



Poultrymen Ask Cuts in Support

Washington, Nov. 18 (AP)—Poultry industry representatives asked the government Thursday to cut drastically price supports for poultry and eggs next year.

They asked Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan's office to cut turkey supports from 11 to 16 per cent.

Spokesmen for the Associated Poultry and Egg Industries—representing 10 poultry groups—said this would encourage greater consumption of poultry products and at slightly lower retail prices.

Egg, chicken and turkey prices now are supported at 90 per cent of parity. The supports expire Dec. 31. The organizations asked Brannan to set supports for 1950 at 70 to 75 per cent of parity for eggs and chickens and from 75 to 80 per cent for turkeys.

Clyde C. Edmonds, Salt Lake City president of the Association Industries, said Brannan told the group he could make no commitment yet.

Edmonds told a reporter that present support levels amount to a "guaranteed profit for producers." He said Utah producers feel that firmly established producers can provide poultry supplies needed by the nation without help from "marginal producers who are taking advantage of this guaranteed profit."

The 10 poultry groups are the Institute of American Poultry Industries, International Baby Chick association, North Central State Institute, Pacific Dairy and Poultry association, National Poultry, Butter and Egg association, National Poultry Producers' association, National Turkey federation, Northeastern Poultry Producers' council, National Egg Products association and Utah Poultry and Farmers' Cooperative association.

TODAY'S BUSINESS MIRROR

Will Coffee at a Nickel Make Restaurant Man Rich?

By RADER WINGET

New York (AP)—Can a man get rich selling a cup of coffee for a nickel?

That argument right now is steaming up hotter than a cup of Java in January.

Restaurant men, coffee dealers and customers don't need a cup of coffee to keep them awake while they debate the cost of serving it.

Continued increases in the price of coffee beans are causing the pinch on the nickel cup.

What started the whole thing originally was not enough rain in Brazil. Brazil supplies us with 55 per cent of our coffee. The drought cut the supply. Other coffee growers in South and Central America have their own production troubles that reduced output. On top of that, we drink three cups of coffee today for every two cups we drank before the war. That boosted demand.

This kind of tug of war between supply and demand resulted in one thing—a price increase all along the line for coffee.

The time-honored nickel cup of coffee is slowly fading into the limbo of forgotten things. The jump in price usually is from a nickel to a dime despite the fact that higher roasted coffee has added only a fraction of a cent per cup to costs.

Nickel coffee vanished only yesterday in the senate lunchroom in Washington, except for heavy drinkers. Today it's a dime a cup or two cups for 15 cents.

But there are some staunch coffee servers in New York and elsewhere who figure they make money at a nickel a cup despite the rise in the cost of coffee beans.

But in order to make money they have to watch their step

in buying supplies and in making and serving coffee.

First off they get 60 cups to the pound. Right away in these arguments over costs you hear the loud cry: "Do you call that stuff coffee?"

Nevertheless they get 60 cups to a pound of coffee costing an average of 60 cents. And again you get the crack back: "That's a steal, mister. My coffee is costing me 85 cents a pound and going up."

Anyway, 60 cups at 60 cents is one cent a cup for the coffee itself. Add to that one-quarter to one-half cent a cup for sugar. Then there is cream. You can get by with less than 1 cent a cup for cream—or cream mixed with milk. That brings the total to 2½ cents a cup.

Then there is restaurant overhead to be added. That's the most fertile area for arguments. The strongest is: "If you starve your help to death, you don't have any overhead. I pay my workers good wages."

2 Deer With One Shot

Juniper, N.B., Nov. 18 (AP)—Two deer with one shot was the record set today by John Davis of Florenceville, N.B.

The Canadian's bullet crashed through the neck of one deer and downed another standing beside it.

Jury Convicts Hugh Gravitt

Atlanta, Nov. 18 (AP)—A jury ignored Hugh D. Gravitt's cry that he was being persecuted and convicted him in involuntary manslaughter in the traffic accident death of Margaret Mitchell.

The jury reached its verdict against the slim, 29-year-old former cab driver in less than an hour yesterday. It recommended that he be sent to jail from 12 to 18 months for the death of the world-famed author of "Gone With the Wind."

The ex-cabbie also was charged with drunken driving, speeding, driving on the wrong side of the street and other traffic violations. His police record showed he had been charged

with 22 traffic offenses since 1944 but eight of them were dismissed or suspended. He was off duty and driving his own automobile when he struck Miss Mitchell.

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New Blow for Screen Realism: Sleeping in the Raw Depicted

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Nov. 18 (AP)—The good old American custom of sleeping in the raw finally will be depicted on the screen.

I guess it was inevitable. Movies have been trodding down the road to realism for some time. Actresses have been shown without makeup, without fancy hair-oes. And now without clothes.

This new blow for realism is being struck in the film, "In a Lonely Place." It came about during a confab with Producer Robert Lord, Director Nick Ray and Star-Producer Humphrey Bogart. Also present: Gloria Graham, the co-star and Ray's wife (cozy group, this).

"We've got a scene of Gloria waking up in the morning," said Bogart. "What'll we have her wear—nightgown or pajamas?"

The men mulled the momentous matter for a few minutes. Then Miss Graham spoke up: "What's the matter with you dopes? I sleep in the nude and so do millions of other American women. Why don't you do it that way?"

The men were stunned. "It's been done," said Ray defensively. "Wait a minute," said Lord. "I've been in the picture business many years and I've never seen it done."

It was true. For years, glamorous girls have been clambering out of king-size film beds attired in gowns that looked no more slept in than their other costumes.

So the scene was shot with Miss Graham in the altogether. Ray, a stickler for the real thing, had her slip under the covers and slither out of her clothes. Of course, she didn't clamber out of bed; she played

the scene with her arms and shoulders above the sheet. Miss Graham was nonchalant about the whole thing. "I was born this way and I sleep this way," she said.

After the scene was finished, Ray realized his wife's wisdom. "The scene is much better this way," he told me. "Actually, a nightgown is the most ridiculous thing a woman can wear."

"A woman is bound to be self-conscious in it. She appears before a man and the gown is so obvious that he has to say something about it. Then he gets embarrassed because he can't think of anything to say. Thus the whole effect is ruined."

Uniform Milk Codes Urged
Portland, Nov. 18 (AP)—Uniform milk codes in Washington and Oregon were recommended yesterday by Dr. Thomas L. Meador, Portland health officer.

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Libel Suit Falls

Walla Walla, Nov. 18 (AP)—A jury deliberated only 25 minutes last night before finding that the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, daily newspaper, had not libeled Mrs. Agnes Christenson. The plaintiff sought damages of \$50,000, claiming that the newspaper's story of a city commission action revoking her hotel license had "damaged her character and reputation and impaired her health."

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