

TODAY IN BUSINESS

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THE FOOD PACKERS let out a sigh of relief today. And housewives will join in when they get the news. The government let out rope on tin for April, May and June. And that's important.

It means that next winter when you order a can of tomatoes, peas or corn, you'll probably get it. The NPA restored 15 per cent of the cut, leaving the canning industry only five per cent in the hole.

BUT THE BEER BOYS won't like it. Canned beer is due for another trimming. This means more bottles to carry back, break on the way, and arguments with the clerk about where you got them. That's where it touches you. But the biggest deal of all was the government snatch on the whole tin import. Most of it comes from the Malay states.

THE SCANDAL-GROGGY RFC is taking over the purchase of all tin. Then the NPA will do it out. And that's a stranglehold on industry if ever there was one. The government isn't going to be easy with tin. But right now it wants to keep us happy by keeping our stomachs full.

That's why the canners got it. Crackdown?

THIS ISN'T GOOD. But I don't make the news. I report it. There's a little eyebrow raising and throat-clearing in the local price control office over the automobile business.

It seems some of the boys are offering juicy trade-ins which, in some way, step on the toes of the law, quite. And at least one has been cited by a Cleveland federal court for offending Regulation W-2. That means the court thinks he is selling cars for less than one-third down.

THESE OFFENSES, real or imagined by the government, may hit the front pages before long. But dealer's life is a tough one. A dealer is tripped up and gets in wrong, the rest, who obey the law to the letter, suffer, too.

Most car dealers are honest, especially the older ones. They couldn't have been otherwise and have been in business so long.

Farmer's Hedge

FRED O'HARE, president of the Central National Bank in Greencastle, keeps me posted on what goes on outside our Big Town.

It's Fred's business to know what's going on, not at the city crossroads, but at the general stores, in the farm yards, and in the basements of the little white roadside churches, where farmer meets farmer. And they compare notes.

THIS IS WHAT Fred tells me. Farm implement dealers are heavily stocked with new and used farm machinery. But stocks are getting lower, and the repair business is beginning to hum.

Some implements are coming through to dealers with some parts missing, such as bumpers, pulley and fan belts, and other items which have been considered standard equipment.

But the dealers who sell to the farmers say their business is up 20 to 25 per cent. The farmer used to pay cash. Now he's going in for installments. And he said there are signs in some sections that farmers are turning up their credit as well as their cash.

And some dealers report that payments are getting a little slower in the farm belt. Some of the tillers are even losing their equipment. Repossessions.

Farmers are buying equipment because of something else they know will happen. Their help will run off to the cities to get defense jobs, and leave them high and dry.

Buying labor-saving machinery is a hedge.

Hog Prices Strong to 25c Higher Here

Trade Active At Opening

Prices on light and medium weight barrows and gilts today were strong to 25 cents higher than Friday's general trade at the Indianapolis Stockyards.

Trade opened active. Hogs: 12,000; bulk choice 170 to 200 pounds \$21.75 to \$22.25; top \$22.25 freely; 240 to 310 pounds \$21 to \$21.75; 120 to 180 pounds \$18.50 to \$19.50; and above; sows about steady; bulk choice 300 to 550 pounds \$18.50 to \$20; choice lights eligible to \$20.25 and above.

Cattle: 1400; calves: 400; active; steers and yearlings strong to mostly 50 cents higher; heifers strong to \$1 higher; cows 25 to 50 cents higher; bulls steady; good to low choice light and medium weight steers \$33.50 to \$35; high good and choice mediumweights held near \$37; truck lots prime held near \$40; commercial and good-yearlings \$31.50 to \$33; commercial and mostly good heifers \$32 to \$34; utility and commercial cows \$24 to \$28; vealers active, uneven, strong to \$2 higher, most good to prime at full advance; choice and prime largely \$38 to \$39; good grades \$34 to \$37; utility and commercial \$29 to \$33.

Sheep: 200; nominally steady; few head and odd lots medium and good woolled native lambs \$38; good and choice quotable to \$39 or more; medium to choice slaughter ewes quotable \$16 to \$22.

