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Why Poultry Black Market

There has been much concern relative to what is known as the poultry black market, which is the selling of chickens above the ceiling prices established by the OPA.

There are reasons, good or bad, for whatever situation exists. The reason could be that the ceiling price is wrong or that poultry producers and dealers are greedy for the filthy lucre which we call money, and we don't believe it is the latter.

The ceiling price now for broilers sold by the farmer on the farm is 29 and three-tenths cents per pound.

An authoritative study of poultry production costs in one North Carolina county shows that cost of broiler production to be 27 and eight-tenths—almost 28 cents—per pound.

It is generally understood that 1,000 chickens are about as many as one person can produce, and it takes overtime to do that.

The difference in the cost price and the OPA ceiling on 1,000 three-pound chicks is \$42—for an investment of \$837 over a period of three months. That investment entails dire risks of losses by disease, theft, fire and other causes.

The OPA evidently expects a farmer to risk \$837 in order to make \$42 profit in three months. Yet a laborer on war work can make \$42 in three days' time.

If you want the answer to the question of the why of food shortages, take a look at the figures.

And if you want to know where we got our poultry production cost figures, read the following authoritative news release from the extension service of North Carolina State College:

"The average cost of producing broilers during the summer and fall of 1944 and the spring of 1945 was 76.2 cents for each three-pound bird sold, but this cost has now increased to 83.8 cents, says a preliminary report by R. E. L. Greene and H. B. James of the Economics Department of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

"The study was made in Chatham county and the records of farmers, feed dealers, and hatcherymen were studied. In many cases the feed dealers produced records showing the number of chicks bought, pounds of feed used, the number of broilers marketed, and the pounds of broilers marketed.

"The principal cost items were baby chicks, charged at 13 cents each; feed, averaging about \$80 a ton; and labor. The chicks represented 20.3 per cent of the gross cost; feed, 63 per cent; and labor, 8.7 per cent. Other charges taken into consideration were fuel, buildings, equipment, disinfectants and medications, litter and power and light.

"According to the report, most farmers used commercial starting and growing mash entirely in growing out the broilers. Occasionally a small amount of home grown feed was used. The feeding of grain varied widely. While some farmers did not feed any grain, others fed grain for a week or two before the broilers were sold.

"The report says that at the present time cost factors have increased all along the line and the present cost of a three-pound broiler is now 83.8 cents rather than 76.2 cents, and the cost per pound 27.9 cents rather than 25.4 cents."

Compulsion Is Not Freedom

In the bill now before Congress to broaden the social security act to give everyone protection against "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" from child-birth to the grave, the word "compulsory"

is shunned like the odiferous aroma of the lowly akunk. Nowhere is that word used in any discussions by the promoters of the bill. The public is actually made to believe that everyone will have complete freedom in choice of a doctor, and that doctors will have complete freedom in choice of patients.

It is claimed that state medicine is not socialized medicine. This is about as logical as to say the bill is not compulsory, when the wording of the bill forces all employees drawing up to \$3,600 a year to pay four per cent of their earnings into the social security fund, and all employers to pay a like amount.

When government goes into business, that is socialism, so when the Federal government establishes a system of insurance to which everyone must contribute, when it regulates the provisions of medical service through Washington headquarters, when it regulates fees that doctors are to receive when they participate in the system, when it regulates those who are to be consultants and when consultants are to be consulted, that is definitely socialized medicine. The doctors who are dissatisfied with the system can quit and turn their abilities to some other channel, but the people, once they are saddled with compulsory medical practices, are the losers, and they will definitely have to pay for socialized medicine even though they prefer a private doctor.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY
WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Hiddenite, N. C.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

In these days of anxiety because of war, uncertainty in business, scarcity of many material things, wickedness of the masses, unbelief, worldliness, drunkenness, tests and trials, troubles and heartaches, O how wonderful to look unto Jesus for help and grace, comfort and peace, strength, courage and equilibrium! No one but Jesus can keep us balanced right. But, hallelujah, He can do it! I know of no resort that is so blessed, safe and secure as hiding away in the secret place of prayer and there talking with our Lord over the problems and difficulties that confront us. He knows, He understands, He cares. When we call upon Him in sincerity and in truth He always does something about it. It pays to pray far more than talk. Amen, and glory to God.

When tempted and tried, get alone with Jesus and pray. When troubles come upon you, and it seems that they are beyond all endurance, get alone with Jesus and pray. Don't be in a hurry. Stay there, dwell, tarry, wait. There is an answer if you will wait, get still and settled before God. When you don't know what to do, do nothing until you have prayed earnestly and Jesus shows you what course you should pursue. Let Him, show you; let Him lead, guide and direct. Pray much. All real, true, mighty prayers are wonderfully blessed of God. They are deeply settled in Him. They are rooted and grounded in the faith once delivered unto the saints, therefore cannot be carried about with every wind or doctrine. But do not wait until mighty tests, trials and troubles come upon you before you pray. Pray when the sun shines brightly; when the going with you seems easy; when you are on the mountain top of victory, shouting the praises of God. Pray often; pray much; pray continually. Keep in a spirit of prayer. "Pray without ceasing."

