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Grain Prices Plunge Downward

TO REVAMP PLANS FOR CITY POOL

Commission Seeks To Cut Cost To Amount Available

The Yuma City Recreation commission has decided to try again after finding that the sole bid for remodeling the municipal swimming pool was more than $40,000 too high.

The commission members met last night at the city hall with City Engineer J. B. Rankin to revamp the plans in order to bring it within the amount available for the pool.

Chief item to come under the axe was the pressure filter system as set up in the original plans. Rankin was authorized to investigate the advisability of a gravity system for filtering the water. If such a plan is feasible, Rankin pointed out to commission members, there would be a saving of about $19,000.

Would Eliminate Building

He explained that the saving was not all effected by the substitution of the gravity system but also by the elimination of the building required to house the pressure system filters.

Rankin told the commission that he would draw up tentative plans in time to present them to the commission and the city council for action Feb. 10.

Also present to advise the commission on filtering problems was Locke Platt, manager of Arizona Minerals Corporation.

Concert Group to Present Soprano Here Wednesday

The third concert of the current series under the auspices of the Yuma Community Concert Association will be given in the high school auditorium next Wednesday evening by the young American soprano Carolyn Long.

Miss Long is a native of Maryland, and received most of her training in Baltimore's famed Peabody Conservatory. She was well-known in concert and operatic circles in Baltimore before the war, but postponed her national tour to sing for the armed forces during the war. It is only within the past year that Miss Long has been heard nationally, but in this one short year she has taken a place among the greatest sopranos of the day. Her success in the Strauss Festivals was followed by radio and nation-wide concert appearances.

Officials of the Yuma Association are pleased to be able to secure Miss Long, already one of the most glamorous and talented singers in the country. Although admission to the Carolyn Long concert Wednesday evening will be by membership card only, guest tickets for new residents and out of town visitors only will be available at the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce from nine to five on Wednesday, or they may be secured from Mrs. L. S. Kennicott.

Blonde Wanda Law, 'Miss Arizona,' Will Crown Queen

Sharing the guest of honor spot with Silver Spur Rodeo Queen Anabel Earp and Attendants Mildred Godwin and Beverly Fritz tonight at the coronation dance will be one of Arizona's brightest stars—Wanda Law, "Miss Arizona" of 1947 and the present women's state diving champion.

Blonde, curvaceous Miss Law, a sophomore at Arizona State college at Tempe, will arrive in Yuma by plane this afternoon in the company of her college friend, Vivian Dickenson, and will be on hand tonight to place the crown on the blond curls of Queen Anabel.

Miss Law last year represented Arizona at the Miss America contest and was chosen to enter the finals along with nine other contestants.

The Yuma Jaycees are all aflutter over Miss Law's visit and deem it an honor to the community that she has accepted the invitation.

Sammy Dick, rodeo dance committee head, reports festivities will get under way at 9 p.m., with music, refreshments and atmosphere all in Western style.

A. O. Boussard Named Member Of State Council

A. O. Broussard of Yuma has been named a member of the lay section of the recently created Advisory Council to the State Department of Public Instruction, to be organized at a meeting in Phoenix Feb. 16, State Supt. of Public Instruction L. D. Klemmedson announced yesterday.

The council was set up last month at a meeting of educators from over the state. Klemmedson said its purpose is to advise his department in a reorganization.

ELKS BAND TO AID YUMA FIESTA SAT.

250 Long Beach Elks Slated To Arrive Tonight

A championship 40 piece Elks band from Long Beach will be in Yuma tomorrow to aid with the Fiesta celebration on Main street in connection with the Silver Spur rodeo, Ira Whiting, secretary of the local Elks club said today.

The band will be a part of the 250 member delegation of Elks from Long Beach which will arrive here in chartered buses this evening, Whiting said.

Entertainment for the visitors by the local Elks is planned from the time the delegation crosses the Colorado river bridge until it leaves Sunday.

Whiting called upon local Elks and citizens to cooperate to make the visit of the Long Beach neighbors one to be remembered. He said that the visitors themselves are good mixers but that they should be treated to the western hospitality that has made Yuma a favorite spot with Elks from southern California.

