"—now is a comedian with a weekly television show. But the stocky, owl-eyed comic was just a disk jockey

and incidentally asked for some tickets to his show for my girl friend and me." The two girls went to Pasadena, east of Hollywood, to see the show and met Hawthorne in person. He was driving to North Hollywood, where they lived, after the show and so he took them home. "He asked me for a date," Lee said. "We went to a Mexican restaurant in his new convertible."

On June 13, 1948, six months to the day after they met, they were married. Now they have a home in suburban Woodland Hills and a new arrival, Darr Christopher Hawthorne.



**Mined With Guns**—A guard armed with a deer rifle watches the first load of coal to come out of the Lingle Coal company mine at Clearfield, Pa., as non-union workers went back to their jobs in defiance of John L. Lewis' striking United Mine Workers. The guard refused his name and turned his head from the camera to prevent identification. (AP Wirephoto)

**BEYOND DUTIES TO ENJOY LIFE**

**Housewife Teaches Men Carpentry at Trade School**

By LEO SOROKA

Prairie, Miss. (AP)—Mrs. Mattie Lou Gann, with the unusual title "lady carpenter," thinks it's high time women looked out their kitchen window to tackle some of the jobs menfolk keep to themselves.

Mrs. Gann is an average housewife who goes beyond her culinary duties to enjoy life.

Many a housewife has reached for hammer and nails to adjust curtain rods. Others wait for hubby to handle carpentry work around the house.

Not so with Mrs. Gann. Her war veteran son is amazed at his mother's talents with hammer and saw in working out a carpentry problem.

Mrs. Gann is known as the "lady carpenter" at school, where she instructs men students on how to become good carpenters. She is on the faculty at Trades Training Institute of Mississippi State college in northeast Mississippi.

During the war Mrs. Gann used to turn out shells which made her an expert on precision instrument reading.

At first, Mrs. Gann handled instruction on precision instruments used in different shops at the Institute, except for the framing square which was used in the carpentry and cabinet-making shops. Now she even instructs on the complicated framing square.

John Echols, veteran carpenter at Memphis, Tenn., was somewhat wary of Mrs. Gann's talents until he learned of her framing square knowledge.

"That makes her an expert carpenter," Echols said. "Anyone with the ability to understand the framing square is every bit a carpenter."

Mrs. Gann moves from one work bench to another while her students hammer and saw on their work problems. In motherly fashion she'll lend a hand . . . rip out a board . . . and replace it the right way.

Mrs. Gann applies her carpentry knowledge away from school, too. Right now the Ganns are in the process of repairing their home. All three—mother, father and son—are on the job.

Mrs. Gann says the trouble with a lot of women is that they stay in their kitchen instead of seeing what their menfolk are doing for a living.

"Women are just as capable if they'd look out the window at other jobs," she says. "Women can hold down many a job now strictly in the hands of men . . . it just takes effort to learn the

other fellows job." According to Mrs. Gann, "You're never too old to learn." Asked about her age, Mrs. Gann will tell you: "I think a person is only as old as she feels or acts—and I still feel fine."

**Hesslers End Visit With Dayton Parents**

Dayton—Mr. and Mrs. George Hessler, Jr., of Boise, Ida., have left for their home after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Coburn and other relatives.

The Hesslers brought their daughter, Joyce, and two other girls from Boise, to Eugene where the girls have enrolled as students at Northwestern Christian College.

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