



Big Question In Agriculture

One of the great questions before the American people is what to do about Agriculture—what Federal government policy should be established on a permanent basis, what form of assistance, if any, should be given through governmental channels? For a long time, unfortunately, the problem has been involved in partisan politics. Progress toward a solu-

tion which would protect the welfare of the farmers and at the same time be in the public interest can only be achieved when all of us have a clear understanding of the basic elements in the problem.

At Freedom Forum XVII, conducted by the National Education Program recently at Searcy, Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of the American Farm Bureau Federation, discussed the pertinent elements in the problem and then he gave some important viewpoints of his organization, which has a membership of 1,600,000 farm families representing a total of nearly 10,000,000 Americans. Mr. Fleming feels that the viewpoints of the Federation reflect those of most of the farmers of the nation.

Too Much Production

"The agriculture problem," he said, "is that our plant is too big for our markets at home and abroad. Currently our productive capacity, and our production, is in excess of demand both at home and abroad—about four per cent per year. One of the things about the demand for agricultural products is that the demand is relatively inelastic, especially so for some agricultural commodities. A four per cent increase in supply results in a greater than four per cent decrease in price.

"Add to that the fact that we have had four per cent or more too much for the last several years and it's piled up in what some people thought was a market, namely, the Commodity Credit Corporation. It isn't a market; it's a storehouse and anything that goes in and reduces supply one year and raises the price one year, increases the supply and reduces price when it comes out, as most folks have learned (and those who haven't probably will, because it's one of the stark realities of life.)"

Cotton Example

"Now in the operation of our various experiments with regard to political manipulation in the agriculture price policy field, we've found there are some things that we should have known—for instance, that it's awfully easy to price your commodity but of the market at home and abroad. There's no more dramatic example than a commodity that affects this area (the South) and I mean cotton. Because of government cotton pricing manipulations we have invited dramatic expansion of synthetic production at home; we have invited expansion of synthetic production abroad, and production of raw cotton abroad, to the point where as of today, unless we do differently than we're doing, this great export commodity will have lost its total export market within two years.

"And so these efforts, sincere efforts in most cases, to try to do something about this problem have created some other problems that may be at least as difficult as the one it

ALONG THE POTOMAC

By U. S. Congressman DeWitt S. Hyde

Washington, Aug. 8—A review of the accomplishments of the 84th Congress must include the observation that truly efficient government is handicapped if one political party controls the legislative branch and another party, the executive. News commentators have complimented the 84th Congress for smooth and efficient performance and for an outward appearance of amity. I agree that, in the main, the record of service to the people has been good, but I am sure it would have been better had responsibility not been

divided. The record of the Congress includes legislation of both direct and indirect benefit to citizens of the 6th Maryland District. Two new laws of importance to our area are highway construction and federal aid in the fight against river and stream pollution. Each program means a great deal to Maryland. Both provide additional employment and business opportunities for local merchants.

One of the final acts of the 84th Congress was the appropriation of \$50 million to implement the antipollution measure. Wise use of this law, in addition to other programs, will help create a Potomac River Valley which will be the pride and joy of not only our area but of the Nation as well. The Congress set up a voluntary "soil-bank" for farmers that will aid in obtaining a better balance in the use of the soil and help reduce acreage devoted to crops now in surplus. Farmers will also benefit from a provision eliminating the excise tax on oil and gasoline used in farming operations. Social Security was expanded to let woman retire at age 62, and the totally disabled worker to draw benefits at age 50. Certain new professional groups were added to Social Security roles, and the Congress increased taxes to be paid by both the employer and the employee. Civil service and railroad retirement legislation was amended and improved.

One of the major debates of the session was over the issue of foreign aid. Most of the money appropriated will go for military defense in friendly countries. I think it important to remember that it costs us only \$700 a year to maintain a Korean soldier on duty in Korea. In contrast, it requires almost \$6000 a year to keep an American soldier overseas. The more we strengthen our allies, fewer American men and dollars are needed.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Editors of the newspapers which have carried "Along the Potomac" during the life of 84th Congress and, if I may be permitted a personal word, I hope that these columns may appear again next year.

