

NEWSLETTER

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Ever wonder what was going on in Metamora 100 years ago – 1923? Maybe Mom or Dad or Grandad or Grandma were just starting their lives. Anyway, if they read the Metamora Herald, here's some of what they would have found.

You might also wonder what a can of beans that costs a dime in 1923 would cost today? Well, here's how to find out... The dollar has had an average inflation rate of 2.90% per year between 1923 and today, producing a cumulative price increase of 1,649.53%. This means that today's prices are 17.56 times as high as average prices since 1923, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index. So that 10 cents might seem like a great deal, but.... Good old days...?? Maybe... but maybe not!?

**CITIZEN'S  
PRIMARY BALLOT**

Village of Metamora, County of  
Woodford, State of Illinois. Elec-  
tion March 13, 1923.

OTTO F. GIEHL, Village Clerk.

For Village President

JOHN C. SNYDER

For Village Trustees  
(Vote For Three)

JOHN SHARICK

P. C. BELSLY

FRANK C. SMITH

For Precinct Committeeman

**Canned Foods Week**  
**MARCH 3-10**

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Companion Beans            | .....10c                    |
| Heinz baked beans          | ....10c and 14c             |
| Rite-Way beans             | .....13, 2 for 25c          |
| Blue Ribbon beans          | ....13, 2 for 25c           |
| Bess milk small size       | .....5 for 26c              |
| Carnation, Pet, Libby's    | ....4 for 26c               |
| Tall cans                  | .....2 for 26c              |
| Companion Corn             | .....12c                    |
| Royal Taste corn           | .....10c                    |
| Rite-Way Corn              | .....15c                    |
| Fancy Maine Corn           | .....15c                    |
| Salmon 1-2 lb. cans        | ...10, 15 and 25c           |
| Salmen 1 lb cans           | ...15, 28 and 32c           |
| Peas                       | .....15, 20, 23, 25 and 30c |
| Jo-Beth macaroni           | ....8c, 2 for 15c           |
| Good Cocoa full pound      | ....15c                     |
| 40-2 Coffee                | .....38c                    |
| Turkey, Sunlist and Desota | ....33c                     |
| Bulk                       | .....25 and 30c             |

**5 percent less on orders totaling \$1 or over.**

Phone 55 **GIEHL'S** Phone 55

**BAKERY AND GROCERY**

Let's figure this out...

Beans at 10 cents x 17.56 = \$1.76 today  
Corn at 12 cents x 17.56 = \$2.11 today  
And you could save an extra 5% if your order was a \$1 or more!!

Remember that many folks had a garden and maybe some chickens.

The village was in good hands!!

# FARM BARGAINS

For early spring sale. 40 acres, \$8000.; 70 acres \$10,000; 100 acres \$7,500; 120 acres \$22,000; 190 acres \$28,500; 164 acres, \$50,000; 887 acres, \$50.00 an acre.

Above farms are all improved, and located near Metamora, Ill. AND PRICED TO SELL.

**J. O. MALONE**  
METAMORA, ILLINOIS

Let's see...

40 acres at \$8,000 = \$3,512/acre today  
100 acres at \$7,500 = \$13,170/acre today  
887 acres at \$50/acre = \$878/acre today

Wish Grandpa had hung on to the farm! But farming with horses and even with relatively modern power equipment it was a hard job.

Victory Bonds of the Series A to F are Called for Redemption Dec. 15

War Savings Stamps [1918 Series] are due January 1 1923

## CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIGHT CO.

Accepts these Bonds at par and Interest and War Savings Stamps at par [5.00 each]

Convert your Bonds and Stamps, now, into Central Illinois Light Company 6 percent Preferred Stock--- nets 6.67 percent with Safety.

Tax free here Payable quarterly  
\$90 cash or \$10 per share per month  
Ask any Employee or any of our 1500 Shareholders

Phone 30 Ring 3 and a Representative will call. Ask for Mr. Kice

Sounds like a pretty good deal. Wonder if any of those WW1 bonds are still available - 6.67% and tax-free! Sign us up!

## Spring is Just Around the Corner

We are ready. Are you? Our floor is loaded with samples of farm machinery. A complete line of International goods, including tractors and trucks.

### Poultry Goods Too

For the poultry raiser we are showing Reliable and Queen incubators, brooders, both coal and oil burners.

