

Fluoride in Milk Declared Cheaper

Omaha — (U.P.) — It would be cheaper to give children fluoride in milk than through the city water supply, according to Wallace Rankin of the Nebraska Testing Laboratories.

He estimated that fluoridation of the Omaha city water supply would cost approximately \$30,000 per year—about 10 cents per person. But of that amount, Rankin said only \$2 worth of fluoride would be utilized by children. The remaining \$28,998 would be wasted in watering lawns, automobiles and all other non-drinking uses for water.

The chemist said local dairies could put fluoridated milk on sale at little or no extra cost. He said dairies might find that increased sales would pay for the cost of installing special equipment.

"At the outside," he said, "the increase in cost would amount to only about a penny."

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By Jimmy Hatlo



Inflationary Pressure Boost Living Costs To All-Time Record

New York — (U.P.) — Joe Smith and his wife have a common complaint these days—the high cost of living.

Inflationary pressures in the economy have pushed living costs to an all-time high in the past six months, ending almost three years of virtual price stability.

It now costs more than it did a year ago to go to work, buy a home, feed and clothe the children and take the wife out for a dinner and show.

Rising prices in the postwar

period have kept many American families on the familiar treadmill.

The Tax Foundation pointed out that the average taxpayer who earned \$3,000 a year after taxes in 1946 now must bring home \$4,286 just to be as well off as he was 11 years ago.

The \$5,000 a year man now must make \$7,087 after taxes just to stay even.

Franz Pick, noted monetary expert, said rising costs have reduced the purchasing power of the U.S. dollar by 27 per cent in the postwar period along and by almost 50 per cent since 1939.

Examples of the erosion of the dollar's buying power are numerous. The nickel subway ride now costs 15 cents and the nickel telephone call now costs a dime.

Schooling Doubles

A government survey showed that it costs an average \$1,500 a year to send an undergraduate student to a public college, compared with \$747 in 1939. The cost of attending a private college now averages \$2,000 a year, also double the pre-war total.

The present inflation danger in the economy, according to leading economists, does not stem from huge budgetary deficits or over-working the government printing presses. Rather, it reflects the rising costs of doing business, wage boosts, high taxes, and the high level of government spending, they explained.

Dr. Marcus Nadler, consulting economist for the Hanover Bank, said "Unless stopped in time, these forces lead to a vicious circle—higher wages, higher prices—a circle which is hard to break without causing serious economic dislocations including mass unemployment."

Economists emphasized that the nation is not faced with a boombusting inflationary spiral. Possible Threat

However, they said that there are pressures within the economy, which if not checked and kept under control, could bring on such an economic catastrophe.

Nadler said "The forces of inflation are still relatively mild" and should run their course during the next few months. However, he said they will "not be eliminated but merely remain dormant."

He said the big danger may arise in the early 1960s "when family formations will rise materially, works, and all kinds of goods and services is sure to increase sharply."

Economists pointed out that the task before government, industry and labor is to adopt the necessary anti-inflationary forces now and not to wait until the problem is critical.

There are some countervailing forces at work within the economy. One is the keen competition in industry for the consumer's dollar. This prevents companies from passing increases in costs along to consumers in full.

Another is the nation's rapidly expanding productive capacity. When the supply of goods catches up with the demand, prices tend to ease.

Rats Joined in Breast Cancer Study

Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — Scientists at the University of Wisconsin are joining pairs of rats — Siamese twin fashion — and learning more about cures for breast cancer.

Thirty-day-old rats are joined at the shoulder blades in a short operation. The operation is performed so the blood vessels of each rat grow together, linking the two blood systems.

