

# Farm Prices Showed February Gain

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Freeman has begun his cabinet service with an increase in farm prices during his first month in office, a contrast with the fate of the man he succeeded.

The Agriculture Department Tuesday issued its regular monthly report on farm prices. It indicated a 1 per cent increase in farm prices for the month ending Feb. 15. The price level was up nearly 5 per cent from one year ago.

When former Agriculture Secretary Benson took office in 1953, farm prices dropped nearly 2 per cent during his first month of service.

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The department said today it is gathering figures on 1959 and 1960 acreage of feed grains from about 1.75 million farms in 1,800 major feed producing counties all over the country.

Department officials deny, however, that the checkup on acreage is an underhanded effort to promote President Kennedy's plan to reduce 1961 feed grain acreage.

The statements came after a Maryland farm leader accused the administration of "propagandizing" for its program.

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## Bloodmobile To Pay Call

Community leaders from three towns in the Klamath Basin will combine efforts to recruit donors for the annual visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Merrill on Tuesday, March 7. Hours are from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., with the bloodmobile located at the Merrill Community Hall.

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This morning I noticed the new bird's nose-piece. It was definitely blue when we bought him but now it is turning tan. Can it be that we've been getting birds that change their sex - or do some male birds lay eggs? What shall we do about this new bird? We've already named him Bud. Thanks for your help. — JINXED

Dear Jinxed: Change the name to Rosebud and forget it.

By the time a parakeet is one month old you should be able to tell definitely whether it's a boy or a girl. If there is any white around the nostrils you have a lady bird.

Parakeets don't change sex and boy birds don't lay eggs. You're welcome.

Dear Ann Landers: I am desperate and I don't see how anyone can help me but I'll give it a try.

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FASHION FRILLS sent Mindy Carter, blonde and blue-eyed, to her bedroom mirror and a reflection of her pertness. Mindy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carter, 1949 Del Moro, models "what the pretty, small girl will wear for Easter" as a preview of the coming Spring Fashion Edition of the Herald and News to be published Sunday, March 5.

## Federal Aid, Sunshine Cheer Victims Of Flood

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Federal aid and sunshine cheered thousands of flood victims in the water-logged South today, but the big rivers of the area still churned over their banks.

Alabama, one of the hardest-hit sections in a 500-mile band across four Southern states, counted 10 million dollars in damage to public facilities alone and the lower Alabama River was reaching new heights.

The worst was also yet to come along downstream reaches of the Chattahoochee River, which forms the borderline for southern Alabama and Georgia.

Gov. Ernest Vandiver asked President Kennedy to declare flood-stricken sections of Georgia a major disaster area after farmers reported losing crops and livestock and many buildings and homes were damaged.

Alabama and Mississippi flood areas already have been designated eligible for federal disaster relief. Flood victims formed long lines at Hattiesburg, Miss., to apply for emergency clothing and other aid. Tons of surplus food were ordered sent to Montgomery, Ala., still nearly surrounded by water.

Emergency refugee shelters were set up at Selma, Ala. Other downstate areas of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi prepared for rising waters as the rivers continued carrying off the overflow of a week of torrential downpours.

The Red Cross set up field disaster headquarters for the four-state area at Montgomery. The National Guard and Salvation Army was helping distribute food and clothing to flood victims.

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## Health Care Program Suggested

PHOENIX (UPI)—Dr. E. Vincent Askes, Los Angeles, president of the American Medical Association, unveiled a 10-point program for better health care Tuesday night.

He laid heavy stress on medical attention for the aged. The program included: — Quick and full implementation of existing federal legislation providing matching of state funds to finance "full medical care of the aged who are in real need and who are near-needy."

— Flexible and noncompulsory retirement programs, recreation and sufficient exercise, jobs, good housing, sound nutrition, "well-older clinics" and regular physical examinations for the elderly. — Voluntary health insurance. — Study of costs of medical care and its financing.

— A program of scholarships and loans to " lure talented students into medical careers." — A national congress on mental health to be held next winter aimed at implementing earlier detection of mental illness by family physicians. — More medical research, including a nationwide program to reduce infant mortality rates.

— Health and safety education, including campaigns against water and air pollution, a drive for installation of auto seat belts, and greater physical fitness among the young. — A department of international health within the AMA which would aid medical missionaries to bring 20th century medicine to the "banks of the Amazon, the Nile, the Congo." — Preservation of "freedom of patients and physicians," intensifying efforts to see that everyone receives good medical care.

## Unionist Hits Automation

PORTLAND (AP) — There could be riot and revolution if automation produces nothing more than increased unemployment in the face of a growing work force, Al Hartung, president of the International Woodworkers of America, said here Tuesday.

The number of jobs in the United States now exceeds the total work force of Canada, Hartung said, and he asked delegates to an IWA Western Regional Council meeting to imagine an entire nation being out of work.

Automation is a No. 1 problem that is not being given consideration, Hartung said in calling upon President Kennedy to create at once a commission to study the impact of automation upon the economy and the work force.

"If the benefits of automation result in nothing more than growing unemployment in the face of an ever growing work force, the end result could be riot and revolution," Hartung said.

Churchill's Wife Ill LONDON (AP) — Sir Winston Churchill's wife, Lady Clementine, was in the hospital today for what the family described as "a rest." Lady Churchill, who is 75, was reported resting comfortably.

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The application was filed here because Copco serves 28 California communities and obtains 22 per cent of its revenues from this state.

Copco's revenues last year were \$25 million and Pacific earned \$83 million from more than 200 communities in Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana as well as Oregon.

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