Farmers must live too

Food prices have risen, but before condemning farmers and ranchers and threatening them with a wave of controls, a few facts must be considered if the nation wishes to continue eating in the style to which it has become accustomed.

Foremost among these facts is that farm prices still remain at preinflation low levels. Food prices have risen because of inflationary increases in handling costs. The plight of the farmer is well expressed in an article appearing on the editorial page of a major daily newspaper. It is pointed out that, "Farmers and ranchers are expected to stay on the land rather than join the job-seekers in the city. . .On the other hand, farmers and ranchers are not expected to make more money ever because if they do the cost of food will go up. When beef prices rise to levels of 20 years ago, the protest is loud and clear. . .Bear in mind that farmers and ranchers are consumers, too, and as consumers their expenses have gone up more than 100 percent during the same period that prices they receive for their products have remained stable".

The conclusion reached in the article quoted above is much to the point--the food we buy today is one of the best bargains in the marketplace, ", , ,even if beef prices have climbed up to 1952 levels".

FARM & HOME

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Some interesting facts and figures about the American farmer, the foods he produces for the American consumer, and why they cost what they do.

In the last 20 years:

Wholesale food prices have gone up 20 percent; Retail food prices have gone up 43 percent; Farm prices for food products have gone up only six percent.

Retail food prices have not advanced as much as other main categories in the cost-of-living index.

Twenty years ago people paid 23 percent of their take-home pay for food.

Last year they spent 16 percent of the take-home for food.

This year they are expected to spend less than 16 percent.

Twenty years ago the farmer received 49 cents of the dollar spent by consumers for farm-raised food. Farmers are now receiving only about 38 cents of that dollar.

In the last 20 years, while output per man hour in the manufacturing industries has multiplied by 1.6; out put per man hour on farms is up 3.3 times, or more than twice as much as in industry.

Twenty years ago one farm worker supplied 16 people with food. Now he produces enough for 51 people, an increase of more than three times. While the American consumer was spending a decreasing amount of his take-home pay for food, he got food was increasing in quality and quantity. Farmers produced and marketed 21.9 billion pounds of beef in 1971, 20 years ago, they produced and marketed only 8.8 billion pounds. Last year beef consumption per person averaged 114.3 pounds, 20 years ago, only a third of the beef produced was of Choice grade. Now 60 percent of beef production is graded Choice. Beef and veal imported from other countries to help feed the American consumer have increased 3.7times in the last 20 years.

The increase in food prices is primarily because of higher wages. Average wage rates per hour of production workers in manufacturing are 2.3 times higher than 20 years ago. They were $1.56 per hour in 1951 and $3.57 in 1971.

The large increases in the cost of food are for food eaten away from home, where labor and services are the main ingredients of food cost. Total food expenditures away from home have risen 79 percent in the last 10 years and the price index for food eaten away from home has increased more than 50 percent in the last 10 years.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

Nearly everyone it seems had something to say last week about the coming of Daylight Saving time, and now that it is here I'll put in a few remarks. Since this is only the third morning that I've had to get up an hour earlier, maybe I'm not qualified to judge, but I sure do not like getting up in the dark or facing a gray, dreary morning. Now come afternoon and getting off time, that's another story, that extra hour of daylight is really nice. Then the whole schedule being worked here (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) allows for a little more use of the daylight hours. Maybe by October 29 I will have adapted and found out how the boss can get off half an hour earlier.

--MV--

I didn't give much attention Sunday afternoon to fishing, having gotten hooked on birds. There are all kinds and colors hopping around the hickorys at the lake and several that will remain nameless because my copy of Song and Garden Birds of North America just doesn't have a description to fit them.

--MV--

Of course having mentioned the word fishing I can't help but note, had I caught that 8-pound plus bass pictured elsewhere in this issue, then I certainly wouldn't have been looking at birds. And it is reported the fisherman managed to book the mate to the one he caught. Some people have all the fishing luck.

--MV--

It takes more than eight minutes for the light of the sun to reach the earth; and when I arose this morning, it hadn't gotten here.

--MV--

The Portland, Oregon, Traffic Safety Commission points out that "right of way" is something that you give--not take.

--MV--

The following is reprinted from the Townsend, Montana, Star:

THE GOVERNMENT IS MY SHEPHERD

The Government is my shepherd, I need not work.

