Madagascan Animal

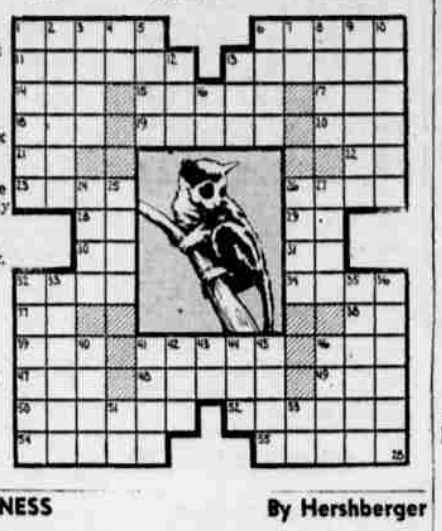
HORIZONTAL

1 Depicted animal
6 It has a ——, fox-like muzzle
11 Expunged
13 Tantalizes
14 Friend (Fr.)
15 Pertaining to the sun
17 Japanese outcast
18 Disencumber
19 Social group
20 Be unwell
21 Names (ab.)
22 Ream (ab.)
23 Individual person
26 Beverages made of malt
28 Chemical suffix
29 Of the thing
30 Son of Nut
31 Medical suffix
32 Afresh
34 Sketched
37 French article
38 Negative reply
39 Gibbon
41 Swiss canton
46 Siouan Indian
47 Follower
48 Flower
49 Pigeon pea
50 Lamprey-catchers
52 Ensnare
54 Wood nymph
55 Betimes

VERTICAL

1 Commits to memory
2 Type of fur
3 Female servant
4 Pronoun
5 Pause
6 Withered
7 Laughter sound
8 On the ocean
9 Withdraw
10 Sacred songs
12 Drone beetle
13 Small flap
16 Decigram
24 Learning
25 Defect
26 Dry
27 Shakespearean king
32 It is —— to monkeys
33 Tidier
35 Fixed line of devolution
36 It has very soft, —— fur
40 Depend
41 Poet
42 Worm
43 Right (ab.)
44 Born
45 Sea eagle
46 Smell
51 Babylonian deity
53 Symbol for tantalum

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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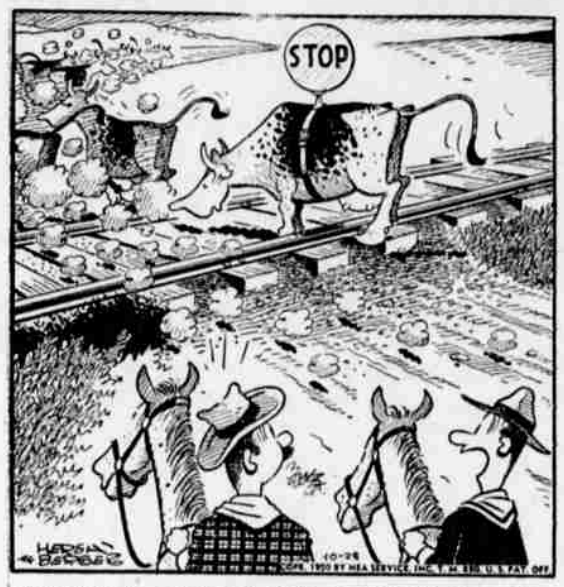

"I had to do something—she's a slowpoke when she crosses the track!"

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Meat Production For 1951 Needs Poses Problem For Agriculture Secy. Brannan

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON—(AP)—How much meat Americans eat next year and what prices they pay for it may hinge upon decisions to be made by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan within the next few days.

The administration farm chief must decide whether the government will re-establish price supports as a device for encouraging farmers to produce more hogs to boost 1951 pork supplies.

Economists for the government and the food industry generally agree that the defense program will boost employment and consumer buying power. A larger than normal portion of buying power may be spent at food stores because the prospect of smaller supplies of new homes, automobiles and appliances.

The big question facing Brannan is whether farmers, of their own accord, will increase production of meat animals enough to meet the prospective greater demand for meat without a government promise to protect them against a sudden sharp price decline.

If not, the result could be bidding up of meat prices under the influence of consumer competition for inadequate supplies —and possibly return of price controls and some form of rationing.

Has Former Example

Brannan finds himself in somewhat the same position a predecessor, former Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, was tossed by the outbreak of World War II in Europe. It became quite apparent to Wickard that the demand for meat would increase.

Seeking to encourage farmers to step up production to meet that expanded demand, Wichard set up price supports for hogs. This was an unprecedented move, but it accomplished the purpose. Farmers set hog production records. This country was able to send vast supplies abroad and feed Americans better than ever before.

Brannan has said that a continuing abundance of food for civilians is a "powerful weapon against inflation —and our best means of staving off as long as possible the necessity for price controls and rationing."

He must decide whether the government should take steps to encourage meat production beyond the current annual rate of about 146 pounds for each person. During the last war, when there were shortages of non-food goods, consumption jumped to 155 pounds and would have gone higher had supplies been larger.

Failure to get greater outpout could well require imposition of price controls.

Dislikes Present Plan

The decision on hog price supports would be easier for Brannan if he liked the present method of price support. The law requires government purchase of supplies to keep prices from falling below guaranteed price levels.

Brannan does not like it because it involves withdrawal from the market and storage of meat supplies which, he says, should move to consumer dinner tables. He would support prices by means of production payments to farmers — a method which would allow all supplies to be sold to consumers at whatever prices they would bring.

Progressive Education Methods Face Opposition

PORTLAND — (AP) —More than 100 persons met here to form the Oregon Parents conference, a group opposed to progressive education methods.

Paul A. Sayre, Portland attorney and former school board member, said support for progressive education comes from administrators and not the public.

Schools spend too much time teaching a child social living, he said.

"The primary function of the school is to give the child some skills and some knowledge — not to spend all its time socializing and adjusting the child," Sayre added.

Virgil Holland, President, listed these aims of the conference:

Emphasis on drill in the fundamentals including reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic; more discipline in classrooms; report cards based on fixed standards; minimum requirements for passing grades in each class.

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