

Acceptance Slow For New Products Survey Indicates

Corvallis — Frozen orange juice, package mixes and other new food products hold their own in households once they gain a place, but they haven't yet replaced favorite standbys, says Miss Zelma Reigle, Oregon State college food marketing specialist.

Food purchases made by more than 6,000 families were tabulated for one week in a recent U.S. department of agriculture survey. Results indicate that it took some time for new food products to gain wide-spread acceptance, even if the products seem to cut time and work for the homemaker.

Convenience items such as bread, ice cream, frankfurters, lunch meats, soups and jams that had been on the market for some time received widest use in the survey. Bread was purchased by almost all the families during the week they were interviewed. Ice cream was purchased by more than half the families and canned soup, jellies and jams by about half the families.

Newer convenience foods took longer to gain a steady in the family food center. Frozen vegetables and frozen concentrated fruit juices fared best, being used by about one-third of the families interviewed; instant coffee and cake mixes by about one-fifth of the families; frozen fruits by about one-tenth. Nonfat dry milk was used by only 6 per cent of the families.

Reasons behind acceptance patterns are explained to some extent, says Miss Reigle, in the tendency people have to stick to old food habits. Price and availability may also make a difference in the rate of acceptance of new easy-to-serve items.

Upper income families made greater use of convenience foods than lower income families in the survey, as did city families compared to farm. But all groups used some of both new and old products.

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Potpourri

Is the United States a Christian nation? Methodist women attending a recent conference of the Board of Missions of that church in Buck Hills Falls, Pa., heard a speaker say he doubted that it is—and add that "this country is one of the world's great mission fields."

Dr. W. Vernon Middleton of Philadelphia, general secretary of the Methodist church's Division of National Missions, was the speaker. "Despite a rise in church membership and renewed interest in religion," Dr. Middleton said, "there are too many hard facts which say that America is not yet a Christian nation. Consider the rise in juvenile delinquency, the increased use of drugs and alcohol, the excessive emphasis on sex. These aspects of human conduct produce the soil in which flourish the non-Christian attitudes and actions."

Also in the field of religion is the furor caused by the dismissal of a science professor from George Washington university because he is an atheist. In the March issue of the Christian Register, two different ministers were quoted as to their views about the roles and rights of agnostics and atheists.

A. Powell Davies, widely known minister of All Souls' church in Washington, D.C., spoke out strongly against the idea behind the professor's dismissal. Declaring that many ministers would disagree with the university's president, he said, "A minister might wonder just what had happened to his God that made him so dependent upon the guardianship of the president of George Washington university." He also wrote, "A Protestant minister, therefore, may very well uphold the right of an atheist to teach in a university. If he fails to do so, he is denying the self-same principle upon which his own freedom is based every time he preaches from his pulpit."

Discussing the agnostic, Dr. Davies pointed out that the word means "we do not know," adds that "no rational mind can really avoid a certain amount of agnosticism," and reminds his readers that even the great Albert Schweitzer, "although a devout Christian in practice is intellectually an agnostic."

It was interesting to read that when the early Christians were thrown to the lions in Roman arenas the cry of the crowd was "Away with the atheists," since this was what they were in the eyes of the more conventional believers of that day.

Dr. Davies concludes that "every institution of higher learning should, if possible, have one or two atheists on its faculty if only to keep the theists stepping lively". His closing words are, "What kind of God could He be who needed security measures to protect Him? It is apostasy, all of it. And in a very deep sense, blasphemy. For God lives in the open mind, in the power of its thought, the voice of its truth, the inner impulse of its honesty. He needs no protection. No shelter. No defenses. Just give Him room."

At least three actors who have played in the Oregon Shakespearean festival in recent years are in New York now. This information was gleaned from a long overdue letter from the soldier's wife, who wrote of seeing William Ball in a performance of a Christopher Fry play, "The Lady's Not for Burning" in the Carnegie Hall Playhouse. The incident came about by chance, since she and the soldier just happened to see the actor's name on a Playhouse poster.