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Files Petition For Letters In Estate Of Josie M. Whiting

Petition for letters of administration on the estate of Josie M. Whiting, who died May 30, 1947, in Yuma, was granted Ira Whiting, surviving husband, in Superior court Wednesday.

The estate included real and personal property valued at $1700. Mr. Whiting filed a bond before the court for $1000.

Tomorrow Belongs To Them

BEST IN THE WEST: The "younger generation" of the Yuma area take over downtown tomorrow in pre-rodeo activities. Kids of all ages up to and including high school students will have a Western costume parade at 2 p. m. with two dozen ribbons and three silver trophies to be won. Boys from the county's 4-H clubs and Future Farmers of America also will display livestock on Main street. The two happy five-year-olds in the picture above, Barbara Leeper and Kenneth Musch, both of Yuma, appear ready for anything. Kenneth has outdone his playmate's Levi's and boots by donning two six-guns and spurs.

Yuma Recruiting Station Awarded District Trophy

Yuma's station of the U. S. Army and Air Force Recruiting Service was announced this week winner of the Arizona District Achievement trophy for recruiting.

January marked the local station's third consecutive month of winning the bronze trophy which is awarded monthly to the station of Arizona enlisting the highest percentage of men in the army.

Yuma turned in 200 per cent of their monthly quota, according to 1st Lt. John C. Morrissey, local station commander, while Globe was runnerup with 197 per cent. Arizona was leading state of the Sixth Army area for January recruiting.

Lieutenant Morrissey expressed gratitude to his enlisted personnel, M/Sgt. Howard Faidley and S/Sgt. Virgil Rice, who were instrumental in securing the award for the third time in succession.

Kids' Costume Contest Starts 2 p.m. Saturday

Second day of pre-rodeo street activities tomorrow, which has been titled "4-H: Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers Day," will feature the kids' costume parade contest under the supervision of Sam Dick.

Contestants will be divided into four classes according to age as follows: first class, up to six years of age; second, 6 to 10 years; third, 10 to 13 years; and fourth, high school age.

Mr. Dick announces the judges of the classes as follows: Mrs. Floyd Jones and Andy Gibbons, first class; Mrs. Kent Drysdale and Frank Hobart, second class; Mrs. Felix Milstead and Jack Culver, third class; and Mrs. Wayne Brand and Bert Coffer, fourth class.

Six place ribbons will be awarded winners of each class making a total of 24 ribbon winners. From the four first place winners, three contestants will be chosen to receive silver trophy awards.

Contestants should be on hand at 2 p.m. in designated spots marked by signs. Contestants will parade across the elevated stage on Main street so that the public, as well as judges, may see.

Today's street activities were postponed one-half hour in memory of Walter Akers, slain Yuma county deputy for whom services will be held at 2 p.m.

Knowledge of Bible Will Win Five New Bikes and A Trip to Washington, D. C.

Screen star Red Skelton, Yuma merchants and station KYUM have teamed up in a new radio promotion stunt, announced today, that will send a Yuma-area boy or girl to the nation's capital to meet President Truman and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover.

The lucky winner will be the youngster under age of 14 years whose knowledge of the Bible is better than all other entrants. A Bible quiz contest, open to any Sunday or Christian day school student, will be conducted by KYUM with semi-finals and finals to be broadcast from the station's studio.

Semi-finals are scheduled for March 6, finals for March 8.

Skelton gave his blessing to the Bible contest in the form of a check for $1,000, which will pay expenses of the trip to Washington for the winner, the winner's Sunday school teacher and a station staff man.

The five runners-up will each receive a new bicycle, donated by Yuma merchants.

All churches in the Yuma area are invited to send their outstanding Sunday school pupils to the contest. Sunday, Feb. 8, each institution is to select one entrant, who must not become 14 years of age prior to April 1, 1948.

Skelton: He's For It

BULLETIN!

PHOENIX, Feb. 6—(UP)—A revised groundwater code, in the form of amendments to the Administration fathered bill, was introduced in the House and Senate today but action was delayed until receipt of U. S. Interior Secretary J. A. Krug's favorable report on the Central Arizona Project.

Named Administratrix Of C. A. Givens Estate

Ida Givens was appointed administratrix of the estate of Clarence Alexander Givens following a hearing of her petition in Superior court this week.

