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THIS WEEK — In Washington With Clinton Davidson ARE FOOD PRICES TOO HIGH?

The housewife who complains that she is paying for government subsidies to farmers twice—once in higher food costs and again in higher taxes—sincerely believes that she is getting yeped.

She hears and reads about high farm price supports, about the government buying billions of dollars of food to be stored or given away abroad, about paying farmers not to produce, and she reasons that this is the cause of high food prices.

Newspapers and the radio report that Congress has just appropriated another \$5 billion to finance farm programs for another year, and that adds to the tax bill. It all looks as simple as two plus two equaling four, but it isn't.

It is true that food costs are at an all-time record high, when measured in dollars and cents. There are two principal reasons for that. First, more and more foods are sold pre-cooked or pre-mixed. Second, labor costs connected with processing and selling foods are higher.

Farmers Sell For Less

Although retail food costs have gone up 15% since 1952, prices paid to farmers have gone down by about the same percentage. Processing and distribution—both costs after the product leaves the farm—have gone up rapidly and are responsible for all of the increase in food prices.

Food producers get only 39 cents out of each dollar spent by the housewife for the average family food. The cost of distribution increased from 47 cents in 1950 to 61 cents last year.

In 1947 the average family of four spent \$911 for food, of which farmers received \$467 and \$444 was marketing costs. Last year the same amount of food cost \$1,079, of which farmers received only \$400 and marketing costs amounted to \$607.

The average factory worker last year could feed his family on one-third fewer hours of work than he could in 1947. The Labor Department reports that average hourly earnings of factory workers increased by 67% during the 10-year period.

Food Purchasing Power Up

Figures supplied by the Labor and Agriculture departments show that the average factory employee worked 30 minutes in 1947 to earn enough to buy one pound of choice steak; but only 18 minutes in 1957.

It took 10 minutes work in 1947 to buy a quart of milk, but only 6½ minutes in 1957; 32 minutes to buy a dozen eggs in 1947 and 19 minutes in 1957; 27 minutes to buy a 10-lb. bag of potatoes in 1947, but only 15 minutes in 1957.

Foods that come from price-supported commodities have increased less than those for which there are no supports. Beef, pork and egg prices are not supported.

Farmers' costs of operation have increased by approximately 20% in the past six years, at a time when their net income was going down by about 30%. The per capita income of farmers last year was \$993, but the non-farm per capita income was \$2,045.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Strokes
- Fondles
- Billiard shot
- Operatic solos
- Make empty
- Knocked
- Chest
- Spanish pole
- Pastry
- Pace
- Man's name
- Sandy tract
- cloth
- Ridiculed
- Bronze: Lat.
- Observe
- Remote
- Grain stalks
- Great Lake
- Row
- Act of selling
- Alamos
- Goat antelope
- No. Fr.
- Ensnare
- Made note of
- Capture
- Zodiac sign
- Highway
- Regard
- Guided
- Chatter
- Feedings
- Yes: Arch.
- Thing: Law
- Sneaked
- Remove: Print
- Chains
- Sibling
- Sailor
- Raved
- African plants
- Travel
- Indian title
- Israeli seaport
- Legend
- de Janeiro
- Fasten

DOWN

- Wrapper
- Constellation
- In —
- Fish
- Processions
- Ages
- Tilt
- Weakened
- blanche
- French river
- Enormous
- Feat

Answer to Puzzle

ACROSS

1. STROKES
2. FONDLES
3. BILLIARD
4. OPERATIC
5. MAKE
6. KNOCKED
7. CHEST
8. SPANISH
9. PASTRY
10. PACE
11. MAN'S
12. SANDY
13. CLOTH
14. RIDICULED
15. BRONZE
16. LAT.
17. OBSERVE
18. REMOTE
19. GRAIN
20. GREAT
21. ROW
22. ACT
23. ALAMOS
24. GOAT
25. NO. FR.
26. ENSNARE
27. MADE
28. CAPTURE
29. ZODIAC
30. HIGHWAY
31. REGARD
32. GUIDED
33. CHATTER
34. FEEDINGS
35. YES
36. THING
37. SNEAKED
38. REMOVE
39. CHAINS
40. SIBLING
41. SAILOR
42. RAVED
43. AFRICAN
44. TRAVEL
45. INDIAN
46. ISRAELI
47. LEGEND
48. DE
49. FASTEN

DOWN

1. WRAPPER
2. CONSTELLATION
3. IN
4. FISH
5. PROCESSIONS
6. AGES
7. TILT
8. WEAKENED
9. BLANCHE
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12. FEAT

Rollman's Views

Editor's Note: This is the sixty-second in a series of articles by Heinz Rollman, industrialist, Waynesville, N. C.

