MARKETS and FINANCE

Stocks

WALL STREET

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market closed on a firm note today with prices moving up and trading activity increased. The ticker tape ran late.

Volume was estimated at 5,200,000 shares compared with 5,400,000 Wednesday.

Oils were a feature with gains running about a point or more, although numerous specialties also showed advances in that range. For the market as a whole the story was up or down by fractions of a point.

Steels and motors also held firm but most other groups were irregular.

Youngstown co. acquired the lead spot of the steels while Checker Motors was a surprise entry in the group with a gain of nearly 2. Big Three motors rose only fractionally.

NEW YORK STOCKS

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Admiral Corporation	22 ¼
A.F. Industries	4 ⅝
Allied Chemical	51 ⅞
Allis Chalmers	32 ⅝
Alcoa	106 ½
American Airlines	23 ⅞
American Can	41 ½
American Cyanamide	41
American T. & T.	44 ⅝
American Motors	42 ½
American Smelting	39 ⅞
American Tob. & Trd.	75
American Tobacco	100 ½
American Viscose	40 ½
Anaconda Copper	62 ⅞
Armco Steel	73
Atchison Railroad	22 ⅞
Bendix Aviation	77
Bethlehem Steel	54 ½
Boeing Airplane Co.	32 ½
Borden Co.	53 ½
Borg Warner	41 ½
Borroughs Corp.	27 ¼
California Packing	30 ½
Canadian Pacific	23 ½
Caterpillar Tractor	29 ½
Celanese Corporation	37 ¼
Chrysler Corporation	64 ½
Cities Service	49 ¼
Commonwealth Edison	51 ½
Continental Can	47 ⅞
Crown Zellerbach	3 ½
Curtiss Wright	32 ½
Douglas Aircraft	41 ½
Dow Chemical	91 ⅞
du Pont de Nemours	234
Eastman Kodak	106 ½
El Paso Nat.	30 ½
Emerson Radio	13 ½
Firestone Tire	101 ¼
First America Corp.	26 ½
Ford Motor	39 ¼
General Dynamics	30 ¼
General Electric	56 ½
General Foods	100
General Motors	53 ⅞
Georgia Pac. Corp.	49 ⅝
Goodyear Tire	126 ¼
Great A. & P.	37
Great Northern	45 ⅞
Great West. Sugar	39
Gulf Oil Co.	211 ¼
Idaho Power	47 ⅞
Illinois Central	82 ½
International Bus. Mch.	434
International Nickel	88 ½
International Paper	126 ½
International T. & T.	40
Johns Manville	43
Kaiser Aluminum	49
Kennecott Copper	94
Libby, McNeil & Libby	11 ¼
Lockheed Aircraft	30 ½
Loew's Incorporated	31 ⅞
Minnesota Mining	160
Monsanto Chemical	31 ½
Montgomery Ward	50 ⅞
National Cash Reg.	85 ½
New York Central	20 ½
Northern Pacific	47 ¼
Pacific American Fish	18 ½
Pacific Gas & Electric	81 ¼
Pacific Tel. & Tel.	58 ¼
Pan American Airways	22 ⅞
Penn Dixie Cement	22 ⅞
Penney, J.C. Co.	122 ½
Pennsylvania R.R.	19
Pepsi Cola Co.	34 ⅞
Pfizer Corp.	38 ⅞
Phillips Pet.	66
Polaroid	193
Puget Sound P. & L.	31 ⅞
Radio Corp. of Amer.	70 ½
Raymier Inscorp	24 ⅞
Raytheon	57 ¼
Republic Steel	74
Reynolds Metals	64 ½
Richfield Oil	79 ½
Safeway Stores Inc.	38
St. Regis	56 ½
Schenley Distillers	38 ½
Scott Paper Co.	80 ½
Sears Roebuck & Co.	45 ½
Shell Oil Co.	77 ½
Sinclair Oil	51 ½
Socony Mobil Oil	40 ½
Southern Pacific	32 ½
Sperry Rand	20 ½
Standard Oil Calif.	48 ½
Standard Oil N.J.	43 ½
Studebaker Packard	21 ½
Sunray	23 ½
Sunshine Mining	4
Swift & Company	40 ½
Texaco	84 ½
Thompson, R.W.	40 ½
Timken R Bearing	47
Transamerica Corp.	38 ½
Twentieth Century Fox	32 ½
Union Oil Company	41 ½
Union Pacific	56 ½
United Air Lines	27 ½
United Aircraft	39 ½
United Corporation	7 ½
United States Plywood	34 ½
United States Smelting	25
United States Steel	100
Walgreen Stores	43 ½
Warner Pictures	43 ½
Western Auto Supply	32 ½
Western Union Tel.	46 ½
Westinghouse Air Brake	29 ½
Westinghouse Electric	102 ½
Wheeling Steel	61 ½
Woolworth Company	63 ½

Livestock

PORTLAND (AP) — (USDA) — Cattle salable 50; [illegible] supply includes two loads heavy moderate steers; no early sales; with demand narrow; scattered sales cows about steady; few [illegible] $1.50; scattered cutters mostly [illegible]; few good type and choice cutters [illegible] including one load at [illegible] earlier this week; choice steers [illegible] down [illegible]; good under 1,100 lbs [illegible]; mostly [illegible].

Calves salable 35; good and choice vealers steady [illegible].

Hogs salable 200; [illegible] of trade; very few market [illegible] cents lower; U. S. 1 and 2 butchers around 190-220 lbs [illegible]; most sows [illegible] No. 1 [illegible] lbs [illegible]; few No. 2 and 3 greater 180-240 lbs [illegible]; few 300-325 lb sows [illegible].

Sheep salable none; market [illegible]; good choice wooled lambs earlier this week mostly [illegible]; shorn lambs [illegible]; slaughter ewes [illegible].

LOS ANGELES (UPI-USDA) — Livestock

Cattle salable 200. Moderately active trade on 25 head feeder and slaughter steers. Other classes generally steady. Supplies mainly [illegible] cows [illegible]; high-quality and [illegible] steers [illegible]; [illegible] cutters and canners [illegible]; [illegible] range [illegible] cows [illegible]; [illegible] dairy cows around [illegible].

Calves salable none. Nominal.

Hogs salable none. U. S. 1 and 2 [illegible] 190 lb butchers [illegible] lb [illegible] [illegible] lb [illegible] [illegible] lb [illegible]