

Bulging Wallets Principal Cause Of Mounting Prices For Meat

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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Comes a war or a war scare, the first place the average consumer seems to feel it is in the price of meat. The Korean incident seems to be no exception, although wholesale meat prices really started to rise about mid-June, two weeks before the North Koreans attacked. As of mid-July, wholesale meat prices were running 16 per cent above a year ago. But today's wholesale prices are still about seven per cent below the peak of September 1948.

There is some prospect that meat prices will go even higher in the next few months. Department of Agriculture meat experts say there are two reasons why this could be so, though they are making no prophecies that it will be so.

One reason is largely psychological. People get panicky. Those with deep freezers start loading up, though this isn't a good time to buy.

The second, and most important reason is that this is the normal period of reduced livestock slaughtering. Meat reserves in cold storage are usually withdrawn by the big packing houses at this time of year, to meet current demand. Prices normally advance from June to September, when the spring pig crop comes to market.

Meat prices normally drop during the fall and winter months. Unless there are some new and unusual demands for meat, prices should decline again this fall. For there is no meat shortage, the experts insist. Livestock numbers are high. There are good grain crops in prospect to fatten them for market. Meat supplies in cold storage are high. The supply situation is far better than in 1941.

Up to mid-July, the army quar-

termaster corps—which buys for all the armed services—had made no extra purchases. That situation is subject to change momentarily, however. And extra heavy Army purchases at this time could shoot the price up still higher.

With Europe's own meat supplies greatly improved in the last two years, less U. S. meat will be required for export.

For 1949, U. S. meat consumption was 146 pounds per person. It is running at about the same rate this year—maybe a little higher. Beef consumption may be down a couple of pounds to 62 per person. Veal, lamb, and mutton will be about the same—13 pounds.

Pork consumption is running about three pounds per person higher, at 71 per year. For there is a big pig crop and the price is relatively lower. Also there is a trend towards eating "higher on the hog." Hams, loin roasts and chops sell better than bacon, fat back and jowls.

This change in eating habits has had its effect on the pig-raising business. Hogs have been marketed lighter and leaner—from 180 to 240 pounds, instead of up to 300 pounds. This, too, has had its effect on lowering the price of pork.

The spring pig crop is estimated at over 60,000,000 head. This is three percent more than last year. It is exceeded only by the 1942 and 1943 records.

There was a heavy slaughter of beef in 1947. But herds have been built up since then and the number of cattle on feed last Jan. 1 was over 4,550,000—an all-time record.

Sheep and lamb numbers have been declining, since the war. Numbers were built up to nearly 7,000,000 head, 1942 through 1946. But on Jan. 1 sheep and lambs on feed numbered only 3,700,000.

When all's said and done, however, meat consumption and prices depend on earning power and income of consumers—not on the number of animals available for slaughter. People buy all the meat they can afford. Today's high employment and high payrolls mean a greater demand for meat and for better cuts. That's what shoots the price up, more than the war scare and the fear of shortages.

Negro Tennis Star In Real Test Today

FOREST HILLS, N. Y. — Well, now, do you suppose Althea Gibson, the first Negro girl to play in the national tennis championships, can beat Wimbledon titlist Louise Brough?

Certainly wouldn't think so, would you? But it still could happen. Weather permitting, the answer will come today when they finish their rain-interrupted match with Althea ahead, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 and Miss Brough serving.

The two were just getting warmed up to their task yesterday when the skies erupted and the 6,000 spectators in the West Side Tennis club were deluged by a 15-minute thunder storm.

One thing is certain, even before the final verdict is reached, Miss Gibson, a tall, angular product of the sidewalks of New York Harlem section, has acquitted herself well. She's ready for the big time, and officials of the club and the USLTA made no mistake inviting her to compete.

