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PRICE CONTROL OF LIVESTOCK IS FORESEEN

FULL CO-OPERATION TO STAMP OUT MEAT BLACK MARKET IS URGED

Washington, March 12 (AP).—Full co-operation with the administration in its program to stamp out black markets in meat was urged today by Senator Wherry (Rep.) of Nebraska, but he expressed the fear that "it is too late" and that control of prices of livestock on the hoof may be the only way out.

He emphasized, however, that he himself is in favor of trying all other avenues of control first, "because, coming from a heavy livestock producing area of the nation, I want the producer to get all he can."

"It is becoming more evident each day," Wherry said in an interview, "that the administration's policy of enforcing price ceilings on the retailer-consumer end of the line is facing a partial, if not complete, breakdown.

"The most striking example is found in the distribution of meats. In attempting to drive out the mushroom growth of the meat black markets, the administration has frantically put into effect a four-point program: (1) Rationing of meat; (2) enforcement of retail price ceilings through an army of civilians; (3) publicity to encourage the citizen to buy meat only at inspected meat markets; and (4) the wiping out of black markets through enforcement."

Wherry said the administration should be given a chance to work out this program "although the public is becoming fed up on an army of snooper, who in some instances have unwarrantedly victimized retail and wholesale distributors of meats by misrepresentation."

The Nebraska senator has been named to a special joint senate-house small business subcommittee to investigate the meat situation fully as it relates to the small packers, nearly 40 per cent of whom, he said, "have gone out or are shortly going out of business."

Other members of the subcommittee are Senator Stewart (Dem.) of Tennessee and Representatives Farnsworth of Texas and Flosser (Rep.) of Missouri.

"Small Men Forced Out." "At the present time," he continued, "the animal is slaughtered and sold to the people on such a small margin that it is forcing small businessmen and retailers completely out of the picture."

"It is suggested by the leadership of this country from both parties that this administration should immediately go to the source of the supply; that we should establish the price of animals on the hoof at the farm or at the terminal markets.

"This price should pay the producer a legitimate profit for his labor and for the cost of production. The processor should be paid only a legitimate profit for processing the meat, and the retailer the same to distribute it to the customers."

Wherry said he was determined that there be no increase in the retail price ceilings of meat, no matter what system of control is set up, asserting: "I'm 1,000 per cent with the administration on control of inflation."

ODD FELLOW HOME CHILDREN TO ATTEND ANNUAL SESSIONS

Coriscana, Tex., March 12 (Special).—Twenty-five children of the IOOF Home here will attend the annual sessions of the Texas Grand Lodge, IOOF, and Rebekah Assembly of Texas, in Dallas Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The children will participate in the memorial services Sunday night, J. W. Hampton, superintendent, has announced.

John C. Hughes, local merchant, trustee of the home and the grand lodge, leaves early Sunday morning to attend the trustees' meeting Sunday at 9 a. m. Several representatives from local IOOF bodies will attend the sessions.

