

Babson Discusses Better Buying Times

By Roger W. Babson
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(Special to Mail-Tribune)—
Knowing there are a number of
American housewives who read
this column, perhaps a few
money-saving hints on house-
hold buying may come in
handy at this time of year.



Meat and poultry account for a large part of the food budget of most families. Intelligent purchasing of these important items should result in substantial cash savings during the course of a year. Especially should this be true if your family is the fortunate possessor of a deep freeze unit, since economical quantity buying is not feasible without adequate cold storage space. I strongly recommend that you invest in a deep freeze unit, if you do not already own one.

This is not the time to stock up on meat or even poultry. Normally these should be in the bargain counter in the late fall or early winter, say November or December. Marketings of cat-

tle, hogs, and poultry are seasonally heavy at that time; and this bunching of supplies should result in price concessions over retail counters. The best grades of heavy steer beef, however, usually do not come on the market in quantity until late winter or early spring.

Eggs and Dairy Products Found Best Buys in Spring

The modern healthy hen can produce a surprising number of eggs during a year. But in March, April and May she really settles down to business, with an output unequalled in size and quality in any other three-month period. As a result of this pressure of supplies, egg prices usually are at their seasonal low point during the spring. Spring eggs also have excellent storage characteristics. Eggs, however, are now a purchase in many sections where laying has been a little late this year.

Prices of dairy products are rather closely related to the milk flow, which is at its seasonal peak around June. If you have storage facilities, June or July normally is the best time to buy butter, since the market at that time should reflect heavy production. There is a time lag in cheese, however; best buying opportunities appear to be in November, since good cheese must be well cured. Evaporated milk is likely to be less expensive in June or July, owing to seasonally heavy output.

Seasonal Factors Important in Prices of Hard Liquid Fuels

Seasonal factors also play an important part as price determinants of both hard and liquid fuels. In normal times, it is the practice of the anthracite producers to cut prices in April, as an inducement to customers to fill their bins during the summer period of slack consumption. You should take advantage of these summer price cuts when available. You thereby will save money and also help to smooth out the industry's production curve. Heavy stocks and lack of demand often result in August or September price concessions on bituminous coal.

The petroleum industry is so vast and the interplay of price making factors is so intricate that it is extremely difficult to forecast very far in advance the best buying times for oil products. However, pressure of mounting refiners' stocks, low demand, and intensive competition frequently result in price cuts in fuel oil and kerosene during the summer months. Gasoline prices, however, will usually be lowest in December or January, when refiners' stocks are rising seasonally and total consumption is at relatively low levels.

Canned Salmon Usually Cheapest in September

Here are the seasonally best buying trends for a few other items—Try your luck on canned peas in June, canned corn in July, and canned tomatoes in August. Canned salmon usually is cheapest in September. Shop for bargains in dry beans in November and December, and lay in your supply of potatoes in the fall, when prices normally are at seasonal lows. Rice and flour usually are good buys in August or September, lard in December, and citrus fruits in January or early February.

Also do not neglect January "white sales," which usually offer real bargains in soft goods. Keep in mind the February furniture sales, the August fur sales and the clearance sales of summer goods. Remember, too, that nothing is a bargain if you cannot afford it or if it lacks quality! Just a thought to use when trading for an automobile. Tell the dealer that with one car to

Medford Apostolic Members to Meeting

Rev. C. W. Frost, pastor of the Apostolic Faith church here, announces more than 200 members of the Medford church plan to attend the international camp meeting convention, held in Portland each year for three weeks during July.

Setting for the camp meeting is one of Portland's beauty spots, located at S.E. 52nd and Duke. An 80-piece concert orchestra and a pipe organ accompany the great congregational singing, and various groups of talented musicians present special music throughout the camp meeting.

day for every four people, a decline in auto prices may soon come. The previous saturation point came in 1940 when there was one car for about every five of population. My guess is that next January may be a good time to buy an automobile.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays.

Game Commission Issues Warning Against Raising Fawns as Pets

Portland, Ore., June 23—(U.P.)—A "Pet Deer" recently attacked three children near St. Helens, the state game commission said today in warning residents against rearing of fawns as gentle pets.

Wayne Young, game commission agent, disposed of the unruly deer.

He said the doe first trailed a five-year-old boy in a wooded area, reared at him and struck him down. An older brother, attracted by the boy's screams, hurled a staff at the deer and drove it off. Shortly afterwards, the same doe struck at two other children who approached it.

Buck Stands Ground

In another deer encounter, Willamette valley game agents had to pick up a captive buck that had been bottle-fed from a tiny fawn by its owner. When approached in its enclosure, the

enraged deer defied two agents with slashing hooves and antlers before it could be hauled away for release in the Tillamook Burn. When freed, the buck stood its ground, ready to attack the first man that left the truck.

"Actions such as this are typical of 'civilized' deer and should serve as warning to people with ideas of rearing fawns as pets," Robert Mace, chief of big game for the commission, said. "It's due to a deer's natural aggressiveness. Once a captive deer loses its fear of man, it can no longer be considered gentle."

Fawns Retrieved

Mace said state police and game agents were retrieving fawns picked up by "sympathetic" individuals suffering from the illusion that each tiny fawn ly-

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10-Year-Old Girl Gives Birth to Boy

Omaha, June 23—(U.P.)—A 10-year-old girl gave birth to a normal son in a hospital here, the Omaha World-Herald reported today.

Doctors said the girl was "doing nicely" and declined to reveal her name or the name of the hospital where the baby was born about noon yesterday.

The mother was believed the youngest ever to give birth to a child in Nebraska.

Physicians said the birth was "completely normal." The baby weighed six pounds, eight ounces.

They said the infant probably

will be placed for adoption. The young mother had been at the hospital for several weeks, doctors said. They said she was small for her age and had been receiving blood transfusions for some time to build up her

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