

Grocery Gems & Goodies

by Phil Fitch

Well Folks, if you listened to us last week on the sugar item you will be saving yourself some change as the situation of overloaded sugar warehouses and refineries hit the front pages of many daily Newspapers this week. What with lay-offs, cancellation of orders, and over stocks — the price should drop to near normal in a short time.

On the produce market, iceberg lettuce and pascal celery hit prices for the first time in several weeks with some stores featuring lettuce around 29c per head.

In the meat line, beef prices are remaining with the cheaper cuts being featured at low special prices and, for the first time in many weeks some area stores are featuring several items in the pork line — but don't count on these prices remaining this low for more than a few days — so take advantage of what you would like now.



Sarah Underhill One Of Finalists In Nancy Thorp Memorial Poetry Contest

Sarah Underhill of Alfred-Almond Central School is one of 19 finalists in the 12th annual Nancy Thorp Memorial Poetry Contest sponsored by Hollins College for preparatory and high school seniors.

Miss Underhill won finalist recognition for her work "What I Did Next Summer." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Underhill of East Valley, Alfred Station.

Besides first and second place winners, there were 19 finalists and 45 honorable mention winners. Over 800 entries were received this year from 422 students in 222 schools east of the Mississippi. The entries were judged by members of the Hollins English Department.

Hollins, a four-year women's college near Roanoke, Va., established the contest in memory of an alumna and talented young poet.

Because IRS processing of returns is geared to the social security number, H. B. Mosher, Buffalo District Director of the Internal Revenue, emphasized that a missing or erroneous social security number could lead to a processing delay and a much slower refund.

Correct social security information, Mr. Mosher pointed out, ensures that the taxpayer gets full credit for all earnings covered under social security as well as the medicare program. For that reason, any name changes should also be reported to the local Social Security Administration office.

"If your return arrives at the Andover Service Center without proper social security numbers," Mr. Mosher said, "our only alternative is to take the return out of the normal mainstream of processing and assign it to a special unit, which must then try to determine the correct number."

"Sometimes this can take weeks. If you're waiting for a refund, this can only cause a considerable delay."

To ensure that the social security number is correct, according to Mr. Mosher, the taxpayer should first check and, if necessary, correct the number or numbers shown on the address label on the tax return package received in the mail.

If the taxpayer did not receive a labeled returns package, Mr. Mosher said, the correct social security information should be entered in the spaces provided for on the form.

"If you are married and your spouse also has a social security number, it is important that you enter both numbers," he said, "whether you file jointly or separately."

Mr. Mosher also reminded taxpayers who have extra income — for example, from a sideline job — to determine if they should pay self-employment taxes.

Social Security Numbers Of Husbands And Wife Required On Tax Form

Buffalo New York — Married taxpayers filing either joint or separate tax returns should make sure that the social security numbers of both husband and wife appear on the Forms 1040 or 1040A filed, the IRS said today.

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—Mr. and Mrs. John Strouse, accompanied by her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Bledsoe of Wellsville, returned to their homes Sunday after spending two weeks vacationing in Florida.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olsen of Penn Yan were Monday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Allen and also called on Mrs. Helen Allen, who is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. McCormick and Mrs. Jennie White of Greenwood left last Friday to spend 10 days in Florida visiting relatives and friends.

—Miss Mary Burns was honored with a birthday party Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Smyth and sons, Courtney William and Sean Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick and sons, Matthew, Michael Eileen and Mary Camille McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mead, Miss Mary O'Leary and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burns attending.

Raymond Owen, recognized spokesman on volunteerism, will be the speaker at the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Allegany County Red Cross Chapter Monday, February 3, at the Wellsville Country Club. Anyone who donated a \$1.00 or more to Red Cross this past year may attend the annual dinner meeting and vote. Reservations may be made by calling 593-1531.

Appreciation

I wish to express my appreciation to all my relatives and friends for the Prayer and get-well cards sent to me while I was sick, especially I would like to thank Gertrude Milligan, Marie Alvord, Elizabeth Mead and Camilla Harris, may God Bless you all.

Reta Burns

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I wish to express my appreciation to all my friends and relatives for the flowers, gifts, cards, visitations in person and by phone calls, which I received while I was in the hospital. Also a special thanks to the third floor nurses for their wonderful care and attention.

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