

PUBLIC SALE

We will sell at public auction, 2 miles East and 1 mile North of Decatur, 1 mile North of Dent school house.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16, '46

Commencing at 10:30 A. M.

35-HEAD OF CATTLE-35

Brown Swiss cow 6, calf by side, 6 gal.;
Brown Swiss cow 6, Due to freshen Feb. 26;
Brown Swiss cow 5, Due to freshen Feb. 15;
Brown Swiss cow 3, Milking 3 gal., Bred Aug. 19th;
Brown Swiss cow 7, Due April 22nd;
Brown Swiss cow 7, Due July 1st;
Brown Swiss cow 6, Due June 21st;
Brown Swiss cow 3, Due April 11th;
Brown Swiss cow 6, Due April 25th;
Brown Swiss Heifer, 6 months old;
Holstein cow 6, Calf by side, 6 gal. cow;
Holstein cow 4, Due March 13th;
Holstein cow 9, Due Jan. 18th;
Holstein cow 8, Due Mar. 8th;
Holstein cow 5, Due July 6th;
Holstein cow 2, Due June 1st;
Holstein cow 2, Pasture bred;
Holstein cow 9, Pasture bred;
Large Roan cow 6, Due Feb. 15th;
Guernsey cow 7, Due Feb. 16th;
Brindle cow 8, Due April 22nd;
Guernsey cow 7, Due Feb. 11th;
Guernsey & Jersey cow, Due Feb. 16th;
2 Shorthorn cows 3, Pasture bred;
Large Brindle Heifer, close-up first calf;
Large Shorthorn Heifer, close-up first calf;
Holstein Heifer, 1 year old;
Roan Heifer, 6 months old;
Two Holstein Heifers, 3 months old;
Holstein Bull, 5 months old;
Brown Swiss Bull, old enough for service.
This is an Extra good herd of Dairy Cattle. These cows milk 6 and 7 gallons per day.

HORSES—Team Grey horses, Sound, Fat, extra good workers. Double set harness.

POULTRY—100 White Leghorn pullets, laying; 45 White Rocket pullets, laying.

GRAIN & HAY

1500 Bu. corn in crib; 700 Bu. Early Columbia high quality Oats; 50 Bu. wheat; 50 Bu. yellow pop corn; 375 Bales good quality red clover hay; 275 Bales good second cut alfalfa hay; 475 Bales oats straw; 150 Bales wheat straw; 25 Tons good alfalfa hay, loose in mow; 17 Bales Calcium.

TRACTOR & IMPLEMENTS

Oliver tractor disc; McDeering 14" tractor plows; McDeering fertilizer corn planter, used 2 seasons; McDeering Fertilizer 10 hole grain drill, good; 3 section spike tooth harrow, good; New Idea Manure spreader, good; Dunham 5 ft. cultipacker, good; McDeering 6 ft. mower, Extra good; Dump rake; Good buck rake mounted on Studebaker; 2 walking plows; Rubber tire wagon & grain bed; Farm wagon; End gate seeder; Green Giant pump jack & motor, new; Jamesway Oil burner brooder stove, 500 size, used 1 year; Chick feeders and Electric fountain; 2 burner oil burner dairy house stove; Electric fence charger used 1 season; Small tools too numerous to mention.

MILKING MACHINE—Clean Easy Milker, used 3 seasons; 6 ten gal. Milk Cans; 2 strainers; Milk buckets.

If weather is bad Livestock and Feed will be sold inside.

TERMS—CASH.

Ben Shroyer & LeRoy Vore

OWNERS

Roy S. Johnson & Son—Aucts.
Melvin Liechty—Sale Egt. and Auct.
Bryce Daniels—Clerk.

Lunch will be served.

Truman's Economy Plans Are Cheered

Tentative Budget Cut By President

Washington, Jan. 7.—(UP)—President Truman and congress may differ on many domestic issues but they appeared united today on at least one major goal—drastic cuts in government expenditures.

Mr. Truman, it was learned, has reduced from \$50,000,000,000 to about \$38,000,000,000 his tentative budget for the 1947 fiscal year starting July 1. And he hopes for a balanced budget by the 1948 fiscal year. That hasn't been done in 17 years.

A \$38,000,000,000 budget would narrow the gap between anticipated government expenditures and income to about \$8,000,000,000, the lowest deficit since before the war. Barring new tax cuts and lowered industrial activity, government income next year is expected to be around \$30,000,000,000.

The new budget will be announced a few days after congress winds up its holiday recess Jan. 14. Mr. Truman's plans for economy were assured a resounding welcome on Capitol Hill although there already are demands for a fully balanced budget.

House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Mass., warned in an interview that "wildcat inflation" would follow unless the government's income and outgo are equal. That must be done, he said, to protect the value of "people's bonds, their insurance and their life savings."

