

Predictions Point Out That Cost Of Eating In U.S. Will Continue To Soar In 1948

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—America's food bill is still going up. Food dealers and processors predict prices in 1948 on most food items will be as high as now, or higher.

They anticipate 1948 food store sales will top 1947's estimated \$28 billion, which soared \$4 billion over 1946 and compares with \$10 billion in 1939.

The nation's total food bill in 1947—restaurant, farm and store volume—was around \$47 billion, against \$43 billion in 1946 and \$24 billion in 1939.

The food industry expects supplies to be adequate, with perhaps temporary shortages in some brands

or products, but always "enough food for a nutritious diet."

Specifically, the food picture for 1948, as outlined by Paul S. Willis, president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., shows:

A meat supply of 146 pounds a person, 10 pounds less than in 1947, but 20 more than the 1935-39 average—however, meat will cost even more than 1947, the year of the dollar and higher steak.

Less milk in the first part of 1948, but with prices fluctuating less and touching neither the 1947 lows nor highs.

More cooking fats and oils (9.9 billion pounds, against 9.6 billion pounds in 1947), but increasing exports will keep prices high.

High prices for everything deriving from grain—bread, cereals, meat, poultry and eggs.

Freight car shortages continue to hamper food movements, Willis says, and the demand for cars "worked to prevent proper cleaning before loading so that 1947 was the worst year in a long time for serious loss of food through product infestation."

The beer can will probably disappear for awhile, due to tin and sheet steel shortages, C. R. Havighorst, associate editor of Food Industries magazine, predicts.

The year will open with "meatless Tuesdays" and "eggless Thursdays" still on the docket, but "poultryless Thursdays" faded quickly.

In spite of high prices, some shortages and conservation campaigns, Americans ate more and better in 1947 than ever before. With national income expected to be as high or higher in 1948, they seem set to set still another record around the dinner table.

Morse Hits Appeals For Meat Ration

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) today criticized eastern members of congress who have suggested meat rationing and he demanded minimum government controls of corporate profits and basic industrial materials.

"They should not be allowed to have those controls just to the liking of their industrial constituents," Morse said in a statement.

"If it is right to exercise minimum government controls in the field of food supply, then it is right to exercise minimum inflation controls in the field of industrial supplies which the consumer must buy."

Morse said he had "noted the great concern of my good friend Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) over the prospective shortage of meat supplies."

Police State

"In fact I have noted that a considerable number of eastern senators seem to be ready and willing to place compulsory government checks and controls upon the products of the American farm but cry about 'police state methods' when anyone suggests some checks and controls upon corporate profits and allocation of the short supply of basic industrial materials."

"I wonder if some of these senators are beginning to recognize, none too soon, that the anti-inflation bill which they voted for in the special session of congress will not be effective."

Morse said he did not want the country to go back to the drastic wartime controls.

"I think it is perfectly clear that it is the duty of congress to do whatever can be done by way of legislation in setting up minimum government controls as a gun behind the door to be used only if and when American business forces fail to take the steps they should take in checking inflation," the senator said.

Anderson Predicts Meat Ration

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Americans will be asking for meat rationing by spring, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said last night.

He told a radio audience (WOL-Mutual) that he does not know whose job it would be to prepare rationing forms if congress passes such a program, but he said the agriculture department is preparing to do so if asked.

"I hope we won't have to ration anything except meat," he said. "I believe rationing of this important food will have a strong effect on other food commodities and it will not be necessary to have any other controls."

Portland Getting Warmer Steadily

PORTLAND, Jan. 3 (AP)—The weather bureau's annual report today made it clear that for 24 consecutive years it's been warmer than normal in Portland.

Now don't get hasty and suggest that a new "normal" is needed. Weather men take long-range views of these things and are not about to jump to any conclusions on a mere quarter-century experience.

Their records go back 72 years here, and on that basis it was cloudier, but warmer and drier than normal in 1947. The total rainfall was 38.93 inches, 2.69 below average. There were 218 cloudy days, compared with the normal 178. The temperature average was 55.8 degrees, compared with the normal of 53.1.

Wet Snow Covers Cascade Summit

CASCADE SUMMIT, Jan. 3.—After quietly welcoming the new year, Cascade Summit residents are being steadily but thoroughly snowed under. Recurring wet snows have piled up an average of 10 inches of packed snow in 36 hours. Present snow conditions are not the most desirable for skiing of any type, as the combined rain and snow has resulted in a slushy ground. However, Saturday and Sunday skiers migrating to this area should find skiing satisfactory and the ski tow in operation.

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Carriers And Sellers Enjoy Holiday Skating Party



More than 80 youngsters, carriers and sellers from The Herald and News circulation department along with their guests, enjoyed a skating party at Skateland last Wednesday, December 31. The boys and girls were guests of the newspaper and took time out from skating to gorge on ice cream sundaes, pop and other goodies. There were no accidents to mar the day despite hundreds of spills by the less experienced skaters. Forest Altier, assistant circulation manager, arranged the party which was termed an outstanding success. Additional parties of this nature are being planned for "newsies" during the coming year, the circulation department decided after reporting on the success of the holiday affair.

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BOSTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Doctors studied charts of previous operations today to determine what course they should take in helping Mrs. Mary Christensen, 41, of Racine, Wis., who suffered eight leg fractures in a year.

Friends reported the woman's bones are so brittle the slightest twist causes a fracture. She has suffered two fractures in the past 10 weeks, one while being flown here.

Massachusetts General hospital physicians said her trouble was osteoporosis—a lack of calcium in the bone structure caused by over-activity of the parathyroid gland. Surgery has given no relief.

Storm Closes Stock Markets

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—Many stock and commodity exchanges were closed today because of storm conditions in various parts of the country.

The big stock markets at New York were darkened along with security exchanges at Chicago, Boston, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. At Los Angeles and San Francisco the stock exchanges gave a boost to famed California weather by operating the usual two hours.

Most commodity markets in New York, including the cotton exchange, were closed. The Chicago board of trade operated as usual.

Snow Fascinates Train Passengers

CASCADE SUMMIT, Jan. 3.—Holiday train passengers appeared to be fascinated by the heavy snow at Cascade Summit and quite often requested the conductors to get them a handful of snow. Three youthful coach occupants remained up until the wee hours of the morning to glimpse the snow and then demanded an icicle from the eaves of the Southern Pacific depot. After the icicle was knocked from its perch and duly presented to the young gentlemen, they continued happily on their way.

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