

More To Eat For A Dollar Than In Summer Of 1920

Consumer Now Pays a Fourth To a Half Less For Groceries In Elizabeth City Than In Year Of High Prices

As illustrative of the general decline in retail grocery prices during the last eight months, averaging 25 to 50 per cent, a leading grocer called attention yesterday to the fact that he had just sold an order for lard, sugar and flour for \$21.50. The same order, bought on the identical date last year, cost the purchaser \$58.50. Lard, now \$6.00 a tub, was then \$16.50; sugar, now \$7.00 per 100 pounds, then brought \$26.00, and flour, retailing today at \$8.50 per barrel, was \$16.00.

Reductions are seen in practically every item that the grocer carries, though bigger drops are to be noted in staple groceries than in package and canned goods. Cheese one year ago was 40 cents a pound, and today it is sold at 25 cents—a drop of 37 1/2 per cent. Sugar, of course, has taken the most sensational tumble of all. Twenty-eight cents a pound in the summer of 1920, it is today worth seven cents.

A comparison of prices on a multitude of other articles shows general decreases all along the line. The following table gives approximate figures taken from local grocery stores selling both for cash and for credit. No effort was made to include temporary startling fluctuations, and the figures given would have been comparatively lower on certain articles had they been taken in stores selling on the "cash only" plan. An approximate comparison between prices in 1920 and 1921 on a number of the principal food items follows:

Article	1921	1920
Flour, 12-lb sack	\$.65	\$ 1.25
Flour, barrel	8.50	16.00
Sugar, pound	.07	.28
Cheese, pound	.25	.40
Lard, pound	.18	.38
Meat, dry salt, pound	.18	.40
Ham, pound	.35	.55
Tomatoes, can	.15	.25
Corn, can	.15	.25
Peaches, can	.30	.50
Corned beef, can	.25	.50
Lobster, can	.40	.70
Soups, can	.11	.15
Eggs, dozen	.32	.80
Butter, pound	.48	.80
Coffee, pound	.35	.50
Milk, can	.20	.30

The foregoing table has reference to no particular store, and is merely given as an indication of prices as compared with a year ago. It can be continued almost indefinitely, but the same general ratio will be found to hold all along the line. Prices for fresh vegetables and fruits are somewhat lower than last year. It is, of course, impossible to say whether the bottom has been reached, or when it will be. At any rate, the consumer can now obtain far more for his dollar in eatables than he could in the summer of 1920. Similar sweeping reductions have also been made in clothing and dry goods. In numberless cases, the price tumbles have been far greater than in the grocery line, in which certain staple food articles are now reported to be showing a slight tendency toward price increases, notably eggs, lard and packing house products.

CUBS AND DAVIS THANK ALL DONORS

John Snowden, secretary of the Elizabeth City Baseball Association, writes the following open letter:

Through your paper, I have been requested by the Cubs baseball team and Charlie Davis, whose leg was broken in the game Saturday, to thank those who attended the benefit game played Wednesday for him, and who generously contributed to the fund for his benefit.

The generosity and fine spirit displayed by them is greatly appreciated by all players as well as Mr. Davis.

Respectfully,
J. H. SNOWDEN.

SELLING LUGGAGE CHEAPER

M. G. Morrisette, of M. G. Morrisette & Company, the Main Street Furniture Store, reports a big business in wardrobe trunks and other luggage as a result of the liberal discount on goods in this line recently advertised in The Advance.

Welfare Meeting Tonight At Eight

Tonight at eight o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce assembly hall a very important meeting will be held. W. B. Sanders, field agent of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, will tell the people about the welfare work now being undertaken by the State through the county welfare departments. G. R. Little, juvenile court judge, will preside at the meeting. It is hoped that officers of the various organizations doing social service work, church workers, pastors, and all who are interested in helping the children and the young people of the community will attend this meeting, for it is believed that Mr. Sanders can make plain the way in which the community has been struggling without a very definite plan.

Four Children Are Burned To Death

New York, Aug. 5.—Four children burned to death and seven other persons were seriously injured in a fire sweeping three tenement houses in the Bronx early today.

Comptroller Says Too Many Banks

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—The country is getting too many banks, Comptroller of Currency Criss declared in an address here today. He said he was convinced that many applications are made with the intent of creating a place where the promoters can find easy access to credit.

