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"No Scapegoat Available"

If you're one of the consumers who has been wondering why first-class steaks sell for $1.00 a pound or more in the butcher shops while live steers bring only about a quarter as much, some factual information which has recently become available should interest you

First of all, only 30 pound of the average 1,000 pound steer are the fancy steaks which bring the top prices. The average retail price for all the products from a U.S. Choice Grade Steer of that weight was but 30 cents a pound on a recent date. And the levy demand for the relatively small supply of fancy steaks has tended to hold prices up. Between November 1951 and last October the price of these steaks declined 14 cents a pound, while the price of equally nutritious cuts as ground beef and chuck roasts went down 22 cents.

If there is any profiteering in the meat business, it will naturally show up in the form of big profits. Time magazine looked into that a short time ago. It found that cattle feeders are lucky if they make a profit of 10 per cent and that many packers are earning much less than one cent profit on each dollar of sales. The retailer's markup is around 16 per cent, of which a large part is absorbed by his overhead costs.

The Jacksonville Journal summed the matter up accurately when, in the course, of a lengthy editorial on meat prices and their causes it said, "There is no scapegoat available in the meat situation."

The Old Fin Game

Should the Rock or striped bass of the Chesapeake be reclassifield as a game fish—available only to anglers with hook and line? You as a fisherman may be called upon to answer that question before long, and it may be of value to know about California's experience with the same problem before making a decision.

The Golden Bear State has often been cited as a fisherman's Utopia where no commercial catches of stripers are allowed. Here are the facts:

In 1936 while the fish were still subject to the effects of commercial fishing, hook and liners caught 2,110,00 rock. In 1951, 70 % more anglers too konly 1,490,000 fish. This means that after sixteen years of exclusive sport fishing, today's angler is catching less than half as many fish as he did in 1936.

This strange phenomenon, sheepishly attested to by the California Fish and Game Commission, may well occur herein the Chesapeake if netting is abolished. Then again just the opposite situation may develop, and Bay waters will become so crowded with rock that fish will be fighting each other for swimming space.

The truth is, no one knows what would happen if rock were elevated to the classification of gamefish. The thinking angler pauses for thought, however, instead of making snap decisions that may eventually boomerang.

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