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FOOD PRICES AND THE FARMER

The federal government has published some statistics share keeps getting less. The statistics show that in 1946 the farmers' share of the food dollar was 52 cents. It has dropped to 44 cents now. Others share of the food dollar was 48 cents in 1946. It is now 56 cents.

The housewife has paid more and more for the same The housewife has paid more and more for the same amount of groccries, yet the farmers' share has steadily become smaller in spite of subsidies in the form of parity prices. Today food that cost \$767 in 1946 costs \$1017. And the farmer gets only \$49 of that increase. So the farmer is not gouging the public. It is the trend of the times as high wages and the high cost of everything keeps grocery bills from dropping.

An analysis of the situation presented in a recent issue of the U.S. News and World Report lists the following summary of the situation:

"The trouble is that costs all along the line, from the farm to the grocer's shelves, are increasing. Wages are higher. This is true in stockyards, grain elevators, mills, packing plants—at every step in the movement of farm produce to the consumer. The hourly wages paid to employes of food-marketing firms average 6 per cent higher now than a year ago.

"Transportation is costing more. Trucking rates are higher. Railway freight rates have been increased repeatedly. The government figures show that, figuring farm commodities as a whole, it costs about 58 per cent more to ship produce to market by rail now than it did in 1946.

"Rents paid by food processors and distributors have gone up. Materials and equipment used in processing and handling—such things as machinery and packaging materials—cost more. All these increased high costs help to hold prices of food high."

To this must be added the increased cost of farm production, wages are higher, farm machinery and equipment and everything he buys costs more, interest rates are up on borrowed money. Yet his share of most of what he sells has fallen. More and more of the food dollar is going for the cost of processing and handling farm products and less proportion to the farmer, who is caught in the vicious assembly line of inflation. So don't blame the farmer, pinched in the squeeze.—G. P. what he sells has fallen. More and more of the food dollar is going for the cost of processing and handling farm products and less proportion to the farmer, who is caught in the vicious assembly line of inflation. So don't blame the farmer, pinched in the squeeze.—G. P.

LIVING COSTS AT PEAK

That rugged old party, the cost of living, made some headlines this week. And unwelcome ones. She set an alltime high.

So inflation's loose again? No, it isn't. Living costs advanced two fifths of a per cent in the last month real and products and less proportion to the farmer, who is caught in the vicious assembly line of inflation. So don't blame and in the squeeze.—G. P.

Woodland, N.Y., (F)— The full moon is often man's enemy in the city.

It stirs in him an old districts in him an old districts in a hundred exciting dramas, and I the only audience.

But in the vaudeville show we call living nobody can stay out of the act long. I heard a familiar buzzing, slapped at and missed the mosquiton on my forehead, felt the lump he left.

This silent message sends a surge of restiessness through the sad, grownup children of aloud to the surprised man in Two hunters were recovering to the sell of the wind on a hill?"

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advanced two fifths of a per cent in the last month re-ported. They had reached a previous peak in November, then declined during the winter and started up again in the spring. But slowly. The present alltime high is only about one per cent above a year ago.

Principal reason for the increase is that rent is now free from control virtually everywhere and is rising. Held tightly down in most urban communities while other things were doubling, an adjustment in favor of the landlords was obviously overdue and is no cause for alarm, though unwelcome to those who must pay. The heavy building of the postwar period will prevent a housing scarcity that would put unfair pressure on renters.

Actually the cost of living index is cause for gratifica-tion. That it held within a one per cent range when controls were removed and during a good sized war shows the American economy is pretty sound. That it is show-ing no disposition to fall apart with the end of the Korean fighting is also a wholesome sign.

Present stability at a high level of employment and income should build confidence in the policies of the Eisenhower administration, which seeks to halt inflation with-out bringing on a deflation. This appears well on the way to fulfillment.

THE ENTRENCHED BUREAUCRACY

were still held by holdovers from the Truman adminis- the dark come down. mer and not the present administration, but who because of civil service restrictions could not be replaced in the natural, normal way.

The sun had sunk in red confusion, a bonfire fed full by the dry wood of all the world's reservice.

This should spotlight attention on a peculiar situation in Washington. The very top administrative jobs are in the hurts and burns of the day of the Northwest. As it ripened to silver. I During all this only a few score of men and women, with their immediate aides a few hundred at most, trying to run a huge federal bureaucracy, most of whose members were placed

federal bureaucracy, most of whose members were placed in their jobs by the Roosevelt and Truman administrations.

In some cases assistant secretaries are still new dealfair dealers and in most cases those in key spots under them are still working for the previous administration. Civil service protects them in nearly all cases, and the Republicans do not have the votes in congress to remove

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So the new administration is not yet in full control of the administrative branch of the government and isn't going to be for a considerable time, despite occasional successful forays against individual officials who are stumbling blocks to the new leaders and their policies.

INDIA LOSES FIGHT FOR SEAT

As forecast in this column Thursday, India and her friends in the U.N. lost their fight for a seat at the peace conference, the U.S. prevailing in an effort to keep India out of the negotiations.

But India secured a majority of those voting, 27 to 21 with 11 abstaining. India was defeated only because a two-thirds majority was required. We also defeated Russia, which can attend only if the Communist belligera two-thirds majority was required. We also defeated Russis, which can attend only if the Communist belligerents, North Korea and China designate her, and then as their ally, not in the role of a disloyal U.N. mmeber.