Young Gardeners Have Worked Hard

Have Good Gardens Considering Dry Weather and Are Planning Annual Exhibit in September

The School Garden Army boys and girls have worked well this year, reports their leader, Miss Hattie Harney. The gardens are looking well, considering the dry weather. The young gardeners are now preparing for and planning their annual exhibit which will be held at the court house about the first of September. As usual, prizes will be given for the best displays.

Following is the honor roll for July: Tyer Sawyer, 95; William Anderson, 95; Vernon Chappell, 90; Stuart Wood, 90; James Hill, 90; Ernest Provo, 90; Alvina Griffin, 85; Annie Horton, 85; Ruth Holloman, 85; Laura Lee Gray, 85.

BARGE LINE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN OVERHAULED

Franklin C. Morris, general manager of the Baltimore, Philadelphia and Southern Transportation Company, operating a line of barges to water points in Eastern North Carolina, announces that every vessel in the service of the company has been carefully inspected and overhauled, and that the company is now able to give the shippers prompt and regular service on a weekly schedule.

HARDING VISITS ARMY

Lancaster, N. H., Aug. 5.—President Harding interrupted his vacation today to visit the army tubercular hospital at Gorham, twenty-five miles away.

Bill Introduced To Help Tennessee Hero

Washington, Aug. 5.—A bill to give Sergeant Alvin York, Tennessee war hero, the rank of captain with retired pay was introduced in the Senate today. York is said to be in bad financial circumstances.

BARGAINS AT OWENS

In a big advertisement in this issue Owens Shoe Company is announcing extraordinary values throughout their big shoe store and the advertisement is worthy careful reading by prospective shoe buyers.

ORIGINAL DRESS WAS A SHOCKER

Miss Mabel Evans Found It Necessary to Amplify Primitive Indian Woman's Apparel For Big Picture

"Almost as modest as the present-day bathing suit," is the way Miss Mabel Evans, director of the cast for the moving picture production of Carolina's early colonization ventures to be made at Roanoke Island in September, describes the costumes to be worn by the Indian maidens in the mammoth historical drama. "It makes one blush just to look at pictures of the original Indian dresses," Miss Evans continued, "and so we have decided upon certain modifications, the most radical of which will be the addition of shoulder straps."

Between 50 and 75 people were present at the mass meeting held at the court house here Thursday night for the purpose of making clear to the citizens what would be expected of Elizabeth City in the production of North Carolina's earliest history before the movie camera. Miss Evans, principal speaker of the evening, stated that this city will have the responsibility of furnishing most of the characters for the first episode in the great production—namely, the coming of Amadas and Barlowe, explorers sent by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1585 to select a suitable location for the planting of an English colony in the New World.

Seventy-five characters from this city and section will be needed, of whom perhaps a dozen are women. Miss Evans plans to have the company assemble at Nags Head, to stay several days in cottages there while the last rehearsals are gone through, and the pictures are made. As planned, the trip will be much of a vacation for those who take part. Miss Evans called upon the people of this section for the fullest assistance and co-operation possible. She states that primitive Indian utensils and relics, as well as early Colonial weapons and implements, are particularly needed. These will be in the care of Miss Margaret Hollowell, who will assist Miss Evans in collecting and returning them.

A local executive committee comprising Mrs. Bessie Stewart, Miss Margaret Hollowell, Miss Hattie Harney, Mayor W. Ben Goodwin and W. A. Worth, appointed at the close of the Thursday night mass meeting will have charge of local arrangements for the big film project. Miss Evans stated that the participants in the production will practice here the first week in September, and that the pictures will be made about September 20th. Assurance is given that the costumes worn in the pictures will not affront the modesty of the most exacting.

The dress of the Indian women will be a loosely-hung affair of coarsely woven material draped across the figure at the shoulder, and terminating in a skirt slightly over knee-length. A workshop will be established at Manteo, at which all costumes and stage properties will be made. The Indian men will wear a very similar style of garment. The clothing of the English sailors will be made of material closely resembling homespun, and it is believed that each costume can be made at a cost not exceeding one dollar.

Because arrangements had already been made for the staging of a musical comedy by the organization at the time when the pictures will be taken, the Young Woman's Club of this city has found it necessary to give up the sponsorship of Elizabeth City's part in the undertaking. Mayor W. Ben Goodwin pledged the assistance of the local Red Men, and agreed to round up 25 male characters for the Indian scenes. Local ex-service men will be called upon, as well as the citizens generally, and the organizers of the epoch-making educational-historical production are counting upon the support and help of the entire citizenship of Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County. Miss Evans left Friday afternoon for Manteo, where she will continue the work of preparing for the big undertaking.

