

# Farm Prices Down, As Their Expenses Raise

While the prices farmers receive for their products have been registering some declines, the prices they pay for the things they need to produce and for living have decreased only slightly in comparison. This is borne out in recent studies by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Among prices received by farmers, potatoes dropped from an average of \$2.31 to \$1.34 per bushel between April 1952 and April 1953. During the same period, a seventy-pound crate of lettuce fell from an average price of \$3.05 to \$2.75. Tomatoes per bushel dropped in the same period from \$7.25 to \$5.40 and strawberries from \$13.20 per crate to \$11.70.

The parity ratio between prices received for farm products and prices paid now stands at 93. Parity is a statistical means of expressing the relationship between prices paid by farmers and prices received by them. The years 1910-14 are used as a base period. A 100 per cent parity ratio means that prices paid and prices received stand at about the same balance as they did in the base period.

The present ratio of 93 shows that prices received by farmers average 7 per cent below the level which would restore the

balance that existed in the base period. Such a balance existed just one year ago when, on April 15, 1952, the parity ratio was 100.

**Salary Boost**  
While many Congressmen think the proposed \$10,000 salary boost for members of Congress is justified, most of them admit that, in view of the economy-minded Administration in power, "it hasn't got a chance now." The bill, recently approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, would give senators and representatives a \$25,000 annual salary. They now get \$12,500 and a \$2,500 expense allowance, which are lumped together as \$15,000 of taxable compensation. Up to \$3,000 may be deducted for income tax purposes as Washington living expenses.

**BIG BUSINESS**  
Billion-dollar businesses are growing—both in size and in number, according to a recent economic report. There are 29 such businesses in this country, with assets of \$1,000,000,000 or more. Before World War II there were 12. The 28 included industrials, utilities and railroads and to these could be added 18 commercial banks, 14 insurance companies and 2 finance companies, but their assets are of a different type than those of manufacturing or service companies.

# Household Hints For Homemakers

**WHAT PRICE ACCIDENTS?** and showers on wet or icy walks, on highly polished floors, on wet or greasy linoleum. They result from tripping over objects—tools and toys on the floor, skates on the front porch, and so forth.

**ACCIDENTS MAY BE PREVENTED IF**—Stairways, steps, and doorways are kept clear at all times, adequately lighted, in good repair.

Ashes, sand or silt should be scattered on icy walks; wet leaves should be promptly removed from porches and sidewalks; rubber bath mats should be used in shower baths and bathtubs and the latter provided with hand grips; rug anchors should be placed under small rugs which should not be used in hazardous places such as at the tops and bottoms of stairs.

Home falls occur most frequently on stairways and steps that are cluttered with objects (toys, clothing, household utensils), poorly lighted or in need of repair. They frequently occur from high places—from porches and windows, from chairs and other substitutes for ladders.

Falls also occur on smooth, slippery surfaces—in bath tubs

# Many Materials For Building Are Now Available

Today there are all kinds of new building materials to choose from. In pioneer days, the siding chosen for a house usually depended on one all important factor—geographic location. It would have been out of the question, for example, to haul wood into parts of the arid Southwest.

One of the new siding materials that may interest you is asbestos-cement shingles. These shingles are resistant to rust, rot and are fireproof. The color is fused in and does not fade and may be cleaned with soap and water.

Exterior plywood makes an interesting wall. It will not warp, buckle or split. The panels come as large as four feet by twelve feet. Smaller strips and shingles are quite popular. The most popular type is the cedar shingle because of its smart effect and the fact that it can be applied over any other siding.

California redwood siding is naturally resistant to rot and deterioration by the elements. It can be left unfinished if desired.

There is a new process by which a stone-like concrete veneer can be cast onto almost any wall. The product is made of fireproof materials and the finished colors range from browns to grays.

Spray coating for old masonry walls is something new. Because of its base material it will not stick directly to wood.

Clapboard-type aluminum siding with baked on enamel surfaces can be applied over old siding.

This is used quite often for the construction of doors, windows and window trim, such as blinds.