Economy will be the watchword of both Democrats and Republicans during the next session of congress for at least two reasons:

1. It is a congressional election year and reduced government spending, and inevitably lower taxes, will be popular.

2. Some members are irked with demands of certain war agencies for additional funds to keep them in existence during reconversion.

In figuring the new budget, Mr. Truman as recently as six or seven weeks ago was thinking in terms of \$50,000,000,000. Even that would be \$20,000,000,000 lower than estimated spending for the current fiscal year and \$50,000,000,000 less than wartime peak in 1945.

Now the President has lopped another \$12,000,000,000 or so off his estimates.

GI'S PROTEST

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troops with a 10-page statement stating that he had no control over the discharge system. He said their desire to become civilians was "entirely understandable." However, he said, the United States has large world responsibilities to meet.

"We have won the final combat victory, but if we do not follow through with our task we shall surrender the goals we have gained," he said.

Mimeographed handbills charging "double talk" by army commanders about discharges were denied by Styer. "To my knowledge there's been no 'double talk' or broken promises," he said, "and certainly there are no ulterior motives on the part of any responsible official of the government, either military or civilian."

Styer conceded that some statements have been issued causing justified alarm about redeployment, but said they were from "wholly unauthorized sources" or were incomplete versions of longer statements.

The general said he hoped to have his force down to 235,000 by July 1. He said it totals 235,000, 600 against 600,000 last Oct. 1.

When we change our ideas we change our friends.

TORNADIC WINDS

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area, the first storm struck Colla, Miss., where Mrs. Ernest Shute and her seven-year-old daughter

were killed. Her husband and four other children were seriously injured.

Rescue workers toiling in mud and continuing thunderstorms said that the Shute home had been picked up by the wind and deposited as a mere pile of splinters.

Doctors at the Greenwood, Miss., hospital said that the four children were not expected to survive. The father, believed to be the least seriously injured, was still unconscious.

According to meager reports, the swirling winds struck next at Seven Pines, Miss., some 12 miles west of Colla, leveling most of the buildings minutes after many of the residents had headed for storm cellars.

At Indianola, Miss., approximately 40 miles west, what the weather bureau said "probably" was another storm, or one of a series originating in the area, a three-year-old girl was killed. Parents of the child, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Campbell, were also being treated at the Greenville hospital.

At Lake Village, Ark., about 37 miles west of Indianola, another woman was killed and four men injured. Patrolman A. R. Connerly said names of the injured were not available.

Connerly said the wind had hit earlier at Wilcox, Ark., where it ripped off parts of houses and other buildings and deposited debris on the main line of the Missouri Pacific railroad, tying up train traffic for 35 minutes.

It struck again, he said, at Jeanne, Ark., killing another woman and injuring three men, all unidentified.

ACTION DELAYED IN

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granted. A previous motion for a change of venue from the judge was withdrawn and later submitted, resulting in the naming of special judge Heller in December, last year.

Numerous other entries were made in various cases before Judge J. Fred Fruchte during a busy morning in court.

Increased litigation is expected in a number of comparatively old suits in court with the return of several local attorneys from service with the armed forces. Appearances were made in several of these cases this morning, indicating further action in the suits.

SAM STAHL INJURED

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forced to the west side of the highway by the unidentified driver of the other car. Damage to the Spelcher auto was estimated at \$275. The other two sustained lesser damages. Officers Adrian Coffee and James Borders investigated.

LABOR PARTY

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ed Steel Workers (CIO) on an appeal to resume negotiations of union demands for a \$2-a-day increase. The steel company has rejected two such invitations by labor secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach.

In an unprecedented action,

officials of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters (AFL) last night pledged financial support to their CIO rivals in the meat packing industry and authorized members to join the Jan. 16 walkout if federal conciliation efforts were unsuccessful.

A possible precedent in the overall wage situation was hoped for from the General Motors strike panel, expected to issue a report at any time.

In Detroit, where negotiations were resumed for the first time in three weeks, CIO auto workers officials said they would continue their fight for a 30-percent wage increase regardless of the board's findings.

RURAL SCHOOLS MAY

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ruary meeting.

The trustees also approved a plan, asked for by county teachers at the last institute, which will call for achievement tests for all grades at the end of the school year. The tests are to be given during the month of April.

The special eighth grade intelligence and achievement examinations, which have been given for the past four years, will be dropped this year, the members decided.

JAPS' PRISON HEAD

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decision must be reviewed by Lt. Gen. Charles P. Hall, acting commander of the Eighth army, and Gen. MacArthur.

Assistant prosecutor Capt. B. Kaulman of Canton, O., in his summation that Yuri "hot and bucking" when he heard executed summation out trial.

Yuri, in his defense, had claimed Heard was when he attempted to rebuked by superiors for maintain proper discipline camp and it was then decided to execute Heard, spoiling his record.

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G. E.'s Offer of \$25 Million Wage Increase

January 1st raise would boost workers' average pay a total of more than 40% since 1941

With resumption of wage negotiations with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers union, CIO., the General Electric Company on December 21 offered a 10% increase in pay, effective January 1, 1946.

