

Chemicals in Food

It was probably more than 7,000 years ago when man first added a chemical to food. This, of course, was sodium chloride, more commonly known as table salt. Man learned that this preserved meat for a much longer time, flavored the food, and was even necessary for good health.

In the early days, trial and error was the only method used to add chemicals to food. If people got sick, or died, after using foods preserved with certain chemicals, the chemicals were abandoned.

In the 1800's, many dyes, some poisonous, were used to conceal the inferiority of different foods.

It was just 50 years ago that Dr. Harvey Wiley questioned the safety of chemicals used in food. He fought for a pure food and drug act, largely to prevent the use of boric acid, formaldehyde, and salicylic acid in foods.

He dramatized the problem by forming a "poison squad." Young men volunteered to eat foods containing measured amounts of the questioned chemicals, and they were then observed for detectable evidence of harm.

The whole problem of food additives has advanced in the past 50 years. The addition of potassium iodide to salt helps prevent common goiter. Vitamin-enriched bread, corn meal, and breakfast foods, as well as oleo and other foods, had greatly increased the healthiness of Americans. Where scurvy, rickets, and other deficiency diseases were once common, they are now almost extinct.

In the mid-1950's a new problem arose. Several hundred new additives had not been completely pre-tested for human safety. Under the law then in effect, the food and drug administration could not stop their use. The law was amended, and now additives which might produce harmful long-term effects from exposure to minute amounts can be prohibited until proved safe.

The law also prohibits the use of any chemical that would result in consumer deception. Extensive tests must be run before the additives are marketed. Results must be submitted to the U.S. FDA. If the FDA is satisfied that the chemical is safe, it may be used. A maximum limit on the amount, usually the smallest amount effective, will be fixed in the order permitting its use.

In addition, this applies not only to substances added directly to foods, but to those used in packing, or that in any way might contaminate the food. It applies to irradiation methods, and residues that might carry over into animal foods, like meat, milk or eggs.

Continued investigation of chemicals and foods consumed by the American public in this day of mass-marketed goods is a real necessity.

We must remember that everything we eat, from meat to carrots, has always been just a great mixture of chemical compounds and elements. Adding new ones can be beneficial or deleterious, depending on what is added. Thus the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) helps protect the American public.

Decatur High Honor Roll Is Announced

Honor students for the final six weeks of the 1959-60 school year at the Decatur high school and eighth grade have been announced by Hugh J. Andrews, principal.

There are 47 students on the high school list and 22 on the eighth grade roll. The complete list follows:

High School	
Jack Dailey	6
Dennis Ahr	5
Ronald August	5
John Cowan	5
Thomas Cravens	5
Lois Gerke	5
Larry Hamilton	5
Carolyn Steele	5

Janice Heemstra	4
Lois Werling Gehrig	4
Robert Theobald	4
Karen Zimmerman	4

Alice Allwein	4
Katherine Bischoff	4
Cynthia Cravens	4
Paul Feller	4
Dan Heller	4
Thomas McIntosh	4
Carol Norquest	4
Alise Schroeder	4
Kathleen Smith	4
David Swickard	4

Jean Conrad	3
Mary Eichenauer	3
Julia Ellsworth	3
Candace Johnson	3
Marceda Whetstone	3
Margaret Azbell	3
Thomas Grabill	3
Ronald Kiess	3
Steven Marbach	3
Rita Norquest	3
Terje Strom	3

Janice Allison	2
Mary Kocher	2
Kay Stoppenhagen	2
Cynthia Collier	2
Joyce Daniels	2
David Gay	2
James Gay	2
Colleen Kelly	2
Thomas Maddox	2
James Newton	2
Shirley Painter	2
Michael Thieme	2
Dan Theobald	2
Loretta Wass	2

Eighth Grade	
Thomas Baxter	10
Richard Doty	9
Margaret Kocher	9
Ann Allwein	9

Connie Teeple	8
Marilyn Knudsen	7
Janet Fugate	7

John Beeler	6
Jane Burk	6
Gary Schultz	6
Maryann Zwick	6

Ted Kleinhenz	5
Nathan Gonzales	4
Richard Ortiz	4
Rebecca Rumble	4
Cheryl Sapp	4

Rita Spence	3
Mark Corral	3
Judith Heare	3
Kenneth Riffle	3
Judith Rydell	3

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Estate Cases

In the George H. Glassburn estate, Dallas Blackburn's petition to disallow the payment of the public welfare department was denied by the court. The costs occasioned by the filing and trial of the petition were assessed against Blackburn.

In the estate of Clarence Paul Hinchman, inventory 1 was filed, examined and approved. It showed the estate to be valued at \$1,350. The petition to sell personal property at a private sale was filed. Order for the sale of the personal property was also filed.

Complaints Filed
In the case of Decatur Ready-Mix Inc. vs Dwight Davis, a complaint for account was filed. A summons was ordered issued to the sheriff of Adams county for the defendant, returnable June 11.