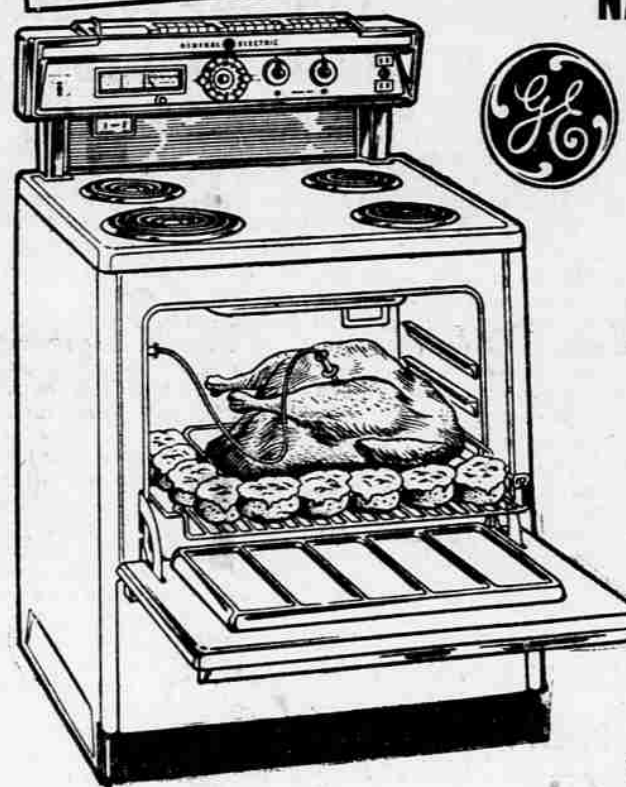
Scientists can then study effects of hormones shot into one rat which travel into the other.

The "Siamese twins" have already produced a promising new chemical. Called "19-nortestosterone," it may inhibit growth of breast cancer without the usual deepening of the woman's voice and other male characteristics which commonly occur after taking such hormones.

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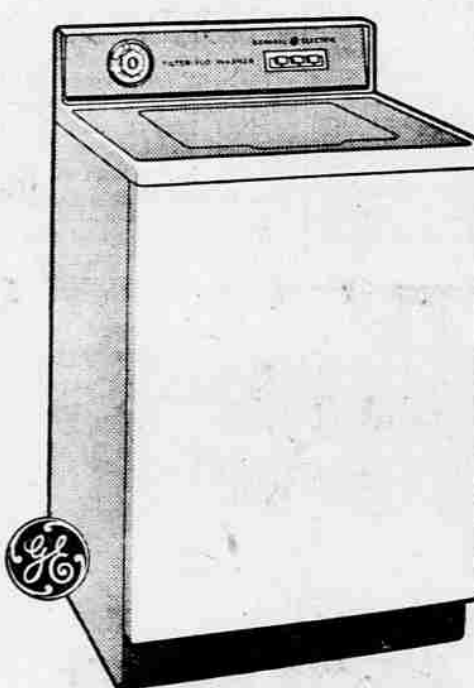
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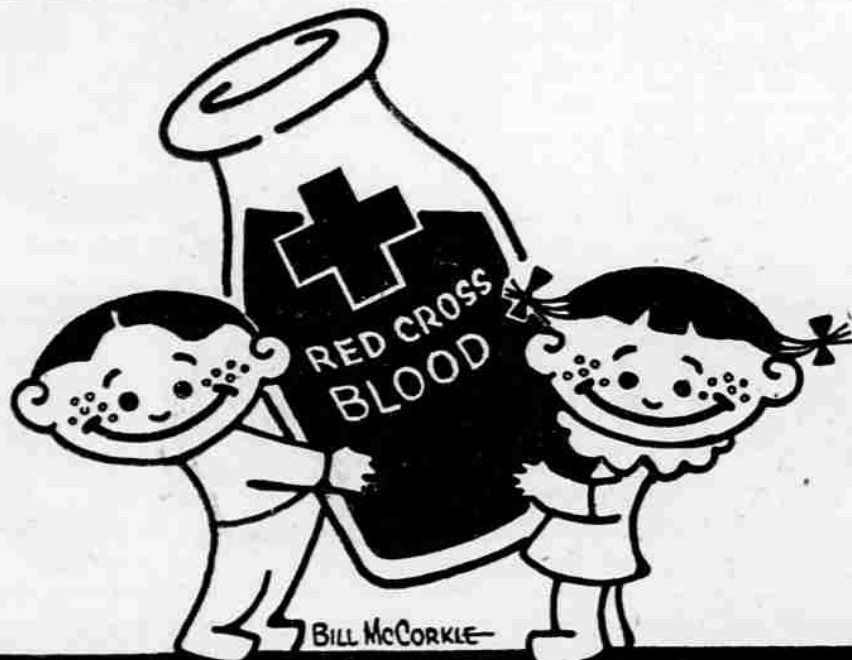
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