Homemakers' Reflections

By Dorothy Pantel
County Extension Agent

Prices Tend To Change Meat Menu

Our "meat menus" are changing news – poultry and fish are taking beef's place at Texas's finest tables.

These changes, noticeable over the past 10 years, say experts, do things about today's food buyers: they're paying close attention to price changes among meats, and they're concerned about health.

Pricewise, chicken costs half that of beef "at retail" per pound as pork and beef, which have kept pace with each other, have risen much more than poultry prices.

Healthwise, chicken and fish generally have less cholesterol and saturated fat.

What are the changes exactly?

Between 1969 and 1978, red meat consumption per person rose barely – 0.3 percent – beef eating went up nine percent, but pork, veal and mutton lost ground.

On the other hand, the nation's appetite soared for chicken and fish – poultry eating rose 28 percent, and fish eating increased more than 17 percent.

Dinner tables aren't just at home, either – they're in restaurants and fast-food outlets, and the "meat menu" there reflects the same changes.

From 1972 to 1978, establishments selling mainly chicken increased 56 percent, and seafood outlets multiplied by six.

Sandwich Month

August is Sandwich Month, and a good opportunity to add a little flair to sandwiches – with fish.

Of course, the old sandwich standbys are fine. But they suffer painfully from overuse, so seafood will perk up an old idea.

Try a tasty alternative to the sandwich grind called the "Night Cap Special," which should breathe new life into sandwich eating.

It is a tantalizing concoction of flaked fish, mushrooms and eggs scrambled together and accented with a touch of pimiento.

It's great for a bedtime snack or for a main course.

Many other delicious seafood recipes are available at no cost and can be obtained from "Seafood Recipes," Texas A&M University, 442 Kleberg Center, College Station, Texas 77843.

Soil Conservation Field Day Aug. 27

A field day will be held at the Soil Conservation Service Plant Materials Center at Knox City on August 27, 1980.

Connie M. Fair, district conservationist for SCS at Columbus, said the public is being invited to the event. The center serves both Texas and Oklahoma.

A barbecue lunch will be available on a prepaid basis at $4 per plate. Payment should be sent to Ms. Doris Crownover, Chamber of Commerce, Box 91, Knox City, Texas 79529 by August 23.

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Deadline Set For Wheat Crop Insurance

Wheat growers interested in insurance against the possible loss of their 1981-crop investment should apply for coverage no later than the final closing date for sales, according to Harry Clark, District Director of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. The FCIC office serving Colorado County is located at the USDA Bldg., 2018 North Richmond Road, Wharton, Texas 77488, telephone 713/532-8500.

Clark points out that the policies being offered this year provide maximum flexibility for the farmer to tailor his insurance protection to his individual financial situation. By carrying the maximum amount of insurance, it may be possible to protect the crop investment against loss. On the other hand, the policies permit carrying lesser amounts of insurance (at a lower cost) in order to cover specific investments. For example, enough insurance to cover unpaid seed, fertilizer and chemical bills, or enough to repay outstanding loans and interest.

County Agent's NOTEBOOK

By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent
Colorado County

Control Insect, Mike Galls On Ornamentals

Galls, or abnormal swellings, caused by various insect pests, interfere with normal plant growth. Most insect galls are formed by tiny wasps, flies, aphids, and phyllozera.

Taking characteristic sizes, shapes and colors, galls resemble leaves, fruit, pine cones, swellings, smooth and hairy balls, blisters, pouches and tubes.

Galls begin when adult plant pests lay their eggs in plant tissue or when these eggs hatch. In either case, chemicals are thought to be secreted by special glands in insects' bodies. In turn, these secretions interact with plant chemicals, producing abnormal growth.

During its development, the pest feeds on and is protected by gall tissue. Once galls reach maturity, they stop draining the host plant of its nutrients.

Current research suggests insect- or mite-induced galls do not noticeably injure plants. However, this does not apply to nematode-induced galls, which seriously damage plant root systems.

