FARM PRICE LEVEL IN PARITY TERMS SAME AS YEAR AGO

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Farm price declines for some products were offset by price gains in grains, cotton, some truck crops and other items from mid-September to mid-October. The national index of prices received by farmers went up about 1 per cent.

The index of prices paid by farmers also advanced slightly. The net result was to bring the general level of farm prices to 114 per cent of parity, the same as a year before.

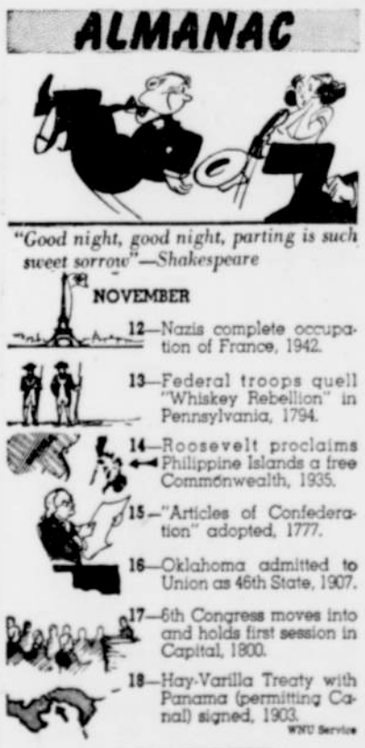
The farm cost index used in figuring parity farm prices stood at 175 in October, five points higher than a year previous. This index does not include farm labor or marketing costs. Farm wage rates in October were at 345 per cent of the 1910-1914 base period and almost 300 per cent of 1935-1939. Compared wtih a year ago, United States farm wage rates were nearly 10 per cent higher.

Marketing charges the second quarter of 1945 were 16 per cent greater than in 1935-1939, but the retail cost of food was 36 per cent higher. Marketing charges required about 50 per cent of the consumer's dollar, a near record low percentage.

Food costs were also at a record low point the second quarter of 1945 in percentage of the average national per capita income. Although actual expenditures for food took 20 per cent of consumer's income, more food and higher quality was bought. The retail cost of the same amount and kinds of food as purchased in the 1935-1939 pre-war period was only 15 per cent of the income.

The decline in prices for farm products after the first world war was not accompanied by an equivalent decline in marketing charges. This resulted in high marketing costs percentage wise that reached 67 per cent of the retail cost of food in 1933. Thus the farmer's share went down to only 33 per cent that year. Farm operation costs took most of that, data shown.

The average expenditure for food during 1935-1939 took 23 per cent of total income, and 26 per cent of the average expenditures for all goods and services. During that period nearly 60 per cent of the retail cost of the typical "market basket" of food went to pay marketing charges. Over half of the farmer's 40 per cent was required to meet farm operation expenses.



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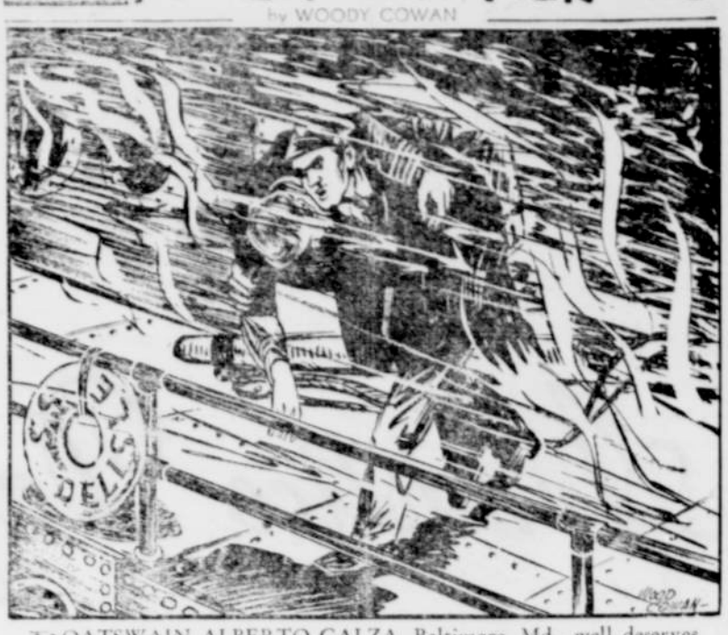

BOATSWAIN ALBERTO GALZA, Baltimore, Md., well deserves his Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal. When the SS Delisle was first torpedoed, he rescued the wounded third mate. In the second torpedoing, the Master of the ship was pinned down by a cargo boom. Galza cut him free and lowered him to a raft just before the ship sank. War Bonds bought and held will provide ships and gear for the Merchant Marine. *U. S. Treasury Department*

NOW IS THE TIME TO USE SULPHUR

Now is a good time to make full application of agricultural sulphur to legume crops, according to Jens F. Svinth, county agricultural agent. The ground is sufficiently moist to allow the sulphur to be taken into the ground and into proper solution. It takes about five months for sulphur to break down into such a form that it is available to the crop to which it is applied.

Fifty to seventy-five pounds per acre should be applied for alfalfa. Ladino clover will respond to a similar application when gypsum is not applied in the spring.

Prize Heifer Sold to Chas. Trefethen

Last week Charley Trefethen purchased for his meat department a Durham heifer which tipped the scales to 442 pounds after being dressed. The heifer was 10 months 7 days old and was owned by E. R. Brown of O'Brien.

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"The running time for all schedules has been reduced," said Mr. Ackerman. "This means buses make more trips and accommodate more passengers, who now arrive sooner. Additional schedules have been provided, too, giving the convenience of more departure times to choose from. For example, to Los Angeles we are now operating 28 schedules each day, an improved frequency of service. There's a bus leaving just about any time you are ready to leave."

This improved Greyhound service, the bus executive pointed out, is only the first step in a program to provide this area with "finer highway transportation at lowest cost."

"Fares are now being lowered between many points," Mr. Ackerman said, "and still other reductions are contemplated."

Pacific Greyhound's expansion program, interrupted by the war, includes new buses, new and remodeled terminals, and other improved conveniences for bus travelers.

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Men with six months of satisfactory service discharged as privates will, on reenlistment before November 21, be given the grade of private first class.

Men now in the Army who apply for discharge after NOVEMBER 1 for the purpose of reenlisting in the Regular Army will also retain their present grades, if they enlist within 20 days after discharge and before FEBRUARY 1, 1946.

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2. Men reenlisting retain their present grades, if they reenlist within 20 days after discharge and before Feb. 1, 1946. The same applies to men discharged between May 12 and Nov. 1, 1945, who reenlist before Nov. 21, 1945.
3. An increase in the reenlistment bonus to $50 for each year of active service since the bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.
4. 20% extra pay when overseas.
5. Paid furlough, up to 90 days, depending on length of service, with furlough travel paid to home and return, for men now in the Army who enlist.
6. Mustering-out pay (based upon length of service) to all men who are discharged to reenlist.
7. Option to retire at half pay for the rest of your life after 20 years' service — or three-quarters pay after 30 years. (Retirement income in grade of Master or First Sergeant up to $155.25 per month for life.) All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.
8. Benefits of GI Bill of Rights.
9. Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist or reenlist before July 1, 1946.
10. Choice of branch of service and overseas theater in Air, Ground or Service Forces on 3-year enlistments.

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Technical Sergeant	114.00	74.10	128.25
Staff Sergeant	96.00	62.40	108.00
Sergeant	78.00	50.70	87.75
Corporal	66.00	42.90	74.25
Private First Class	54.00	35.10	60.75
Private	50.00	32.50	56.25

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