# News Oddities

**WRONG PLACE**  
Fayetteville, Ga. — Four Negroes were recently arrested and charged with operating three 1,000-gallon stills on—of all places—the farm of State Revenue Commissioner Charlie Redwine, chief liquor law enforcement officer for Georgia.

**MUTE SAVES GIRL**  
Milwaukee—When he saw a girl leap from a bridge railing, Herbert Fileds, deaf-mute, couldn't call for help so he raced to the bridge, climbed down a cat walk near the water and grabbed the girl. He held her head above water until passing motorists came to his aid.

**DEER TRAFFIC HAZARD**  
Fort Erie, Ont.—James Wilkinson, a tourist from Rochester, N. Y., was forced to bring his car to a halt on the Niagara parkway to permit a herd of deer to trot sedately across the highway toward the Niagara River for a drink.

**CONDORS DYING OUT**  
San Diego, Cal.—The last of North America's greatest birds, the California condors, are reported to be dying out from slow starvation. Lewis Wayne Walker, a naturalist, declared their only hope of survival was in captivity or by artificial feeding in their 235,000-acre preserve in the mountains north of Los Angeles. Condors, despite their great size, do not kill and in natural state must depend for food upon carrion, left by animals of prey or hunters.

**FOOD PRICES**  
Retail food costs dropped to the lowest level since December, 1950, largely reflecting lower farm prices, according to an Agriculture Department report issued during the first weeks of May. A fixed quantity of food that cost an average of \$735 in 1952 could be bought for \$701 last month, but would have cost \$755 in July of last year.

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## "Berry Basket" Pie

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| 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca                                 | 1 recipe "Water-Whip" Piecrust   |
| 1 cup sugar   | 1 tablespoon butter or margarine |

Combine berries, tapioca, sugar, and salt and let stand while making pastry. Roll 1/2 of dough and line a 9" pie plate. Roll remaining dough for top crust. Fill pie shell with berry mixture. Dot with butter, trim undercrust even with pan. Fit top crust over berries. Trim pastry 1/2" beyond edge of pan and fold under bottom crust. Seal edge with fork. Cut steam vents in top crust or make berry basket top. Brush pastry with cream and sprinkle with sugar. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 50-60 min.

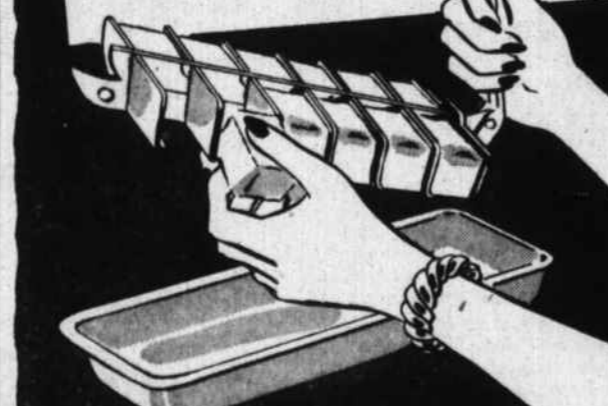
\*Make handle of basket by rolling trimmings into 2 strips 1/2" thick and 1/4" wide. Twist strips together. Bake over back of 4 1/2" glass baking dish. Just before serving, slip handle off baking dish and place around center of pie.

## "Water-Whip" Piecrust

(Pastry for 9" 2-crust pie)

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| 3/4 cup Homogenized Spry | 2 cups all-purpose flour (sifted once before measuring) |
| 1/4 cup boiling water    | 1 teaspoon salt   |
| 1 tablespoon milk        |   |
- Put Spry in medium-sized mixing bowl. Add boiling water and milk and break up shortening with fork. Tilt bowl and, with rapid cross-the-bowl strokes, whip or beat with fork until mixture is smooth and thick like whipped cream and holds soft peaks when fork is lifted. Sift flour and salt together onto Spry mixture. Stir quickly, with round-the-bowl strokes, into a dough that clings together and "cleans" the bowl. Pick up and work into a smooth dough; shape into a flat round. The dough is now ready to roll, either between waxed paper, or on a pastry cloth or board.

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