What the Farmer Gets

Radio commentators and newspapers have a great deal to say about the high cost of living, and particularly about the high cost of food. The farmer is blamed. Let's see what a few food items are selling for in the grocery stores and observe the farmer's share in these prices:

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<th>Product</th>
<th>Price Observed</th>
<th>What Farmer was Paid for Same Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bread, Loaf</td>
<td>$1.60</td>
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<td>Milk, Quart</td>
<td>$0.77</td>
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<td>Eggs, dozen</td>
<td>$6.35</td>
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<td>Beans, 2 lb</td>
<td>$0.86</td>
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<td>Potatoes, lb</td>
<td>$2.15</td>
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<td>Tomatoes, 2 lb</td>
<td>$0.29</td>
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<td>Peaches, 2 lb</td>
<td>$0.95</td>
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<td>Sour Cherries, No. 2</td>
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To be sure, there is the employment of expensive processing, manufacturing, and merchandising operations for some of these products. An average consumer's costs of the dollars he spends is said to be paid for on his table and distribution. Much of this is paid in labor. Higher labor costs and higher taxes of all kinds, especially sales taxes, and the increase of these costs is being experienced by the consumer and food. The consumer is paying more for the same amount of food, and is getting less for the same amount of money. The farmer is getting a smaller portion of the consumer's dollar for his production of food.

The plant should be particularly about the high cost of food. The farmer is blamed. Let's see what a new opportunity presents itself.

To improve their income by engaging successfully in co-operative purchasing, marketing, processing and manufacturing, the farmers make more money.
Community Farm Bureau Activities

By MIKE MURGIA, Editor

The winter meeting of the Community Farm Bureau at Mio on Jan. 15 was well attended. Reports were made of many activities during the past several months.

The Mio group was closed by a program on the future of the family farm based on the report of the Select Commission. Dr. Howard N. Fisk, of Michigan State University, discussed the report and its implications.

Sixty-six members of the Mio group were present. The secretary read letters from other Community Farm Bureaus and other rural organizations, including a letter from the Farm Bureau Federation congratulating the Mio group on its continued growth.

The Mio group also received a donation from the Farm Bureau Federation of $500 for the construction of a new meeting hall.

Our County Program

Farm Bureau Members Want a Good Job Done

Illinois, Indiana and Iowa Farm Bureaus have demonstrated the value to members of County Farm Bureau offices with full time service. The Farm Bureau in Illinois, for example, has established the community membership organization. It is working every day to get those things the membership wants done. Michigan County Farm Bureaus want that kind of service.

450 County Farm Bureau delegates to the 1946 annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau approved a larger Farm Bureau program. They decided by a large majority to meet the problems of agriculture by increasing Farm Bureau dues from $11 to $13 per year, beginning September 1, 1947.

The representatives of 46,000 members took such action upon recommendation of the state board of directors and county leaders. In meetings held in every Farm Bureau district in 1946, it became plain that neither the county nor the state organization could maintain present services, let alone increase them, unless dues were increased.

Most midwestern states have returned to $10 dues. Illinois has a Farm Bureau office and full time service in nearly every county. The membership has grown to 125,000. Under similar conditions Iowa has a membership of more than 100,000, and Indiana has more than 70,000 members. A complete program service and builds membership in those states.

Adequate Dues are the First Step

Legislature Has
To Balance Budget

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We Are So Apt to Forget Our Blessings

By Mrs. ETHEL H. BURCH

During the past many months the nation's life has been much affected by things outside our lives. We can only hope and trust that God will give us a time when our work will not be affected by things outside our lives.

We are apt to forget that we have a Sabbath, a home, a church, and a country. It is a great joy to remember that we have these privileges.

We must prepare ourselves to meet these differences through methods which are not yet fully outlined. We must be ready to help each other and the passers-by. Just as the birds have been working to build their nests and are preparing for the winter, so we must prepare for the winter.

The winter is coming. We must be prepared.

Round Trip to the Moon

A trip to the moon and back? That's one good thing that can be done by American railroaders. The first trip to the moon was made in 1965 for each of the men and women on the railroad's payroll.

Working alone—on their own—such as those miles would have accomplished little. Working together and equipped with the right tools—to be able to work together—this mile has been added to the nation's record.

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Safe Seeding Guaranteed

If you were not farm organization minded (and you are) and your farm has been handled by your state-wide organization, your earnings were guaranteed (and you did). Nothing more at stake than getting the most seeding return per dollar invested (which you did).

You would still be in all fairness select...

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Selected not primarily from a sales angle but from the angle of performance on Michigan farms. We DO NOT HANDLE SEEDS OF QUESTIONABLE ORIGIN. Purchases and sales of Michigan farm sales are handled by the Michigan Farm Bureau, the state-wide organization. Farm Bureau seeds are guaranteed.

The combined resources of your farm organization are at your service in helping you to get the most out of your seed investment. Be sure to get your local Farm Bureau agents.

Many Michigan dealers have registered their opposition to the growth of farm cooperative activity in the producing of milk to farmers. If you care about protecting your co-operatives (and you think you do), you will patronize co-operative or Farm Bureau dealers.

BUY RIGHT SEED FROM RIGHT SOURCES!

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Safeguard your rights...by joining the Farm Bureau! Get in the Picture today!...check your card...act now!...join your Farm Bureau...fight for your rights...and have your voice heard by your Farm Bureau.
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