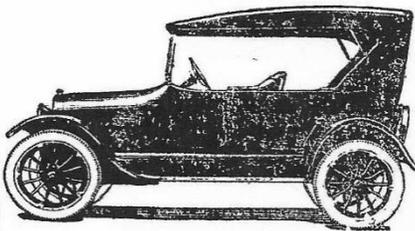
### Make This Your Seed House

We have in stock good clean tested clover, timothy and alfalfa seed. We are quite proud of the reputation of our seed department.

### Firestone Tires

A complete stock of Firestone tires and tubes in all sizes.

### The Chevrolet



\$525 F. O. B. Detroit  
**Belsly & Belsly**

## EASTER APRIL 1ST

Easter is spring dress-up time. Fit yourself out at this store. Everything in men's, boys' and children's attire. Dress goods and furnishings too for the ladies.

### New Oxfords and Shoes

Are coming in. New styles, as well as the staple and more comfortable kind in Ladies', men's and children's spring oxfords and shoes.

### We have a Special on Head Light Overalls

Domestic and sheetings and tubings 1-4 bleached half bleached and unbleached 58c per yd. for ten days only.

Coöper underwear. Armor Plate hosiery.

Eaco and White Swan flour

Chase & Sanborn coffee

**J. W. MILLER**

The Cash Store

Metamora, Ill.



## LOOK!

Did you know you can have a complete

### Delco-Light

installation including wiring and Fixtures for

**\$342.50**

Write or phone for a demonstration in your own home.

See us for Radio outfits. Wiring and electric installation.

**Garber Radio-Electric Co.**

## Why Worry---

—over the safety of valuable papers, jewelry and keepsakes, when for the trifling expenditure of 1-2 cent a day, you can rent a Safe Deposit Box in our strong fire and burglar-proof vault?

Convenience, protection and peace of mind—all three for

\$2.00 a year.

**Metamora State Bank**  
Metamora, Illinois

## No More Taxes

That's the Profitable news to every investor in this business

No State, County, City Taxes or no Federal Normal Income Tax on

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIGHT CO.**

6.67%

Preferred Shares

Ask our Employees---They'll tell you

**Midget**  
**THEATRE**  
**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
**Wallie Reid-Theo. Roberts**  
in  
**Across The Continent**  
100% picture  
10 & 30c plus tax

**Tues. Jan. 16**  
**Thomas Meighan**  
in  
**BACHELOR DADDY**  
Also Haunted Spooks—Comedy  
A Real Family Show  
Kids, 10c; Single Adults, 30c  
On this night we will admit  
the whole family for 50c  
Show starts at 8 p.m.

Wonder what that bag of popcorn and a Coke cost?

| METAMORA MARKETS |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Hogs             | \$8.40 |
| Wheat            | 1.15   |
| Corn             | .65    |
| Oats             | .40    |
| Butter           | .40    |
| Eggs             | 30     |
| Lard             | .12    |
| Hens             | .20    |

**Converting to todays prices...**

Hogs - \$147.50  
Wheat - \$20.19  
Corn - \$11.41  
Oats - \$7.02  
Butter - \$7.02  
Eggs - \$5.27  
Hens - \$3.51

BOTTOM LINE: Thanks to modern farmers for their ability to more efficiently produce what we eat at (relative to 1923) affordable prices!

**H. J. TRAPP. D. V. M.**  
*Veterinary Physician  
and Surgeon*

**Hospital Service**  
Phone No. 98 - Metamora, Ill.

**UNDERGROUND RAILROAD BOOK IN METAMORA AVAILABLE** – It’s a fascinating account – and little known - that details the significant participation of Metamora area abolitionists in the Underground Railroad – in their own words!! You can pick up a copy (\$10) at Commerce Bank, the Metamora Library, Timeless Treasures (east side of the Square) – or we’ll send you one if you send your name and mailing address to Metamora Association for Historic Preservation, PO Box 264, Metamora 61548. Be sure to include your name, mailing address, and a check payable to Metamora Association for Historic Preservation for \$15. Thanks!

**Been Reading...** about Southern spies in the “Old Northwest” – Illinois, Indiana, Ohio – during the Civil War. It’s a much different perspective of extreme measures that each side took to win the war. And we think things are discombobulated today! Virtually nothing was off the table as Southern sympathizers sought to encourage desertion, resist the draft, and even form armed groups to free southern POWs and overwhelm local Federal authorities .

**Contact Us**

Questions, Ideas - Love to hear from you

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