DALLAS STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL

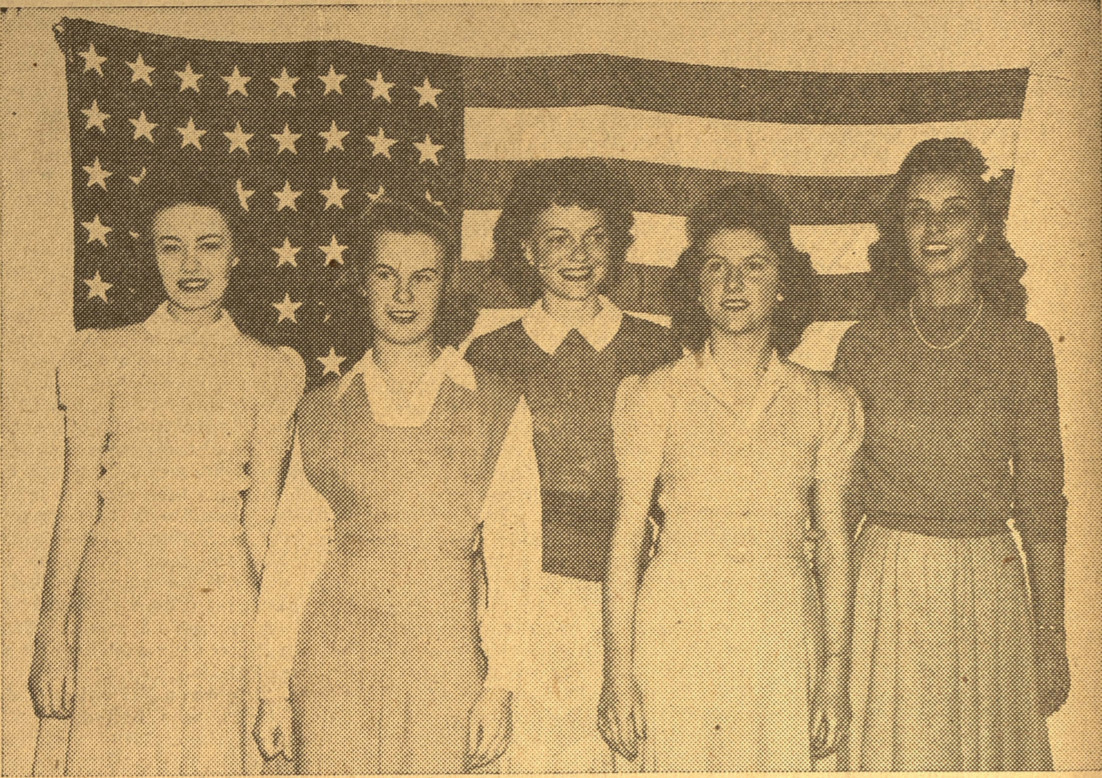
Denton, March 12 (Special).—W. A. Duggan of Dallas was a member of the North Texas State Teachers College debate squad that won first place sweepstakes honors for the third year in succession at the forensics meet held in Durant, Okla.

The team returned to North Texas State in possession of the impressive sweepstakes trophy, which is now the permanent property of the college by virtue of the three consecutive wins.

Duggan won first in men's oratory and men's extempore speaking and scored high in men's debating. A senior government major at North Texas, Duggan is the son of Mr. C. J. Duggan of 103 N. Jester Avenue.

STOREY HAD NEAR MAJORITY IN LEGISLATIVE RACE

Longview, Tex., March 12 (Special).—Cecil Storey of Longview received almost a majority of the votes cast for floratorial representative in last Saturday's election in Gregg and Harrison Counties, according to figures given in the final count.



PATRIOTIC PRETTIES—Denton, Tex., March 12 (Special).—Pulchritude aplenty to puzzle any prospective voter is exhibited by those five nominees for the 1943 beauty queen title on the campus of the North Texas State Teachers College. The beauty of it all, however, is that the "poll tax" for the NTSTC beauty race this year is strictly patriotic, with each cent spent for War Bonds and Stamps counting as one vote for one of the quintet of young candidates. Students save up their pennies, invest in stamps and bonds, and at the same time cast a vote for their Victory Queen. The race has netted \$15,000 for Uncle Sam. The patriotic beauties are, left to right, Edith Butler, Howe; Geraldine Goodman, Mart; Mary Jane Jones, Anson; Jane Trulock, Paris, and Reeta Smith, Garland.

MILK PRICES ARE INCREASED IN SIX STATES

Most milk drinkers in the six-state area of the Dallas region of the Office of Price Administration, comprising Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri, Friday faced a hike in the retail price of their purchases, even to those who drink only at restaurants and other institutional dispensers.

Max McCullough, regional OPA administrator, Friday issued an order, effective Saturday throughout the entire region, placing a 13-cent a quart low and a 15 1/2-cent top on milk prices in an effort to increase production of milk, bring the price more in line with the cost of manufacturing and to bring additional benefits to hard-hit producers and retailers.