It encouragedth me to lie downon a good job.

It leadeth me beside the still factories.

It destroyeth my initiative, and confiscateth my earnings.

It leadeth me in the path of a parasite, for politics' sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of deficit spending, I will fear no evil, for the Government is with me.

Its Social Security and its price supports, they comfort me.

It promiseth an economic utopia, and appropriateth the earnings of my grandchildren.

It filleth my head with the false security of a dream-world.

Until my inefficiency runneth over.

Surely the Government will care for me, all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in a fool's paradise forever.

--MV--

I'm always surprised when this column appears. There are times when I feel it will never make print.

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BOWL-E-MO-RY-LANE

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, May 8, 1952

B.P. Alexander, chairman of the VFW Horse Show, announced this week that an added attraction this year will be a lady sidesaddle rider, Mrs. H.E. Frederick of Murrysville, Ohio.

Brooks Pitman and Betty Caywood, seniors at the Carlisle High School, were elected King and Queen for the 1952 graduating class recently by popular vote.

William F. Clark, Cleary Flightmaster and Henry Allen Palmer were re-elected as members of the Carlisle Board of Education, Saturday night.

Bonnie Ritchie has been named valedictorian and Margaret Crouch, salutatorian of Nicholas County High School graduating class.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Fair, a daughter, Friday in Lexington.--To Mr. and Mrs. James Zealy, Goldsboro, N.C., a son, James Jr., May 3.--To Cpl. and Mrs. Dean Auxier, a son, Robert Dean, April 29, at Catatl, Calif.

MARRIED--Mrs. Clyda Waddell Lander of Winchester, to Frank Clay Sloan of Burnside, April 26, in Richmond.

DIED--Mrs. Bettie Overby, 89, Sunday in Maysville.--Mrs. Jane Powell Yates, Cincinnati, Thursday.--Mrs. Margarette Crockett Suit, 48, Thursday in Maysville.--William (Bud) Duncan, 52, Monday at his home.

Thursday, May 5, 1932

Merchandise valued at several hundred dollars was stolen from Lerman Bros. store one night last week when thelves forced open the rear door to enter the building and steal a quantity of goods.

Commencement exercises will be held at the Headquarters school this week beginning with the baccalaureate service at the Headquarters Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday with the Rev. G. W. Townsend delivering the sermon.

Contracts for the building of a road from Carlisle to Flemingsburg were let last Friday by the State Highway Commission in Frankfort. Work will begin at once.

Those filing claims for sheep lost by marauding dogs last week were Ernest Hamilton, N.B. Roberts, Noel Gaunce, John L. Kerns, Nash Hostetler, Lee Linville and T.B. Mathers. The claims totaled $256.50.

Some farmers throughout the county report their tobacco beds being damaged by cutworms.

Miss Tempa Gaunce, a member of this year's graduating class at Midway KFOS, will be one of the maids for the May Queen for the May Day exercises to be held at that school May 7.

The Greyhound Bus Lines has taken off one bull each way between Maysville and Lexington. The bus formerly arriving here from Lexington at 9 a.m. and leaving for Lexington at 12:30 p.m. have been discontinued, leaving two buses each way daily.

James W. Boyd, formerly of Carlisle, suffered painful injuries last Wednesday afternoon when he fell down a flight of stairs at his home in Lexington. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment.

Nicholas County farm lands will be assessed 15 percent lower this year than last according to a final decision of the State Tax Commission.

G.C. Grover, Nicholas County chairman for the Kentucky Wool Growers Association, has completed arrangements for the receiving of the 1932 wool clip.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Vice, a daughter, Sunday night at the Johnson Memorial Hospital, named Caroline Mason.

MARRIED--Miss Rosa D. Jewell, Sharpsburg, and Mr. Allen Howe Owings, Carlisle, in Maysville, Saturday.--Miss Corinne Carrington and Boone Harris, both of Blue Licks, two months ago.

DIED--Sherman J. Fryman, 66, last Friday night at his home at Barefoot following a stroke.

Agree Or Not

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT--With Derby Day, May 6, the usual signal for the start of the tourist season in Kentucky, Kentucky Parks Commissioner Ewart Johnson says the parks are anticipating another banner year to outstrip the record of 25.5 million visitors last year.

