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"Times Ahead To Be Best Ever"

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That is the title of a highly optimistic article in the December 17th issue of U.S. News & World Report. The general substance of it is found in the opening paragraph: "The American people's standard of living keep rising. Over the years, in spite of high prices and high taxes, the average family has been able to afford more and more luxuries, better food, more vacations, a better house. That trend of the past is to continue in year's ahead . . . In 1955, the standards of living—measured by 'real' income—will hit another all-time high." "Real income is predicated upon the amount of goods and services one's earnings will buy, after taxes.

There are obvious hazards in any economic forecast, as many an expert has learned to his sorrow. But the story that U.S. News tells in brief form is certainly an impressive one.

In a single decade, for instance,living standards have gone up 25 per cent. Many people once feared that our population would grow faster than our economy, which of course, would have meant a drop in per capita income and a resultant decline in living standards. But the opposite happened instead. We have a greater number of non-earners than ever, which means that the earners must support more people. Still, the rise in "real" income has more than offset that, and by a substantial and growing margin.

In 1947, says U.S. News, per capita spending for personal consumption (based on constant 1953 dollars... was $1,339. In 1950 it was $1,402. Last year it was an estimated $1,434.

The most obvious measurement of living standards is found in our material possessions. And here, despite war and inflation and everything else, we have been going ahead at a great rate. Where 79 per cent of the homes had electricity in 1950, practically all have it now. Only 40 per cent of the homes had mechanical refrigeration in 1950—now the figures is 90 per cent. Seventy per cent of our families today have cars against 50 per cent in 1950 In the same period, the percentage with telephones has almost doubled. So it goes, down an almost endless list.

Home ownership is another big baromter to economists. Last year some 59.3 per cent of the famiies owned their homes, while only 43.6 per cent did in 1940.

There have been big improvements in the average family diet too. U.S. News cites red-meat consumption —officially estimated at 146 pounds per capita last year as compared with 134 pound in 1940. Milk consumption is also up, and sales of poultry products have been running at record volume.

Fewer new clothes are being bought. But, the magazine says, they are of better quality. The chemically-produced fabrics, such as rayon and nylon, are being bought at twice the 1940 rate.

People are enjoying more recreation and better medicl care too. To quote U.S. News once more, "The trend toward improved living standards, in fact, appears nearly everywhere, despite the big increase in the non-working population and the larger size of young American families."

Blind Baiting Reduced Said Game Warden

A federal game warden said today the arrest of 10 Maryland hunters the first of the year drastically curtailed the widespread practice of scattering bait near duck and geese blinds.

Curtis Allen, supervisor of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region Five, said a flight over Chesapeake Bay country showed only three baited blinds among the 5,000 or so in the area.

Federal regulations prohibit the spreading of corn or other enticements near blinds. Maryland's law only prohibits shooting within 200 yards of a baited area.

The difference has been a bone of contention with Maryland hunters. Ernest A. Vaughn, director of the Maryland Game and Inland Fish Department, issued an order to his men in December telling them not to cooperate with federal wardens in making arrests.

Allen, who came from his headquarters in Boston to head a special 14-man enforcement team of federal officers, said Vaukhn's order resulted from political pressure from Southern Maryland.

The federal supervisor said violation of the regulations against baiting is worse in Maryland than in any of the other states in his jurisdiction.

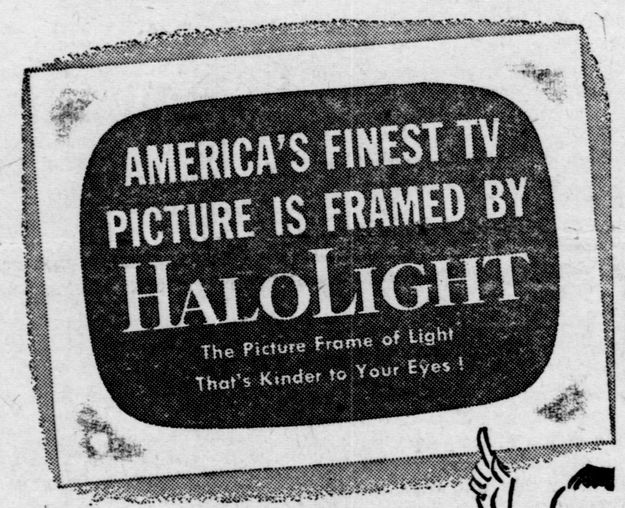
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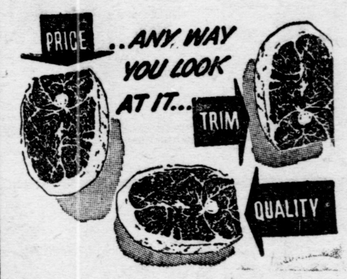
late of said county, deceased, who died without leaving personal estate, but leaving certain real estate in the State of Maryland. Pursuant to the Order of said Court all resident and non-resident creditors of said deceased are hereby warned and notified to file their claims against said deceased, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated in said Court on or before the 15th day of July, 1955. The law provides that no claim not filed on or before the date mentioned can thereafter be asserted against such real estate in the hands of a purchaser for value.

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