It was the second such region-wide adjustment in the ceiling price of sweet milk within the past six months.

McCullough said the balanced relationship should make the flow of milk more normal.

The two zones set up in the January order were eliminated by the order, but the six area classifications with the retail ceilings in the various areas ranging from 13 cents to 15 1/2 cents were retained.

McCullough said that on sales of one unit, the seller may adjust the price upward to the nearest cent. On sales of more than one unit, where the unit price is expressed in a fraction of a cent, the exact price must be multiplied by the number of units.

The OPA administrator emphasized that "a further increase in the price of milk in this region simply cannot be granted, except where gross inequities exist. It must be remembered that the Office of Price Administration must protect the consumer against inflationary trends and this milk price adjustment was given only after the most thorough consideration."

The regulation sets up six areas and names a specific price for each area.

SAN MARCOS SCHOOL TO INDUCT PRESIDENT

San Marcos, March 11 (AP).—Dr. J. G. Flowers will be inaugurated as president of the Southwest Texas State Teachers College tomorrow following a two-day conference of Texas educators beginning at the college today.

Italy Singers to Meet. Italy, Tex., March 12 (Special).—Singers from Ellis, Hill, Navarro and Johnson Counties will meet at the Methodist Church in Milford Sunday afternoon for their monthly sing-song.

SUPPLIES COME FIRST WITH ARMY, SO ORDNANCE BRANCH BUYS BONDS WITH VENGEANCE

A full 10 per cent of salary or nothing counts at ordnance branch, headquarters Eighth Service Command, when it measures its war bond pay reservations in terms of salary percentages.

Ordnance branch, with approximately 100 employees, is in the midst of an intersectional competitive campaign among the civilians to make ordnance 100 per cent investors of 10 per cent pay roll or more in war savings bonds. Already more than 88 per cent of the civilian employees in ordnance are investing 11 per cent of their gross pay roll each month in war bonds, according to Col. C. E. Partridge, ordnance chief.

"In ordnance, you know the importance of furnishing enough mobile equipment to our fighting men. You have a job as important as that many in uniform," Capt. Orrin C. Auld, war bond officer for the Eighth Service Command, told the assembled ordnance workers at the beginning of their special war bond drive.

Lieut. F. C. Tucker, in charge of the ordnance bond campaign, is assisted by Miss Joyce Kirkland, civilian employee, is posting a graphic ordnance chart with mobile trucks racing toward a 100 per cent bond depot. Other sectional charts, in thermometer fashion, tell the progress of administration, supply, maintenance and vehicle sections in obtaining 100 per cent participation.

County-Wide Market for Production Gains in All Lines Planned in Rusk

Henderson, Tex., March 12.—With M. M. Kenyon, John Ogburn and S. L. Neal giving the board facts regarding development of a county-wide market in Rusk for the anticipated production gains in all lines, the Rusk Chamber of Commerce board, at its first meeting of the organization's new year, decided to make the county-wide market project the major objective.

President W. Z. Reed, presiding for the first time, expressed gratification over the outlook for the undertaking. Maxie Wilson of Overton, head of the advisory committee serving all of Rusk County, said the committee would welcome definite suggestions from the chamber and would support any practical county-wide marketing proposal.

It is hoped that a "live at home" farm program can be fully developed to meet existing conditions as well as enable farmers to definitely break away from the one-crop plan of farming. The poultry and dairy development is setting new records in all sections of the county and livestock is coming to the front.

President Reed makes clear that farmers are willing to go along with any production program when they are guaranteed a market. For this he plans to keep committees on the job and every possible move will be made to make Rusk County self-sustaining as well as provide a surplus that can help the nation meet the increased demands.

