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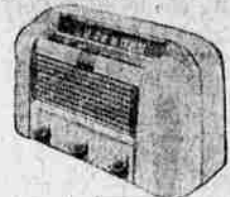
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Prospective future draftees crowd the hearing room of the House Armed Services committee, Washington, D. C., to hear testimony on proposed draft legislation. They also heard a letter read from Dr. Vannevar Bush, chairman of the Government's Research and Development Board, in which he said that every man will have to be drafted either to work or fight in the next war.

PUTS BITE ON WOLVES
TULSA, Okla.—(AP)—J. D. Bradshaw credits his seven greyhounds with the success of his northern Oklahoma "wolf extermination" service. "My hounds," he says, "can snap the life right out of the biggest wolf that roams."

Bradshaw doesn't charge for

his service. Neither does he collect the \$2.50 bounty the state pays for each wolf bagged. With him, it's a hobby. He began his hunting two years ago after a pack of wolves invaded his farm, mauling two calves and killing several young turkeys.

Bradshaw hunts the wolves in a pickup truck with a hinged tail-

board which can be opened in the truck's cab. The dogs ride in the back. "I just drive around a ranch until I spot a wolf," he says. "Then I let the greyhounds out and they pick up the scent and that's all there is to it." He recently accounted for 20 wolves in less than that many trips.

Worsening Meat Situation Faced By U. S. Consumers

By ROBERT E. GEIGER
WASHINGTON—Meat experts say America's meat situation still may get worse before it gets better.

They say the explanation is simple. "In the past year we have eaten up our cattle and calves at a record rate," says Berryman R. Hurt of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"Heavy slaughter speeded the decline in the number of cattle on farms. The decline has been under way since 1944."

This means so many breeding animals have been slaughtered that beef herds can't be increased quickly. And this in turn means less meat.

The experts say that if the downward trend in cattle numbers was stopped this year the slaughter would have to be limited to 30,000,000 animals. This would cut the beef supply by one-sixth compared with 1947.

Fork supplies might be boosted to make up for the short supply of beef. But the price of corn was so high last fall that many farmers found it more profitable, or more desirable, to sell off their hogs instead of raising pigs and fattening them with corn. Thus the 1948 spring pig crop was a small one.

If meat production patterns follow their usual course it may be 1954 before there is a substantial upturn in the beef supply.

Lamb Outlook Dark
If the corn crop is a bumper one, the pig crop could be increased next year and thus there would be more pork by 1950, but the number of stock sheep on farms is the lowest in 80 years, so the prospect for more lamb and mutton isn't bright.

The BAE now estimates there will be about 10 per cent less meat this year than in 1947. This

is a reduction of about 2,000,000,000 pounds of beef, pork and mutton.

In 1947 about 155 pounds were available for each person. This year it is estimated the supply will range between 143 and 145 pounds.

The cattle population runs in a cycle. Usually it's from six to eight years between the peaks and the lows. This has been the marketing pattern for years.

A prewar low point was reached in 1938 when the number of cattle and calves totaled 65,200,000. A peak was reached in 1945. There were then 85,600,000 cattle and calves on U. S. farms, an all time high.

During 1945 and 1946 the slaughter was so heavy that cattle numbers declined. By the end of 1946 they were down to 81,000,000 head. Now they number 78,500,000, lowest since 1942.

Population Is Factor
If the cycle follows its usual course, it will reach a low about 1950-51 and then start upward. But the beef supply won't climb back up to today's level until around 1954 if the cycle behaves in the normal way.

Demand for meat is above normal. More people are eating more meat. Another factor complicating the average man's outlook for more meat is this: U. S. population is on the increase. This means livestock production in future years will have to be substantially above the prewar level to provide as much meat for each person. The U. S. now has about 13,000,000 more persons than at the start of the war.

Death Decreed For Female Nazi Gas Chamber Slayer

HAMBURG, Germany, April 27.—(AP)—A German woman was sentenced yesterday for sending more than 3,000 Allied women to the gas chamber at Ravensbrueck concentration camp.

She was Ruth Clossius, 28, formerly a wardress with the S. S. (Elite Guard). Her assistant, Margarethe Rabe, 25, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

A British military court set the sentences. Some doubt appears whether the death sentence will be carried out for the Clossius woman. The Army has asked how parliament's recent ending of death sentences will apply to military tribunals.

Counsel for the Mohnke woman said she is expected to give birth to her child in about 14 days. Officials are puzzled as to how she became pregnant. She has been in prison for the past three years.

FOX PLOWS UNDER TRAIL
ST. JOE, Ark.—(AP)—The atomic age hasn't dimmed the cunning of ol' Br'er Fox. In north Arkansas, a fox used this method to outwit his old foe, hounds.

Tiring of having dogs yapping at him for two hours, the fox came upon a field in which a farmer was plowing mile-long furrows. The fox ran down an

open furrow and on the next round, the plow neatly covered Br'er fox's trail.

The fox is believed to have been the same one which sprung a slick trick several months ago on a pack of hounds. He escaped by running through a herd of cows with young calves. The lone fox made it okay, but when the dog pack tried it, they brought down the wrath of mama cows, who charged the hounds and broke up the hunt then and there.

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