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Higher Output of Milk Expected, No Decrease in Price

WASHINGTON — (UP) — Dairy cows are expected to produce more milk next year, but consumers won't get the benefit of lower prices.

Agriculture department officials said government supports for wholesale prices—set yesterday for the next 15 months — will force consumers to go on paying just as much for their dairy products as they did this year.

The government will keep sugar prices up, too, by limiting the market supply in 1950 to 7,500,000 short tons. Spokesmen for some producers and industrial users agreed with government officials this quota could be expected to keep prices at about present levels.

The decision to keep dairy prices high was reached despite prospects it will require heavy price support next year. To prevent a price slump this year, the government had to take more than $100,000,000 worth of butter, cheese and milk off the market. A larger market supply is in forecast for 1950.

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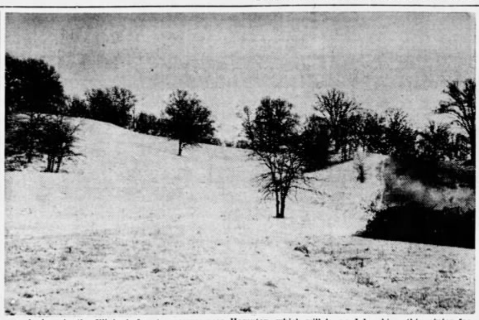

A slope in the Illiniwek forest preserve, near Hampton, which will be used by skiers this winter for a slalom slide. (Dispatch Photo)

Tossed Gas Can Seriously Burns Island Youth, 17

ROCK ISLAND—Gene Seymour, 17, of 1130 Third avenue, Rock Island, was seriously burned shortly after 10 last night when his clothing caught fire from a can of flaming gasoline which struck him as it was being thrown out the door of the Nate Learner service station garage, 732 Ninth street, Rock Island.

He incurred second and third degree burns to his right hand and arm and the right side of his back and was taken to St. Anthony's hospital in an ambulance. His condition was reported as "fairly good" by attendants at the hospital today.

Quick action on the part of Ray Foster, 20, of R.F.D. 1, Milan, attendant at the station, who jerked the burning clothing off of Seymour, saved the youth from more serious injuries. Rock Island firemen were called but the blaze was out when they arrived. A car seat was nearly destroyed by the fire.

Seymour does not work at the station but was given permission by the attendant to work on his car in the garage last night, according to a police report.

The youth and a friend, Bobby Schomer, 17, of 819 Fifth street, Rock Island, were building a fire in a stove in the garage when the accident occurred. Schomer threw some gasoline on wood in the stove and Seymour tossed a burning match onto the wood, the police report said.

The blaze flared back and gasoline in a can being held by Schomer caught fire, Foster declared. Schomer attempted to toss the flaming can out the door of the garage but the can struck Seymour and set his clothes afire.

Seymour tried to extinguish the fire by rolling and rubbing himself on the ground. When he failed to put the fire out, he became panicky from pain and started to run. Foster managed to grab him and jerked the burning clothing off of him.

A telephone operator called police at 10:06 and the latter summoned an ambulance.

TRYING FOR 37-CENT FLOOR UNDER EGGS

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government's support program for 1950 will seek to keep the national average farm price of eggs—graded and ungraded—from falling below 37 cents a dozen.

By comparsion, prices of all eggs—both graded and ungraded—have averaged about 45 cents this year.

Under this year's support program, the agriculture department bought nest-run, ungraded eggs in the mid-western surplus producing area at 35 cents a dozen. In general, these eggs would not meet grading requirements because of delays in getting them to market.

Two Heinz Firm Workers to Get Service Awards

ROCK ISLAND—Service awards will be presented to two veteran employees of the H. J. Heinz company at the midwinter convention of the firm's north central sales region next Tuesday and Wednesday at the Fort Armstrong hotel.

Guy C. Maynard, 33 Berkshire drive, Rock Island, a shipper at the Rock Island branch, will receive a gold medal in recognition of ten years' service with Heinz. R. T. Milnes, a salesman with headquarters in Burlington, Ia., will be given a watch for 20 years with the company.

About 20 representatives of the company from eastern Iowa and western Illinois will attend the Fort Armstrong hotel meetings. G. A. Martin, Rock Island branch manager, will be in charge.

HIGH SCHOOL Y GROUPS SPONSOR DANCE TONIGHT

A "Snow Shovel" dance, sponsored by the high school Y-Teens and the Hi-Y, will be held tonight at the Y.W.C.A. after the Moline-Canton basketball game. Admission will be 25 cents and all high school students and friends are invited.

Chairmen for the dance are Barbara Peterson and Chuck White and chaperons will be Mr. and Mrs. Dick Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Drake.

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Families Find Place to Ski; It's Illiniwek

By BOB SANDS

What to do when the winter snow lies fallow-fresh in the meadow, clings to the slopes and packs hard in wind-swept gullies, stacks up firmly in forested ravines?

What to do when the air is Alpine crisp? When the winter sun reaches for pale skins and burns them brown?

A handful of Moline families think they have the answer this winter—if enough snow falls. They want to ski.