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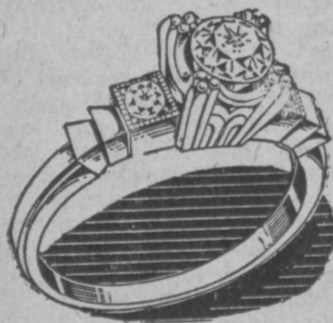
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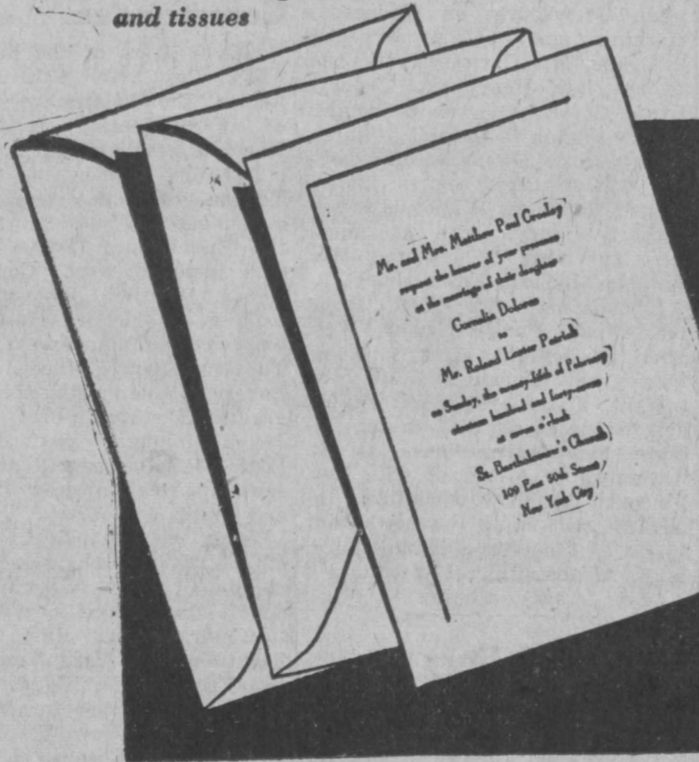
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She said, "Do you think it hurts me because he cannot give me fine clothes, when every day he tells me I am the best gift God ever gave to him? Do you suppose I mind working to help a man like that? His love makes everything worth while."
Paul says much the same thing — love makes everything worth while. Jesus summed up religion in the word LOVE—love to God and love to man. Christianity

places love at the apex of life. It is the highest and noblest of all virtues. Indeed, all virtues are included in love. Faith is its foundation, hope its incentive. Love believes to the uttermost, and always hopes for the best.

PRAYER

Our Father we pray that Thou wilt shed Thy love in our hearts. Use us to encourage and lead others to seek and find Thee also. Help us all to learn to love Thee with heart and mind and soul and strength, and our neighbour as ourselves. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Love is the fulfilling of the law."

Sydney Rowe (Ontario)

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

It is difficult to believe that the grizzly bear in the United States is moving dangerously close to extinction. Until the appearance of white man upon the North American Continent this huge, self-reliant animal had met no serious challenge to his supremacy. Since that time, however, a continuous battle with guns, traps and dogs has been waged against this silver-tipped monarch over much of our western country.

Legend and fact are inseparably intermingled in the history of this great bear. Vague references were made to it by the Spanish explorers of the southwest in the sixteenth century and Indians spoke often of the grizzly in their legends. To them the killing of this animal was a feat of valor comparable to that of vanquishing a human adversary.

It was left, however, for Lewis and Clarke to bring to the world the first scientific description of the grizzly from their famous exploration into the headwaters of the Missouri and Columbia Rivers in 1805-06.

Even the earliest descriptions pointed out marked the differences in temperament and physical makeup between the grizzly and black bear. A somewhat concave facial profile, long slightly curved claws on the front feet, a decided hump over the shoulders, together with the frosted appearance of the hair on the back and sides, left little doubt in the mind of the early explorer that he was in the presence of a grizzly. An average weight of between four and six hundred pounds has been given, but records of considerably larger specimens are available.

During centuries of adjustment this bear became adapted to a vast variety of habitats. He was found throughout western North America from Mexico to the Brooks Range of northern Alaska. His original homeland extended eastward through what is now Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, the Dakotas, the Canadian Province of Saskatchewan and the Territories of Mackenzie and the Yukon.