Discussion of the farm man-power problem was led by Major Ralph Holman, chairman of Rusk County Draft Board No. 2. The problem, in the view of the chairman, is not only acute now, but as further calls from the selective service remove men from the county it will become more so. The draft is not taking farmers or farm helpers, but war industries have drained the county in a far greater measure than is generally realized.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION BEGUN FOR RELOCATION OF NINE MILES OF LINE

Denison, Tex., March 12 (Special).—Construction had started Thursday on six bridges for the relocated MKT railroad between Pottsboro and Sadler. Clifford Hill and Company of Dallas is contractor for nine miles of the relocated roadbed. Waters of the Denison Dam will inundate the present route.

With embankment on the right of way 75 per cent complete, first steel is expected to be laid next month. The new route should be in use by late summer, according to present schedules.

FOUR ARE KILLED IN BOMBER CRASH

Del Rio, March 12 (INS).—Crash of an army medium bomber from Laughlin Field Wednesday, caused the deaths of four men, the public relations officer of the army field at Del Rio announced Thursday afternoon. The four killed were: Lieutts. e Benjamin L. Littlejohn, Memphis, Tenn.; Walter F. Griffin, Akron, Ohio; Staff Sergets. Robert H. Steed, San Antonio, and John R. McGuire, Pittsburg, Pa.

FEED SHORTAGE MORE ACUTE AS RAIN IS NEEDED

CATTLE AND SHEEP WINTERING IN FOOD FLESH, REPORT SAYS

Austin, March 12 (AP).—Shortage of cottonseed cake for feeding Texas livestock is becoming more acute and rain is needed for ranges, the USDA's bureau of agricultural economics reported today.

Reviewing range and livestock conditions as of March 1, the USDA said, however, that "Texas cattle and sheep were wintering in fair to good flesh."

The report added: "Rain was needed in all parts of the state to assure spring range feed. Precipitation during February was much below normal. February temperatures were near normal, but a severe cold wave in early March caused some loss among lambs and calves."

Roughage Heavy. Feeding of roughage and grains has been heavy where available, and shrinkage has been held to a minimum. In areas where feeds are short—particularly in most eastern and southern counties—cattle were thin. Volunteer wheat in the Plains counties was showing the effects of the dry weather, although the planted wheat was still making satisfactory growth.

A good rain to start grass would lessen the need for protein concentrates. Most extreme southern county ranchers were feeding pear. Out pastures in the Edwards Plateau and north central counties have not supplied the usual feed. Those fields that were not killed by the January freeze have not made normal growth because of insufficient moisture. All range feeds were reported 75 per cent of normal condition on March 1, a decline of three points during February, and the reported condition is two points below the twenty-year average reported condition of 75 per cent for March 1.

Cattle Good. Cattle are in fair to good flesh. Reported condition of cattle on March 1 was 80 per cent of normal, a decline of two points during February. The March 1 condition was one point below that reported a year earlier, but was still one point above the twenty-year average of 79 per cent. Cattle are thin in most eastern and southern counties where feed is short, but have held up well in the Plains counties. Most of the wheat pastures by March 20 and practically all will be off by April 1. These cattle on wheat pasture have made very satisfactory growth.

Sheep were reported at 73 per cent of normal condition on March 1, a decline of three points during February, and are now reported at four points below the twenty-year average condition of 82 per cent on March 1. Plenty of dry grass is generally available on most ranges, but the very cold weather during January killed most winter weed growth, and dry weather has retarded new weed and grass growth. In the eastern Edwards Plateau counties, lambing is well along and reported to be about an average crop, although the milk flow of ewes is falling off. Very little wool has been contracted. Mohair was being contracted in considerable volume at 50 cents for adult and 60 cents for kid hair.

PRIZE NORTH TEXAS JERSEY HERD SOLD TO PARIS MEN

Denison, Tex., March 12 (Special).—A prize North Texas Jersey herd, developed by Hugh Baldwin of Denison, has been abandoned in order that the youth might enter army service.

Young Baldwin sold his 40 Jersey to Morris Kimbell and J. B. Griffith of Paris.