"OBSERVER CORPS"
(Continued)

Admittedly, there will be a shifting of jobs, but total employment has nothing to do with whether we spend nothing or all of our tax money for defense. Prosperity is not created when we have a war. Prosperity is created when we have a peaceful world, where people have confidence and spend their money without hoarding it. But not only that. In a peaceful world, we will immediately need an extra 5 mil-

lion workers in all industries to produce for export, since the world is hungry for American farm and factory products.

We now employ 5 million workers, to produce solely for export. To double that is not difficult, if one realizes for a moment that 3 million people in Sweden buy about \$20 worth of American products every year per person; while the 400-million people living in India, buy only about 50 cents per person per year of goods stamped "Made in U.S.A."

If the level of purchases by the people in India alone would come up to our export level to Sweden, that would create additional exports annually worth approximately \$8-billion, representing half of our total exports in 1957. For that country alone, to satisfy its barest needs, we would immediately have to create 2 million jobs.

WORDS OF LIFE

J. ALTON MORRIS, Pastor
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Last week we thought about evangelism. This week we will consider some facts concerning Jesus in evangelism.

Luke 1: 46-55 and Luke 1: 68-79 stress the element of evangelism. The baptism of Jesus was an act of spiritual conquest. His forerunner, John the Baptist, was an evangelist. He called Peter and Andrew to direct the task of soul-winning. "And he saith unto them, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4: 19. He organized His church upon the plan of evangelism. He made it the chief business of His Church.

It was and is Christ's chief mission. His whole life of service and personal work carry out the business of evangelism. Many of His parables were evangelistic.

Jesus is our example as a willing worker, a watchful worker, a humble worker, a tractful worker, a faithful worker and a happy worker.

Jesus' primary purpose in the call of His disciples was to teach them evangelism — to make them to become fishers of men. He called the twelve after a night of prayer. Some of His disciples had been disciples of John. "And the two disciples heard Him speak and they followed Jesus" John 1:37.

Jesus trained His disciples for the task of winning men. Andrew went after his brother, Simon Peter. Philip brought Nathaniel to Jesus.

He creates a passion for soul-winning in His disciples. He gives the example and the personal experience. He instructed them in the upper room. He interprets the missionary message after His resurrection. He gives definite commissions to His followers to win men.

The Mission of His church, a New Testament Church, is to evangelize. The best work of a church is done when its members follow the example of Jesus. Spiritual failure is certain for the church that fails to win men to Christ.

A church fails to win to Christ

Workers Leaving North Carolina For Better Jobs

Since 1950, there has been an annual outmigration of 30,000 North Carolinians, according to Presley Melton, Manager of the Greensboro Field Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

They left for such highly industrialized states as Ohio whose population increased 16 per cent, or to Michigan whose population increased 21 per cent, according to Melton. Some of them may have traveled across the continent to California whose popula-

tion increased more than 30 per cent.

North Carolina's senior citizens, those over 65 years of age, increased 27 per cent. There has been practically no increase, however, in the number of North Carolinians 18 to 44 years of age. This is the principal income-producing group who have been migrating with their families out of the State.

"It is evident," Melton stated, "that North Carolina has been exporting the State's most valuable asset — energetic and well educated young men and women. These young men and women would stay in North Carolina if they could find good jobs here. To keep them at home, there is needed an increased industrial expansion program, together with increased farm diversification."

Ladies Give Shower For Mrs. Matheson

ANDREWS—Mrs. Tommy Axley and Miss Vera Moore entertained with a stork shower to honor Mrs. Glen Matheson, at the home of Mrs. Axley Thursday night.

After a number of games, contests, and the opening of gifts, the hostesses served refreshments to 17 guests.

Attractive arrangements of mixed summer flowers were used in the rooms.

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Folk School Plans Benefit Party For Country Dance Soc.

A special party for the benefit of the Country Dance society of America will be held Friday night, July 25, at the John C. Campbell Folk School.

Phillip Merrill well known musician, caller and teacher, and head of the Society's music, will be at the school for this party.

Mr. Merrill has been at the folk school for the past 18 summers. The Friday night community evening of folk games and dances has been cancelled for this week because of the Craftsman's Fair in Asheville.

A folk school spokesman said that a large number is expected to attend this fair from Cherokee and Clay Counties because of the high interest in craftsmanship in these areas.

Adequate forage is necessary to livestock production.

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