

Sugar Price Hike Announced; Butter and Meat May Be Next

Washington, Jan. 30—The price of sugar is going up slightly next month.

But the increase of about sevenths of a cent a pound—coupled with a possible minor rise in meat prices and perhaps a 6-cent boost for butter—may end the upward swing in food costs for many months to come.

The sugar hike, to become effective about Feb. 2, will permit the government to keep its promise of higher prices for this year's crop.

Acting Secretary of Agriculture J. H. Huison disclosed plans for the price rise in a letter to Congress asking for authority to continue some sugar subsidy payments begun during the war.

Food officials already have indicated that it may be necessary to grant packing concerns slight increases to enable them to meet workers' demands for higher wages. And Secretary of Agriculture Anderson is urging a 6-cent pound increase in butter to encourage greater production.

President Truman, however, is expected to ask Congress to continue for another year the federal food subsidies inaugurated early in the war.

If Congress goes along, this should stabilize food costs and prevent further rises.

The subsidy program has been costing the government about \$1,798,000,000 a year.

AAA NEWS FOR NOBLE COUNTY

The community committeemen of the different townships are being called into the local office this week and receiving their instructions preparatory to calling on the farmers. The committeemen will assist the farmers in making out the farm plan for 1946. This should be completed before March 1.

Those wishing a new tobacco allotment should call at the AAA office and fill out application blanks. Only persons that have raised or helped to raise tobacco in the past five years are eligible. There is nothing to prevent the farmer from raising any amount he desires, but they will have to pay a penalty of 10 cents per pound. The government is asking a decrease by the growers of 77 percent for the current year.

William H. Archer is chairman of the county AAA and his office force is busy this week with instructions to the township committeemen.

Pfc. Ora Thomas Receiving Discharge

Naha, Okinawa—Pfc Ora Thomas, husband of Mrs. Dolly Thomas, South Olive, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, Caldwell R. D. 1, recently left the 550th Quartermaster company and is leaving Okinawa for the United States soon to get his discharge from the army. He was redeployed to the Pacific direct from Europe.

He entered the army at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in June, 1942, and has served with this company for over three years. After leaving the States late in 1944, Thomas made an extended world tour with his company. He sailed for Europe on the world's largest ship, Queen Elizabeth, and arrived in Scotland. Afterwards, in rapid succession, he served in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. While in Holland and Germany he was attached to the Ninth U. S. Army and contributed to the success of the company in being awarded the meritorious service unit plaque, "for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks."

On the 13th of July, Pfc Thomas left Marseille, France, aboard an army transport for the Pacific. He sailed through the Panama Canal and made stops at Eniwetok and the Ulithi atoll enroute and at last, on the 14th of September, landed on Okinawa.

Pfc Thomas will never forget the typhoon that washed him out of his pup tent the day after arrival at Okinawa, or the one which resulted in such havoc on Oct. 9.

He is eligible to wear the ETC ribbon with two campaign stars, the Good Conduct medal, the American Theater ribbon, the meritorious service award, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon, and World War II Victory medal.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Mrs. Leota Robinson, Brookfield township, was elected chairman of the Noble County Home Demonstration council at a party held in the basement of the Methodist church on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 26. Other officers elected were Mrs. Helen Douglass, Batesville, vice chairman, and Mrs. Mildred Day, Wills creek, secretary.

Following the short business session, games were enjoyed by each person present. Refreshments were served by the home demonstration agent, Margaret Donohoo, assisted by Miss Vina Hedge.

Mrs. Chloe Pierce, the retiring chairman, was presented with a bouquet of jonquils as a token of appreciation for her faithful service during the past year. Each councillor was then presented with a jonquil as a token of the home demonstration agent's appreciation for their faithful assistance and service in planning and helping to carry out the extension program.

Those present were Mrs. Mable Wilson and Mrs. Rhea McNabb of Sharon; Mrs. Floy Parrish, Forest Grove; Mrs. Lola Mitchell, Keith; Mrs. Mildred Smith, Jackson; Mrs. Verna Guiler, Whigville; Mrs. Louise Daniels and Mrs. Mary Young, Caldwell; Mrs. Mabel Starr, Beaver; Mrs. Mildred Day, Wills creek; Mrs. Helen Douglass, Batesville; Mrs. Inez Davidson, Sarahsville; Mrs. Floy Tilden, Renrock; Mrs. Leota Robinson and Mrs. Grace Hedge, Brookfield; Mrs. Chloe Pierce, Caldwell; Mrs. Esther Garvin, and Mrs. Sara King, Three Forks; Mrs. Marie Miller, Fulda, and Mrs. Lela Stiers, Ava.

Brookfield Meeting

The process of refinishing furniture was begun on two tables brought to the meeting held in Brookfield township at the home of Mrs. Leota Robinson on Tuesday, Jan. 22. The old finish was removed, the dents were raised and crevices were filled.