Developed from the A. F. Platter stock that ranked first throughout the Southwest many years, the herd has been judged one of the outstanding in North Texas.



NEW VOLUNTEER FOR THE ARMY—San Angelo, March 12 (Special).—Princess Timpee Carol, pedigreed St. Bernard belonging to Lieut. Col. Harry Crutcher, Jr., of Dallas, is the newest Texas recruit to enlist in Dogs for Defense. Timpee starts war training this week at Camp Rimini, Montana, as a sledge and pack dog. She will help keep supply lines open for soldiers in arctic zones. Colonel Crutcher is director of training at San Angelo army air field bombardier school.

Delivery Truck Mileage Greatly Reduced Through 'Carry Your Own' System

Dallas Shoppers Respond to Appeal to Save Tires and Gasoline.

Dallas shoppers have added several months' service to the delivery trucks of Dallas retail stores through their co-operation in the "Carry Your Own" campaign sponsored by the Office of Defense Transportation and organized by the Dallas Retail Merchants' Association.

A check this week revealed delivery truck mileage has been reduced 37 per cent to 51 per cent by individual stores since the initiation of the campaign in January, 1942.

Customers have served their own interests in carrying small packages, helping cut delivery miles, ODT officials said today. Delivery trucks of most retail stores are in a low eligibility class for tires and present equipment cannot be replaced. War industries and essential civilian uses come first when tires or new vehicles are released for service. Local delivery trucks were forced by an ODT conservation order last year to reduce mileage at least 25 per cent over 1941 figures, and a greater saving was advised to provide for future deliveries on such purchases as customers would find it impossible or very difficult to carry home themselves.

One Dallas store reported customers had carried home 89 per cent of their purchases during 1942, as contrasted with only 75 per cent carried the preceding year. Another showed a reduction of about 40 per cent in the number of packages traveling by store truck. A large department store has been able to cut its delivery truck miles almost precisely in half.

In order that necessary deliveries may continue as long as possible, Dallas retail stores will continue to ask the co-operation of customers in their present curtailed delivery plan, R. C. Dolbin, secretary of the Dallas Retail Merchants' Association, said today. Stores are making every effort to give customers good service in the face of an increasing labor shortage and other wartime problems. Further curtailment of peacetime practices may soon be necessary.

"When you carry a package you help prolong the service of the store that serves you," he said.

FELINE "BURGLAR" DISTURBS WOMAN

Coriscana, Tex., March 12 (Special).—City officers received a hurry-up call Wednesday night from a woman residing in the western part of town that a burglar was attempting to enter a house.

City Officer Barker answered the call and the police reported Thursday morning explained: "A cat in a large tin bucket sitting against the house," was the commotion.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN SCOUT PERSONNEL

Henderson, Tex., March 12 (Special).—F. M. Arnold, now stationed at Lufkin, will be transferred to the Hub district (Rusk County) of the East Texas Scout Council, succeeding Hurshel Reese, who will go to Longview and have charge of Longview, Gladewater and Gilmer scouting activities as field executive, the same position he has filled at Henderson for the past twenty months.

SOYBEANS MAY EASE SHORTAGE OF FEED STUFF

1,800 TONS ROUTED TO TEXAS MILLS BY COMMODITY CORPORATION

College Station, Tex., March 12 (AP).—A routing by the Commodity Credit Corporation of 1,800 tons of additional soybeans to Texas mills for crushing will, the Texas USDA war board hopes, break the protein feed shortage in some Texas areas.

The mills sell outright to livestock producers. Until last week only twenty-four Texas mills were operating under CCC crushing contracts, but thirty-five additional mills signed contracts this week and the latest shipment brings soybeans contracted for by Texas mills within the past two months to 119,000 tons, E. F. Vance, chairman of the Texas USDA war board, disclosed.

Soybeans crush out 80 per cent meal and the 119,000 tons are expected to yield 95,000 tons of protein meal for livestock feeding purposes.

