

THE HIGH COST OF EVERYTHING

Just heard that high gasoline prices will be with us for two to three more years. Hasn't been that long already? In my college days I paid thirty-five cents a gallon. Yes, they had colleges back then. In seminary the cost of gasoline rose to sixty cents a gallon and I went through the roof. Told my wife I wouldn't pay such outrageous prices, but I did. Oh, for the good old days.

Now the price is nearing \$3.00 a gallon and I still keep pumping it in. What would we do without our cars? I keep waiting for the other guy to lower his gasoline consumption, but he must be waiting for me. Thought I might buy a motor cycle just to do my part for conservation, but my wife saved us even more money when she nixed the scooter. Rats!

Now I'm discovering something even more expensive than gasoline. Medicine! My doctor must think if he keeps prescribing enough of the stuff I won't be hungry anymore. Every trip to the drug store does ruin my appetite a bit. But what are we going to do? Medicine, like gasoline, is a necessary commodity. We can't live without it.

One thing is for sure. Even if gasoline tops five bucks a gallon, I'm still going to filler up to go see my grandkids. Some prices aren't too high to pay. That son-in-law, though, should have found a job closer to his in-laws. I wonder why he didn't?