THE BATTALION

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The U. S. Department of Commerce in a current bulletin published as a "small business aid," st ful super market operators say the perishable goods department should account for 50 percen-dollar volume and two-thirds of the dollar gross margin (profit)". Think what this statement all its implications! It explains lots of things!

It explains why Orisco, for instance, is usually sold at cost, and fresh meats, for instance, are usually sold by the super market much higher than by your neighborhood grocer.

Crisco at cost is recognized by the most uninformed as a bargain and it is always exactly what you pay for. On the other hand, there are many grades of fresh meats (and other perishables) and the difference in the grades is sometimes hard to detect by even an expert.

Bargains in perishables are usually not obvious-neither are flagrant overcharges.

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Unfortunately, most independent grocers find it mo on each item throughout the store rather than to their handling by inflated profits on other items. cost and r up the loss incurred in

Ask yourself which practice should inspire your confidence

Pick out your favorite independent grocer and give him your business. The difference in the overall cost will probably be much less than you think, and you will help your school and community, and its charitable in-

We are now in a period when every penny must count in the grocery budgets of many of our customers. Ac-cordingly, we are amending our policy and seeking price items ,too. All of these items listed below—only a part of the line of price items we have—are wholesome, of standard grade or better. We believe they equal or excel the offerings of any chain or supermarket today.