At noon a delicious covered dish dinner was served and was enjoyed by all. Those attending were: Mrs. Grace Hedge, Mrs. Edith Hedge, Mrs. Mary Young, Mrs. Core Hamilton, Mrs. Kathryn Leonard, Mrs. Losia Davis, and Mrs. Leota Robinson. Mrs. Margaret Donohoo, home demonstration agent, conducted the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 15, at the home of Mrs. Grace Hedge.

Whigville Meeting

The homeowners from the Whigville community met at Mrs. Mat Gulick's store for their first meeting on refinishing furniture. A drop leaf table, a walnut stand and a rocker were the items of furniture worked on. Plans were made to continue the refinishing process at a second meeting which will be held on Feb. 19. At this meeting a coat of stain will be applied to the table and several coats of wax will be applied to the stands.

At noon a covered dish dinner was served and enjoyed by all. Those present were: Mrs. Gladys Wickham, Mrs. Verna Guiler, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Helen Spence, Mrs. Dell Thomas, Mrs. Florence Carter, Mrs. Virginia Ward, Mrs. Freda Guiler, Mrs. Mat Gulick, Mrs. Rose Gulick, Mrs. Helen Watson, and Mrs. Glen Bates.

The home demonstration agent, Margaret T. Donohoo, conducted the meeting.

Forest Grove Meeting

The old finish was removed from a dining room table and drawers

which belong to larger pieces of furniture at a meeting conducted by the home demonstration agent, Mrs. Margaret T. Donohoo, in the Forest Grove community. It was held at the home of Mrs. Goldie Foster on Thursday, Jan. 24. This was an all day meeting and at noon a covered dish dinner was enjoyed by all. Plans were made to complete the refinishing process and their second meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28, at the same place.

Those attending were: Mrs. Etta Burrier, Mrs. Roxie Haines, Miss Josie Smith, Miss Laura Ramsey, Mrs. Juanita Ramsey, Mrs. Edgar Long, Mrs. Effie Ramsey, Mrs. Pearl Elliott, Mrs. Gladys Barnhouse, Miss Bell Ramsey, Mrs. Clarice Mendenhall, Mrs. Roberta Bigley, Mrs. Mina Foraker, Virginia Lou Bigley and Mrs. Goldie Foster.

Scheduled Meetings

Refinishing furniture (second) at Renrock on Friday, Feb. 1, at 10:30 a. m. This will be held at the grange hall and the pieces of furniture from which the old finish had been removed will be refinished. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

All homemakers in Caldwell who are interested in attending a demonstration meeting on sugar saving desserts are invited to come to the home of Mrs. Louise Daniels, North street, on Monday afternoon, Feb. 4, at 1:30 p. m. A demonstration on the making of two desserts will be given by Margaret T. Donohoo, home demonstration agent.

Anyone in Caldwell who would be interested in refinishing furniture are invited to attend an all day meeting to be held in the basement of the Methodist church on Friday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 a. m. Each homeowner may bring a piece or a part of a larger piece on which she may work.

LYCEUM COURSE OPENS

The first number of the Jeffreys lyceum course at the Belle Valley high school will open with Courtney, the great magician, on Thursday evening of this week. Supt. J. H. Colley is in charge of the course.



Courthouse News

Probate Court

Monday—Waiver of notice and consent to probate filed in the will of Elizabeth Crum, deceased. Testimony of L. C. Young and Opal Gould taken and filed. Will admitted to probate and record.

Order to deliver a transfer of property issued in the estate of Faye Charlton.

Letters of guardianship issued to A. L. Scafer in the guardianship of Nicholas Bycura.

Letters testamentary issued to Frank J. Crum, in the estate of Elizabeth Crum.

Will of Jesse B. Hutcheson admitted to probate and record.

Certificate to transfer real estate issued in the estate of Harold R. Thompson.

Tuesday—Bond approved and letters of administration issued to John S. Church in the estate of Jackie Karl Church.

Wednesday—Petition to sell personal property filed in the estate of Elizabeth Crum.

Choice of guardian filed in the guardianship of Floyd Walters. For hearing January 26.

Exception to first and final accounts in the estate of Anna Winders filed; for hearing February 28.

Friday—Application for appointment of guardian filed in the guardianship of J. E. Clark; for hearing February 1.

Saturday—Hearing and letters of

guardianship issued to F. M. McKee in the guardianship of Floyd E. Walters.

Inventory and appraisement filed in the estate of A. R. Jennings.

Louetta Thompson to Earl C. and Harold H. Schell, Stock township, Carlisle, 25 square rods.

Euphrasia L. Mallett to Herman and Evelyn Gressel, Stock township, Lot 15.

Albert F. and Nellie L. Dettinger to Glen and Helen Wilson, Harriettville, Lots 37-38.

Ira and Adah Kegerreis to Richard and Twila Ball, Dexter City.

Harold R. Thompson, Stock township, Carlisle, 25 square rods.

John Jr. and Betty J. Beckett to the Dundee Coal Co., Brookfield township, 115 acres.

