

Wholesale Food Price Index in Sharp Advance

By The Associated Press
Sharply rising coffee prices and skidding quotations for best grade eggs topped the consumer food news this week as meat prices continued irregular and most produce items held about steady.

Coffee was up 3 cents a pound or more in many markets as big roasting concerns and retailers were forced to meet higher prices for imported coffee beans. The green beans which roasters could buy at around 26 cents a pound early last spring were hard to find at 46 cents this week.

During the 1930's the world supply of coffee greatly exceeded the demand and prices fell so low that many plantations were abandoned. But then consumption started increasing sharply, and traders say this year world demand is about equal to maximum potential production.

Production Off
Production of the quality coffee used in this country actually has been below consumption recently, with the difference being made up from accumulated stocks. Those stocks now are largely exhausted. This year's crop was disappointing, and drought and other unfavorable weather conditions during the flowering season of the new Brazilian crop, to be harvested next summer, have dimmed the outlook for next year. Aggravating the situation were recent floods in Guatemala, a hurricane in Haiti and political disturbances in Colombia — all of which put more pressure on the prospective supply of coffee.

Roasters this week started allocating coffee supplies to their store customers — not because of any present shortage but because it was feared that coffee hoarders would start "runs" and exhaust the normally adequate stocks, thereby driving prices even higher.

Tinplate Worry
Suppliers also were worried about the shortage of tinplate for cans. Some can-makers warned that if the steel strike continues, container requirements cannot be guaranteed beyond the next two or three weeks.

Large grade "A" eggs dropped as much as 16 cents a dozen wholesale in some places during the past eight days, and by mid-week some highly competitive store chains had slashed retail prices up to 10 cents or more a dozen. More retail cuts were expected later this week.

Traders said greater receipts from producers largely responsible, but they also credited consumer resistance to the recent high prices of large eggs compared with medium-sized and pullet eggs. Production was increasing seasonally and commercial buying for storage purposes was slow.

Medium-sized and small eggs showed little change this week. They already were abundant and modestly priced compared with the large variety.

Meat Up
On the meat counters, several choice beef cuts were two to four cents a pound higher this week, reflecting near-record high quotations for top quality feedlot cattle. Other more common grades of beef were steady to only slightly higher.

Changes in pork prices, were irregular. Lamb was mostly a little higher and poultry was about unchanged.

The agriculture department's production and marketing division headlined apples, turkeys, cranberries and pork products on its most-pivotal list for the month of November.

The Dun & Brandstreet wholesale food price index this week chalked up its sharpest advance since July 13, 1948, when the index was pushing to its all-time peak. The index advanced to 55.72 from 55.38 a week ago, with coffee, beef, cocoa and butter prices posting the largest wholesale price increases. The index,

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Chest Drive: To Be Or Not?

By BILL JENKINS
YOU always find out about things just too late. Like the case of Nathan Merrill, pictured at the head of this column. We had this



picture in the files of historical photos but I didn't know it until Mr. D. W. Cox came in and told me about it. Seems he had given it to Mac Epley a long time ago and stayed there. Anyway, although we didn't make the salute edition with it here is a picture of the man who gave the original grant of land on which the town of Merrill was built.

THIS is community chest time and everyone gets a full charge of it before the campaign is over. You even get it from the columnists, but I just wanted to add a seventh reason for giving to the list. Deb Adkins so capably outlined last night.

Klamath Falls is committed to the chest drive. That was decided last spring at a mass meeting of citizens and all agencies concerned called by the then president of the local drive. The whole thing was put on the table and everyone got up and had his or her say about it. Some were for and some against, but the outcome was a majority decision to continue with the drive. Well and good.

So this is the final test of whether it is going to work or not. If Klamath county falls far short of the goal it has been allotted in the coming drive it will sound the death knell of the community chest for us. There won't be any more drives and the community chest won't exist for Klamath any more. That would please some of the opponents of the drive mightily.

But stop and consider this angle of the case: If there isn't any community chest drive then the boy and girl scouts and campfire girls and YMCA and salvation army and youth centers and welfare agencies and other chest beneficiaries will have to go out on their own to raise the funds they must have. You'll be hooked, if you want to use that term, just the same except that it will come more often and in the long run you'll put out more actual cash than what the board has adjudged as your share of the present chest drive. And you'll have to do more work yourself, take more time

off from your business to aid in getting the funds for your pet organization or to aid your friends in their pet hobby.
It's awfully hard to refuse an old friend when he comes to you and asks you not only a contribution but asks you to go out on the street and help him raise cash. You all know that. So just remember when the community chest man calls on you. Remember that if this drive fails flat it will only open the gates for a dozen or more other drives during the year, and you'll still be expected to contribute to them all.

Liquor Causes Indian Arrest

Nora Jackson Melendres, 29-year-old Indian woman from Klamath Agency, was arrested here yesterday by state police on a charge of illegal possession of liquor.

She appeared in justice court on the charge and was committed to the county jail for 15 days.

Recall Election Cost \$65,000

PORTLAND, Oct. 28 (AP)—County Auditor Edwin M. Kerr estimated today that the special election to recall Marion L. Elliott as sheriff cost about \$65,000.

Some 5000 election judges, supervisors and clerks must be paid \$4 to \$12 each. There are also rental, hauling and supply costs.

CVA DEBATE

EUGENE, Oct. 28 (AP)—The Eugene chamber of commerce started a debate on the Columbia valley administration today with a speech in favor of the proposal. Austin Fiegel, Portland, spoke on behalf of CVA at today's forum luncheon. Next week Lowell Steen, Oregon farm bureau head, will speak against it.

CAMP FIRE HONORS
PORTLAND, Oct. 28 (AP)—Mrs. Warren C. Hunter and Aaron M. Frank of Portland were among six people over the nation cited by the National Camp Fire co-op yesterday for their work among youth.

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