

Markets Review

Editor's Note: Following is a summary of market price information for the week ended June 15, 1959, as gathered and edited by the Market News Service of the N. C. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The market for fryers and broilers was unsettled the first of the week throughout the state and confirmed farm prices ranged from 14½ to 15, with a larger percent at 15. However, closing trade was firm at 15 cents on Friday.

Receipts were generally ade-

quate at most points though some markets were unable to obtain enough birds to fill orders. Elsewhere, the broiler markets were about steady to slightly stronger.

Trading for heavy hens was firm all week for the limited offerings. Closing farm prices were steady to around ½ cent higher at 14 to 15½, but mostly 15 cents.

Egg prices were weaker at Raleigh and Charlotte. Large sizes were 2½ cents lower while med-

iums declined 2 cents per dozen. Smalls, on the other hand, gained 1½ cents. Clean and sized, minimum 80 percent A, quality reported at 27 cents per dozen; mediums and smalls at 18 cents.

Prices fluctuated at local hog markets. Opening trade was generally higher, but closing sales were about steady with last Friday's at 16.00 to 17.25.

Cash cattle prices were steady in Wilson. Choice steers and heifers ranged 25.25 to 29.00; good grades 23.75 to 26.25; commercials 22.50 to 25.00. Beef type cows 17.75 to 20.25; heavy cutters 16.00 to 18.50. Lightweight bulls 17.00 to 19.00; heavyweights from 19.00 to 23.00.

Daily cash cattle were unchanged at Greensboro. Strictly prime steers and heifers ranged from 28.50 to 30.00; good to choice 25.00 to 28.50; standards 22.50 to 24.00. Beef type cows 16.50 to 20.00; bulls 19.00 to 24.00. Good and choice vealers ranged up to 33.00; and good and choice butcher calves up to 27.00.

The cattle auction was fully steady in Rocky Mount and Greensboro. Good and choice steers ranged from 26.00 to 29.00; good and choice heifers 24.00 to 27.50; good and choice vealers 29.00 to 34.50; good and choice butcher calves 25.00 to 29.00. Commercial cows 20.00 to 24.00; and commercial bulls 22.00 to 24.50.

Gain prices were irregular at Piedmont and eastern North Carolina points. No 2 red winter wheat closed at 1.73 to 1.75 per bushel in the eastern area; and

Stone's Theft Balked Work On Washington's Monument

George Washington's birthday is also the anniversary of the day when a group of politicians stole his monument.

The memorial to the first president of the U. S. was just a square stub 150 feet high in 1855. The cornerstone had been laid on July 4, 1848—with the same trowel Washington had used to lay the cornerstone of the Capitol in 1793. But construction had come to a standstill in 1754.

According to The World Book Encyclopedia, a group of men believed to be members of the American Party, nicknamed "Know Nothings," had stolen a block of marble donated by Pope Pius IX from the Temple of Concord in Rome.

at 1.80 to 2.00 in the Piedmont section.

Oats were .60 to .61 cents per bushel at eastern markets; and .64 to .67 in the Piedmont.

Yellow shelled corn was 1.24 to 1.48 in the eastern section, and 1.50 to 1.54 in the Piedmont. No. 2 milo ranged from 2.25 to 2.50 per hundred pounds.

Spot cotton prices were slightly stronger in Charlotte. Middling 1 1/32 inch on Friday was quoted at 35.60; strict low middling at 33.10; and low middling at 29.20.

The public was so shocked by this act that contributions for the monument virtually stopped.

The Washington National Monument Society, which had been formed in 1832 to build the memorial, appealed to Congress for aid. The lawmakers agreed to appropriate \$200,000 on Washington's Birthday, 1855, to complete the monument.

But on the night of Feb. 21, Know Nothings broke into the offices of the society. They seized its records, held an election to put their own members in office, and the next day announced themselves in possession of the monument.

GOOD IMPRESSION

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port, N. Car., where Eli Miller and I are staying for several days. We left our homes on Monday evening and traveling by bus arrived here on Tuesday afternoon. The purpose of this trip is to see if the sea air is beneficial for my asthma condition. As the cold spell out of the northwest reached here too the first two days that we were here, it went until yesterday before the wind came in over the sea and one day of sea air is not enough to tell what the effects will be, so there is nothing in that way to report for this week.