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Case Continued
In the Beverly H. Reynolds vs Roger W. Reynolds case, on a motion of the plaintiff the case was continued.

Estates Appearance
In the case of Wobler Corp. vs Albert Riehle, formerly d/b/a Riehle Tractor and Auto Parts, Hubert R. McClanahan entered a special appearance for the defendant. The defendant is ruled to answer.

In the case of the Tractor Implement Supply Co. Inc. vs Albert Riehle, formerly d/b/a Riehle Tractor and Auto Parts, Hubert R. McClanahan entered a special appearance for the defendant. The defendants are ruled to answer.

Oranges
Eating the whole orange insures more vitamins and minerals. It takes a little longer to eat but is better than drinking only the juice.

Eight From County Graduates At Purdue

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Approximately 1,600 students completing their work this semester will receive their degrees at the annual commencement exercises at Purdue University to be held Sunday, in the Edward C. Elliott hall of music. Two exercises will be held, one at 9:30 a. m. for the engineering and pharmacy graduates and another at 2:30 p. m. for graduates in all other curricula. In addition to those graduating this semester, the 1960 class also will include 721 students who met degree requirements at the end of the first semester last January and 628 who completed their work in the summer session ending last August. These groups make the total of graduates for the current year approximately 2,900. Attendance at the commencement, however, is not compulsory for the January and August graduates.

Dr. Frederick L. Hoyte, president of Purdue, will give the address to the graduating class and formally confer the respective degrees. Special music will be provided by the symphonic band and the varsity glee club. In keeping with tradition, the academic procession across the central campus will immediately precede each program.

Candidates for degrees in the current semester from Adams county are as follows:
Bernie Abraham, J. Nisbaum, 631 E. Water St., bachelor of science; William H. Rumble, R. 2, Mix Ave., bachelor of science in agriculture.
Decatur: Cleus A. Corey, 1339 Mix Ave., bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; Evelyn June Doerrman, R. 1, bachelor of science, and Rhea Louise Eichhorn, R. 8, master of science.
Geneva: David A. Baumgartner, R. 2, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering, and James

