



Summer workers

Trudy Parsons, left, and Bridgette Young are two of the Nicholas County High School students working this summer in the Summer Youth Program. The girls help out at the Seneca Citizens Center.—Mercury photo.

Perkins' letter to President

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ions on Education and Labor; Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs; Interior, Interstate and Foreign Commerce; Ways and Means; and the chairman of appropriate subcommittees thereof. Under your guidance and encouragement, I believe that statesmanship would triumph over pride of sponsorship, and that we could go forward united behind a synthetic fuels measure.

Of course, I believe in this bill. But believe even more in the necessity for early action to rid ourselves from the intolerable burden of dependence upon foreign petroleum sources. Let us know how you want us to proceed toward this goal, and we will do our best to support you.

Much has been said about the Moorhead bill which has passed the House. It is a good bill, and I am a supporter of it. But it addresses only the needs of the military establishment. H.R. 4514 looks to the energy needs of our whole people. The Moorhead bill has a goal of 500,000 barrels a day of petroleum equivalent in five years. H.R. 4514 has a goal of 5,000,000 barrels much closer to our present daily import requirements of 4,000,000 barrels.

I am sending you a copy of the galley proofs of H.R. 4514 for study by your staff. You will find the portion dealing with production incentives on Pages 27 through 43. A discussion of the difference between our bill and the Moorhead bill is found beginning on Page 31.

Thank you again for your consideration of this legislation, and for your willingness to listen to me this morning. And I want to assure you again of my willingness to do everything I can to help you achieve energy independence.

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Food prices compared

A marketbasket survey of retail food prices in 10 Kentucky cities has turned up ample opportunities for bargain hunters, and some significant price differentials among regions of the state.

The survey was conducted the week of July 24 by members of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Women's Advisory Committee, a volunteer group of farm women that coordinates women's involvement in Farm Bureau activities. Committee members visited earlier this year to conduct the survey monthly as a consumer information project.

Surveyors checked prices on 42 separate food items, including various types of meats, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh produce, canned vegetables, breads and condiments. Price comparisons were tabulated by Kentucky Farm Bureau staff members, based on telephone reports of the survey results.

Brooksville, Salersville and Paducah were close finishers as the most expensive places to shop in Kentucky, while Georgetown and Glasgow ranked as the two that were least costly. Total marketbasket comparisons among the 10 cities show Brooksville at the top with a cost of \$59.39 for the 42 items, followed by Paducah, \$57.51; Salersville, \$57.16; Danville, \$48.91; Louisville, \$46.18; Middlesboro, \$45.95; Hopkinsville, \$45.85; Elizabethtown, \$44.11; Glasgow, \$42.99; and Georgetown, \$2.79.

Cities in Eastern and Western Kentucky tended to produce higher grocery prices than those in Central Kentucky, the survey found. The highest marketbasket average, the \$59.39 figure reported in Brooksville, was \$6.66 above the low total from Georgetown. The range between the two extremes amounted to just under 13 per cent. While the averages themselves showed few unexplainable variations, surveyors did report wide price fluctuations on individual food items.

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movement of food prices in the various cities, Herndon added. Figures will also be issued each month with the retail food price survey showing farm production costs, and prices paid to farmers for raw food products.

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