Bill B. provided the two of them with complimentary tickets, and they returned for the evening performance. She wrote "Bill had given us very good seats in a theater about the size of the old Lithia. The play was very interesting. All the actors were good, but somehow, the play didn't blend. They seemed to be pulling in all different directions. I did not care for the male lead, Henry Brandon. Margaret Phillips has a very interesting voice, and presents a striking appearance on stage, but at times she looked like she was posing for a Hollywood cheesecake photo.

"Bill played the part of Nicholas Devisé, and seemed to be trying to lift the play a bit by himself. He was good, but the leaden atmosphere seemed to drag him down."

"He said that George (Peppard) has spent a year or two at the Actors' Studio and has improved tremendously. He also said that Joan Kugell is rehearsing in a one-act play mornings at the theater. Mike Kasdan is here, too."

"We had dinner with Aunt Muriel and Uncle Henry in their apartment, which was most enjoyable. Uncle Henry is very interesting to listen to, as you might know and expect. He has a deep, slow voice, a good sense of humor and knows a tremendous amount about many things. He was telling us that Protestants are a definite minority in New York City, which is something I had never thought about in those terms. There are about 2 1/2 million Jews in the city, 40 per cent of the population is Catholic and most of the rest are Protestants (Potpourri recently read that there are more Jews in New York City than in all Israel.)

"He told us that once he was asked to give an address in a synagogue and arrived wearing a gray hat, not knowing that men are required to wear black hats in a synagogue. The rabbi offered him his choice of a black skullcap or a black hat, and he chose the black hat. Aunt Muriel said she got the surprise of her life when she saw him sitting upon the platform wearing a black hat when he had left home wearing one of a different color."

Potpourri received an interesting letter last week from Genevieve (Mrs. J. Albert) McCorkle, former Medford resident now living in Mount Shasta, Calif. Mrs. McCorkle wrote that she does a column for a couple of county papers, and a radio program. Mrs. McCorkle added that "We still have snow on our terraces, and my urge to plant seeds must wait some time. Our seasons are so very short."

She also twitted us, in a friendly way, about a recent mishap in a wedding story in The Mail Tribune—one which we didn't quote last week along with those from an eastern paper. The paragraph, which brought red faces to the proof readers and groans from ye society editor, read: "The church was decorated with matching shoes and hat and a corsage of white roses and carnations." We also didn't write about the time, not long ago, when we tried to print a prize-winning recipe. The first time a line was left out, so we went it down for a second insertion. This time a line was also left out—a different one.

Don't hasten to criticize us for not having any native Irish on our picture page today. The only two honest-to-goodness native Irishmen we knew refused to pose. But those of Irish ancestry graciously consented, and welcomed Photographer Bob Vroman and Potpourri into their homes.

We often gather interesting information which can't be crowded onto the picture page. For instance, Pat Graham confessed that he was born on "Terror's Hill" in Kansas City, and spelled it out when we thought he had said "Tara's Hill." Mrs. Graham, the former Doris Russell, is a native of Grants Pass, her parents being the Joe Russells of that town. Both the Grahams are of Irish ancestry, and they are proud of their children, three sons all in service, and a daughter attending school in Klamath Falls. Mrs. Graham paints as a hobby.

Irene Grigsby beckoned us from the other side of busy Central avenue last week and when we had scuttled across at the alley and were within speaking distance she said "I couldn't jaywalk like that—I'm on the safety council."—O.S.

Roses To Be Topic For Garden Club

Crater Garden club will meet Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Arthur Straus in Central Point. Mrs. Pat Smith will report on the flower of the month which is the cornflower and also the country of the month, Germany. Eldred Peyton will speak on roses at the meeting.

Mrs. Archie Purdy will be co-hostess and Mrs. Eloise Friesen will bring the arrangement for the month. Roll call will be answered by naming a flower that each member plans to grow this year.