The readers might be wondering where Southport is. It is way down in the southeast point of North Carolina at the point sticking out into the ocean. It is a small seaport town of about 2,000 population about 25 miles out from the city and port of Wilmington. There are no factories at all in town and many of its residents are retired people or resorters and the like. Also some of them are fishermen and seamen. What we have seen so far of the land it looks better than the usual seacoast soil. Tobacco, corn, truck crops are the main crops. A large percentage of the land still is in native forest of which much is pine. Large acreage of blueberries are grown here in recent years. Much of the soil is of a dark color, and only small spots are of the white or light-colored type.

As both the gulf stream in the water and the trade winds out of the south temper or warm the climate here, the growing

season is very long. The average last killing frost comes about February 20, and the first killing frost late in November. It is to be understood that this area has a long growing season. On the other hand, the summer temperatures don't go as high as many would suspect, because the same factors that kept it from getting so cold in winter also keep it from getting so hot in the summertime. In talking with a 19-year old boy yesterday I learned that the extreme hottest he had seen it was 103F. That, however, was unusual with the wind out of the northwest. The usual high point is in the 90's. The average rainfall is around 50-inches a year. As the recent cold spell had been preceded by a rain the soil is nicely moist right now.

In speaking about this community one should not forget to mention the friendliness of these southern people here. They have a very warm and welcoming way with a stranger here. Of course, part of that may come from this town being a center for sport fishermen to come to fish, especially over the week-ends. The town gives prizes for the largest fish caught between May 1 and September 1. So it gets rather interesting for those who prize themselves as expert fishermen or

fisherwomen. "As most of the readers are farmers, it might be proper to add a few words in the way of the markets here. Southport of itself offers no markets except what the local trade consumes. However Wilmington, with a population of over 50,000, has livestock markets as well as produce markets. Due to its ocean shipping facilities, a well as being on the north and south routes of both railroads and highways,

its outlets are large. To me, the farming prospects here seem well worth investigating."

In his letter he expresses further interest, and had the following to say:

"As to our coming to Southport it still is our plans, but still too early to give anything definite in the matter. I will try and keep you posted in the matter. All things take time, and especially if it not just to result in a fly-by-night matter."

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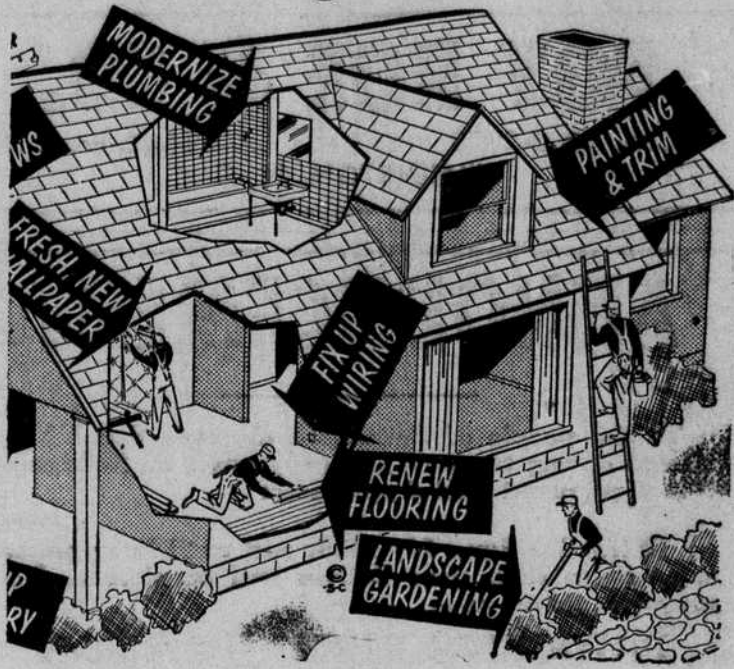
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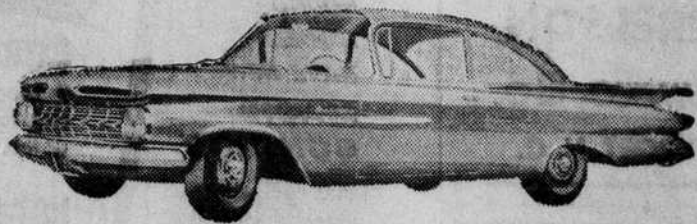
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