There is no sure method of controlling gall insects or their relatives, the mites. Several species of wasps parasitize these pests. Certain stem and trunk galls may be removed by hand. In some cases, host plants may be removed and replaced by resistant species.

Chemicals will not reverse or stop gall growth. Unless they are applied when pests are laying their eggs, chemicals offer no effective control. Also, insecticides kill beneficial predators and parasites.

If you choose chemicals, spray with malathion or diazinon just as the new growth begins. Continue spraying at weekly intervals until leaves are fully developed.

Additional information is provided in two publications – L-1299, "Insect-Induced Galls on Ornamental Plants," and MP-1315, "The Mealy Oak Gall on Ornamental Live Oak of Texas" – available at the County Extension Office.

Soil Conservation District News

Assistance was given to Mrs. Rubina Heinsohn and Carl Heinsohn discussing grass and grazing management on their places.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Directors of the Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District was held on Tuesday, July 15. Three directors attended and discussed conservation and related problems as they relate to the long-range plans of the District.

Assistance was given to Carol Birdwell on selecting a pond site on her place near Eagle Lake.

Assistance was given to Ed Schindler on enlarging and deepening a pond on his place near Eagle Lake.

Frank Tate of the Eagle Lake area is planning to construct a pond.

District cooperator Royal Hensecke of the Mentz area is planning to construct a pond for erosion control and livestock water.

Henneke Bros. are planning to construct a pond and also to establish coastal bermuda grass.

Charles Neuendorff is planning to construct a pond and also shape eroded areas in the Rocky Hill area.

Lester Cranek is constructing an irrigation reservoir on the Miekow farm south of Columbus.

The conservation plan has been updated on Leslie Miller who owns a place near Bernardo.

New Brush Control

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District would like to announce that Grazlan 20F, a new brush control product, is now available for use on running livestock at a rate of 5-10 pounds per acre.

For more information on Grazlan 20F, call the Soil Conservation District office at 732-2773 or come by the office at 316 Spring Street.

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Tim Luedecke Welcomed Home With BBQ Supper

Tim Luedecke was welcomed home from his long stay in the Brooke Army Hospital with a barbecue dinner given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Luedecke. The meal consisted of barbecue chicken and sausage and all the trimmings. Also, cakes and fruit filled donuts were served.

To welcome Tim home were his relatives and friends. They are all glad he is doing better and wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

Noon Lions Set Carnival For Oct. 4

Eagle Lake Lions Club members have started plans for their annual Street Carnival which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4th at the Eagle Lake Community Center and Pavilion. Everyone is invited to make plans to attend this great event, said president Joe H. McCreary.

The carnival will kickoff with a big parade followed by entertainment and recreation and foods for all ages continuing throughout the evening.

Some of the projects which are sponsored from proceeds of the Lions Club Carnival are: Little League,Cub Scouts, Fire Department, Library, New Town Water Project, Hospital, Emergency Equipment for the City Park, School Safety Patrol Equipment, Ambulance Corps, City Beautification, Aid to Burned Out Families, Eyesight Conservation, and support of Crippled Children's and Diabetic Camps.

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Mrs. E. E. Vogelsang this is a ticket for a free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, where you get the finest foods in town including delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Dairy Delite for your free pizza not later than Aug. 28, 1980.

Persian Gulf Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gore and children, Jeffrey and Carey from Manama, Bahrain in the Persian Gulf arrived in the states on August 7. They visited Disney World in California and spent several days in New Orleans, Louisiana. Through August 14 and 22 the family visited their families Mrs. John Gore in Arp, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Wells, Jr. in Eagle Lake, returning to Manama August 22.

In Hospital

Sylvester Drymalski of Cat Spring is recovering from a slight heart attack in the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. On Saturday, Aug. 9, Mr. Drymalla was taken to the hospital in Wharton and later was told he had a slight heart attack. Friends and family join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Council Presents Plaque To Retiring City Mgr.

