

they are there. The only large store that we have, a typical national supermarket nationwide would be Kroger.

The people were complaining to me about food and again I don't do the buying much myself, but I know the limitations of how hard it is to feed people on a limited amount of money. We didn't know what to do about it. If somebody raises too much cain about Kroger they might cancel their lease and move and we have added to our problems. But we did have an old bus that sat around the neighborhood that belonged to us, the bus was like the rest of us, quite deteriorated, but we were able to get the bus out on Saturday mornings, and there is in St. Louis a farmer's market in south St. Louis called the Soulard Market, it has been there since the 1780's, I think, and each wave of people that came to St. Louis seemed to end up at some time in their life at Soulard Market. We were able to offer the bus to the women of our community, if they so desired, if they would pay us enough to keep the bus running, we would provide a driver to take them to this market and then they could shop. At that time they also sent along a person who would teach them how to shop, not to buy the first items that they saw, but to take a walk around the market and see how much eggs were and how big they were, how fresh they looked, then on your second trip around make some purchases. It met with mediocre success as one of the ladies is going to tell you this afternoon. The mediocre success was due to a number of things, not that the people didn't want to use it, but we couldn't run it every day, we could only get a driver on Saturdays, poor people don't have money that they can write a check and go just when we say the bus is ready.

Sometimes they have other obligations of rent, that food is something that you worry about day to day. From the public image people can't tell when you are hungry but they can tell when you have been evicted by the furniture out on the sidewalk, so our people frequently pay their rent first, then trust it to luck as far as food was concerned. However, we did offer this one choice, if they wanted to come they could, we weren't compelling them in any way, but it is only mediocre. It is a smaller bus that's available now. I think the ladies this afternoon might tell you that it is the season of the year and the time of the month when they are best able to take advantage of this, but it was one effort made as far as giving people a choice. They have no choice in our community, as I heard someone else testify, and we do not have the automobiles available, the people do not have their own cars, and the cost of public transportation is also very high and quite irregular. So there was a difficult thing. Where do you go? So this was an effort, but I am quite sure that it is not adequate. It might be strengthened if we could get additional resources available if the extension services, Missouri University, and other homemaking programs could kind of join in on this and we join with them and possibly make it more available.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Father, neither you nor the ladies consider the small stores there a choice. Why?

Reverend SCHOCKLEE. Well, the price, I don't think it is something that's peculiar to our neighborhood, that small stores cost more, because they do not have the volume of business. Again, your choice is reduced. You buy this can of beans or you don't buy any beans at all. Or you buy this pound of butter, this grade of butter, or this stick of