Mrs. Givens was granted full control of an estate involving approximately $3,025 left by her husband who died in Yuma Dec. 26, 1947. She posted bond of $2000.

Man Nabbed Here On Tucson Burglary Charge

Willie Oliver, transient, was arrested early yesterday morning by city police on authority of a telegram received here this week from the Tucson Police Department.

The telegram charged Oliver with burglary. He was arrested at First avenue and Sixth street.

EDUCATOR WARNS NEED FOR ACTION

Dr. McDonald Says Education System Is Deteriorating

America is taking its public schools too much for granted, Dr. Ralph McDonald, National Education Association representative, told a group of teachers and parents last night at the Yuma high school auditorium.

A noted educator, executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education of the United States, and president of the National Board of Atomic Control, Dr. McDonald is currently on a lecturing tour which has already taken him to the four corners of the United States.

In his lecture last night, titled "Recruiting the Community for Education," Dr. McDonald declared that the public has been taking its educational system within America for granted too long and the system is slowly, but consistently deteriorating due to the increase of prices over the country.

"It is my personal belief that we'll improve our education system before it is too late," McDonald stated, "but we must face the facts now."

He said the United States is neglecting education more every day, spending only three billion dollars a year for furthering and maintenance of public schools, while some 20 billion dollars are being spent on luxuries. He explained that present day tax systems for maintenance of efficient school systems are outdated in most communities.

"When you consider the vast

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63 Attending Farm Engineers Parley Here

Sixty-three engineers were registered at 11 o'clock today at the 26th annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers being held today and tomorrow at the Yuma airbase.

A dinner for the representatives of the Pacific Coast and Yuma this evening at Clymer's will climax the first day of 30-minute conferences held throughout the day.

DROP BELIEVED TO MARK END OF INFLATIONARY FOOD SPIRAL IN U. S.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6—(UP)—Grain prices plunged downward for the third day in a row today in a major market break which many experts believed meant the end of the inflationary food spiral.

Corn, wheat and oats prices at Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City dropped the limit or close to it.

At Chicago, on the nation's largest grain exchange, the flurry of opening trade lasted only three minutes. Traders swarmed into the pit as the opening gong sounded.

Sellers opened the bidding on corn at prices eight cents below yesterday's close. This is the limit loss on corn for a single day's trading, but even so there were few buyers.

Corn futures generally had dropped the full 24 cents in the last three days. Wheat, with a 10-cent limit of decline, had dropped 30 cents a bushel in three days on the three big exchanges.

Reverberations from plunging prices in Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City were felt in London's Lombard Street when the London Stock Market took a nose-dive in the worst slump since July, 1947.

The British Market was hit by a wave of selling after nervously watching the American commodity price break for two days. The slump in London followed yesterday's losses on the New York Stock Exchange, which hit the lowest level since last June.

The New York Stock Market today was steadier and gained fractionally. Losses of the previous two days, however, had wiped out about $1,600,000,000 in market valuations.

Butter on the Chicago Wholesale Market for immediate delivery dropped three to four cents a pound today, ranging in price from 83 to 86 cents.

At Chicago grocery stores, however, butter was selling in some cases at $1.07 a pound, the highest it ever has reached. In New York the retail butter price also rose to the highest level in history—$1.01 a pound.

"We've definitely seen the peak," said Richard Uhlmann, president of the Chicago Board of Trade.

At Minneapolis, three large milling companies cut flour prices in the first visible sign that the commodity price break may work its way down through the wholesale level to the corner grocery store.

Most branches of the food industry agreed, however, that housewives could expect no lower retail food prices for two weeks, if then.

Uhlmann said wheat had dropped 40 cents from the peak of six weeks ago.

"Nobody knows how low it will go," he said.

At Minneapolis, Russell Miller Milling Co., said it had cut prices to wholesalers 40 to 60 cents per hundred pounds in the last three days. Company spokesmen said, however, that

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Plan Scout-Dad Breakfast Sunday At Ligurta

In commemoration of the 38th anniversary of the Boy Scout Movements in the United States, Boy Scout Week has been designated as Feb. 6 to 12.

In addition to the many individual and unit activities which will take place in the Eastern District, there will be a Scout-Dad breakfast on Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 8. The meal will be served at 8 a.m. on the desert at Ligurta. This affair is strictly stag, district Scout officials announced, and is for all Cub-Scouts, Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts.