Laura, lots, 134-135, 136 acres.

Susan May and George A. Ennis to Kenneth Tripplett, Noble township, 30.88 acres.

Louetta Thompson to Earl C. and Harold H. Schell, Stock township, Carlisle, 25 square rods.

Euphrasia L. Mallett to Herman and Evelyn Gressel, Stock township, 56.68 acres.

Jane Williamson to Urten McCarthy, Jackson township, 79 acres.

William and Anna Hayes to Ronald and Marjorie Hayes, Olive township, Caldwell, lot 312, 2 acres.

John Jr. and Betty J. Beckett to the Dundee Coal Co., Brookfield township, 115 acres.

To Republican Voters of Noble County



I am a candidate for Representative to the General Assembly, and if nominated and elected I will support all Constructive Legislation and Honest Government. I will introduce resolutions requesting Congress to enact all bills introduced that will benefit all Veterans, their widows and orphans and dependents. I will do all I can to restore the rights that are delegated to us by the Constitution of Ohio and the Constitution of the United States of which we have been deprived for the last several years. I will oppose all bills introduced intended to centralize power in the hands of a few. Yours very truly,

S. M. FRAKES

A Letter to the President of the United States

January 18, 1946

Hon. Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your proposal to me in Washington last evening that the wage demand of the United Steelworkers of America-CIO be settled on the basis of a wage increase of 18½ cents an hour, retroactive to January 1, 1946 cannot, I regret to say, be accepted by the United States Steel Corporation for the reasons set forth below.

As you must be aware, your proposal is almost equivalent to granting in full the Union's revised demand of a wage increase of 19½ cents an hour, which was advanced by Philip Murray, the President of the Union, at our collective bargaining conference with the Union in New York a week ago today. In our opinion, there is no just basis from any point of view for a wage increase to our steel workers of the large size you have proposed, which, if put into effect, is certain to result in great financial harm not only to this Corporation but also to users of steel in general.

As I have tried to make clear to you and other Government officials during our conferences in Washington over the past few days, there is a limit in the extent to which the Union wage demands can be met by us. We reached that limit when we raised our offer to the Union last Friday from a wage increase of 12½ cents an hour to one of 15 cents an hour. This would constitute the highest single wage increase ever made by our steel-making subsidiaries. Our offer of 15 cents was equivalent to meeting 60% of the Union's original excessive demand of a \$2 a day general wage increase. Our offer met 75% of the Union's final proposal of a wage increase of 19½ cents an hour. A wage increase of 15 cents an hour, such as we offered, would increase the direct labor costs of our manufacturing subsidiaries by approximately \$60,000,000 a year. That is a most substantial sum, and does not take into account the higher costs we shall have to pay for purchased goods and services, when large wage increases generally become effective throughout American industry, as is inevitable after a substantial increase in steel wages.

Since January, 1941, the average straight-time hourly pay, without overtime, of our steel workers has increased more than the 33% increase in the cost of living during that period, recently computed by Government authorities. Steel workers' wages have kept pace with increased living costs. Such average straight-time pay in our steel-producing subsidiaries was \$1.14 an hour in each of the months of September, October and November 1945, excluding any overtime premium and any amount for correction of possible wage inequities. An increase of 15 cents, in accordance with our offer, would

raise such average straight-time pay to \$1.29 an hour, placing such pay among the highest today in all of American industry.

Under our offer of a 15 cent increase, the average weekly take-home pay of our steel workers for a forty-hour week would amount to \$51.60, assuming that no overtime is involved. This figure is only \$4.54 less than the actual average weekly earnings of these employees, including overtime, in the last full war year of 1944, when the average work week was 46.1 hours. The difference is really less, because we will undoubtedly continue to have overtime in the future, just as we have at the present time. In November, 1945, overtime premiums to our steel workers aggregated more than \$1,300,000. Such reduction of \$4.54 in the weekly take-home pay is the natural consequence of a shorter work week of forty hours, and therefore one of lower production.

From the outset, we have recognized how injurious a steel strike will be to reconversion and to the economy of this whole country. Most industries are dependent upon a supply of steel for their continued operations. We have done everything reasonably within our power to avert such a strike. If a strike occurs, the responsibility rests with the Union.

When the Government at the eleventh hour informed us about a week ago of its willingness to sanction an increase in steel ceiling prices, we at once resumed collective bargaining negotiations with the Union. Such price action by the Government was a recognition by it of the right of the steel industry to receive price relief because of past heavy increases in costs, something which the steel industry for many months has unsuccessfully sought to establish with OPA.

I should like again to point out some pertinent facts relative to the wages of our steel workers.

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In our judgment, it is distinctly in the public interest to take into account the injurious effect upon American industry of an unjustified wage increase in the steel industry.

After a full and careful consideration of your proposal, we have reached the conclusion above stated.

Respectfully yours,
Benjamin F. Fairless,
President, United States Steel Corporation

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United States Steel Corporation