Kentucky's more than 40 parks, shrines and monuments have streams of visitors from early May through Labor Day when the traffic begins to slow.

Johnson said his department is trying to cope with this expected influx of park visitors by addition of various new programs and facilities. He said about 50 percent of Kentucky's resort parks have noted an increase in advance reservations over a year ago. However, he explained, visitors are not making advance reservations as early as a few years ago, which means there are sufficient numbers of all types of accommodations available.

Johnson has been stressing the expansion of camping sites in the parks. He says there is an upsurge in family camping vacations and that there was more demand last summer than there were spaces.

In a recent radio talk program with Milton Metz on WHAS almost 90 percent of the telephone calls related to camping facilities in state parks, Johnson said.

Kentucky's 15 resort type parks range from the lodge-pole pine type at Cumberland Falls and Carter Caves to the modern type at Lake Cumberland, Kentucky Dam Village and Rough River.

Rooms at the lodges are $12 a day for single and $18 for double. One bedroom cottages are $16-$20; two bedroom, $28-$32; and three bedroom are $36 a day. Executive cottages at Kentucky Dam are $54 a day, but they have three bedrooms, an all-electric kitchen, large living room, and cots may be brought in for children.

Most of the resort lodges have swimming pools and some have beaches in addition to the pools. Most of them have golf courses, tennis courts, shuffle board courts and recreation rooms in the main lodge, plus large dining rooms.

Kentucky Dam Village schedules large conventions during fall, winter, and early spring months as does Lake Barkley. The other resort lodges can handle medium sized conventions.

The Kentucky Press Association alternates its summer conventions between Kentucky Dam and Cumberland Falls State Park which is also capable of handling large conventions.

Facilities in the 15 resort parks include 744 rooms and 322 cottages. Fishing, swimming and boating are also available at these, and horseback riding at most.

Johnson says a greater effort will be made to entertain our park visitors. The emphasis in this area will be on the natural features of the park, understanding and natural features of the park. Along with the nature programs will be activities involving social, crafts, sports, games and special forms of entertainment including tours, lectures, square dancing and singing.

Staged amphitheatre productions will be upgraded with the addition of Tom Ewell to the staff as a consultant.

New facilities being added to the state park system to add to the park guests' enjoyment are:

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park--new addition to lodge rooms and a new pool.

Lake Barkley State Resort Park--completed a new multi-purpose building and multi-purpose courts.

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park--a new multi-purpose building.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park--has just begun a new multi-purpose building.

General Butler State Resort Park--has under construction new tennis courts, as well as a new multi-purpose court.

Kenlake State Resort Park--new tennis courts and a new multi-purpose court unser construction.

Big Bone Lick State Park--new tennis courts, a new game court under construction.

Thomas Walker State Shrine--new shuffle board courts.

Kincaid Lake State Park--building new paddle tennis courts, miniature golf course now about 50 percent completed.

Lake Malone State Park--new multi-purpose courts; shuffle board courts under construction.

Barren River Lake State Resort Park--under construction new multi-purpose court; two new tennis courts and paddle tennis courts.

Fort Boonesborough State Park--will soon be constructing a new miniature golf course and multi-purpose court.

Levi Jackson State Park--is now in the process of expanding their multi-purpose courts and are constructing a new miniature golf course.

LETTERS

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

I often hear comments about the young people of Carlisle and Nicholas County concerning how bad some of them are. I want to make this statement. I know a great number of the young people here and for the most part they are a real decent group of people. I regret that our community is unable to offer the young people a better future. Many of these kids will have to leave the community to find decent jobs when they complete school. This constitutes a loss of a great natural resource due to the lack of a better developed area.

I hope that our community can grow a great deal more. We can't

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National Award-Winning Syndicated Hometown Column

THE PIED TYPER
By Dave Mely

She is barely covered by freedom of speech

The next time I'm in Seattle, I'm going down to the Lucky Lady Tavern and see what Ruby has to say. It's not so much what she says, it's the way she says it that's so interesting.

Ruby does a dance at the tavern in what some unimaginative people might call a common topless go-go show. That's why the police arrested her for being so outspoken. Indecency was the rap. But a judge has ruled Ruby's is a form of communication protected by the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of speech and the house bouncer.

