

RURAL BUYING IN MARCH INCREASED

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—A marked upturn in merchandise purchases in small towns and rural areas for March was reported today by the commerce department.

Preliminary estimates indicated an increase of 651 per cent in dollar volume over March, 1933, and of 23 per cent over March, 1932.

Part of the extreme rise above last year was attributed to the effect on sales last year of the March bank moratorium.

DRESS ECONOMY IS TOPIC FOR MEETS

Economy dressmaking will be the subject of the meetings of the Home Extension units in the county this week, which will be conducted by Mrs. Mabel C. Mack, county home demonstration agent. The dresses will be cut and pin fitted at the meeting. Election of officers will be held at each unit, and plans made for Home-makers' day in Medford April 25.

On Monday, April 16, the McCloud unit will meet with Mrs. Caroline Harding, and on Tuesday, April 17, the Butte Falls club will meet in the church, with Mrs. Joe Hibbard as chairman. Mrs. William Hoffert will be chairman of the Lost Creek unit meeting on Wednesday, and on Thursday the Evans Valley group will meet in the garage hall, with Dorothy Stewart as chairman. Mrs. Mabel Standliffe will be chairman at the Presbyterian church in Phoenix, when the Phoenix unit meets on Friday.

VALLEY SCHOOLS DIVIDE HONORS

In the southern Oregon shorthand and typing tests held at Ashland Saturday, Ashland high school won the team championship in the Class A division with a percentage of 61.28 for typing.

Grants Pass won the top place for shorthand, with a team percentage of 54.93.

Louise Carman of Phoenix was first in the free-for-all typing with 76.07 words per minute and 10 errors. This was in the amateur division.

Francis McCoy of Ashland was second. In the novice division, Francis Whitehead of Ashland was first with 60.08.

In the secondary school list, Phoenix was first for team work, and Margaret Poling of Phoenix won second in the amateur class.

In the novice class, Jeanne Hammerley of Gold Hill was first with a 50.47 per centage, and June Moore of Gold Hill was second.

In the shorthand contest, the Ashland team recorded a percentage of 97.14. Grants Pass recorded a percentage of 96.14.

Jean Billings scored first in the novice class with 90, and Leah Hagen of Ashland second with 97.33.

Doris Talent of Ashland won first in the amateur class, with a remarkable percentage of 90.78, with but one error. Helen Mitchell of Grants Pass was second with 89.05, and two errors.

In the secondary school contestants, Blossom Durkee of Gold Hill was first with 97.33. Florence Bohrer and Addie Bols of Phoenix scored a tie for second place with 97.02.

NEEDY REQUESTED TO MAKE FILINGS

Army Recruit Aide Visits Coming Week

Jennings D. Lowman, sub-station commander for the United States army recruiting office, will be at his office in the armory on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week to receive recruits for the regular army.

According to word received from Sergeant Lowman, a few men may be accepted for stations at the Presidio, San Francisco, and at Salt Lake City, Utah. A small quota has also been received for service in Hawaii, he said.

William B. Henry of Medford and Jesse L. Gosnell of Ashland were recently accepted for service.

Dividend Changes
NEW YORK, April 14.—(AP)—Favorable dividend changes in the past week numbered 22, one less than in the previous week, Standard Statistics Co. reports.

Heroic Wife
OAKLAND, Calif., April 14.—(AP)—A wife heroism in donating her blood for two transfusions was credited today by physicians as responsible for saving the life of James Townsend, 47, after he had undergone a major operation.

Dust Hurts Wheat
MANHATTAN, Kas., April 14.—(AP)—In view of the seriousness of soil blowing on contracted wheat acreages of the southwest, E. B. Wells, Kansas State college extension agronomist, has been authorized by the AAA to

Washington to call a conference on the matter in Amarillo, Texas, tomorrow and Monday.
Be correctly copied in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann.

Cowgirl Suit Falls
HOLLYSTER, Calif., April 14.—(AP)—Lavin Mare, cowgirl, who has ridden many a bucking horse in the ring but got hurt last August while riding the fender of an advertising automobile, was loser today in her \$32,000 damage

suit against Jack Etcheverry and the San Benito County Saddle Horse association.
A Gas Tragedy
PORTLAND, April 14.—(AP)—Edgar Willis Smith, 70, was asphyxiated here

today while adjusting his automobile, the engine of which was operating, in a closed garage. He was unconscious when found by his wife who had been attracted by the constant operation of the engine.

