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By ROGER BABSON

BABSON PARK, Fla., Mar. 23—The changed international situation is already being felt rural areas throughout the country. Farm land values which had been declining gradually for several months reversed their downward trend almost immediately after the Korean outbreak.



Roger W. Babson

Outlook For Cattle

I have always maintained that land, and that includes good farm land, is an acceptable hedge against inflation or other types of crises. It may not be the very best hedge, but in the long run it should turn out to be a pretty good thing when cash is worth little and when other values dip accordingly. However, I do not generally recommend that my readers go out and buy a farm with the idea of growing produce or feeding cattle or hogs to sell commercially. Farming today is too specialized for any such hit or miss approach. What I advocate is that every city family who can afford it should own a sustenance farm, as insurance, capable of sheltering and supporting them in an emergency.

Readers who are now engaged in cattle raising, dairy farming and in producing large grain crops, often write asking me what I think of the prospects for the coming year in these fields. In my opinion, cattle prices generally will be well maintained over the next six months. Heavy employment at high wages should result in a continued high demand for beef. I do not anticipate that such demand will be adversely affected, to any substantial extent, by the imposition of still higher individual income taxes in 1951.

Lower Profits Possible

While cattle prices should remain at relatively high levels, increased producing costs generally may further cut profit margins in 1951, thus immeasurably increasing the risk in stock cattle farming. Breeding herds that grow in numbers should maintain their value even in the face of such declines, provided you keep a sharp eye on local conditions, with a view of buying replacements and selling finished cattle at the most opportune time profit-wise.

Those readers who now have farm land and wish to buy more or who, having had previous experience as owners of farm land, wish to make purchase in new locations are advised to act promptly. Good farm land will go higher. Admittedly, this is not the best time to buy it, but you should do much better now than you will be able to do by late summer. Thus, if you can find a good farm or good farm land that is not over-priced, my advice would be to go ahead, provided that you can pay about 50 per cent down and still have enough cash left for proper stocking and operating, as well as for emergencies. Productive land is a sound investment and good land should continue to have real value, no matter what price changes may come over the longer term.

Dairy Farming Discussed

Those readers now considering going into dairying should think twice and then stop and think again, even if they have had previous experience in this very uncertain field. Profit margins in dairying vary considerably in different sections of the country and many an otherwise able man has lost his shirt by plunging enthusiastically into a dairy program without giving sufficient thought to the possible consequences. The principal problem in dairying, and it is essentially the same in New England, in the Midwest or in the Rockies, is the cost of feeds. These feed costs usually represent more than half of the total cost of milk production and largely determine profits.

If you think you can control feed costs, through a well-balanced feed program, which includes careful management of your feed inventory, you can

WEANT—GILLESPIE

The Keysville Evangelical and Reformed Church Saturday evening, was the scene of the marriage of Miss Wilma Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gillespie, Taneytown R. D. 2, near here, and Donald Weant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weant, Emmitsburg, R. D. 2. Rev. Morgan Andrews, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.

The church was decorated with ferns and palms. Preceding the ceremony, an organ recital was presented by Jack Wantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wantz, DePaul St. The soloist was Miss Helen Martin, who sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because" preceding the ceremony and after the ritual, "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a white nylon marquisette gown, trimmed with nylon lace over a taffeta hoop skirt. The bodice was tight-fitted with a net yoke and a large off-the-shoulder bertha, edged in a lace nylon ruffle, short sleeves and white nylon mitts. She carried a nosegay of white sweetpeas and wore a finger tip all lace veil which fell from a lace cap.

Miss Doris Olinger, close companion of the bride and a classmate, was maid of honor. She wore a blue taffeta gown with a tight-fitted bodice, net yoke, off-the-shoulder bertha collar edged in lace, a full skirt made with a profusion of ruffle effects and a slightly accentuated hoop bottom. She wore white nylon wrist-length gloves and carried an arm bouquet of pink sweetpeas.

Glenn Gillespie, brother of the bride, was best man. The bride's mother wore a dark blue crepe dress with matching accessories as did the bridegroom's mother. Both wore red rosebud corsages.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left for Stevensville, Newfoundland, where the bridegroom is attached to the U. S. Air Force at Harmon air base.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Weant are graduates of Emmitsburg High School. Mr. Weant graduated with the Class of '47 and Mrs. Weant in 1950. The bride has been employed in the office of the local public school as secretary.

Laurel Opens Today

Headed by Main Chance Farm's Admirals Pride and Pelican Stable's Magnet, a small but select field of sprinters has been nominated for the Capitol Handicap, six-furlong feature which will be run at Laurel today, when the 24-day meeting gets under way.

Admirals Pride recently equaled the track record of 1:09:3-5 at Hialeah in a winning effort, while Magnet, a winner at the Fair Grounds in New Orleans, will be seeking his second straight triumph in the race a year ago.

Laurel has set post time at 1:30 for the spring meeting and the feature event each afternoon will be the sixth on the eight-race card.