To Crush Soybeans. Operating under contract with the Commodity Credit Corporation, Texas mills which crush northern soybeans are permitted to sell one-half of the meal to livestock producers, while the remaining one-half is retained by the CCC for shipment into critical areas through the state USDA war board.

The Texas board already had received and routed sixty-eight cars of CCC-owned meal to livestock producers, but Vance said the latest shipment of soybeans direct to mills is expected to break the protein feed shortage in some Texas areas.

Vance said the total soybeans contracted to date by Texas mills ranged from 184,000 to 194,000 tons.

NAVY OFFICER WINS JUDGMENT

Coriscana, Tex., March 12 (Special).—Lieut. John A. Pierce, USNR, headquarters in Dallas, was awarded a verdict of \$22,233 against the local school board in a jury trial Judge A. E. Foster's Justice Court. The suit was the culmination of a disagreement over final salary settlements.

Pierce resigned as head football coach in the spring of 1942 to enlist in the navy after being head football coach here for seventeen years.

McKinney C. of C. Secretary Feted By Group Members

McKinney, Tex., March 12 (Special).—Honorary was paid Secretary W. Hammond Moore of the McKinney Senior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the Jaycees, Wednesday night, in this city, when Jaycee President Tom W. Perkins, Jr., of this city, presented Mr. and Mrs. Moore with a gift of candelabras from the active and associate Jaycee members.

Mr. Perkins told of the faithful work of the senior chamber secretary and of his interest in the junior chamber organization and classed him as one of the outstanding chamber of commerce secretaries and managers in the state.

Accepting Mr. Moore's commendation of the splendid work of the Jaycees despite the fact many of their members have entered the armed forces of their country, leaving only a few members here to carry on their work. Among the Jaycee projects in progress in this city are the victory garden contest, street marking campaign, blood bank, sanitation course and Boy Scout work.

TEXAN IS KILLED IN SHIP ACCIDENT

Kilgore, March 12 (Special).—Dan T. Parker, head accountant here for the Federal Petroleum Board, received advices today from the war department, that his brother, Technical Sergt. Maurice W. Parker, had been accidentally killed aboard a ship. Burial took place at Fort Bello on the Island of Bermuda.

Sergeant Parker was with a petroleum engineer's unit. He enlisted last November in Houston, where he was with the engineering department of the Humble Oil and Refining Company.

WRITING HELD FOR MRS. BROOKS

Hillsboro, Tex., March 12 (Special).—Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Frances Brooks, 53, widow of D. C. Brooks, who died at her home here Thursday, were held here Friday.

A native of Tennessee, she came to Texas at the age of 2, locating at Paris, and living at Lamar and Cass Counties before coming to this county in 1870. She is survived by two sons, Albert of Edinburg and John R. of Elk City, and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Emma Beavers of Hillsboro, Mrs. Savannah Knox of Walnut Springs and Mrs. C. W. Whitworth of Waco.

WALKER HEADS TEACHERS' GROUP IN RUSK COUNTY

Henderson, Tex., March 12 (Special).—D. M. Walker, superintendent of Leverett's Chapel school, is the new president of the Rusk County unit of the Texas State Teachers Association. He was named for the ensuing year, succeeding C. O. Pollard of Henderson, who has been serving for the past year. First vice-president is Truett Mason of Carlisle; second vice-president, Mrs. Ruby Gossett, Henderson; secretary, Mrs. Addie Bonnett, Gaston; treasurer, Miss Lillian Watson, Overton.



FIGHTING MEN will get enough and on time if Miss Joyce Kirkland, civilian employee in Ordnance Branch, Headquarters Eighth Service Command, and Lieut. F. C. Tucker, ordnance officer, continue their work of signing war department employees for war bond pay reservations of at least ten per cent of their salaries. In the ordnance branch at headquarters, the war bond drive is well under way with more than 88 per cent of the civilian employees already investing 11 per cent of their salaries in bonds. "Give three dollars and get four" is a good business slogan, according to Miss Kirkland.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps.