

Most Chickens Declared Free Of Stilbestrol

Washington (UPI) — The Agriculture Department has assured housewives that 99 per cent of the nation's chickens are untainted by a cancer-producing sex hormone.

The chemical was used only on caponettes, officials said. Regular broiler and fryer chickens, roasting birds and capons are free of contamination.

The statement was issued after an announcement by Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of health, education and welfare, that the poultry industry voluntarily was removing from the market immediately any chickens tainted with the hormone.

The hormone is stilbestrol, which has been used by poultry farmers to produce bigger caponettes with more white meat. Flemming said the synthetic female sex hormone had caused cancer in experimental animals.

The Agriculture Department said it would buy the tainted chickens. It said the birds could be made safe and then possibly used in school lunchrooms and welfare institutions.

The department said it would purchase tainted chickens processed and frozen with the liver and kidneys removed. With these organs taken out, an official explained, the rest of the chicken, except for the skin, would not be a menace to human beings.

Grange News

Gold Hill Grange

A synopsis of the programs and achievements of the Gold Hill Grange was given at a recent meeting.

Among subjects which were discussed and presented during programs were the Centennial theme, Valentine's Day, cancer, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, music, mirth, memorial and membership and community service.

Probably the most important project in community service was the plan for a fire protection district for which petitions were circulated, signed and referred to the county court. The Grange also entered the National Grange Community Service contest.

Several musical and dancing groups provided entertainment and the agriculture, legislative, education and youth committees provided regular reports at meetings. Speakers participating in programs included Henry Hendrickson, state Grange overseer; V. A. Croxton, state Grange lecturer; Roscoe Robert, county Grange deputy; Dr. Edwin R. Durno, Dr. Wayne Roberts and Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Hicks. Speakers from subordinate Granges also participated.

The Grange hall was used by several groups, including the city of Gold Hill for a public hearing. The Grange was represented at the state Grange meeting in Baker by Willie McLean. Mrs. McLean has been in charge of tableaux during the past year, assisted by Josephine Loeffler and Mildred Wright.

Four charter members still are active in Grange work. They are Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin.

The Grange will hold its annual Christmas program Dec. 17, and the Grange in cooperation with the Gold Hill Lions club will hold a New Year's Eve dance.



ADmits SLAYING—Ex-convict Sam Frank Locigno (left) surrendered himself to police headquarters in Los Angeles, Calif., and "readily admitted" killing Jack (The Entorcer) Whalen in a nearby Sherman Oaks restaurant. Joe DeCarlo (right), former manager of stripper Candy Barr, also surrendered to police. DeCarlo will not be jailed due to Locigno's confession though he was present at the killing.

What Is The Law?

This column is prepared as a public service by the College of Law, Willamette University, Salem, to explain basic legal principles, not to provide legal advice. The reader is cautioned not to apply these cases to his own problems without an attorney's advice, for differing facts may change the outcome.

Courts Will Protect the Reputation of a Business

In California a customer became dissatisfied with the car he had purchased from a dealer who enjoyed a good reputation in the community and who had been in business for a good many years. When the dealer refused to return the purchase price, the customer painted a large sign on his car which read, "I Wuz Robbed. No Resale. Every screw loose."

The dealer sought, and was granted, a court order requiring the customer to remove the sign. The sign was removed but another put in its place, reading, "Legally Restrained From Saying Anything Bad About This Car." The words "bad" and "car" were in big yellow letters. The others were in small red print. The matter again came before the judge and he decided the customer had violated the previous order of the court. The customer chose to serve five days in jail rather than pay a \$100 fine.

Pictures of Lemons
In an important Massachusetts case the dissatisfied owner painted pictures of lemons on his car and parked it close to the place of business of the dealer from whom he bought it. In a relatively recent case from Alabama, the state owner painted a picture of a white elephant on the car. In both of these cases the court restrained the owner from making these representations.

The development of the law in cases like these has been slow and marked by a lack of uniformity in the decisions. Courts have felt that they should offer some kind of relief to businessmen who are abused in this fashion by dissatisfied customers. But the courts have been reluctant to grant relief because of a fear that they might be infringing on our constitutional rights to "freedom of speech" and "freedom of press." In recent years a substantial number of courts have begun granting relief and the cases used here are examples.

