

Virginia Knauer Says Some Families Can't Afford Meat

Although many Americans can now afford and demand prime beef instead of the cheaper cuts of meat they once considered adequate many others in the country cannot afford to buy steak at all, President Nixon's special assistant for consumer affairs declared recently.

Mrs Virginia H Knauer, speaking at a Meat Packers and Processors Seminar at Pennsylvania State University, said "the elderly living on Social Security can't afford roasts and families living in low income neighborhoods don't have the money to buy pork at today's prices."

The presidential assistant pointed out that housewives, however, do have an alternative. "When the price of beef or pork gets too high they can buy chicken. Chicken is often used as a 'loss leader' by the supermarkets."

Commenting on reasons why consumers are faced with purchases of unsafe products, shoddy merchandise, and shabby repair work Mrs Knauer emphasized that there is a growing suspicion that we are being trapped by our own technology.

"The population explosion and the demand for quantity and variety in goods and services have outstripped our ability to always provide quality and safety as well as efficiency."

"Pennsylvania is fortunate in



Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.—(John 3:3).

Day-to-day living can assume new proportions if we will but discard hidebound prejudice and biased judgment. Let us keep our vision clear and unclouded and our mind open to new ideas. An entire new vista may be unveiled, revealing that which may have been hidden previously. Cast off the invisible shell of dull complacency and a bright, shining panorama will be revealed.

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Feds Change Marking System for Egg Lots

The required lot marking system for officially identified cartons of shell eggs and the temperature of shell eggs at the time of official grading have both been changed in egg grading regulations as amended recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The amendments were issued by USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service, which administers voluntary grading programs for eggs as well as other food products. Principal changes are:

The establishment of a new lot marking system for officially identified cartons of shell eggs by deleting the present dating system and providing for a daily lot marking system. The lot number will be shown as the consecutive day of the year on which the eggs are packed. (For example, eggs packed on April 1 would be numbered 91 for the 91st day of the year.) Other lot numbering systems

may be used only with written permission from the Administrator.

Change of temperature of shell eggs at the time of official grading. Recent research has indicated that it is not necessary to reduce shell eggs to

a temperature of 70°F to grade accurately. This amendment allows grading if the internal temperature of the shell eggs does not exceed 80°F.

The amendment will become effective July 1, 1970, and was scheduled to be published in the April 8 issue of the Federal Register.

Now Peace Corps Seeks Experienced Farmers

World population is growing at the rate of two per cent annually while international food production is realizing a growth rate of one per cent.

"These figures," said Frank Pixley, Chief of Peace Corps' Agriculture Desk, "mean the world faces the spectre of continuing and increasing starvation—unnecessarily. The reason for the disparity in growth rates is simply that the 'developing nations' need help with agricultural skills and technology so

they can utilize more fully their resources."

Pixley made the statement in announcing the opening of an intensive recruitment program by the Peace Corps to encourage farmers and their wives into Peace Corps agricultural programs.

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