Make creamed chicken an elegant party dish by dressing it up with chunks of ripe olives and well drained pieces of canned or frozen fresh pineapple. Use a little white table wine in the sauce and serve over corn bread sticks or squares. Toss hot steamed rice lightly with butter, minced parsley and chunks of ripe olives. Elegant to serve with lamb fixed your favorite way.

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Federal Assistance Sought To Fight Child Delinquency

Washington—A proposed bill to carry out the President's recommendations for federal assistance to help combat juvenile delinquency has been sent to Congress by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The bill would authorize a five-year program of federal grants to states for strengthening state and local programs to control juvenile delinquency. It also would authorize grants for demonstrations and studies, and for training of personnel in this field.

For the first year's operation in fiscal year 1958, the bill would authorize an appropriation of \$3 million. For each of the four succeeding fiscal years, it would authorize appropriations of up to \$9 million.

Similar legislation was recommended by the President in 1955 and 1956.

In submitting new draft legislation to Congress, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Marion B. Folsom said: "We continue to regard this legislation as having a high priority."

Cases Increase

In the period 1948 to 1956, Mr. Folsom said, the number of cases in juvenile courts increased 70 per cent, whereas the number of children 10 through 17 years of age increased only 16 per cent.

For the grants to states, the proposed legislation would authorize an appropriation of \$2 million for the next fiscal year and up to \$5 million annually for the ensuing four years.

Allotment of these grants would be made on the basis of the child population of the states, but no state would receive less than \$30,000. The federal funds would be matched by state funds ranging from one-third to two-thirds of total state and federal expenditures under the program, depending on the per capita income of the individual states.

An appropriation of \$500,000 would be authorized for grants for demonstrations and studies and a like amount for training grants during the first year of the program. Thereafter, an appropriation of up to \$2 million a year would be authorized for each of these purposes.

The legislation provides for an advisory council to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and also for advisory councils to the official state agencies administering the grants. The councils would represent both public and private agencies concerned with juvenile delinquency.

The draft bill gives particular emphasis to the coordination of programs of states and local agencies in the control of juvenile delinquency.

Carnival Announced For Friday

An old-fashioned carnival for the whole family will be held at the Griffin Creek school on Friday, March 22nd, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The carnival is sponsored by the Griffin Creek Community School club. Mrs. George Large, chairman of the carnival committee, stated that there will be a large variety of booths, catering to the tastes of all age groups.

For the children, there will be basketball and baseball throw, bean bag games, fishpond and a number of other games.

The fathers will be able to see the Friday night fights on the school TV set, it is stressed.

Chili-dinners, popcorn, hot dogs, hamburgers, pie and coffee will cater to the fairway appetites. A country store will sell all the conglomerate of the nostalgic past, used clothing, furniture, knick-knacks, fresh country produce, and many other articles.

Mrs. Randolph Huggdahl and Mrs. Arvid Althens, co-chairman of the carnival, urge everyone to come and have fun with their children. As the affair is to make money to buy necessary sporting and scientific equipment for the school, they pointed out it is one of the rare opportunities to combine good works with good fun.

Court Schedules Session Reports; Member Honored

Mrs. Ira Canfield, royal matron of Roxy Ann court, Order of Amaranth, announces that the next meeting of the court Thursday, March 21, will feature reports on the grand court session held in Portland earlier in the month.

Local court members installed into office at the session were John J. Kennedy, grand royal patron of Oregon; Mrs. Charles Hoppe, assistant grand lecturer; Mrs. George Rehart, grand representative to Arkansas and Carl Oestreich, grand representative to Connecticut.

An addendum was staged by the court after the installation ceremonies, in honor of the new grand royal patron and he was presented with a life membership in the Order. Those participating were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Skoog, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Carl Oestreich, Mrs. Tom Freed, Mrs. Corinne Robbins, Mrs. Vernon Turpin, Mrs. John White, Mrs. George Rehart, Mrs. Dewey Queen, Mrs. J. J. Kennedy and Mrs. Frank Lambo.

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