Truck Fire Injures
THE DALLES, Oreg., April 14.—(AP)—Two men were severely burned when a gasoline transport truck owned by Ralph Anderson of Baker caught fire last night near Alderdale ferry, east of Arlington. The truck was destroyed.

Free-Rising Waters
HARTFORD, Conn., April 14.—(AP)—Many families, some of them driving livestock to safety, fled their homes today in East Hartford as the Connecticut river reached the highest mark of the year.

WARD WEEK



When all America goes Shopping!

Muslin
Ward Week Value!
Slightly starched muslin, bleached white. 36 inches wide.
10c

Pillow Cases
Ward Week Value!
Famous Longwear 42x36 inch bleached cotton cases.
22c

Bib Aprons
Ward Week Special!
Fruit-of-the-Loom percales in many cute styles.
25c

New Slips
Ward Week Values
Serviceable broadcloth, tailored bodice.
35c



Ward Week Value House Dresses 59c
Priced low for savings!
Crisp new print percales! Smart as street frocks but priced lots lower! Short sleeves! Clever necklines! In sizes 14 to 52. Save now!

Silk Pongee
At Low Ward Week Price
12 Mo. mme weight; 33 in. wide. Natural tan; washable.
15c

Rayon Undies
Ward Week Value
Trim vests, bloomers, panties. Regular, extra sizes.
25c

Sheets
Low Ward Week Price!
81x99 Longwear sheets of pure bleached cotton. Values!
85c

Grenadine
Buy Now—Save More!
Cushion dots woven into the sheer ground. Cream, ecru.
10c

Sport Shoes
Repaired for Ward Week
Grand all round sports shoes, crepe rubber sole.
79c

Cheesecloth
Ward Week Value Priced
Unbleached cream color; loose mesh. Standard grade.
3c

Play Shoes
Ward Week Special!
Children's silk and brown calf-skin play shoes.
1.00

Silk Hose
Save In Ward Week!
Pure silk, full fashioned. Children's and service weights.
54c

New Shoes
Ward Week Special
Black kid shoes with steel arch support.
1.49

America's Greatest Sale! Lasts Through Saturday April 21!

Undershirts
Ward Week Special!
Men's Athletic shirts! Swiss rib cotton! Sizes 34 to 44!
19c

Fine Shorts
Ward Week Savings!
Fancy broadcloth—elastic side inserts! 30 to 42!
19c

Work Shoes
Ward Week Special!
All SOLID leather! Two full soles! Great Value!
2.39

Flat Crepe
Special! Low Ward Week Price!
38 inch, plain all silk.
59c

TOWELS
Ward Week Value Priced!
Famous Cannon Mill
19c each

2 for 5c
Special for Ward Week!
Clear glass in popular Colonial pattern. Buy them now and save! An extra value!

Many Specials Un-Advertised!

Save on that new Spring frock!
Extraordinary Value!
SILVANIA Prints 13 1/2c
yd.



Hot Plates
Ward Week Special
Chrome plate, 3-heat, 2 burners.
5.49

Skillet
Save In Ward Week
Heavy cast aluminum. With lid.
1.39

House Broom
Ward Week Value
Good quality, 4 good corn. Each.
25c

Come - See ALL Ward Week Values!

Wards Washer
Ward Week Price IS \$5.00 LESS!
Ward Week Special

Wards Washer
Just See the Saving You Make in Ward Week!
Here's the great big tub you've wanted. A full size washer with quality features. Don't miss this buy!
\$43.95
\$5 down \$5 monthly Small carrying charge

'B' Battery
Ward Week Special
High test; long-life construction. Very special!
88c

Values so Great Many Will Not be Repeated!

Men's Socks
Ward Week Value
Famous Rockford cotton. Blue, brown. Large sizes.
11c

Big Blankets
Save In Ward Week
Single cotton in gay plaids. 70x90 ins. Pastels.
59c

12 Naptha
Fine Quality Soap!
Better lay in a supply! Ideal for greasy dirt!
25c

Fancy Socks
Save In Ward Week
Rayon over cotton in men's sizes 10 to 11 1/2.
12c

Anklets
Save In Ward Week
Rayon over cotton. White, colors. Children's sizes.
10c

Soap Chips
Look! 2 boxes only
Suds are thick and remove dirt without harm.
25c

Wash Boiler
Very Special Value!
Heavy galvanized. Handy drop handles. 11-gal. size.
1.49

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