THE COMPANY has \$90.8 million in assets. There were other figures, all big, but the main thing is that we have another successful business living in, and contributing to the community.

And that makes it easier for you and I (or is it "me") to make a living.

Index to Index

THE GOVERNMENT'S tangled up in its cost-of-living index like an alley fly on flypaper.

The government's trying to set the tally sheet right, so labor won't howl that the score is wrong on automatic increases.

There's an inside to what the government is doing, and the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Statistical Association will tell you.

Adolph O. Berger will bring his "facts and figures" on what we spend our money for, and why, down from Chicago.

Chill Chart

EVERY GAS CONSUMER in town got a nice little chart showing how cold it's been this winter.

The chart was a smart piece of business. For instance, it showed that November last was 27.5 per cent colder than the November the year before. And December was 44 per cent colder. And January 28 per cent.

I LOOKED at the chart and it made me shiver all over again. Then I began to understand possibly why the gas company had revived chattering memories of the emerald scenery.

Bills have been higher. I think they wanted us to know why.

Rotarians to Hear

Price Control Talk

Price controls for meats and other food products will be discussed by Howard C. Greer, general manager of King & Co., at the Tuesday noon luncheon of the Indianapolis Rotary Club in the Claypool Hotel.

Former executive of the American Meat Institute, Mr. Greer served as a consultant for the Office of Price Administration during World War II.

Chicago Cash Grain

Wheat—No. 2 mixed tough, 12.43; No. 2 yellow, 12.45; No. 2 white, 12.47; No. 1 heavy white, 12.50; No. 1 extra heavy white, 12.52; No. 2 white, 12.48; sample extra heavy white, 12.54.

Barley—Malting, 11.60 to 11.85, nominal; feed, 11.30 to 11.55, nominal; track Chicago.

Local Truck Grain Prices

No. 2 truck wheat, 12.25; No. 2 softwheat, 12.14; No. 2 white, 12.16; No. 2 white corn, 11.74; No. 2 yellow corn, 11.74.

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State Banner

1 Depicted is the state flag of
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3 seaport
4 Goddess of the earth
5 Peruvian Indian
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11 Ideal state
12 Glimpse
13 Symbol for stonum
14 Remarks
15 Space
16 Honey drink
17 Afternoon (ab.)
18 Thoroughfare (ab.)
19 Eye (Scot.)
20 Two (prefix)
21 This state produces
22 Spoken
23 Formerly
24 Gambling game
25 Parent
26 Braces
27 Tensile strength (ab.)
28 Greek letter
29 Turning part
30 Beverage made with malt
31 Recall
32 Waste allowance
33 Bureaus

Easter Seal Payoff—Many Crippled Find Help At Crossroads



ONE HAND—Paul Hopk learns to tie his necktie with his left hand. His right side was paralyzed two years ago. He is learning to live again through the Crossroads functional rehabilitation program.



WEAVING NEW LIFE—Mrs. Hazel Philpot weaves new life into her "dead" left arm and leg. Suffering a stroke in January, 1950, she is now regularly employed in Crossroads Workshop. Such work is possible through the annual sale of Easter Seals.

About People—Rep. Dootson Plans to Wed Mexico Plantation Beauty

Met Girl, 21, at Vera Cruz Carnival; 'Leave' Voted by Washington Legislature

Rep. John Dootson, Everett, Wash., a romantic state legislator, was en route to Mexico today to pop the question to a certain señorita—with the blessing of his fellow lawmakers.

In Frontera, Tabasco, Rep. Dootson plans to ask the hand of 21-year-old Nelly Garcia Belliz, beautiful daughter of a coconut plantation owner. He met her at the Vera Cruz carnival before Lenten season last year.

The Washington legislature yesterday voted to let the romantic representative leave for Mexico after shouting down attempts by other bachelors to be permitted to accompany him.

Praise for Pianist

Bloomington music critics recently applauded the piano playing of Rebecca Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lane, 1104 E. 35th St., after presentation of her junior recital in the Indiana University School of Music hall.

Her interpretation of Mozart and technique displayed in Chopin were termed "remarkable."

