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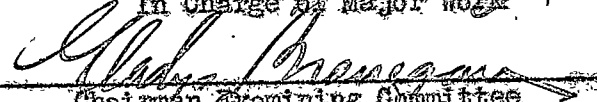
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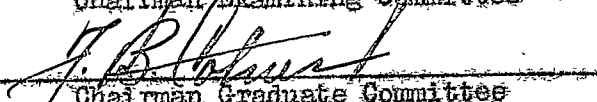
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INTRODUCTION

The subject of farm family living is one of vital interest in Montana and in the nation as a whole today. There can be no extensive planning with respect to best land use, rehabilitating farm families, or balancing a rural-urban population without encountering questions of the following nature:

- 1) What is the amount of income of a typical farm family, in periods of prosperity and periods of depression?
- 2) What proportion of the farm family income is derived directly from the farming enterprise as cash and furnished income, and what proportion is derived from other than farming sources?
- 3) How is the total gross income divided between the farm operating cost and family living?
- 4) How is the proportion of farm family income going to living distributed as to amounts going to food, clothing, housing, health and other advancement items?
- 5) In addition to total income, what other factors such as type of farming, size of household, age of household members, size of farm, and education of the heads of the household are associated with the particular income and expenditure relationships found among farm families.

In order to assist in answering these and similar questions tabulation of pertinent data for 50 Custer County farm families was undertaken.

- (1) The schedules were collected for the Bureau of Home Economics of the Department of Agriculture at Wash. D.C., in a recent house-to-house survey carried on as a W.P.A. project. Duplicates were retained at the Montana State College by the Department of Economics and Sociology.

