

### HOUSEWIFE FINDS PRICES STILL HIGH

Dressed Hens at 60 Cents—Spring Chickens Not on the Market.

### FRUIT IS PLENTIFUL But Sugar at 11 Cents a Pound Discourages Spring Canning.

The housewife continues to complain because of the high cost of living. Maybe she has a reason. One merchant quoted dressed chickens today at 60 cents a pound. These are hens, not spring chickens. The latter are not on the market yet. The raisers have refused to sell them as the chicks are not large enough. One merchant said that he had offered 50 cents a pound on foot for them but could not find a seller.

Many vegetables and fruits are coming in now, quite a few from the surrounding farms. The strawberries which come from the patches in Columbia and nearby are large and luscious. They sell for 30 to 35 cents a quart. Berries shipped from Tennessee retail at the same price. Gooseberries are now selling for 10 cents a full quart. They, too, come from the surrounding patches.

**Fruit Prospects Good.** According to one grocer, who has been around to the farms in the surrounding country, the prospects for fruits this year are better than they have been in years. If it will warm up some the strawberry yield this year will be large.

With sugar selling at about 11 cents a pound, the possibility of a large amount of fruits being put up this year is not the greatest.

The prospect for the blueberries, gooseberries and especially cherries seems bright. In some of the orchards the cherries are already beginning to redden. The plum trees seem to be carrying their burden well this season, too.

New potatoes are now on the market at 12½ to 15 cents a pound. Lettuce is selling for 10 cents a bunch or 20 cents a pound. This is the leaf lettuce. The head lettuce has not come in yet.

**Tomatoes Scarce.** Tomatoes are quite hard to get and only a few of the grocers are carrying a stock. The best sell from 25 to 30 cents a pound, but the best is none too good. Fancy cucumbers are now on the market and are selling at 10 to 15 cents apiece. They are of fair size.

Green onions, home grown, are selling at 5 cents a bunch. Home grown rhubarb has been on the market for the last five or six weeks and is selling at 10 cents a bunch.

Pineapples have just come to the market and are selling at 25 and 30 cents apiece. They are only fairly large. Oranges now sell for 60 cents a dozen and are quite small. Bananas seem to be waiting for the other fruits to come out in large quantities. They are priced at 12½ cents a pound or about 60 cents a dozen. The other fruits will drive this price down soon.

Radishes are now on the market at 5 cents a bunch. String beans are selling at 25 cents a pound.

Meats continue to sell at almost exorbitant prices. Sirloin steak is selling at about 40 cents a pound. Even round steak, which sold for 25 cents a pound a few years back, has jumped up alongside of sirloin steak and is retailing at from 35 to 40 cents a pound. Porterhouse steak and pork chops are selling at 42½ and 45 cents a pound. Even hamburger now sells at 25 cents.

One grocer said today that he was looking over some bills from last year. The fresh fruits have almost doubled in price. Can we say for this too—c'est la guerre?

**Dry Goods Men to St. Louis.** ST. LOUIS, May 23.—The National Retail Dry Goods Association will open its annual convention here next Tuesday.

### ALL ABOARD FOR HOLLISTER

Local Y. W. C. A. Girls Expect to Take Delegation of Twenty-Five.

This year the summer conference for the Young Womens' Christian Associations of the south central field will be held from June 17-27 in the country of "The Shepherd of the Hills"—Hollister, Mo. The local organization is planning to send twenty-five girls, according to plans told at a meeting yesterday afternoon. Miss Mildren Henderson had charge of the meeting. Misses Edna Higgins, Nita Collier and Marian Babb told of the recreational, devotional and cafeteria sides of Hollister conferences.

"The location of the conference grounds is ideal", said Miss Higgins. "Presbyterian Hill overlooks Lake Taneycomo and the surrounding country in which Harold Bell Wright wrote "The Shepherd of the Hills". For those who attend the conference there are all kinds of recreations—hiking, horseback and burro-back riding, motor boat trips, baseball and tennis. The recreational side of a summer conference is one of the best things of it."

Miss Collier said that the atmosphere of Hollister is uplifting. The classes in world citizenship and Bible study, in two of which each girl is registered, are conducted by capable and well-chosen leaders from all over the country.

"Breakfast at the cafeteria is a mighty fine thing after a hike or a swim," said Miss Babb. "Those who sleep late also enjoy breakfast but not so much. At noon the line to the cafeteria seems longer than an I.W.W. headline."

### BOAR BRINGS \$1,350

"Timms Model," Owned by Moss and Hickam, Sells at High Price.

Thirteen hundred and fifty dollars for a boar. That's what M. F. Billups of Memphis, Mo., paid Tilden B. Hickam and D. D. Moss of Columbia on May 19 for "Timms Model," says the Missouri Farmer. The boar was bought for \$250 last year while still under six months to head the Moss and Hickam herd.