Eagle Lake City Council members and Mayor Elmer Struss presented T. J. Smith, who recently retired as city manager, on July 11th, after serving in that capacity for nearly 17 years, with a beautifully engraved plaque for his outstanding service to the city and to the community during an appreciation banquet last Friday night at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Making the presentation were: left to right, Council members Ralph Truly, Roy Dean Van Nort, Gene Baker; Mayor Struss; Mr. Smith; Alvin Koblefel and Mike Duarte.

T. J. Smith Honored On Retirement As City Mgr.

Past And Present City Officials, Employees Stage Appreciation Fete

Officials and employees of the City of Eagle Lake, past and present, gathered at the Eagle Lake Community Center last Friday evening, Aug. 15th, to honor Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith. Mr. Smith retired as City Manager for the City of Eagle Lake on July 11th completing nearly seventeen years of outstanding dedicated service to the city, the surrounding communities and the citizens of these communities.

Mayor Elmer Struss served as master of ceremonies for the occasion and commended Mr. Smith for his sincerity and dedication in serving in his position. The mayor noted that in his eleven years as mayor, "we may have differed on some methods of operation, but I never had any reason to question his sincerity and dedication to the city and to the people of the entire area."

The mayor noted that the retiring city manager has been active not only in city affairs, but was a key officer and member in the Fire Department, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and participated in almost every worthy community activity during the past seventeen years. He also noted that the Smiths have continued a great religious conviction and have taken an active role in summer camps of the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

Alvin W. Kobleffel, who has served on the city council for most of the period during which time Smith served as city manager, recounted the appointment of Mr. Smith as city manager after much investigation by the late E. H. Shirley, who was mayor at the time Mr. Smith was hired as city manager in the fall of 1963. He filled a vacancy that had been filled temporarily by Mr. Shirley who had served as acting city manager (without pay due to the shortage of funds in the city at that time) after the resignation of Bob Whitehurch on June 1, 1963.

Kobleffel said he had been associated with the city council for 16 of the 17 years Smith served as city manager here and commented, "I know of no finer city manager than Mr. Smith. He proved to be one of the community's most outstanding citizens."

City Judge M. M. (Mac) Jones added that he too had had long affiliation with the retiring city manager and praised him for his ability and cooperation.

Former Mayor Dale Cassady remembered that E. H. Shirley, who was mayor at the time of Mr. Smith's hiring, was responsible for bringing Mr. Smith and his family to this community.

Accomplishments Cited

Miss Lucille Perry, city secretary and clerk in the city offices for many years, recounted some of the great strides the city has made under the administration of city manager Smith. She noted that he has had a deep love for the fire department and has been active in volunteer service as a fireman for 32 years.

Perry told the group that the city purchased the present site of the fire station in January of 1973, bought a new truck in April of 1973 and found the truck too big to fit into the old station, so in July of 1973 erected the new fire station. Other improvements have occurred in the department to the point that all of the vehicles owned at this time have been obtained or remodeled under Smith's administration, making this department one of the best equipped in the area.

Other accomplishments during Smith's tenure included erection of new ground storage and an elevated tank for the water department (costing $150,000) in April of 1964; passing a $300,000 bond issue in Feb. of 1979 for a new well, storage tank and service center on Davitt Street.

Handled 3 Fed. Grants

Under Smith, the city of Eagle Lake was able to obtain three federal grants for assistance in major improvements. The first was a $90,000 grant from HUD for sewer work on West Main and in the Hubbard Ferry Rd. area; a $700,000 grant for drainage, rehabilitation and demolition in the Westmoreland (Flat) area of the city; and the city is currently in Step two (drawing of plans and specifications) for a new sewer plant for this city, expected to cost some $1.3 million with federal funds financing 70% of this project.