Likes Burma

Dr. Gordon Seagrave, American missionary-surgeon, said today he wants to stay in Burma, even though he was imprisoned seven months for "aiding and abetting" rebel tribesmen.

"My work is here," Dr. Seagrave said in Rangoon, after he was acquitted of the charge. "I can do much Dr. Seagrave more for Burma and further American-Burmese relations replete everything."

Brainy Brunets

Male movie-goers have switched their affections from blonde to brunet actresses because they think dark-haired women are smarter, according to a Hollywood theater owner.

"It's a fact," said Charles Schwartz, "actresses who bring the men into my chain of movie houses are all brunets. The dumb blonde routine has been done so often men are beginning to believe it."

Long Way 'Round

In Highland Park, Ill., Mrs. Richard Biddle got her 1951 Illinois license plates recently—

Seems her husband, stationed at nearby Ft. Sheridan when he applied for them, was transferred to Korea before they arrived. Somehow, the plates went to him from the fort, and he had to mail them back to his wife.

Flu Fells Two

Comedian Jack Benny and his wife, Mary Livingston, were forced to substitute a show transcribed two years ago for their regular radio program last night because both were down with flu.

New Life

Joyous Mrs. Paulina Wilsdorf today told fellow refugees in a Salzburg, Austria, camp she plans to depart for the United States in a few weeks with her only surviving son and his family.

The other camp occupants smiled—some a little sadly—but admired Mrs. Wilsdorf's pluck. News of her impending trip came on her 105th birthday.

Clumsy

When a sloop containing Bruce Davenport, 21, and Gene Howard, 29, capsized in the icy waters of Lake St. Clair near Detroit yesterday, the two were pulled from the water by William Prentice, 21, and Edwin Boothroyd, 26, 416 Rural St., got a table tennis set. But it wasn't a perfect job. As set.

Korea GI Finds Tragedy at Home Son Is Suffering From Leukemia

CONCORD, N. C., Mar. 12

Halfway around the world from wholesale death in Korea, Army Sgt. Roy Honeycutt stole himself today to face the death of his own son.

A week of flying ended for the chunky, red-haired sergeant beside a "hospital bed." He was greeted by a bouncing, cheerful boy whose only thought was of playing war games with his father.

"He didn't get time to set any booby traps for you," Mrs. Honeycutt told her husband after a kiss of greeting. "But he will."

Leukemia Victim

Michael, only 6 years old but a victim of leukemia which doctors said puts a 90-day limit to his life, laughed and kicked on the mattress as his father leaned over him.

With a fixed smile, Sgt. Honeycutt joked with Michael and promised there would be plenty of play in the future, since he will stay home for a while. Hospital authorities said they will let Michael leave in a few days, to live out his days with his parents at nearby Kannapolis, N. C.

Plans to Play

Mrs. Honeycutt, tall and dark-haired, said Michael had great plans for playing war with his father, who was granted a 30-day emergency furlough when the Red Cross asked for it.

Sgt. Honeycutt spent most of the past week in the skies across the Pacific and across the country, and made a final flight here late yesterday from Charlotte, N. C., in a Civil Air Patrol plane.

Ex-Ambassador Is Iran Premier

TEHRAN, Iran, Mar. 12 (UP)—Hussein Ali, pro-Western diplomat and former ambassador to the United States, today became premier of oil-rich Iran.

The Majlis, lower house of the Iranian Parliament, confirmed Mr. Ala by a vote of 69 to 27, with 10 abstentions. The Senate—upper house—unanimously approved him last night.

Mr. Ala steps into the office vacated by the assassination last Wednesday of Gen. Ali Razmara. Nationalist Front deputies walked out of the Majlis after the vote, shouting, "Constitutional irregularity."

The Nationalist Front commands support in parliament, and includes members of Fadayan Islam (Crusaders of Islam), a religious sect of which Gen. Razmara's assassin was a member.

Mr. Ala defended Iran's interests before the United Nations during the Soviet-led revolt in Azerbaijan in 1946.

The British-educated diplomat whose son and daughter attended American schools was bitterly assailed by the Soviet and press after he made his firm stand against Russia at the United Nations.

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