

## Spirits Of Housewives Decline As Prices Of Meat Continue To Soar

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WASHINGTON.—Higher meat prices are getting everybody down again—excepting, of course, the people in the meat business. Meat prices are just about where they were two years ago and below the peak of a year ago, but the trend for the next few months seems to be upward instead of continuing on down to more reasonable levels.

Department of Labor's consumers' price index for 56 industrial city markets reports a 2 per cent increase from March to April. National averages showed leg of lamb up from 68 to 79 cents a pound, pork chops up from 74 to 76 cents a pound, round steak up 79 to 81 cents a pound. Chuck roast, ham and poultry prices were up lesser amounts. Hamburgers, salt pork, bacon and fish were down slightly. But this is certainly no great evidence that the cost of living is leveling off or declining.

Every time a Washington news

dispatch is written about a prospective surplus of pork, it brings in complaints from customers all over the country. They say there are days at a time when they can't find any fresh pork in the stores. And as for mutton and lamb, they have now reached the vanishing point in many city markets. The scarcer these meats become, the greater is the demand for beef and the higher go its prices.

**Meat Consumption Up**  
Nevertheless, department of agriculture is sticking to its story that there is a surplus of pigs in sight. That is why Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan is insisting that his new farm plan should be adopted on hogs, at least. The spring pig crop will begin to come to market in mid-October. Supplies should begin to increase in from two to four weeks after that. Prices may begin to come down then. But there's no relief in sight before.

A number of reasons are given by Department of Agriculture experts for what's happening. Principal reason is simply that people are eating more meat. Average U. S. per capita consumption was only 126 pounds a year in 1938. During the war it reached 155 pounds. Beef consumption rose from 50

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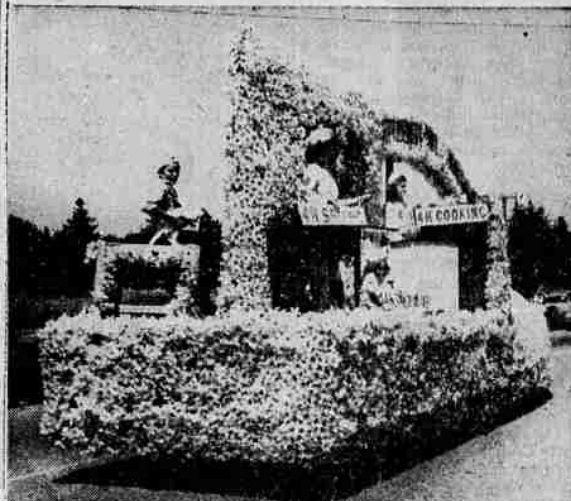
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**BROOKINGS STAGES LILY FESTIVAL**—One of last year's prize winners in the Brookings Annual Lily Parade. This year's dates are July 2, 3 and 4, with the Lily Parade on Monday, July 4. This year's festival promises to excel last year's spectacular event.

to a high of nearly 70 pounds per person in 1947. Pork consumption rose from 48 pounds to a high of 80 pounds in 1944. Lamb and mutton consumption alone have held steady at around seven pounds per person per year. Consumption for 1949 is expected to be somewhat below these highs, but will total about 146 pounds per person, the same as last year.

Prosperity and the lack of it are the main reasons for fluctuations. The more money people have, the more meat they eat. Recessions, unemployment, and lowered payrolls reduce meat consumption figures, and prices drop correspondingly.

**Livestock Output Drops**  
A second principal reason for high prices is lowered supply. Livestock numbers are down. Anticipating lowered demand after the war, stockmen reduced the number of head on their farms and ranches.

Gradually the numbers may increase in the next few years. But there are several factors holding back the increase of supply. The western range is now said to be stocked as heavily as it should be under sound grazing conservation practices. Grasslands were overstocked in the war years and livestock numbers had to be cut down. In the midwest, which should be a larger source of meat animals, the demand for grains has been so great that pasture lands have been plowed up and planted. As grain reserve stocks are again built up, some of this land should be restored to grass.

Meat exports and imports account for so little as to be a negligible factor in U. S. supply and price situations.

What U. S. livestock numbers should be to meet current and future demands for meat at a fair

price, no one is willing to make estimates. It all depends on what the levels of industrial production and consumer purchasing power will be. That is what keeps livestock raisers and meat packers guessing.

### Births at Mercy Hospital

**SCHROCK**—To Mr. and Mrs. Mereno J. Schrock, Sutherland, June 18, a daughter, Marjorie, weight eight pounds thirteen ounces.

**ALLEN**—To Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Gordon Allen, Lookingglass Route, Roseburg, a daughter, Sharon Marie, weight seven pounds five ounces.

**KOBBERMAN**—To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Arthur Kobberman, Sutherland, June 20, a son, John Lee, weight five pounds six ounces.

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The Anchises was bombed and machine-gunned by a Chinese Nationalist plane on the Whangpoo River at Communist-held Shanghai yesterday.

### Mrs. M. Barrett, Formerly Of Little River, Dies

Mrs. May Barrett, wife of G. Barrett, died in Los Angeles, June 12, according to word received in Roseburg by friends. The Barretts made their home on Little River for a number of

years and moved to Woodland Hills, Calif., in the San Fernando Valley, two years ago. Besides the widower, surviving are one son, Detective Ed Barrett of the Los Angeles Police Force, and one grandson, Rodger.

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## Truman Blames Russia For Failure Of Big 4 To Make Progress On German Issue

WASHINGTON, June 22.—(AP)—President Truman Tuesday blamed the lack of "real progress" toward solving German problems at Paris on what he called Russia's refusal to recognize western achievements in restoring "basic freedoms" in Germany.

At the same time, however, Mr. Truman declared in a statement reviewing the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting that "genuine progress was made . . . toward the conclusion of the treaty with Austria."

"The United States government wholeheartedly welcomes the results of the conference on Austria," Mr. Truman said.

But, he continued:

"The same cannot be said regarding Germany. It must be frankly admitted that despite the forward looking program sponsored by the Western Powers as a basis for unification, little progress was made."

The President had received a report on the meeting from Secretary of State Acheson earlier in the day. In his statement he said the United States, Britain and France were determined not to

"compromise the Democratic principles and the conditions which must be established throughout Germany before an economically sound and workable solution can be found for German unity."

"The Soviet Union, on the other hand," Mr. Truman said, "sought a return to Potsdam and its system, which the Russians had rendered unworkable by their misuse of the unlimited veto. They refused to recognize the important progress which has been made in Western Germany since 1945."

"In these circumstances, real progress for the unification of Germany and its people was impossible. The most that could be achieved was a working arrangement designed to mitigate the abnormal situation of a still divided Germany."

**VFW RALLY OPENS**  
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