Forest Preserves Hold Answer

Fortunately, the county forest preserves offer them an opportunity to get out of the house on weekends, sling skis on their shoulders and make a stab at polishing techniques.

They hope to interest enough families in the county to take up the sport of the old country and form a skiers' club.

Headed by Max Roth, 1957 Twenty-third street; Arthur Wood, principal of John Deere junior high school, and Gus Magnusson, 154½ Fifth avenue—all of Moline —the families are all set to go for the first ski outing of the year.

Albert T. Sands of Rock Island is a skiing enthusiast and has expressed an interest in the project.

The best slope for a slalom run within a 20-mile area is located at the north end of Illiniwek forest preserve just off Route 80, outside of Hampton.

200-Foot Bluff

Here, a ravine divides a 200-foot-high bluff and extends about 600 feet from the summit to the Mississippi river level at the bottom of the preserve land.

The forestry and improvement committee of the county board of supervisors has cleared away the surface scrub and brush to provide what could be an excellent slope for slaloming.

If enough interest is generated, Roth thinks the county could spare a few dollars to install a ski tow from the bottom of the course to the top.

Skiing is easy this way. Speed down under your own power, take it easy on the way up.

Course markers won't cost too much, either.

Best of all, though, the ravine faces northwest, and when the snow drifts over the preserve the cross-river winds will drive the snow into the ravine to make an excellent surface for downhill racing.

Old Wagon Trail

Experts on skis will prefer this hill, but beginners will do better to hazard an old wagon trail which winds up the hill and into the preserve picnic grounds at the top.

The committee already has cleared away the brush here for either skiing duffers or for toboganers. Kids will have the most fun, for what better sport in the winter than to race downhill on a sleek sled, trying your steering skill around stumps and trees.

Plenty of fireplaces, too, to warm cold feet and defrost chilled noses.

Not to be left out of the outdoor picture for skiers is Indian Bluff golf course, whose rolling and hilly fairways are ideal for cross-country pushing.

Sportsmen are quick to point out that, after the initial expense of skis and paraphernalia, a winter's fun costs no more than the energy to leave a warm house and strike out for the open places.

FINE EAST MOLINE MAN FOR MOLESTING WOMAN

David Cummings, 29, of 348 Twelfth street, East Moline, was fined $10, assessed court costs of $11.40, and sentenced to ten days in county jail when he was arraigned in Moline police court yesterday afternoon on a disorderly conduct charge.

Cummings was arrested December 9 after he was accused of molesting a woman at a local theater. Because he served the ten days while waiting for the hearing, that part of the penalty was dispensed with and he was ordered to pay the fine and costs.

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS FOR Y BOYS STILL AVAILABLE

Membership gift certificates for boys may be obtained at the Moline Y. M. C. A. through Saturday evening, it was anonunced by Duane H. Perry, boys work secretary.

Membership for boys, 7 through 17, will include interest groups, clubs, lobby participation, parent programs and special activities around holidays as well as class instruction in gym and swimming.

This old wagon trail will be one of the skiing and tobogganing sites as the Illiniwek county park becomes a winter sports center. (Dispatch Photo)

MOLINE REK OPERATES ON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Moline Rek youth center will be closed for the remainder of the week, but will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights of next week, according to Mrs. Harry Frieden, manager.

The annual New Year's watch party will be held this year after the Davenport-Moline game December 31. Music for dancing will be furnished by Don Lauber's orchestra and special favors and food will be distributed at midnight.

Blame Youth for Theft of $11.50 From Gas Station

A 19-year-old man who loitered around the Central Oil & Grease Co. service station, Fifteenth street and Seventeenth avenue, Moline, for several hours yesterday was blamed by the attendants for the theft of $11.50 from the cash register.

The attendant, Virgil Carmichael, said the youth spent several hours loitering around the place and then left. He noticed a 24-cent sale showing on the register but the $11.50 missing from the till when he walked in off the driveway where he was busy with a customer.

Carmichael said the youth, during his stay at the station, purchased two quarts of oil and later sold a set of chains to a dairy driver who stopped at the place.

NEW FLOOR DAMAGED BY OVERTURNED SALAMANDER

A newly-laid floor in a 2-story dwelling at 348 Second street, Moline, was slightly damaged at 3:33 yesterday afternoon when a heating salamander overturned on the floor.

Workmen extinguish the fire before the arrival of firemen. They listed the property as being owned by Martha Bedwell.

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New Y Father-Son Group Names Chief

Huntington Sharp Jr. has been elected chief of the newly organized Y.M.C.A. father-and-son Indian Guide tribe, which has been named the Kickapoo tribe. The group is similar to the existing Blackfeet tribe.

Other officers are Dick Horneck, talleykeeper; Jim Ziel, wampum bearer; Tom Ewing, tomtom beater; Jim Early, Indian runner.

Other members of the father-son group are William Early, Bob Early, Carl Horneck, Harold Ziel, Bill Ziel, Albert Ewing, Huntington Sharp Sr., and William and Bill Coopman.

The tribe's program includes Indian lore study, games, talks, hikes and trips. Duane H. Perry, boys' work secretary of the Moline Y.M.C.A., is in charge of the program. Persons in surrounding communities can obtain information from J. M. Steffenson, extension secretary.

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