Armour Adopts New Industrial Plan

Chicago, Aug. 5.—An arbitration plan affecting 30,000 Armour & Company employees in all parts of the country was adopted at a meeting here today of employees and the management under the industrial democracy plan. Similar plans have been prepared by the other large packers.

OFFICIALS DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Health Service Favors Co-ordination of Public Health Activities and Balanced Ration In Rural South

Washington, Aug. 5.—Health officials from twelve Southern States in conference with Public Health Service officials regarding the pellagra situation in the South are today drafting recommendations. The conference adopted the report recommending the co-ordination of all public health and welfare activities into one department and urged the advocacy of balanced rations in the rural districts.

Denial that there is a condition approaching famine in the South was made in the report unanimously adopted by health officials from a dozen Southern States. They declared that there is no occasion for extending charitable measures for relief of conditions in any State where pellagra is prevalent, and said that pellagra had steadily decreased in the South.

COAST ARTILLERY IS TO BE REDUCED

Washington, Aug. 5.—The reduction of all coast artillery stations except three in the South will be effected soon, the War Department announced today.

BODIES EXUMED IN POISON PROBE

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Two more bodies are to be exhumed in the infamy in an effort to trace down investigation of deaths of the Kolze what may develop to have been a series of murders by arsenic poisoning.

Do Not Believe Prisoners Released

London, Aug. 5 (By The Associated Press)—American Relief officials in London place very little faith in reports that American prisoners in Russia have been released.

ELECTROCUTED BY SUBWAY RAIL

Young Woman Flees Down Tracks to Death Running With Companions From Taxicab Driver In Brooklyn

New York, Aug. 5.—Katherine Hogan, aged 24, was electrocuted by a third rail in a Brooklyn subway today after running down the tracks from a taxicab driver who had carried her and two girl companions to the station. They said the driver offered to carry them for nothing and when he asked for his fare they ran.

UMPIRE WALSH FINED HUNDRED

Winston-Salem, Aug. 5.—Umpire Walsh, who was arrested here after the ball game yesterday, was today fined \$100 on the charge of creating a nuisance and using profane language. Two fans were fined \$50 for the same offense.

SMALL FIRE FRIDAY

The city fire department was called to the home of Fred Davis, on Burgess street, at 9:30 Friday morning, to put out a small fire in Mr. Davis's back yard. A shed had caught from sparks falling from a tree in which Mr. Davis had been burning out caterpillar nests. The fire was quickly extinguished, and the damage was negligible.

IN COURT FRIDAY

Charlie Pugh, of Old Trap, paid the costs of a hearing in Recorder's Court here Friday morning for failure to display a 1921 license tag on his automobile.

Stephen Brothers, of Weeksville, was taxed with the costs of a hearing on a charge of speeding.

GOT FIFTY THOUSAND

Greenville, Ill., Aug. 5.—Fifty thousand dollars it is believed was obtained by two bandits who boarded a Baltimore & Ohio train at Beecher City today, held up the messenger and escaped with express packages.

Suffers Fearful Hurts In Motor Car Accident

Seaton Cohoon, of Riddle, Mutilated Beyond Recognition When He Tried to Avoid Hog In Road, And Lost Control of Machine

His nose crushed, practically every tooth knocked out, and his jaw broken in half a dozen places, Seaton Cohoon is hovering between life and death at his home at Riddle, Camden County, as the result of an automobile accident near Riddle Thursday afternoon between one and two o'clock.

EVERY CLERK TAKES STOCK IN HOSPITAL

The clerks in Mitchell's Department Store Friday afternoon registered 100 per cent in stock subscriptions for the Municipal Hospital. Every employee in the store now holds shares in Elizabeth City's most needed community asset. Mitchell's is the first store in the city to take up the Hospital Drive in this way, and the clerks have set a record of public-spirited generosity that others will have to work hard to match.

SPURGIN'S TRAIL IS LOST AGAIN

Fugitive Banker Is Somewhere In Mexico and Extradition Is Planned If Found

Chicago, Aug. 5.—The trail of Warren C. Spurgin, missing bank president, has been lost in Mexico, but authorities are making an effort to have him extradited should he be located.