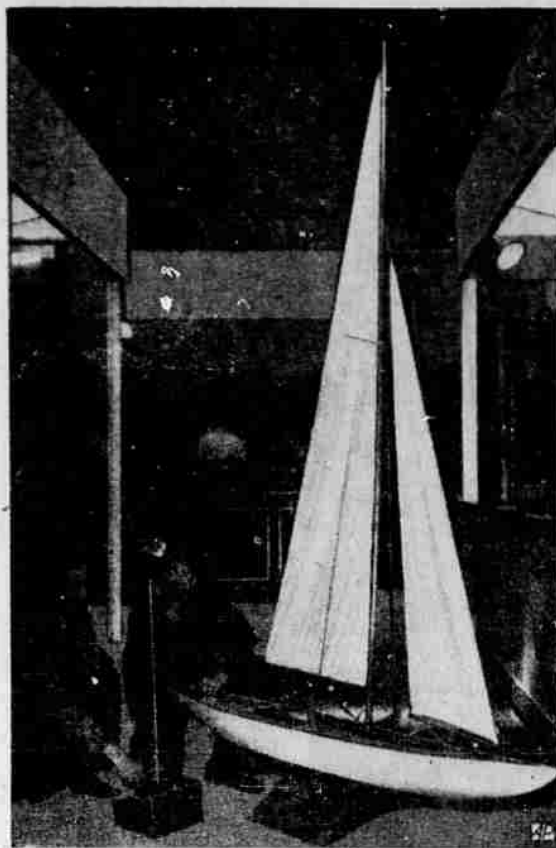
DOCUSEN LOSES

HONOLULU — (AP)—Mario Trigo of Los Angeles scored an upset split decision over Bernard Docusen of New Orleans last night in a slow 10-rounder.

Trigo weighed 142½ and Docusen 145½.

A low blow in the fourth round cost Docusen a point and the fight.

Trigo closed Big Duke's left eye in the eighth.



RADIO-CONTROLLED YACHT—George Hunnest-Kedlich shows Phil Doughty, 12, his radio-controlled model racing yacht at Model Engineer Exhibition, Westminster, England.

Portland, Tacoma Golf Teams Lead Pro-Amateur

CLARKSTON — (AP)—Golfing teams from Tacoma and Portland led the field today as the second half play in the 36-hole Pacific Northwest PGA pro-amateur golf tournament got underway.

Eight strokes under par with 64s for the first 18 holes are pro John Rudy and Morgan Barofsky, Tacoma, and Al Zimmerman, professional, and Harold Salvador, Portland.

One stroke behind the four par-busters were Buck Kinsfather and Ed Fiddes, Walla Walla; Frank Newell and Jack Walters, Tacoma, and Gordon Richards, Seattle, and Bob Hansen, Spokane.

A new champion is sure to be crowned this year as last year's professional champion Ed Oliver and amateur Ery Parent, both Seattle, are sitting this one out.

Northwest Softball Championship At Stake

SEATTLE — (AP)—The Pacific Northwest regional A.A.U. softball championship will be at stake when the 10 top teams from Idaho, Oregon and Washington battle it out here this weekend.

Action will start Friday evening at 7:30 and wind up four days later with the game to decide which team will be eligible to represent the district in the nationals at Austin, Tex.

The opening tilt will pit the Seattle No. 2 team against Wiley's cafe of Tacoma. The nightcap will match the Boise Statesmen team and Portland's No. 2.

The tournament is a double-elimination affair.

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Yoncalla Trap And Rifle Club Holds Picnic At Lake

The annual picnic of the Yoncalla Trap and Rifle club was held at Loon lake, Aug. 20. Fishing and visiting was the diversion of the day. A picnic dinner was enjoyed at the camp grounds by the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Conaway, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wamsley and son, Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Day and son, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schiemann, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thiele, Miss Gaylia May Thiele, Leland Thiele, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClintock, Max Meyers, Billy Fast, all Yoncalla; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Blomberg of Drain, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Probst of Sutherlin, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McClain of Oakland, Eugene Green of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spracher and Butch of Sutherlin, Linda Bratzer, E. T. Tauscher, and Billie Tauscher of Roseburg, Tamara Jean Tauscher and Edward Tauscher of Roseburg.

