

Housewives Urged To Practice Selective Buying

President Johnson's suggestion that housewives practice selective buying, and a report that food prices were 1.5 percent higher in mid-February than a month earlier focused attention on food and farm prices this week.

Secretary of Agriculture Freeman noted late in the week that the consumer price support is six weeks behind actual prices, and called attention to the farm price report for mid March which showed farm prices down slightly. Key items such as hogs are now off rather sharply, with further drops expected later in the year. In fact the Department of Agriculture predicts that by the fourth quarter, farm product prices will be 6-10 percent below the first quarter.

Prospects for lower prices should encourage housewives to look for cheaper bacon, poultry and lettuce in the weeks ahead. Equally important, American farmers will have one of their most prosperous years despite lower prices later this year — with net farm income between \$14 and \$15 billion.

Today's concern with the link between the Vietnam war and food prices invites comparison of present food price trends with the Korean crisis of 1950-51. This comparison shows much greater stability in food and farm prices now compared with 1950-51. Surprisingly farm product prices today are also well below 1950-51 levels, while wholesale and retail food prices are above Korean period levels.

Farm prices—at 2 percent below the 1957-59 level in February 1965—have now climbed to 113 percent in February and were off slightly in March. But farm prices today are below 1950-51 levels. This means that over the past decade farm prices have been a key stabilizer for the overall consumer price level even though food prices have risen.

Veteran's Officer To Be Here

The N. C. Veterans Commission will have Jack C. Winchester, District Officer in the Courthouse at Burnsville N. C. with the County Service Officer on Thursday April 28, 1966 from 11:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. and with the County Service Officer in the Courthouse at Bakersville, N. C. on Friday, April 29, 1966 from 8:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. to assist with veterans and their dependents.

Mr. Winchester stated children of certain deceased or disabled veterans who believe to qualify for educational benefits or N. C. College Scholarships should apply for these benefits during the early part of their senior year in high school. The children who may have completed high school or will graduate next spring should file now.

Moreover, farm prices the past year have been far more stable than in 1950-51 and have stabilized at a lower level after stepped-up military activity began. Thus during the Korean war farm prices rose by 30 percent whereas in the Vietnam war, they have increased only 14 percent before leveling off.

With farm prices stabilizing or declining this year wholesale and retail food prices should also level off or decline. The record of stability in this emergency is all the more striking when you consider that the India food crisis has come along at the same time as Vietnam. Wheat prices have been especially stable in the face of India's needs.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Nettie Proffitt Waycaster, deceased, late of Yancey County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned Executor at their home at Bald Creek, N. C. on or before the 14th day of October, 1966, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons owing the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of April 1966
Leslie Proffitt and Alice Proffitt, Executors of the Estate of Nettie Proffitt Waycaster, Deceased.
April 14, 21, 28 May 8

Students Work In Yancey During Holidays

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Community Development

Under the supervision of Mr. Warren Day and Harriett Austion 12 Methodist High School students from High Point, North Carolina spent their Easter vacation here in Yancey County.

Setting up camp in the parish hall of Sacred Heart Church the youngsters spent one full day of half renovating the old jail to make it suitable for a community center. Another full day was spent working hand in hand with the Colbert's Creek Community in a clean up project.

Besides work, the group was privileged to attend Sun Rise Services at the town square and attend an Easter breakfast at the invitation of the Burnsville Presbyterian Youth Group. Easter was spent hiking at Linville Falls and Grandfather Mountain and a hungry group of young people were treated to a good supper by the leaders of the Newdale Methodist Church.

After cleaning up Sacred Heart Parish Hall the kids piled back into their two station wagons to return home and to school having experienced a wonderful Easter, guaranteed by their unselfish service and the natural beauty and warmth in Yancey County.

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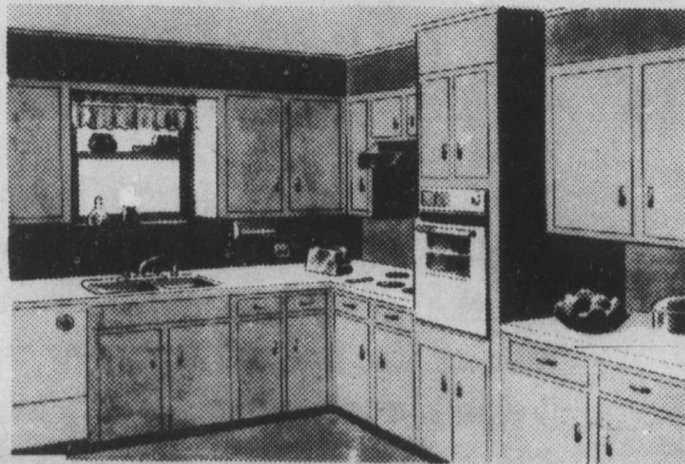
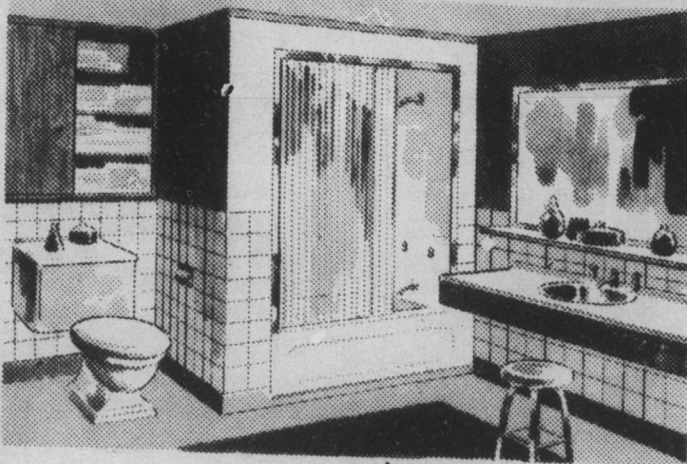
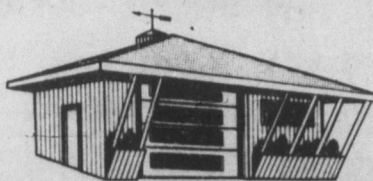
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