Not Being Enjoined

To do this these courts have explained that they are not enjoining a person from mak-

ing what might be slanderous remarks about another's business. Instead, the courts say they are enjoining "unfair competition" or "unfair trade practices" or the "issuing of unfair or false statements that are willful attempts to injure a person's business."

The struggle experienced by courts in bringing themselves to grant relief to a harassed businessman in cases of this type has been about the same in all states. At present the decisions are not uniform, but seem to be moving in the direction of granting the relief sought.

Frogmen Search for Drowning Victims

Bainbridge, Ga. (UPI) — Navy frogmen probed the swirling waters of the Flint River today for the bodies of four victims of a boating accident that claimed six lives.

Rescuers recovered bodies of two children before darkness forced suspension of the search Sunday night. A drag-line force of 12 boats found the two small bodies some five hours after an overloaded motorboat capsized, spilling its seven occupants into the water.

Swallowed by the swift current were Curtis Spruiell, 30; his four children, Mildred, 9, Diane, 7, Fay, 4, and Jimmy, 3; and Jerry Pearson, 13. Mrs. Jim Pearson, mother of Jerry, clung to the overturned boat until help arrived.

"My Jerry kept yelling 'mama, hold on, mama, hold on to the boat,'" she later sobbed to rescuers.

U.S. Department of Agriculture figures indicate that the U.S. wheat surplus of more than a billion bushels, is enough to produce 60 billion loaves of bread—or 25 loaves for very person on earth.

Inflation Pot Kept Boiling Through Diversity of Opinion

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UPI Financial Editor

New York (UPI)—Inflation is being discussed freely these days with a tinge of evidence developing that it is losing force. But there is sufficient diversity of opinion on that score to keep the kettle boiling.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith in its current security and industry survey stresses the belief of Per Jacobson, head of the International Monetary Fund, that world inflation is ending.

Bureau notes there is less and less stress on inflation, not only in Congress but among leading analysts.

On the other hand, Standard & Poor's believes that rising demand for consumer credit and the unremitting drive for higher wages will add an inflationary spur.

The Stock Exchange firm of Arthur Wiesenberger & Co. warns against jumping to conclusions that because the credit base is being enlarged it means a new trend. This is the season when such enlargement is necessary to take care of year-end needs, the firm notes.

Public Seems Unconcerned

International Statistical Bureau finds the public apathetic to inflation warnings mainly because the cost of living trend has lacked uniformity.

"Prices of those items which the public considers most important—food, and apparel to some extent—have shown very little gain," says the bureau.

"The higher service costs

seem to have been taken in stride. Most services can be increased or decreased at the discretion of the individual, even though some services have become almost a necessary part of our present day America.

"The fact that Vice President Nixon's committee has switched its emphasis from inflation to economic growth is a fairly good indication of the psychology of political thinking."

The Merrill Lynch contribution stresses that production everywhere has been rising. Competition for world markets is sharp, it notes, with commodities in supply, and our own traditional excess of exports is being balanced by imports from a revived Europe.

"The change in our balance of foreign payments," says the survey, "is making it necessary for our government to

become more realistic regarding spending.

"How much can we afford to spend for defense, how much for foreign aid, how much for farm support programs which have produced such surpluses?"

"Can Uncle Sam indefinitely spend beyond his means?"

The firm, hoping there will be a "sensible settlement" of the steel strike, says "an inflationary settlement could cause a near-term binge in the stock market along with the customary headache later."

Despite its views on inflation the Merrill Lynch firm believes the stock market is in line for a strong rise to

match the expected recovery in business to a high pitch in 1960.

"We are not in the early stages of a bull market," says the study, "but we visualize coming markets as providing wide swings for the nimble trader and useful opportunities on strength for the more conservative investors to strengthen their defenses."

All in all there is no definite indication one way or the

other that inflation has been licked. But those who look a long way ahead see evidence it has been stemmed in places and may be less of a market factor from now on.

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