OUT OF THE FOG

DETROIT — (AP)—Wally Triplett, fleet Detroit Lion halfback, finally got out of the fog. Triplett wears contact lenses on the football field. On complaining of poor vision, Triplett admitted he was using tap water to clean the lenses. Distilled water hastily was substituted. Wally sees clearly again.

Former Bat Boy Honors Ty Cobb In Atlanta

ATLANTA — (AP)—About the time of World War I a skimpy shaped bat boy in the Atlanta ballpark stood with his tongue dangling in awe as Ty Cobb passed. Last night when Cracker President Earl Mann and Ty Cobb shook hands in Atlanta's ballpark the pair met again.

Ty Cobb came back to Georgia for the unveiling of a giant plaque in Ponce de Leon park, home of the Southern Association Crackers. The plaque was sponsored by the onetime bat boy.

Society's Top Insurance Salesman Again Repeats

DETROIT — (AP)—When Joe Marino of Welch, W. Va., was asked how he sold \$680,000 of insurance in a town of only 7,200, he said:

"Miners have lots of money now. And I get around plenty."

Marino, 37, was honored here as leading insurance salesman of the Maccabees society for the third straight year.

A 45-year-old grandmother—Mrs. Bessie Ashcraft of Fairmont, W. Va.—finished second, it was announced at the fraternal insurance order's international convention here.

Mrs. Ashcraft said she took up the business for "pin money." she sold \$504,000 worth in a year. "I expect to hit the \$1,000,000 circle next year," she said.

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Husband Boss Of Household, Evangelist Asserts

PORTLAND — (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking to the biggest audience of his revival campaign here, said that the husband is the boss of the household.

It was "ladies' night" and only women were in the audience. Head usher Sam Dangren estimated 30,000 attended, but conceded that was pretty much a guess.

The women jammed the tabernacle, filled all the outside benches, saw on commandeered

police "no parking" sandwich boards and some even climbed to the roof of the rest room building. The attendance at the revival series, now in the sixth week, is listed in usher estimates as 517,250. When Graham said that the husband was boss, he told his listeners not to toss any tomatoes at him for saying it. "Scripture says you're to be subject to your husband in everything," Mrs. Graham was present.



WRESTLING AT THE ARMORY SATURDAY NIGHT

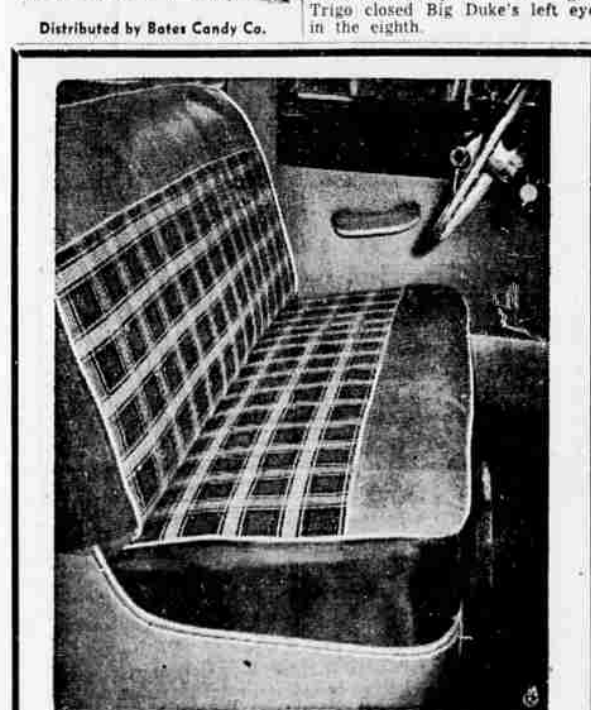
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