May Leave Early

No formal program is planned, as the outing will be for fellowship alone. All boys and men participating will be able to leave early enough to attend the church of their choice.

The breakfast, a he-man's meal of bacon and eggs and all the trimmings, prepared in the open, is sponsored by the Yuma Rotary club.

In order to insure an adequate supply of food, Cubs are asked to contact their Den-Mothers and Scouts their unit leaders in regard to reservations, then the leaders will notify Frank Kennison at the chamber of commerce by noon Saturday, Feb. 7, so proper preparation can be made. All boys attending are to be accompanied by their dad or a friend.

Over 30 Bids Received for Gila Land Leases

An estimated 35 to 40 bids for leasing of 3,750 acres of land of the Yuma Mesa Division of the Gila Project for production of alfalfa hay were being considered this morning at the Gila Project office in the U. S. Post Office building.

Deadline for the bids was 11 o'clock this morning.

District Engineer J. K. Rohrer stated that great interest has been shown toward the bids and before noon today the office staff was cramped for room as bidders interestedly crowded the office during the recording of each bid.

If Steer Wrestlin' Worries You, Then Zeke Bowery, Rodeo Clown, Will Hand You a Laugh That Should Help

Zeke Bowery, famous young rodeo clown, will be one of the main performers in the arena next weekend at the Third Annual Silver Spur Rodeo.

This lanky clown from Wyoming, Hollywood and points in between does everything that any other rodeo performer can do with one important difference—he does it with comedy.

Although his pinto pony, Champ, scarcely reaches your belt buckle, his clown master will rope from him, trick ride on him or buck him out of a chute. Champ has been educated to perform no less than 34 separate tricks and occasionally pulls one of his own making.

Zeke's animal performers are not limited to horses but include his trick Dalmation dog, Spots, who works either alone or in a routine of tricks with Champ. This breed of dog is said to be especially difficult to educate since it is oversensitive and resents discipline of any sort.

Uses Bull Whip

Bowery is the only clown in the rodeo business to feature an Australian bull whip act in comedy which he performs with his wife. So closely timed and precise is his whip work that a stiff breeze can ruin the entire performance, as well as endanger his wife.

To add more color to the Brahma bull riding contest, he fights bulls with one eye on his "exclusive" escape hatch as shown in the picture with his two animal performers. A lot of fun is in the offing when he hitches his "bull chariot" to a wild Brahma, and participates in a one-entry chariot race.

Reading from left to right, these arena-wise performers are Spots, Zeke and Champ.

When he runs out of rodeo engagements during the winter, this daredevil cowhand performs before the movie cameras. His last roles were bit parts in "Duel in the Sun" and "Two Guys from Texas."

During the winter the Boweryes sometimes retire to Southern California to condition their stock and develop new routines. Zeke performed for a long time at the Coliseum and also in Gilmore stadium and at the Roy Rogers show.

A few of his bigger shows during 1947 included Lander, Wyo.; Riverton, Wyo.; Fortuna, Calif.; Lower Lake, Calif.; Albuquerque, New Mex.; Walla Walla, Wash.; Goldendale, Wash.; Deschutes County Fair, Ore.; and Wasco County Fair, Ore.

Only A Few Rodeo Reserved Seat Tickets Remain

Only 133 reserved seat tickets for the Third Annual Silver Spur Rodeo Feb. 11-15 at last count; and they were going fast, ticket chairman Cy Leeper reported today.

Mr. Leeper asks that anyone who has telephoned ticket orders to the Jaycees to pick them up before Sunday, Feb. 8. No tickets will be held after that date.

Seating charts are available for inspection at the ticket booth in front of the Valley cafe where tickets for both days' performances are on sale now.

Navy Recruiting Station Opened In City Hall Basement

Opening of a temporary U. S. Navy Recruiting station in the basement of the City Hall was announced today by Chief Petty Officer Francis Mihaney, recruiter in charge.

The office will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mihaney stated that an attractive program has been made available by the new navy for men between the ages of 17 and 30 years with actual job training. Also many open ratings are available for navy veterans and there is unequalled opportunities for boys immediately upon graduation from high school.

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