New subdivisions added to the city under the administration of Smith included the Thomas subdivision in 1966, the Anderson subdivision in 1972, the Ridgeles subdivision in 1973, and the latest, the addition of Grigar and Eagle Lake Implement Co. properties to the city. Also improvements were made to Austin Road and Smith assisted in locating Kevin Court Apartments project and other improvements in the community.

She recounted numerous other achievements such as addition of the sales tax, cable TV, landfill operations, and more, concluding: "It has been a real pleasure to work with you and we wish you and your family the best at all times."

Miss Perry and Harry Supak, city services supervisor, represented employees in presenting a gift of a beautiful, engraved Seiko Quartz wrist watch to the retiring city manager.

Mayor Struss and the current city councilmen, Ralph Truly, Gene Baker, Mike Duarte, Roy D. Van Nort and Kobleffel, presented Mr. Smith with a beautifully engraved plaque expressing appreciation for his outstanding and dedicated service.

Smith responded with thanks for the honors bestowed upon him and his family. He said that "it would have been unable to achieve any of these projects without the help of everyone." He added, "we set goals and achieved these goals and now it is time to turn the reins over to Bob and 'Paulette.'" Bob Klockman was appointed the new city manager on May 27th and actively assumed that position on July 11th.

Smith commended many dedicated employees of the city and noted that "you couldn't find a better quality group anywhere." He added that his family will continue to reside in Eagle Lake, a "community we have learned to love" and he pledged his further assistance to the city or to other community affairs whenever needed.

Mr. Smith introduced members of his family present for the memorable occasion, His wife, Loraine; mother, Mrs. Luther Smith; mother-in-law, Mrs. Lloyd Nall; sons Tommy and wife Debbie, Steve and wife Peggy and daughters Wanda and husband Sam Center and Leanne. Also present were the honoree's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Neumann; and close friends, Darrell and Sally Wilson.

Guests for the event included a past mayor, past councilmen and present councilmen who served during Mr. Smith's tenure; also city employees and spouses. Out of town special guests included Mr. and Mrs. David Fetzer and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fisher, with the firm of Moroney & Beissner of Houston; Auditor and Mrs. Wm. Pierce Arthur and Mayor and Mrs. Richard Heffley of Columbus; and city manager Frank Parks of Weimar.

A delicious roast beef dinner topped off with devil's food cake, was enjoyed prior to the program, catered by Mrs. Frank Broesche and staff. The invocation was given by Mr. Wilson; and the program ended with the group forming a large circle and joining hands for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Gift From City Employees

City employees expressed appreciation for the outstanding leadership and encouragement shown by City Manager T. J. Smith, who retired from the position July 11th, for the past seventeen years by presenting him with a beautifully engraved Seiko Quartz wristwatch. Making the presentation in behalf of the employees were: Miss Lucille Perry, city secretary and clerk, center; and Harry Supak, city services supervisor, right.

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"SBA disaster recovery loans are available to agricultural producers in the affected counties who have suffered crop and livestock losses," said SBA regional administrator Mercurio Martinez, Jr. "The loans are low-interest and may compensate losses not already covered by insurance and other disaster or deficiency payments."

The administrative limit restricts business disaster loans to a maximum amount of the damage of loss, up to a maximum of $500,000. Larger loans may be considered in some cases and must be approved by the regional SBA office. The interest rate on the loan is either 5% or 8½%, depending on whether SBA determines that the producer could receive credit elsewhere from commercial or non-federal sources. Martinez noted that it is not necessary for a producer to be turned down by a bank before applying for SBA assistance. Loan maturity is based on individual needs and repayment ability and has a maximum of 30 years.

The filing deadline for physical disaster loans is February 12, 1981. Economic injury disaster loan applications must be filed by May 12, 1981.

The following counties are among those to be serviced at 5555 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78751: Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend and Wharton.

Martinez said that loan applications and information on the SBA program will be available also in each county ASCS office. Telephone inquiries on particular disaster conditions named for each county may be made at (512) 458-1851 in Austin.

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