My dear wife is a great pray-er. Perhaps few women, if any, in our county pray more than she. She lives a life of prayer. It is true that she is a hard worker, as we have reared a large family, but she never gets too busy to pray. I suppose she averages around three hours in prayer out of every twenty-four. She knows the blessedness of prayer. She dwells much with Jesus. My burdens are her burdens. My tests and trials are her tests and trials. My cares, duties and responsibilities are hers. My interests are her interests. She prays much for our loved ones, for our dear readers, and for mankind generally. She prays for the sick, suffering, sad, tested, tried pilgrims of the cross. On her prayer list are many of the dear soldiers of the land. When our readers write use, asking for prayer, I place the requests before her that she may help me pray, taking as a promise from Jesus Matthew 19:19: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is heaven." We have anchored to and stood upon this promise for years and find that it never fails as we ask within the Father's will.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

SUMMER SIMMERINGS

Peroxide has become so scarce that some blonds have trouble holding bleaches. "No machinery used to tear your clothing. We do it all by hand," was the sign seen on a laundry truck. . . . And speaking of signs, back when sugar was scarce but there was some sugar, a restaurant had this sign: "Use less sugar and stir like hell. We don't mind the noise" . . . The manpower shortage has become so acute that scarecrows wear brassiers. . . . About the only voice some men get in home purchases is the invoice. . . . A truck driver in Denver, Colorado, was arrested for drunken driving. Not much news in that, but the load on his truck was seven tons of dynamite. . . . The Sunday school student said the Bible story he liked best was the one about the multitude that loafs and fishes. . . . Light from the sun travels to us at the rate of 186,000 miles per second. But why shouldn't it? It is downhill all the way. . . . Have you heard about the man who climbed a stepladder to the roof when it was announced the drinks were on the house? . . . And some poetry:

He married a WAVE
But he waved at a WAC
So instead of a wave from the WAC
He got back a whack
From the WAVE he had wed.

From a private in Italy we learned how they control coolies over there. The soldiers bathe in gravel and rub down with alcohol. The coolies get drunk and kill each other throwing rocks.

ALL FOR NOTHING
An eastern go-getter spied a lazy Indian chief lolling indolently at the door of his tepee some-

where out west.
"Chief," remonstrated the go-getter, "why don't you get yourself a job?"
"Why?" granted the chief.
"Well, you could earn a lot of money. Maybe \$3 or 40 dollars a week."
"Why?" insisted the chief.
"Oh, if you worked hard and saved your money, you'd soon have a bank account. Wouldn't you like that?"
"Why?" again asked the chief.
"For gosh sakes!" shouted the exasperated go-getter, "with a big bank account you could retire, and then you wouldn't have to work any more."
"Not working now," pointed out the Indian.
KNOWLEDGE
"Don't you know what my raised hand means?"
The traffic cop beseeched her: "You bet I do," the maid replied; "You see, sir, I'm a teacher."

Camp Sutton Leased On Three-Year Basis

Raleigh—The State Hospitals Board of Control Friday leased the Camp Sutton Hospital from the army on a three-year basis. The lease will become effective August 1, extending to July 31, 1948.
The lease, now being studied by the state attorney general's office and army representatives, calls for a yearly rental of \$10,421, including the hospital's cold storage and coal yard facilities, and immediately started machinery in motion to transfer 500 custodial and mentally incapacitated patients there from the Morganton and Raleigh hospital units.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of W. L. Combs, deceased, late of Wilkes county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of June, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 28th day of June, 1945.
MRS. W. L. COMBS,
Administratrix of the estate of W. L. Combs, dec'd. 7-30-M

One of the wheat crop insurance contracts covers the farmer to three-fourths of his average yield; and the other contract, up to one-half. Both contracts are for three years on 1945-48 crops.

China is studying methods of combating leprosy after the war.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF LAND

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court assigned to me to sell the land hereinafter described, said land having been sold and an adverse bid having been placed on the same, I shall therefore offer for sale again on the 19th day of July, 1945, at 12 o'clock Noon at the Courtroom door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, the following described land:
Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot No. 2, a poplar, and running north with the line of said

lot crossing the branch 116 poles to the corner, a stone, across Call's line on the side of the lot. Stone monument corner north 88 deg. west with the line 34 1/2 poles to a white oak, down, with corner marked thence north 12 1/2 deg. west with Noel Anderson's line 20 poles to his corner, a pine, down, now a stone on the side of Mill Stone Mountain, thence north 87 deg. west with his line 22 poles to a small white oak in said line; thence south 11 deg. west crossing two branches 120 1/2 poles to a stone in W. R. Johnson's line; thence south 87 1/2 deg. east with his line 6 poles to their corner, a black gum; thence south 87 deg. east 28 1/2 poles to a stone; thence south 84 deg. east 44 poles to the beginning, containing 46 acres, more or less.

This 30th day of June, 1945.
F. J. McDUFFIE,
Commissioner



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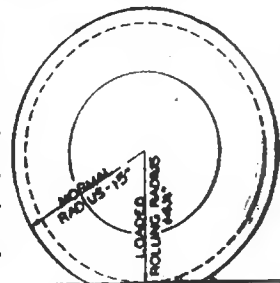
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