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'Visible' Prices of Foods Less Than 'Invisible' Subsidy

In spite of propaganda about supposed runaway prices and isolated instances of downright profiteering, the actual cost of food to Washington, D. C., consumers was less on July 15, 1946—two weeks after the end of price control—than it was on June 29, 1946—the last day of OPA.

This was shown by a survey made by the Republican Congressional Food Study Committee of the prices of 20 typical "market basket" food items on those two dates.

Prices quoted are actual selling prices in Washington chain stores serving more than 50 per

Use of Grain as Foundation Of Human Existence Dates Back About 200 Centuries

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Great grain ships plying the oceans in the fight against world-wide famine are repeating an old, old story.

Grain as the basis for human existence dates back some 20,000 years, when Neolithic man, plying some forgotten river in a dugout canoe, may have organized the first famine relief. Grain was new then and man was just beginning to learn how to settle down and give over his restless wandering in search of game and wild food plants.

Only grain and agriculture made this possible. But Neolithic stone sickles, dug up in many areas of the world tell how the primitive farmers sowed their culture around the globe.

There were several kinds of grain—millet, barley, rice, wheat and, in the western hemisphere, corn. Cultures rose or fell on their ability to grow these grains. Peoples lived or died as their crops flourished or withered. Since Paleolithic times grain has been literally the basis for human life. Many peoples had and still have little else.

Basis of Civilization
Wheat formed the basis for the first major organizations which today might recognize as civilization. Some 7,000 years ago Egypt and Sumer at the eastern end of the Mediterranean grew their grain on irrigated land. Irrigated agriculture requires that men work together or not live. These peoples, learned that one man's failure to tend his ditches can menace a whole community, formed the nations which are the direct ancestors of our own culture.

In Egypt wheat has been found in the ancient tombs and ancient drawings of agricultural scenes

from the same source show the importance attached to grain and the bread which was made from it.

Starch of Rome's Civilization
Grain ships from Egypt were one source of the bread which, with circuses, was vital in Roman affairs. Some authorities suggest that blights and insect pests in southern countries by their destruction of crops may have contributed to repeated dark ages.

New varieties of wheat that could grow in more northerly climates where the pests could not reach may have been the basis for the northward movement of civilization. Rome may have failed to conquer and hold the northern barbarians because Roman varieties of wheat would not grow that far north. And her failure to civilize the north may have contributed to the depth of the dark ages. This is supposition, of course, but suggestive when the world faces a new grain crisis.

"Bread, give us bread!" is a cry that pounds like a drum beat through history. Comparatively modern times are no exception. The French Revolution was stimulated powerfully by lack of bread.

cent of the population. The "market basket" is based on Department of Agriculture studies for a family of three average consumers.

The survey shows that on June 29, Washington housewives were paying a total of \$6.81 for the 20 market basket items, of which \$6.81 was the "visible" price marked on the food, while 75 cents was the "invisible" price paid in the form of federal subsidy.

In contrast, the "visible" price of \$6.62 charged by stores on July 15 was the total cost, since subsidies were terminated by President Truman when he vetoed the OPA bill.

Public View Erroneous
Price adjustments resulting from sudden termination of subsidies have been mistaken by some people for price increases. Actually, these adjustments were necessary when the government stopped paying gratuities to packers and other processors and would have been made by OPA in

its ceiling prices if that agency had been continued.

More important to most consumers than the price adjustments resulting from subsidy termination, however, was the fact that butter, meat, and other commodities are once more becoming plentiful at honest prices, where they were formerly to be had only at black market prices or were unobtainable at any price.

Chain stores surveyed reported "plenty of butter and rapidly increasing shipments of meat. Sugar, the only commodity still under tight government control, is the only major food of which there is still a real scarcity."

Eyes of rabbits have fields of vision which overlap behind the head. With this arrangement they can see an enemy approaching from the rear without turning their heads.

Awards in Swim School Presented

Presentation of awards at the Roseburg swimming beach Saturday ended a two weeks "learn-to-swim" campaign conducted by the Douglas County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. L. J. Neseth, campaign chairman, reported.

Students receiving certificates demonstrated their ability to swim, and life savers gave an exhibition of rescue work.

Mrs. Neseth said that the average daily attendance at the swimming classes during the two weeks was 65. Although all persons attending the classes did not earn certificates, all showed definite improvement.

Appreciation for Roseburg Recreation's cooperation in allowing use of the swimming area was expressed by Mrs. Neseth.

In addition to Mrs. Neseth, instructors assisting the program included Allen Knudsen, Marian "Sunny" Gray, and Priscilla Wade. All have had previous experience as swimming instructors.

Final examinations were given the last two days of the campaign, and the following students were given certificates at the presentation of awards on Saturday.

Winners—Nancy Allen, Noreen Allen, Marie Anderson, Joan Beckwith, Evelyn Cornish, Ila Cornish, Beverly DeRos, George Donnelly, Bill Drake, Larry Foster, Marilyn Horton, Lorraine Kelly.

Aletha Mead, Marian Nelson, Donna Pinard, Shirley Pinard, John Rand, Delbert Simonsen, and Richard Wiegman. Intermediate—James Anderson, Jimmy Boudreau, Shirley Helweg, Karalee Hickman, Diane Jacklin, Joanne Johnson, Sharon Leupe, Shirley Leupe, Norma Jean Long, Dean McFarland, Darlene Miller, JoAnne Morissette, Rod Newland, Donna Newton, James Pinard, Joe Pinard, Gene Rapp and Earl Stevens. Jr. Life Savers—Charles Andrus, Bob Brannon, Larry Henninger, Mimi Ingram, Alfred Morissette, Mary Lou Morissette, Chester Nelson and Cecil Zachary.

Ex-Nebraskans Form Cornhusker Assn. Here

A Nebraska state group was created by a temporary executive committee Friday night, July 19, meeting at the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

C. A. Storrs was elected temporary chairman, and Frank H. Beels was chosen temporary secretary-treasurer.

Articles of organization were considered and approved, with the name Nebraska Cornhuskers Association, Clan of Ak-Sar-Ben chosen.

Sunday, August 25, is the date set for a picnic at the Kiwanis Club picnic grounds, located two miles west of Mt. Nebo, on the county fair grounds road.

The request is again made that all Nebraskans in the county who have not yet registered, to please do so at an early date with the secretary, Box 2, Melrose Route, Roseburg. All adults in the family more than 18 years of age should register, giving present address and Nebraska county.

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