CHARLES W. GRABLE

Charles W. Grable, 53, of Smithsburg, Route 2, died last Wednesday at the Camp Ritchie Hospital. He had been in failing health since 1949. He was born at Thurmont, the son of the late Charles and Harriet Grable and spent the early part of his life in Thurmont and moved to his present residence 25 years ago.

Mr. Grable was a veteran of World War I. He enlisted June 10, 1917 at Columbus Barracks, O., at the age of 20.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nellie E. (Hahn) Grable; stepson, Robert C. Hahn, Smithsburg; sister, Mrs. Lizzie Ridenour of Thurmont; brothers, Harry, Ray and George, all of Thurmont.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Blue Mountain Church of God.

Spring gardens are beginning to stir the hopes of mankind.

probably make money in dairying. But if you have grave doubts as to your ability to keep feed costs within bounds, steer clear of such an operation. Yet, I think farming generally will be profitable in 1951. Farm income will be up, at least through the first half and, perhaps, beyond. For the year, it should average some 15 per cent above 1950.

(These opinions of Mr. Babson are published in the Chronicle every Friday.)

Woodsboro

Livestock

Quotations

The following quotations are those paid Tuesday at the weekly auction of the Woodsboro Livestock Sales, Inc.:

Butcher steers, \$27.75-31.25; butcher cows, med. to good, \$24.10-29.25; butcher cows, canners and cutters, \$19.65-24.00; butcher bulls, up to \$27.10; stock heifers, \$73.00-316.00; stock bulls, per head, \$74.00-124.00; dairy cows, per head, up to \$306.00; good choice calves, 190-250 lbs., \$36.75-42.00; good choice calves, 160-190 lbs., \$36.50-38.00; good choice calves, 140-160 lbs., \$33.75-36.75; good choice calves, 125 to 140 lbs., \$34.00-36.00; light and green calves, up to \$33.50; good choice butcher hogs, 140 to 160

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Memory works wonders with the truth.

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The spring offensive, to some people, will begin when the umpire cries, "Play Ball."

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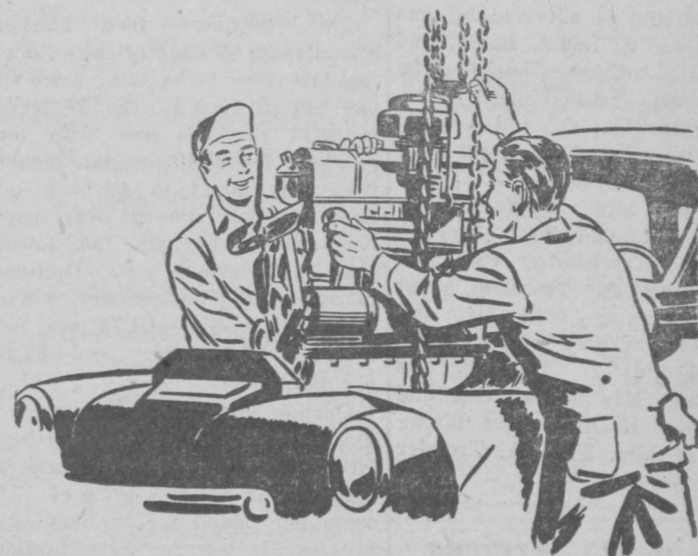
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We All Need More Efficient Service

Marylanders, and all Americans depend upon truck service more and more each year. And rightly so, for we have never had a greater need of direct, prompt and economical transportation.

To discourage any form of transportation at this time in our history is down-right short sighted. Common sense tells us that efficient trucks are vitally needed, from here to Korea!

Just remember this—over 600 Maryland communities depend completely on truck service for contact with the outside.

Trucks Pay Their Share of State Taxes

In 1949, trucks operating in and through Maryland paid 37% of the total expenditures for new State Roads. Yet trucks represent only 15.7% of vehicles using the roads.

Maryland collected almost \$11,500,000 from trucks through special highway taxes. This was nearly 35% of the total highway taxes paid to the State . . . 18% more than all the money spent for maintenance, administration and safety on the State roads system!

Let's Work This Out Together

Public demand has brought about the progress of trucking. Roads can and should be built to properly serve all forms of motor transport.

Let's work together to make sure special interests don't push the clock back on progress in Maryland!

MRS. LELA V. LANTZ
Mrs. Lela Virginia Lantz, widow of W. Scott Lantz of Lantz, died last Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock at the Gerlock Nursing Home, Hagerstown, aged 86 years.

She was a lifelong member of the United Brethren Church at Deerfield and is survived by one son, Roscoe S. Lantz, Lantz, and two half brothers, Charles Fitz, Emmitsburg, and William Fitz, West Carrollton, O., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hess of Oberlin, Pa., and Mrs. Mary E. Hess of Harrisburg, Pa., and Mrs. Edna A. Tressler spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sites of Orrtanna, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hess and Mrs. Harry E. Hess were dinner guests of Mrs. Edna A. Tressler last Sunday.