ULSTER CABINET DISCUSSES PEACE

London, Aug. 5.—Another meeting of the Ulster cabinet has been called to discuss the Irish peace negotiations.

AMERICA WINS IN FOURTH YACHT RACE

Cowe, Isle of Wight, Aug. 5.—America today won the fourth international yacht race against the British.

EXTENDING SPECIAL PRICES

The Gallop & Toxey Shoe Company today is extending the special prices on shoes which have been on since July 23rd. Their advertisement will be found in this issue.

BANDITS GET PAYROLL

Hackensack, N. J., Aug. 5.—Six armed bandits held up the paymaster of the Barret Manufacturing Company today, and escaped with the payroll of about forty thousand dollars.

PERSONALS

Prof. S. L. Sheep returned Friday morning from Chapel Hill, where he has been teaching mathematics for the last six weeks at the University Summer School.

D. B. Walston, of Salem, motored to this city on business Friday morning.

Miss Kathleen Homan returned on the early morning train Friday from Chapel Hill, where she has been attending the six weeks summer school for teachers at the University of North Carolina.

B. T. James, of Sound Neck, was in the city Friday.

W. O. Etheridge, of Newland, was in the city Friday.

D. D. Dudley is ill at his home on North Road street.

J. A. Harris, of Winter Park, Fla., now visiting here, who has been ill for a few days, was out on the street again this morning.

J. M. Burgess, of Old Trap, and W. A. Gregory, of Shiloh, were in the city Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Martin have returned from a vacation visit to Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry, in Chowan County.

J. F. Forbes and Silas Gregory, also of Riddle, who were in the car with Cohoon at the time, escaped with minor injuries. Dr. W. L. Stevens, of Shiloh, remained with the injured man until midnight. Cohoon, he says, will recover unless complications set in.

The three men left this city at noon Thursday for Riddle, 14 miles away. It is said here that they were in a cheerful and boisterous mood. Cohoon was driving the car, and the two others were in the rear seat. A quarter of a mile this side of Riddle at a turn in the road, the driver swerved out of the track to avoid a hog, and lost control of his machine, which shot across the ditch and down a barbed wire fence for nearly 100 yards, and turning over several times, finally stopped on top of Cohoon. The steering wheel of the automobile struck him a terrible blow in the face, and when he was taken out, he was disfigured beyond recognition.

Forbes and Gregory were thrown out shortly after the car crossed the ditch. It is said that Forbes' pants were torn off by a glancing contact with the barbed wire fence, and that, frightened and dazed, he immediately ran half a mile to his home without waiting to see how the others had fared. Gregory escaped with minor scratches. The machine is declared to have been totally demolished.

Cohoon, pinned under the steering wheel of the automobile, was quickly taken out and rushed to his home, where he was given prompt medical attention by Dr. W. L. Stevens. The injured man is 30 or 35 years old, and has a wife and several children. He moved to Camden County from the Weeksville section in Pasquotank several years ago.

REACH BASEBALL GLOVE FOR BEST BATTING AVERAGE

The Cuiper Hardware Company will give a \$9.50 Reach baseball glove to the player making the best batting average in the post season series now being played between the Elks and the Cubs on the Main street diamond. This offer is creating no little rivalry among the leading batters of the two teams.

BACK FROM NEW YORK

M. Leigh Sheep has returned from New York City, where he has been buying goods for fall trade for the Woman's Wear Store.

TO INVESTIGATE LYNCHING

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 5.—A special grand jury was today ordered to investigate the lynching of a negro at Lawrenceville Thursday.

Invents Machine To Harvest Sugar Cane

London, Aug. 5.—A mechanical sugar cane cutter which is expected to solve the labor difficulties of planters the world over, has been invented by Sir Percy Scott, the gunnery expert.

The machine is hand propelled, weighs about 200 pounds and has a projecting knife which makes 3,000 revolutions a minute.

"In the trials," said Sir Percy to the Daily Mail, "I have used pieces of very hard bamboo, two inches in diameter, which I consider offer two or three times the resistance of sugar canes. In each instance the knife went through the bunches like butter."

BASEBALL TODAY

There will be a game of baseball this evening at 5:30 on the West Main street diamond between the Cubs and Elks. This is the fourth game in the series, the Elks having won the first three games.