

Cost Of Living Figures Show Terrific Spiral As Meat, Clothing Price Ups

CHICAGO, June 30 (AP)—On this first anniversary of the end of federal price controls, pork on the dinner table costs 78 per cent more than it did a year ago, beef and veal 63 per cent more.

Other food, clothing, and living costs in general also have undergone sharp rises, trade and government figures show. Within the year many prices soared to record peaks, topping the highs of the 1919-1920 postwar period.

Market and retail supplies are

higher in many lines, but farm supplies of livestock are lower than a year ago and cold storage stocks of many foods are lower. Such commodities as steel, oil and lumber, still lag far behind demand requirements.

Referring to meat prices, the American Meat Institute said in a statement:

Big Demand
"Ordinarily the present supply of meat would be reasonably adequate. However, an unprecedented demand has made the average supply level inadequate."

With 1926 prices as a base average of 100, the Associated Press wholesale price index Friday was 175.64. A year ago the figure was 152.38. This represents an increase of 43.6 per cent in the year. The highest was reached in March at 184.32.

A compilation by the federal bureau of labor statistics, shows that for May, the most recent calculation available, this index was at 153.8 on a 1935-39 base average of 100. Throughout the war period up to a year ago the index had advanced 33.3 points. In the ensuing year it went up 22.5 points.

General Average
All cost of living items included in the index averaged 169 per cent above last June, with major items like food 28.8 per cent higher, clothing 17.3, and household furnishings 16.2.

Specifically, meats in general are 52.2 per cent more, fish 16.1, chicken 10.3, dairy products 16, eggs 21.6, fruits and vegetables 12.8, beverages 50.6, fats and oils 58.6, and sugar and sweets 31.6 higher.

Trade groups assert the various indices are unrealistic because, they say, these compute prices during the OPA period on the basis of ceilings when prices in "black markets" were above ceiling.

Spring wheat at Minneapolis closed up to \$2.82 1/2 a bushel last Thursday; a year ago it was \$1.87 1/2. Dark hard wheat Saturday at Kansas City was up to \$2.40 1/2, compared with \$2.01 1/2 a bushel under ceiling. Within the last week No. 2 yellow corn at Chicago was \$2 3/4 a bushel on the cash market, compared with \$1.46 1/2 under the ceiling.

J. O. McClintock, president of the Chicago board of trade, said "tremendous buying operations" by the government was a factor in the price action of grains.

Local Men Attend Spud Field Day

Six Klamath county potato growers attended the Potato Field Day at Corvallis, June 26. The six were Henry Semon, Scott Warren, Cliff Dunn, Karl Dehlinger, Louie Lyon and Ed Stearns. About 100 growers from different Oregon potato growing sections were present.

Progress reports covering investigations being carried on potato diseases and control of disease spread by control of insect carriers were given at a morning meeting.

It was apparent that many seed growers are using insecticides as an additional practice to improve quality of seed produced. The Portland area seems to be on a dust schedule at eight to 10 day intervals.

Records shown at the meeting indicate that inadequate dusting can be as detrimental as adequate dusting can be effective. Apparently three to six dustings may be necessary in the Klamath area.

Not Whole Answer
It was pointed out that dusting in itself is not the answer. Thorough roguing to remove diseased plants as early as possible is still necessary. Dusting is thought of as merely another valuable aid.

A newly recognized potato disease temporarily named "late breaking virus" was discussed. Symptoms include late emerging weak plants in some cases. Another manifestation is a late season rolling of top leaves in well developed plants, accompanied by serial tubers in axils of leaves. The disease causes affected plants to produce very small potatoes. Leafroll is still the main worry of Russet growers. Best control is afforded by selection of good seed as free as possible of leafroll infection.

It was stated that leafroll has become a major concern in Idaho production areas also. Because leafroll spreads rapidly and can be carried in soil, adjacent fields, some growers are considering advisability of regulations requiring that all planting stock be tested and required to meet maximum tolerances for leafroll.

Negro Slayer To Hang Tuesday
JUNEAU, Alaska, June 30 (AP)—Barring unforeseen legal action, Austin Nelson, 27-year-old convicted negro slayer, will be hanged at the federal jail here early Tuesday morning, United States Marshal William Mahoney said today.

He was convicted in April of the murder of Jim Ellen, grocery store proprietor, last December 22. A plea for executive clemency was refused by President Truman June 9.

Theatre Holdup Nets Gunman \$260
ALBANY, June 30 (AP)—A theatre holdup here early yesterday netted an armed man \$260 in small change. Manager Raymond Porter of the Venetian theatre said the man forced him to open a safe, then became angry that there was not more money. He tied and gagged him, then kicked him in the ribs and hit him over the head with a pistol before fleeing, Porter told police.

Truman Ends Duty Free Lumber Bill
WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—President Truman today signed a proclamation terminating on August 15 regulations permitting duty-free importation of lumber or lumber products certified by the housing expeditor as suitable for housing construction.

The proclamation supercedes one of October 25, 1946 which authorized the secretary of the treasury to set up the regulation. Today's order said "it now appears that it would be in the public interest" to terminate the regulations.

