

# Butchers Threaten Strike

## DISSATISFIED OVER BEEF PRICE

HOUSEWIVES who go to the Public Market for meat supplies on Saturday mornings, may have to return home without any to-morrow.

The butchers are dissatisfied over the scheduled price of beef and complain that they cannot carry on if this continues. They have threatened not to kill any cattle on Saturday morning unless steps are taken to increase the price.

The Controller of Supplies told the Advocate yesterday that the Government is going into the matter. The purchaser of beef in the Public Market is often puzzled when he is confronted with the demand of 40 cents for a pound of beef, and sees just above his head that the scheduled price is 36 cents.

One housewife told the Advocate yesterday: "I prominently protested against this price when it was asked of me for the first time a few weeks ago, but was told that if I did not want to pay the money I could leave the article."

"A glance around me showed that others were paying the price, though evidently with some reluctance. I looked at the schedule for the second time, but no protest could have prevented the eager purchasers obtaining their supplies. Indeed I was lucky to have got any at all. I went to another stall where the last piece was being sold, bought then, of course, but at the same price; there was nothing else to do."

Butchers Lose  
Mr. H. Inniss, a butcher, said yesterday that even at the price of 40 cents per pound, the butchers are suffering a loss.

Resources Shared  
Through a plan of Mutual Service, Y.W.C.A.'s shared with each other their resources of staff and money and one of the purposes of her trip was to see what needs the Y.W.C.A.'s in the Caribbean had and what resources of experience they had to share with other associations.

Price Justified  
Mr. C. W. Springer (Dan) another butcher, said that they are justified in demanding a higher price for their meat. This was because the price paid for animals was so enormous in comparison with the scheduled price.

# Schoolboy Met Death By Misadventure

Death by misadventure was the verdict returned by a nine-man jury when the inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of 14-year-old Wesley Vow O'Connell Phillips of New Orleans, St. Michael was concluded at District "A" yesterday.

Wesley Phillips who was attending the Modern High School, Ruebuck Street, died on the spot when he was involved in an accident with the motor lorry M. 246 owned by Messrs. Perkins & Co., and driven by Garnett Batson of Pine Hill at the junction of St. Mary's Row and Mason Hill Street on April 18.

Hon. Dr. A. S. Cato who performed the post mortem at the Public Mortuary at 3.30 p.m. on April 18 said that the body was identified to him by the deceased's father Wesley Phillips of New Orleans, St. Michael.

The boy was dealt for about two to three hours. External appearances showed several bruises on the body. The left shoulder and skull were fractured and there was a massive haemorrhage to the brain. In his opinion death was due to fracture of the skull and haemorrhage to the brain.

Injuries From Fall  
The injuries received by the deceased could have been caused if he had fallen from a moving vehicle such as a lorry.

Another eye-witness, Isaiah Hall, a 42-year-old cooper, said that about 12.45 p.m. on April 18 he saw the motor lorry M. 246 going up in the direction of Lakes Folly. When it had reached the junction of Mason Hill Street and St. Mary's Row a young boy tried to get off the platform of the truck, but missed his hold and fell to the ground and one of the rear wheels of the truck rolled over his body.

Driver's Evidence  
Garnett Batson, 33-year-old driver employed by Messrs. Perkins & Co. of Ruebuck Street, said that on April 18 he was carrying groceries to a shop in Lakes Folly, St. Michael. The number of the truck he was driving was M. 246.

At present, there were 30 of the countries of the world having Y.W.C.A.'s which were being helped by other countries to get their work strongly established.

Heavy Rains Put Out Fire  
Winds Blow Off House Tops  
Rain fell all over the island on Wednesday night. Throughout the night a strong wind blew and this could be felt yesterday when the temperature during the evening was 84 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade.

At the present moment butchers are paying a very high price for cattle, and the owners of the cattle certainly put up a good case for their demands. They argue that the price of feed has gone up and they also have to pay more to those who attend to the cattle.

# St. Thomas Land Tax Up By 34 Cents An Acre

ST. THOMAS VESTRY has increased the land tax in St. Thomas by 34 cents per acre and the trade tax by two cents on the dollar to meet an additional \$5,824.01 estimated expenditure over last year's expenditure of \$41,270.99.

## "JOSH" HAYNES SWORN IN

Mr. J. A. Haynes, planter of Parks, St. Joseph, was sworn in as an M.C.P. yesterday afternoon at Government House, at 2.30 in the presence of the Governor-in-Executive Committee.

Mr. Haynes now fills the seat made vacant by the death of Mr. D. A. Foster, as junior representative of the parish. He is expected to take his place in the House of Assembly on Tuesday next.

24-hour Watch Needed At Seawell  
Lt. Commander R. A. Beard, R.N.V.R. who has had 10 years' flying experience told the Advocate yesterday that a Barbados Observer Corps should be formed as an official unit sanctioned by the Governor-in-Executive Committee.

Textbooks  
The Vestry will help furnish their scholars with text books. This was decided after a motion made by Mr. Sandiford asking that a sum be voted in the estimates to provide for the purchase of text books.

The Police, Temple Yard And The Fish  
Many fish sellers can regularly be seen selling fish at Temple Yard opposite St. Mary's Church wall, Chateaufort. In this area the yard is kept in a dirty condition and has a bad odour.

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# Navy Welfare League

The Royal & Merchant Navy Welfare League held their Thirtieth Annual General Meeting on 17th April, at which their Report was read.

During the year they entertained and visited Seamen in Hospital as usual. Twenty-five dances and two picnics were organized for H.M.S. Devonshire, the Dutch aircraft carrier, Karel Doorman, the Swedish training ship Sunbeam and several Merchant ships.

Mr. T. W. Gooding, last year's Churchwarden, was re-elected Churchwarden. Mr. Collins had moved that Mr. Reeves be elected Churchwarden, but that motion was defeated.

Poor Relief  
Making a report on last year's work, Mr. Gooding said that Poor Relief had been overspent. That was accounted for by the amount they spent on female quarters, an amount they had not anticipated.

Members of Natural Gas Corporation Appointed  
The Governor has appointed the following members of the Natural Gas Corporation:

Mr. Julian Garrett, Director of Petroleum and Natural Gas (Chairman); The Financial Secretary, Lt. Col. J. Connell, O.B.E., E.D., Mr. J. N. E. Sanderson, and Mr. N. S. Atwell.

Mr. Thorne, Hon. J. A. Mahon and Mr. Collins were appointed Highway Commissioners.

Mr. Sandiford and Mr. Reeves were appointed Poor Law Guardians. The Sanitary Commissioners are Mr. Watson, Mahon, Cave, Sandiford and Reeves.

Mr. Collins asked whether it was a fact that one Etice Hewitt's name was on the list for an amount of the money which was granted by Government for repairing houses under the Flood Victims Fund. He wants to know if the answer to his question is "Yes."

Mr. Nathaniel Wilkie, who has been a shoe-maker in the district for the past 40 years, told the Advocate yesterday that fish vendors used Temple Yard as a market for over a half century.

Many years ago it was a residential district, at that time the road was only about five feet wide. When Government took over the area it was widened.

Some of the women who can now be seen baring fish at Temple Yard were born in that area. Before they became qualified barters they were apprenticed to their mothers, aunts or sisters.



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