

Margin Spreads In Farmers Part Of Food Dollar

In commenting recently on the ever-growing spread between prices farmers receive for their farm products and prices consumers pay for these same products, in their local stores, Clyde B. Greene, chairman of the ABC state committee, said that the major reason behind this was that farmers in the market place are entirely at the mercy of the buyers. On products not supported by CCC they have no control whatsoever over the prices their products bring, said. On supported commodities, their control is limited to the level of support.

This compares with a 53 cents share in 1949 and 42 cents last year. Greene said that he hopes that this spread can be reduced, not by reducing the price the retailer receives, but by increasing the price the farmer receives. That's just what ABC has been trying to do for a number of years. That's just what the Agricultural Conservation Program and all of our Price Support Programs are doing now to the full extent made possible under present legislation," he said.

Greene said that farmers now receive only 30 cents out of every dollar spent for food in the retail store. This is the lowest share the farmer has received in the last 15 years.

Prepare Walls And Then Paint

About 95 per cent of all paint failures are caused by improper preparation of the surface to be painted.

According to Pauline Gordon, State College extension specialist in housing and house furnishings, the most important step in painting is preparing the walls so that the paint will have a solid foundation. After you've thoroughly cleaned the walls and filled cracks, you'll need to prime and seal them. This insures you of an even penetration of the finish coat preventing light, dark or shiny spots.

Miss Gordon explains that primers and sealers may be clear or pigmented. To determine the proper undercoating for a wall finish, use the undercoat recommended by the manufacturer and follow the directions for applying it.

Some Win, Some Lose With Eggs In Hatching

If you don't think that good management is the key to producing hatchlings eggs profitably, listen to D. G. Harwood, Jr., extension farm management and marketing specialist at N. C. State College. Harwood points out that results of a recent study of hatching egg producers in the mountains of N. C. show that 30 per cent of these producers had a net return of two dollars had a net return of \$2 or more per bird. Yet 32 per cent of

the producers lost money! The producers who made money followed these management practices while the producers who lost money did not:

1. Bought chicks bred for a higher rate of lay.
2. Started chicks to come into production between July and September to take advantage of higher seasonal egg prices.
3. Fed more grain, which lowered production costs.
4. Kept closer supervision on their flocks.

Harwood says that while these practices may seem like minor details, they clearly made the difference between profit and loss of the hatching egg producers studied in the survey.

well, as if you just can't get out of bed and face the day. The Karkantari first made their presence known in Macedonia in Greece. For centuries they have concentrated on making the poor Macedonian peasant's life as miserable as possible during the twelve days of Christmas, the time that should be the happiest of the year. They set upon people in their sleep and beat them. They sneak up and punch them in the stomach and hit them on the head, causing aches and pains in those areas. Oddly enough, they traditionally go into their act when folks fall asleep after a heavy meal of rich foods and drink. Unfortunately with modern improvements in transportation, the Karkantari are now believed to be extending their field of operations. There is even evidence that they have infiltrated the United States. Steps must be taken immediately to prevent these foreign invaders from sabotaging our health and happiness.

to them. Another is to call in a Greek Orthodox priest who will dip a Cross entwined with sprigs of basil into Holy Water and sprinkle each room of the house. With this the Karkantari are supposed to disappear until the next Christmas. In this country, where science is so highly developed it would seem that some more effective defense could be developed. It is just possible that scientific application of modern knowledge of nutrition might drive the Karkantari from our shores.



"Some people get credit for being good, when they are only becoming old!"

Health for All

The Karkantari! This is the time of the Karkantari. You can't see these mysterious creatures who attack the unwary between Christmas and Twelfth Night. But you know they have been around when you wake up in the morning feeling like—

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BY CAROL LANE, WOMEN'S TRAVEL DIRECTOR, SHELL OIL COMPANY

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Have your head and tail lights carefully checked. Blurred headlights are a hazard to other motorists. Oil leaks, a danger to you.

Be sure your car is in good working order, because breakdowns are more serious after dark. Better carry a plug-in light or a flare to light your way and warn other motorists.

Remember to drive more slowly because your distance vision isn't so good. Don't be sparing with your headlights. If you'll practice highway etiquette and dim your lights, chances are the approaching motorist will follow suit.

LAST, BUT PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT, BE SURE OF YOUR DIRECTIONS. IT'S EASY TO LOSE YOUR WAY AFTER DARK WHEN HIGHWAY SIGNS ARE HARDER TO SEE.

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS By ART BEEMAN

THIS ISN'T SO BAD-- YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN WITH ME IN THE BIG FREEZE OF 1856!

GIVE ME A HOT BRICK, PLEASE-- SO I CAN GO TO BED!

But NOW-WOW

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS DOGGONE THERMOSTAT?!

THIS ROOM'S TWO DEGREES BELOW NORMAL-- AND MY ELECTRIC BLANKET WON'T WORK!

HOSSFACE HANK By FRANK THOMAS

GOOD LUCK, HOSSFACE!

HOSSFACE IS GONNA ASK THE BOSS FOR A RAISE!

SONNY SOUTH By AL COURTSON

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WAIT A MINUTE, SCHULZE! YOU'RE GIVING ME TOO MUCH BONE AND FAT!

NO, I'M NOT!

OH, YEH! WHAT DO YA CALL THAT?

THAT'S BONE!

AND THIS?

THAT'S FAT!

WELL?

BUT I'M NOT GIVING IT TO YOU!

YOU'RE PAYIN' FOR IT!

LITTLE FARMER By KERN PEDERSON

OFF MAIN STREET By JOE DENNETT

GUS IS SICK IN BED TODAY! HE CAN'T PLAY WITH YOU!

GOSH!

KIN I BORROW HIS SLED, ICE SKATES, SKIS, AND SPACEMAN OUTFIT?

DEEMS By TOM OKA

GRANDPA'S BOY By BRAD ANDERSON

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