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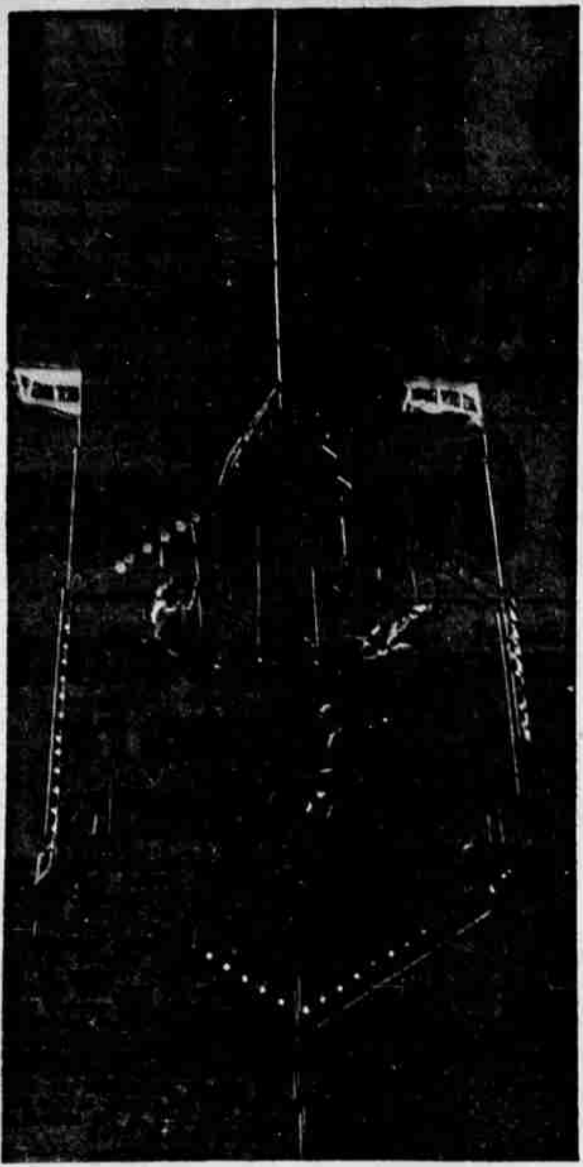
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These aerial acrobats are an added attraction this year of the West Coast shows, which will play here July 2 to 6.

Traffic Sign Going At Weed

To aid in routing northbound traffic through Klamath Falls, plans are being made to erect a reflectorized sign at Weed, Calif. The Klamath County chamber of commerce is cooperating with the Shasta Cascade Wonderland association of California to direct cars traveling from San Francisco to Portland by way of the Willamette pass.

At present there is no reflectorized sign at the junction of U. S. highways No. 97 and 99 at Weed, with only a small porcelain sign marking the route through Klamath Falls. According to the California highway department, there is no spot at the intersection to place a sign, but Charles Stark, chamber head, indicated that other arrangements were being made.

The sign will be similar to the one placed a year ago at Goshen Junction, just outside of Eugene. This large marker designates the Willamette pass as one route for southbound motorists.

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Big Basin Lumber Heads Switched At Malin Outlet

Promotion of E. E. Smith, manager of the Malin retail outlet of the Big Basin Lumber company, to a supervisory sales position in the retail lumber company was announced today by C. B. Sweet, western retail department manager for the Long-Bell Lumber company, owners of the Big Basin properties.

Sweet, who formerly managed the Klamath Falls Big Basin yard, said that Smith will become sales supervisor for the Malin yard and the new Big Basin outlet now under construction at Tulelake. The Tulelake retail outlet which was opened two months ago is under the management of C. E. Nelson. A modern retail lumber yard at Tulelake will be complete in the near future.



E. E. Smith

Smith, who has managed the Malin yard for the past five years, turns the management over to Paul R. Kruger, who has been transferred to Malin from the Longview, Wash., retail yard of Long-Bell. Smith has been connected with the Long-Bell Lumber company for 23 years and was member of the retail department furnishing the materials for the construction of the model city of Longview. He was at the Klamath Falls yard of Big Basin several years before taking over the management of the Malin retail yard.



Paul R. Kruger

Kruger has several years of retail lumber experience gained in Nebraska where he was employed by a large retail lumber company. He has managed several small yards in the Midwest, the last being at Windside, Neb.

Smith will continue to make his home in Malin and Kruger will move his wife and two children to Malin when housing is located.

CLARK HONORED
SALEM, June 30 (AP)—Gen. Mark W. Clark, new commanding officer of the sixth army on the West coast and wartime commander in Italy, will be honored at a luncheon in Salem Tuesday by Brig. Gen. Raymond Olson, Oregon national guard commander.

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Klamathites In Office

Members of Klamath Falls American Legion groups placed prominently in elective offices at the Legion state convention held June 25-28 in Portland. Dr. M. E. Cooper of this city was elected grand chief du tran of the state Legion Forty et Eight.

Mrs. Paul Otterbein of the Klamath Eight et Forty, women's group, was chosen la demi chapeau duxieme of the state, and Mrs. Fred Heilbronner was elected auxiliary district president of district four. The local Legion auxiliary also carried top honors in the poppy

window contest, winning first place. The poppy week display appeared in the J. C. Penney company here. Designer was Mrs. Jack Otterbein.

SUGAR UP
LONDON, June 30 (AP)—The Ministry of food announced today the sugar ration will be increased from eight to 10 ounces weekly effective July 30 and extra sugar also will be allowed bakers and confectioners.

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