"Timms Model" is in the estimation of the Missouri Farmer, one of the greatest junior yearling boars in America. He won four firsts in the Sedalia show last year, the greatest Poland China show ever held outside Chicago. He won first in the futurity, headed the first prize young herd, was first on the produce of dam and first on herd owned by exhibitor. He is a superior sire as well as a superior individual as his first crop of pigs shows.

"Timms Model" will not be removed from the Moss and Hickam farm till next Monday. Until then he will be on exhibition at the farm, one mile east of the Grindstone school, on the Ashland Gravel road, to all those who wish to see him.

Moss and Hickam had a good herd of sows last year when they began looking for a boar, and they wanted one that would be as good as the herd. In "Timms Model" they found him. He is the grandson, on his sire's side, of "Big Timm," grand champion boar of the Nebraska State Fair in 1915. On the dam's side, he is the grandson of "Big Columbus," three times winner.

### HARD TO FIND TEACHERS

Missouri Superintendent Says Many Are Going to Iowa.

J. C. Bond, superintendent of schools at Memphis, Mo., was in Columbia yesterday looking for teachers. He had just come from the Kirksville Normal School. Because of the fact that Iowa has passed a recent minimum wage law for teachers he says that the Kirksville teachers are asking more than Missouri schools can pay. Teachers from the northern part of the state are being attracted to Iowa in large numbers, he says.

Mr. Bond formerly was superintendent of the Keytesville school.



THE DOT RED CROSS By Clifford Leon Sherman

What I set in front of her mirror in her little cubicle one evening and I could be contented in a room like this and do without my own bath I would have said she was crazy. Why I have even forgotten how I would seem to have a maid to wait on me. I have just looked at the calendar and see that Winter is about a thing of the past and that Spring is here. I suppose the reason I am so contented is because I don't have to worry about a new...

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**Wisconsin Professor Here.** E. D. Hart of the College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin was in Columbia today conferring with Prof. E. A. Trowbridge and Prof. M. F. Miller of the College of Agriculture of this University. Mr. Hart has been visiting several institutions that have agricultural colleges in order to study their curriculum.

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### TO INVESTIGATE "BLUNDERS" Governor Allen Denounces Inefficiency of Army Officers.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, May 23.—Investigation of the alleged blunders and inefficiency of army officers, which is said to have been responsible for the terrific casualties of the Thirty-Fifth Division during the Argonne-Meuse battle, is asked by Governor Henry Allen of Kansas in a letter to Senator Chamberlain, retiring chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

Governor Allen submitted with the letter a caustic report, said to have been made by the chief of staff of the First American Army, severely criticizing the officers' conduct of the battle. The report summarized conclusions based on an inspection of the division following its action in the Argonne Forest and said: "When the division went into action it was not well disciplined and the officers were not well trained."

The division staff was not well organized. Changes in staff, brigade and regimental commanders "greatly handicapped company commanders." The failure of all companies to keep headquarters established where the commanders could be reached was "inexcusable." The battalion and regimental com-

manders failed to keep in touch with officers during action.

### MAKE REPAIRS ON STREETS

Clear Weather Enables Engineer to Speed Up His Work.

Clear weather this morning enabled the city engineer to speed up his work in repairing some of Columbia's streets and crossings that have gotten into pretty bad shape during the winter. Concrete was laid in the crossing between Eighth and Lyons streets, which has been a bad place for traffic for some time.

### Home For the Summer.

Miss Mary Searcy, who has been attending the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City, has returned to her home in Columbia for the summer. She has as her guests, Misses Maud Buck of near Birmingham, Ala., Bernice Buck of St. Charles, La., Cather Arnold of Louisville, Ky., and Frances Hancock of Paris, Ky.

### Mrs. W. E. Harshe Is Delegate.

Mrs. W. E. Harshe has received official notice from Governor Frederick Gardner that she has been appointed delegate from Columbia to the Missouri Public Health Conference to be held at Springfield, Mo., May 29 to June 1.

## IT'S TIME NOW FOR WHITE FOOTWEAR

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## Mr. Coal Consumer

Do you want to have the same experience you had during the winter of 1917-18?

Read what E. J. Wallace, formerly the Official Advisor, St. Louis Fuel Committee of the U. S. Fuel Administration has to say regarding conditions at the present time:

"Government charts show that in the last five months the output of the mines of the country has fallen over a hundred million tons below normal. This means that this refusal to buy regularly is being carried to such an extreme that the bulk of the coal above ground in the country must in the near future be consumed. When that happens fuel consumers are going to realize as early fall comes on, that they must have a fresh supply of coal; and they are going to have unlooked for difficulties in obtaining it, because this urgent demand will probably begin about the First of July when the whole country will start shouting for coal at one and the same time in anticipation of the coming fall and winter's needs and with coal bins practically empty."

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