In overturning a conviction of "indecent exposure" against Ruby, Superior Court Judge Robert W. Winsor declared: "She is a go-go dancer with five years of experience, and therefore I believe she can be classified as a professional dancer. Topless go-go dancing is a communication, although the court and other people may not like the message. She has the right to communicate through her dancing."

The boys down at the bar agree with the judge. They know Ruby is trying to tell them something. That's why they keep coming back to learn more about the details. It beats spicy semaphore or obscene smoke signals for sending messages.

This ruling is expected to lead to a new era of interesting communications in cabarets around Seattle and maybe even a new way to recite Shakespeare and the Gettysburg Address in the better supper clubs.

Obviously, for the first time it is going to limit a woman's ability to talk to only those best equipped to tell it like it is.

Some years ago, a friend of mine was stripped to the waist out mowing his yard when a patrol car drove up and stopped. This was a well-to-do, stuffy neighborhood where a bare chest seemed like a strip tease at a church social.

"Don't you know you are breaking the law?" the cop growled at my buddy. "We don't allow no indecent exposure in this town, you know."

My friend just shrugged -- he didn't seem to consider himself indecently exposed. The cop continued, "Why, what would people say if your wife dressed like that?"

My friend thought this over for a minute and then said to the policeman:

"They'd say I'd married her for her money."

-tpt-

Frank X. Tolbert, who gads all over Texas for his Dallas Morning News, has dug up some colorful characters in his time. He trotted up to Bosque near Waco to find the grave of Bosque John McLennan, one of the best hoss thieves in the middle 1880's.

Bosque John was carried off by the Keechi Indians at the age of 6 and lived with them for 10 years, acquiring the skills needed to make himself a good hoss thief. But before the vigilantes could slip a noose over his neck, he married the prettiest gal in his county and settled down.

There were, however, some things about domestication that didn't suit Bosque John. He disliked sleeping in houses. His wife didn't care much for camping out. In the shuffle they did manage to come up with seven children, which must have meant they were not entirely incompatible.

John was well on his way to making a name for himself as a scout and interpreter in the Indian country, first for the U.S. Army and Texas Ranger expeditions and then for the confederate forces. But his liking for outdoor sleeping was his downfall.

One night he picked at his roost the second story ledge of the McLennan County courthouse and rolled off.

-tpt-

Are you annoyed:

-by people who call you on the phone and ask "Whosie"?

-by high-pressure salesmen?

-by people who want you to do their hatchet work?

-by educated people with poor penmanship?

-by public officials who want to raise taxes?

-by people who brag about beating laws?

-by drivers who scratch off?

-by ladies wearing lace hose?

-by cold coffee?

-by men who have no trouble keeping their shirttails in?

-by people wanting something for nothing?

-by magazine salesmen?

-by drunks who put the bite on you for another snifter?

-by parents who boast about their child's high grades?

-by youths long on hair and short on grey matter?

-by people who write junk like this?

-tpt-

A little boy: perpetual motion.

A boy is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite. He eats only when awake. Boys faithfully imitate their dads in spite of all efforts to teach them good manners. Boys are not popular except with their own parents, but they do have many fine qualities. You can absolutely rely on a boy if you know what to rely on. Boys are durable. A boy, if not washed too often and if kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident, will survive broken bones, hornets, swimming holes, fights and nine helpings of pie. In fact he is nature's answer to that false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion.

Boys love to trade things. He will trade frogs, fish hooks, marbles, knives and snakes for anything that is priceless or worthless. When he grows up he will trade puppy love, energy, warts, bashfulness and a cast iron stomach for a bay window, pride, ambition, pretense and a bald head and will immediately begin to say that boys are not what they were in the good old days.

-tpt-

Semper fidelis.

Silver Poplar

Pictured are Charles G. House, Leonard F. Gilkison Jr., Gary K. Stone, Willie G. Hogg, of Det. 1, Co. B, 201st Engineer Battalion of the National Guard, Carlisle, getting ready to trim some limbs from this Silver Poplar which they cut down Saturday, April 29, to make way for development of the new recreation park on East Union Road, The day's labor was donated by the National Guard, Carlisle Unit, as part of their contribution towards the new park. Sergeant Bobby Anderson, Unit AST, was in charge of the project.--Mercury photo

For Park

On-lookers observe the trunk of the huge tree that was cut down Saturday, April 29 by National Guardsmen of Carlisle, under supervision of Sgt. Bobby Anderson, clearing ground for development of the new recreation park.--Mercury photo

Mental Health post filled

Dr. Lawrence R. Mudd, former director of Central State Hospital in Louisville, has been named to head the Kentucky Department of Mental Health's new program for mentally ill criminals.