T. Taylor, R. 1, bachelor of science in agriculture.
Pleasant Mills: John C. Wolfe, bachelor of physical education.

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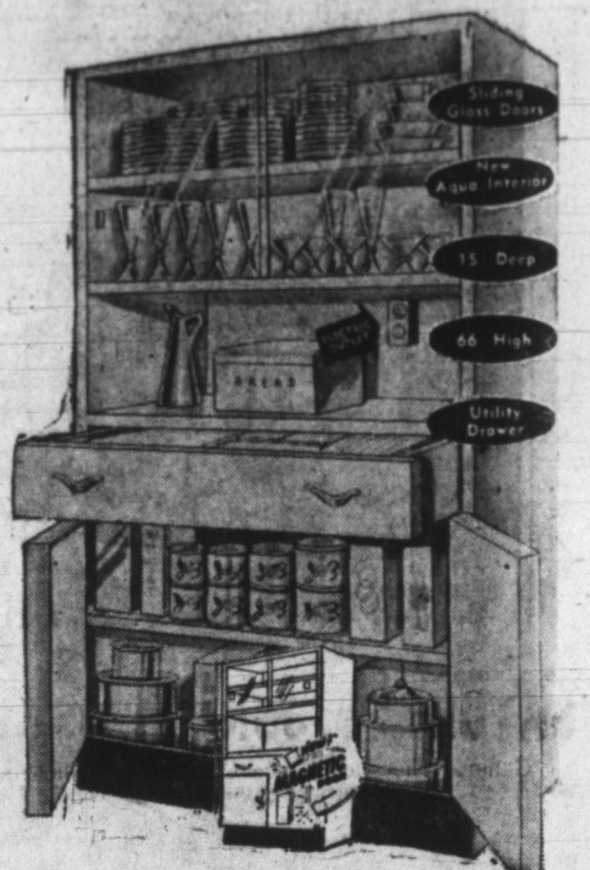
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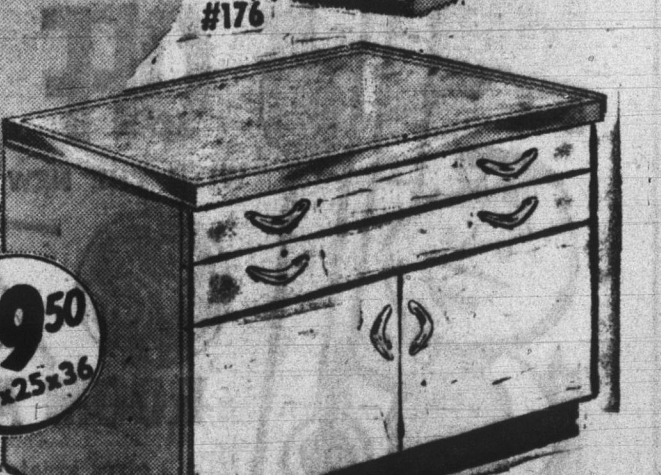
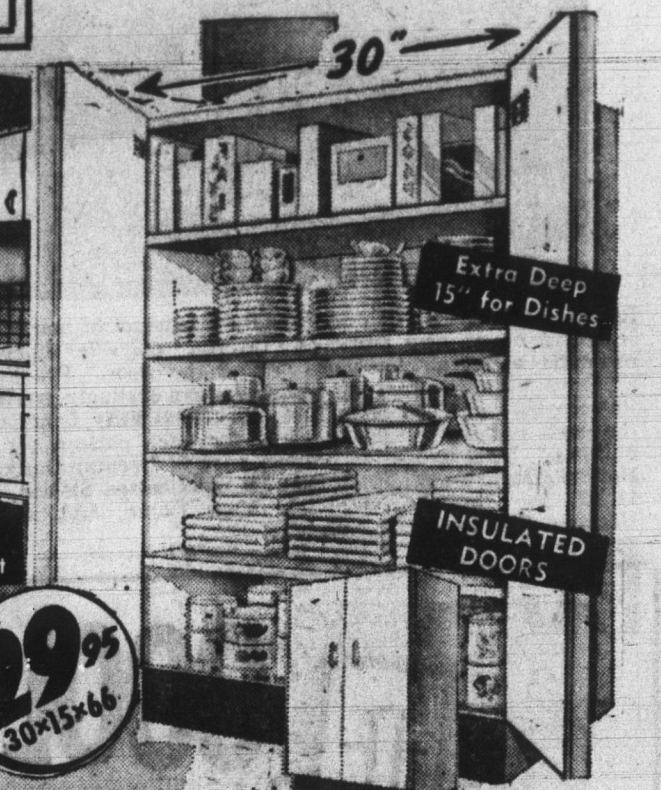
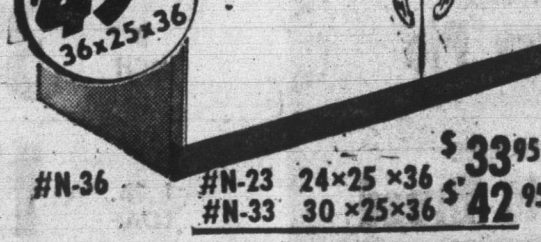
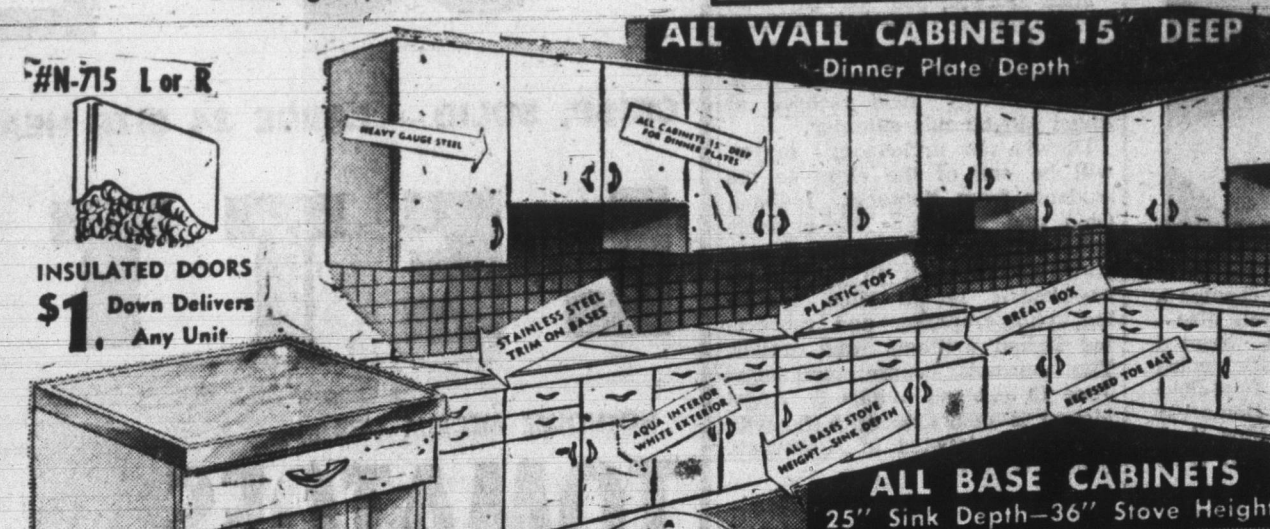
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6:00—Life of Riley
6:30—Now I'll Tell One
6:30—Tom Calenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
6:50—Sea Hunt
7:00—To Tell The Truth
7:00—Betty Hutton
7:10—Johnny Ringo
7:30—Cliff Clavin
7:30—Revelation Revue
7:40—Phil Wilson News
7:45—Rancho Notorious
7:50—FBI

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