**MARYLAND
FEED & GRAIN
MARKETS**

The Baltimore feed market was steady to slightly lower during last week. The total price of one ton of each of the 16 feeds is \$6.87 per ton less than the previous week. Principal weakness was noted in soybean oil meal with a decline of over three per cent—\$3.17 per ton lower than the previous week. Declines of over two per cent were noted in gluten feed—\$1.73 per ton lower, and 16% dairy feed—\$1.82 per ton lower.

During last week, one pound live weight of broilers would buy 5.1 pounds of feed. This ratio is based on an average price of 27.3 cents per pound for broilers and \$107.94 per ton for 20% broiler mash on lower Eastern Shore.

National Feed Market
Feedstuff markets averaged barely steady last week, according to reports to the Dept. of Agriculture. Offerings, especially of oilseed meals, were plentiful and demand was only moderately active. As the result, the index number of wholesale feed prices dropped about one and a half points to 245.5 compared with 208.7 a year ago. The feed grain index was down about one point to 246.8 compared with 189.7 a year ago. The market for wheat millfeeds held about unchanged, production was down slightly from the previous week but demand was slack, reflecting the continued shortage of boxcars, snow blocked roads in the north central states, and large importations of Canadian feed wheat in eastern markets. Prices of other grain byproduct feeds were about unchanged from the previous week with offerings adequate for current trade needs. Oilseed meals were in plentiful supply and price concessions were necessary to move accumulating stocks. The market for commercial mixed feeds was barely steady with demand for dairy and poultry feeds only moderate.

A continued heavy use of feedstuffs by dairymen and poultrymen was indicated for February. Milk production per cow in herds kept by crop correspondents averaged 16.20 pounds at the first of March. This was slightly under the 16.48 pounds produced on Mar. 1, 1950, but was well above the 10-year average of 14.28 for that date. Egg feed and chicken feed price relationships were more favorable last month than a year ago but the turkey feed relationship continued less favorable. The rate of egg production in February reached a new record high for the month of 13.5 eggs per laid.

Maryland Grain Market
Baltimore grain market weakened slightly during last week. No. 2 red winter garlicky wheat averaged about two cents per bushel lower than the previous week. No. 2 yellow shelled corn lost about two cents per bushel. No. 2 western white oats declined about three cents per bushel. Soybeans, both black and yellow, remain steady at ceiling price.

National Grain Market
Grain markets turned weaker last week and most of the price advances of the previous week were lost, according to reports to the Dept. of Agriculture. Contributing to the market weakness were more favorable reports from the Korean war front, plentiful offerings of practically all grains and a less active inquiry from grain millers, processors, and distributors. Elevator interests were still buyers because of lack of storage space. New export business was slack despite the reinstatement of the export subsidies on wheat. Actual exports of grain however, remained at a low level; also box cars continued to be scarce.

MRS. MARY J. CASSELL
Mrs. Mary Janet Cassell, widow of Charles E. Cassell, formerly of Thurmont, died last Saturday at the Locust House Nursing Home, Philadelphia, Pa., aged 71 years.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Stanley Kurtz, Philadelphia, and two granddaughters, Patricia and Sara Kurtz.

Funeral services were conducted from the funeral home in Thurmont Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, by Rev. Edouard Taylor. Interment in Thurmont U. B. Cemetery.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Mary C. Fuss last week, were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stambaugh and Mrs. Harry Ohler, Taneytown.

College Scholarship Available

For the first time young women as well as young men in Frederick County are eligible for the state tuition scholarship to St. John's College at Annapolis, according to a recent decision by the attorney general, the college said this week.

When Maryland's oldest and best known liberal arts college went co-ed last December, there

was doubt as to whether women would be permitted to take advantage of the 52 state scholarships to St. John's until the recent action by the attorney general's office.

Worth \$2600, the four-year tuition scholarship which will be open next fall will be awarded by the results of examinations given Senator Jacob R. Ramsburg from Mar. 31.

The second Frederick County scholarship to St. John's, which

is for room and board as well as tuition, is now held by Freshman Harry Danner of Brunswick.

Awarding a bachelor of arts degree, St. John's has attracted national attention since 1937 when it instituted a four-year required course based on the great books of western civilization supplemented by laboratory exercise and daily classes in mathematics and the languages.

St. John's is credited as a major influence in the post-war

trend of many colleges and universities such as Yale, Harvard, Princeton, and Amherst to eliminate the elective system in the first two years of liberal arts courses and to offer general education curricula.

Miss C. Elizabeth Morrison, of Baltimore, visited last week in Emmitsburg, with friends and relatives.

Miss Louise Adams, Washington, D. C., visited over the week-ends with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Felix Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, of Baltimore, were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Scott and Mrs. Bruce Smith.

Debates would improve if speakers frankly advanced their real arguments against a proposal.

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1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Melt butter or margarine in deep-well cooker, using low heat; add flour, blend. Add ketchup, salt and pepper. Add water and strained lemon juice; cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Cut meat in 1 1/2 inch cubes; pare and halve potatoes; peel onions; add to first mixture. Cover. Turn switch to high heat until steaming, then turn to low; cook 2 1/2 hours. Add oregano, cook 15 minutes longer. Yield: 6 servings.

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