The newly established Division of Forensic Psychiatry will begin operations with a $416,229 grant from the Kentucky Crime Commission.

Mental Health Commissioner keep the old name brand politicians or some of the old ideas of the past. We have to look to the future. It brings us to this point in life that I want to stress. Today's young people will be tomorrow's leaders and they will need a great deal of help. So lets start now to assure a better future for all our citizens.

Sincerely yours,
Allen Clay Stone

Dr. Dale H. Farabee, in announcing Dr. Mudd's appointment, said competent psychiatric services for offenders are becoming increasingly important because of the number of court decisions relaxing to the rights of lawbreakers.

Dr. Mudd said his division not only will attempt to rehabilitate criminals, but will offer help to those beginning to run into trouble with the law.

Dr. Farabee also announced two key appointments at Central State Hospital, naming Dr. Rand Alonso as director of clinical services and John Clayton as director of administrative services.

North Dakota is the only state in the union never to have recorded an earthquake.

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A scanning electron microscope can magnify objects as much as 100,000 times, the National Geographic Society says.

Saltwell

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gaunce and Norma Jean were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Caswell of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gaunce and children of Sunrise visited Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce on Saturday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Delaney and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Snapp.

Mrs. Bobby Price returned home on Saturday from St. Joseph Hospital where she had undergone surgery earlier in the week.

Jeff and Jana Snapp of Carlisle spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Delaney. Mrs. James Snapp was also a Sunday dinner guest.

Freddie Hollar of Carlisle spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp spent Sunday with Mrs. Vella Ritchie and Vella Hollar in Carlisle.

Cut down

Mrs. Ramona Sowell and Mike and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stichney and Miss Janet Morris were in Nashville for the weekend where they attend a hair styling show there on Monday. Miss Morris was a model for Mrs. Sowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gum entertained with a cookout on Sunday night at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce , Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gaunce and children of Sunrise were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox and children visited Homer Ward, who remains a patient at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Hollar returned home on Wednesday from St. Joseph Hospital and is recovering nicely from recent surgery. Visitors on Sunday and during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Snapp, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Delaney, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sparks, Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Gaunce and Steve of Mt. Olivet; Mrs. Gayle Grady, Mrs. Bobby Brady, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gaunce and Norma, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Earlywine, Gladys Kenney, Strauder and Myrl Hollar, Vaughn Mattox, Mrs. Thomas Gaunce, Mrs. Dickie Grimes and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snapp, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar and children, Mrs. Ramona Sowell and Mike, and Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar and Freddie Hollar.

Our community regrets the passing of Jerry Kenney at St. Joseph Hospital on Wednesday and extend sympathy to his family. His funeral was conducted at the Mathera-Shearer Chapel on Friday by Rev. Woodrow Gaunce.

MSU art exhibit

Morehead State University's annual senior art exhibit and an exhibit of works by University Breckinridge School special education students opened Monday, May 1.

The mixed media senior show in Clay-pool-Young Gallery closes May 14. Several of the items are for sale.

Works by the special education students will be shown through May 12 at Johnson Camden Library.

Both exhibits are free and open to the public.

LETTERS

T-I-M-B-E-R---Down she comes! After almost four hours of sawing by guardsmen of Det. 1, Co. B, 201st Engineer Battalion of the National Guard, Carlisle, this huge Silver Poplar was felled, Their labor was donated towards development of the new recreation park on East Union Road.--Mercury photo

MEET JOHNNY HORNBECK NOW AT CHARLIE HOLLAND CHEVROLET

Johnny Hornbeck

John has joined our sales team after more than 7 years experience selling Chevrolets in this area. He invites and welcomes his friends and customers to contact him concerning any of their automative needs, whether new or used.

John resides in Mt. Olivet with his wife, Sue Carol and daughter Mary Ruth.

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