In the case of salaried employees, the 10% will apply to those receiving \$3000 per year and less. Employees whose rates range from \$3000 to \$5000 per year will receive a flat increase of \$300 per year.

The Company announced that an increase on the above basis would go into effect on January 1 for all other employees not represented by a union.

The definite and proposed increases for the two groups of General Electric workers would total approximately \$25,700,000 per year for about 124,000 employees.

Full text of statement by Charles E. Wilson, President of General Electric, December 21, 1945:

"We are offering to the collective bargaining units within the Company an increase of 10% effective January 1, 1946, or as of the date of acceptance by the unions, whichever is later. Whether or not the unions accept this offer, the increase will go into effect on January 1, 1946, for eligible employees who are not subject to collective bargaining agreements.

"The public, our employees and the stockholders of the Company are entitled to an explanation of this Company decision.

"In August, when the Pacific war ended, Government statements showed that the cost of living, compared to January, 1941, had increased 28.4%. During the same period, the average rates of General Electric employees had increased in excess of 30%. Within the past month the Government is authority for the statement that the cost-of-living increase, since January, 1941, is now 33%, which introduces a new factor for consideration in fairly appraising the compensation for Company employees, which was not known in previous discussions with the Union.

G-E Average Wage Rates 30% Above 1941

"On December 13, the majority of eligible employees subject to the collective bargaining agreement voted authority to the Union to call a strike if the Company did not grant a \$2 a day pay increase, or approximately a 30% addition to the present rates, which are

already in excess of 30% higher than in January, 1941.

"Serious as a strike would be to those who need home appliances, to the employees through the loss of compensation, and to the stockholders who own the Company, the effect of such a cessation of production would be even more critical for thousands of both large and small manufacturers whose production in turn is dependent upon this Company's furnishing component parts, such as motors and controls, electronic devices, lamps, wiring devices, and similar related products. Therefore, a break in the production of the products of this Company would at a very early date force work stoppages for a very large segment of industry.

"Having carefully weighed the new information now available on the increased cost of living, and recognizing the Company's obligation to the public and to industry, and with due consideration for the problems of all employees in adjusting themselves to changing conditions, this offer is made to the officers of the Union.

G-E Prices Up Only 2% to 3%

"It has been the Company's declared policy to maintain prices of its products at approximately the prewar level. On a weighted average of dollar volume, it is estimated that present prices of the Company's products are not more than 2% to 3% higher than prewar, even though the average prices of all products and services have increased 33% during this same period, as stated by the Government.

"Four months ago, raw materials and purchased components were approximately 7% higher, on the average, than prewar. Since then, steadily increasing prices from our suppliers indicate that, by mid year 1946, the purchased material and components will represent an increase over prewar of approximately 11%.

"Now if this additional wage increase of 10% is added to the earlier 30% advance in wages, the total advance is more than 40% in labor rates since January, 1941. Together these increases will represent additions of approximately \$25,000,000 for material and \$93,000,000 for labor in 1946 over our 1940-41 labor and material costs. Our present selling prices, as we resume production of prewar products, are frozen by OPA at substantially

prewar levels. The effects of these increases in labor and material costs without compensating price increases are graphically illustrated by applying them to the 1940 volume of business. In that year this Company did a gross business of \$411,000,000 and reported earnings of \$56,000,000. On that volume of business, costs would be \$55,000,000 higher for labor and \$12,000,000 for materials. Together these increases would aggregate \$67,000,000, exceeding the earnings reported in 1940 by \$11,000,000. It is perfectly clear that there is nothing in the Company's position or prospects that warrants an increase in wages or salaries at this time. It is also apparent that the Company can no longer adhere to its policy of maintaining prewar price levels. We regret that through this decision we join the forces of inflation.

"The management of this Company has considered its responsibilities threefold: to the public through continuing better products at lower prices; to the employees through satisfactory working conditions with rates on the average equal to or greater than those paid for similar employment in the communities in which they reside; and to the stockholders for a satisfactory return on the money invested.

G. E. Plans Double Prewar Employment

"The Company has planned an expansion program through the acquisition of new facilities, the majority of which were Government-owned facilities operated by the Company during the war, that would increase total employment from a prewar average of 70,000 to a 1946 objective of 140,000 employees if these plans are carried forward to completion.

G. E.'s Objectives

"These stated objectives—of higher rates for the employees with larger weekly 'take home' which is being offered; continuing high quality products for the customer at reasonable prices; and fair dividends to the stockholder—can be obtained only through increased productive effort from all members of the organization."

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ONE OF THE PREW triplets summarizes her opinion of the coming year and the end of 1945 with one big bored yawn, while the other two are too busy sleeping to make any comment. The triplets were born in 1946 dawned to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Prew, Albany, N. Y. (International)

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