

The city, I think, puts 30 percent on the outer limits of fat to lean, yet the individual stores have their own self-limiting policy. At National store I believe it is 20-percent fat to 80-percent lean. At Kroger this is the same and at A. & P. I think they have 10-percent fat to 90-percent lean. So we saw much fat showing, and the color of the meat was not fresh and red as you would look for when you were buying hamburger.

At the suburban store, at 630 North McKnight, they had an excellent grade of ground beef for the same price.

The pork chops, good chops I am told by our food authority are looked for leanness today, so when you buy pork chops this is one of the things you look for in quality. The pork chops in the inner-city store were very fatty and did not have as much proportion, as big a proportion of lean meat as was available at the store at 630 North McKnight, and yet the price was 10 cents higher a pound, which surprised us.

I am off the little thing I had prepared, so I'm rattled.

We noted—well, what it works down to is that five of them were higher priced, five of them were of lower quality, and since there was an overlap there, seven out of the 13 items, then, were a poorer buy or a better buy in the suburbs, depending on how you look at it. Only two items, canned early June peas and Campbells chicken noodle soup were treated absolutely identically.

There was another thing that we found, eggs in the inner-city store were priced the same as in the suburban store, but in the poor shopping area there were two additional grades of eggs being offered of super-quality. One was a superjumbo egg and the man said they had double yolks. Well, I suppose this would be a good buy in the amount of egg you are actually buying for your money, but I don't think any sensible housewife would buy this since all recipes would have to be altered. I thought it was a questionable thing to offer in an area where people are poor, so it worked out in inner-city we had nine items of higher cost, poorer quality, or limited choice, if you would include flour and sugar. One questionable thing, this egg buy, I didn't know how to rate. Peas and soup were the same at the inner-city store as at the suburban store, and one item, corn flakes, was a better buy. You could get that for a penny cheaper at the inner-city store than you could at the suburban store.

MR. ROSENTHAL. You are talking about National now?

MRS. DAMES. This is National; yes, right.

If you look at it the other way, though, at the suburban store there was only one item of higher price, the corn flakes. They had no questionable egg buy, I didn't know how to rate that, but it was a buy not offered, and the same buys were available on peas, soup, and eggs as at the inner-city store. The better buys totaled nine.

In addition to these things, we noted that many of the canned goods were unmarked. To find the price, you had to ask store personnel. Several canned goods were on special but still bore prespecial price. When I asked the clerk, she gave the special price.

MR. ROSENTHAL. Did you buy these goods?

MRS. DAMES. No. I purchased only the fresh produce and the meats.

Quite commonly in the city store was the selling of damaged canned goods at the regular price. In several instances, cases of goods were