Justice is done, India, which refused to fight for the U.N. and whose sympathies were with the enemy, did not deserve to sit as a U.N. member to make the peace. Russia thoroughly deserved the rebuff she got.

But we fear the long range effects of this fight and its result will be felt for a long time and that they will hurt. The U.N. is further weakened as an instrument for peace and security.

Then the bug gossip in the dark arose.

The night had a million voices, and it was as if I had an ear for every sound—from a field mouse's footfall to every sleepy bird chirp. The moon flooded me with a warm feeling of kinship for all the hidden life around men, a brotherhood of darkness and moonlight.

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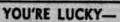
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I felt myself a part of them, and yet spart from them, too,





start quarrels with their hus-bands. The mildest men look around for a cop to pick a fight with. And lovers weep without reason and wonder how long love lasts.

how long love lasts.

Ask many a veteran police
sergeant or bartender what
the full moon does to people,
and you'll get the answer:

"It makes them crazy. I wish they'd all leave town." And that's not a bad idea. If everybody left town during a full moon and went out to the countryside, all mankind would be happier.

For in the country a full moon is both man's nurse and

moon is both man's nurse and spiritual adviser. It takes him back home to nature, the lost mother he ran away from long ago and has been homesick in his soul for ever since. It gives him a shining peace, a mystic ecstasy, a sense of being where he belongs, a quiet gratitude for the deep privilege of breath.

So it is with me. And isn't

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full moon rose up like a big blob of yellow butter to soothe

night began its hymn to the river.
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never lack a lullaby.

A thousand peeper frogs began their shrill chorus.

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Trais had control of both houses of Congress—and Control of both houses of Congress—and Congress—and Congress—and Congress consistently refused to

In this part of the country, the main yelp is over the present Administration's refusal to sand-bag private power development proposed by the Snake power potential or no one will for years to come.

Now we come to the lesser You may have noticed a move the other day by Interior Secretary Douglas McKay to abolish the jobs of certain important aides in his office and wondered what it meant.

What we assume it meant was that these positions with formula in the dark come down.

So it is with me. And isn't Idaho Power company.

The government-ownership crowd rants about "a government give-away program" for ment give-away program" for natural resources.

"Water belongs to all the cated by testimony of engin-

What do we find?

Simply that there are plen-Northwest, they declare that ty of competent engineers tes-Eastern "Big Interests" don't tifying directly contrary to want industrial development each other. Each winds up As it ripened to silver. I could see the face of the man in the moon clearly. Ever sice boyhood he has worn for me the same expression — New Deal Interior secretaries. It is and Chapman. With a personal opinion as to which type of power development would be the most ideal. They, of course, cannot be concerned with the larger has a secretaries. New Deal Interior secretaries and Chapman. with a personal opinion as to

Democratic Administration would grant their pressure

The Eisenhower Administration has spelled out its power policy by declaring that tax monies will be used to develop power only in those cases where private enterprise cannot or will not provide needed power. Even then government funds will not be

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Evacuation Plans Being Prepared for Major Cities

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — Now that Russia has the terrible H-bomb, civil defense authorities are rushing plans to evacuate every major city in the United States at the first warning of an air attack. For the stark truth is that Soviet bombers, streaking low over our radar at night, cannot be stopped.

While it's been decided to evacuate major cities, a lot of other problems remain unsolved and undecided. One of the biggest problems is how to get the advance warning in time to organize a mass evacuation. Even on short notice, however, civil defense experts still think the best solution is to alert the population to flee out of town as fast as possible. Bomb shelters can be ouilt to withstand the force of an atomic blast, but the scorching, scaring devastation of a hydrogen explosion can reduce a city the size of New York to charcoal in one blow. As a result, civil defense authorities have decided it is no use to build shelters, more practical to concentrate on mass-evacuation plans.

In fact, civil defense has already fangled with the millitary behind the scenes over what to do with the people, once they are evacuated. Civil defense planners prefer to let each individual work out his own problem, and drift back into town at his leisure after the danger is over.

Military leaders want to organize the construction and factory workers, however so they can be whisked back into town at once to rebuild the biltzed factories or to resume

Barnstaple, England QR—
"That's life for you." I said to the surprised man in the moon. The innocent by stander always gets stung."
The moon and the moon and the moon of the

Salem 25 Years Ago
By BEN MAXWELL
August 28, 1928
County Judge Seigmund,
County Roadmaster Culver and
Deputy County Roadmaster
Hedda Swart had returned
from a trip through the Cascades over the proposed route
for a road from Detroit to the
old military trail from Cascadia to Sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Taylor Rigdon, 299 N. Winter street, had celebrated their

North Mill Creek by escape of dye stuff from the Thomas Kay Woolen mill into the stream had become a serious problem for city authorities.

prunes had been shipped into Salem for canning. Local canneries had purchased 2000 tons in the Milton-Freewater and Walla Walla districts.

commission against Southern Pacific's threat to remove passenger service from Albany to

During July, 1928, 32 persons in Oregon had been killed in traffic accidents.

Five Salem boys ranging from 12 to 14 had been treed for an hour by an angry bull.

Bids had been opened for the proposed \$25,000 addition to Salem postoffice.

50th wedding anniversary. Recent annihilation of fish in

For the first time in history

Citizens of Elk City, Nash-ville and Yaquina had filed a protest with the public service