Montana claims 439 grizzlies exclusive of those found within Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. Spring hunting was discontinued a number of years ago and a large area of the state has been closed to grizzly bear hunting since 1942. Estimates for Glacier National Park indicate 100 grizzlies and for Yellowstone National Park, 125.

Thus, there appears to be somewhat fewer than 800 grizzly bear still remaining within the United States. Approximately one-fourth of these are found within the boundaries of two of our national parks. The remainder are scattered thinly throughout four states. Except for Montana and the national parks, the present

status of the grizzly bear south of the Canadian boundary appears precarious. Even in Montana further reductions in wilderness habitat could cause a serious decline in this remnant population.

What, then, has caused the extermination of this big bear throughout much of its former range, and what chance is there for its survival?

Since the very beginning of the livestock industry in the West, the grizzly has been under suspicion as a killer of cattle and sheep. And although a strong defense against this can be made by demonstrating its omnivorous feeding habits, there is no doubt that meat is often a staple in the diet of the grizzly. Before the coming of the white man, wild game amply filled this need. The domestic animals, which took the place of the buffalo, deer and other game on much of the grizzly range, presented a tempting substitute for the natural foods. Serious predation on livestock was probably confined, however, to a small segment of the bear population. But all received the blame. Livestock interests throughout much of the West marked the grizzly as a threatening hazard to their business and carried out an active campaign of eradication. Killing for sport may well have played a part in this decline in some areas.

An additional factor which is felt to be of particular importance today is the rapid change of the environment in which the grizzly lives. Wilderness-type range represents the most important requirement of present-day grizzly bear habitat. The rapid shrinking and virtual disappearance of this type of country throughout much of the West presents the most serious challenge that the grizzly bear has encountered in its struggle for survival.

In facing the problem squarely, we must admit that valuable as the grizzly bear is, it cannot be perpetuated in substantial numbers in close proximity with important agricultural activities. Its future, therefore, will depend upon our success in retaining a reasonable amount of wilderness range. Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks are playing a vital role in providing part of this.

The wilderness area program of our National Forests throughout the West represents an additional factor of vital importance. Areas set aside under this program and accessible only by trails, represent the most important single requirement for the maintenance of the grizzly over most of its remaining ranges.

It is obvious that we cannot restore the grizzly to anything like its former numbers or range. We must, in fairness to the animal and to the economy of the West, consider the grizzly as a wilderness species. And it is upon the preservation of these wilderness areas that the future of the grizzly in the U. S. will depend.

Soldier Scheduled For European Duty

Pvt. John H. Coleman Jr., whose wife, Dorothy, lives in Emmitsburg, is scheduled to leave the States Aug. 20 for Europe as part of Operation Gyroscope, the Army's unit rotation plan.

Pvt. Coleman is a member of the Eighth Infantry Division, which has been stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and is replacing the 9th Infantry Division in Germany.

An aidman in Medical Detachment of the 8th Division Artillery, Coleman entered the Army in January of 1956.
His parents live at 114 Sunset Dr., Wilmington, Del.

15,000 State Acres

Go Into Soil Bank

More than 15,000 acres of cropland had been signed up by Maryland farmers under the 1956 Acreage Reserve Program of the Soil Bank Act through July 27, according to Chester S. Bradley, chairman of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The acreage represents almost \$1 million that farmers could receive in the form of benefits. Farmers who signed up by that date total 1790.

Corn is the largest of the basic crops entered into an agreement. Some 753 farmers signed up 11,111 acres for a maximum value of \$461,083.16. Tobacco was next with 3609.78 acres signed up by

699 farmers. Total payments here could reach a maximum of \$502,925.40. Forty-four wheat farmers signed up 587.5 acres and could receive as much as \$2891.64.

Over the nation, more than 8 million acres had been signed up as of July 20. Deadline for participation in the Acreage Reserve

Program this year was July 27. Only farms with corn "base acreages" or allotments for wheat, cotton, rice, peanuts, or tobacco are eligible to participate in the Acreage Reserve Program, which is designed primarily to reduce current production of these six basic crops.

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By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Discusses Business Pills Babson Park, Mass., August 9. I have continually stressed in this column that the continuation of present prosperity depends upon the consumers, or customers of your local stores. So long as retail sales remain high, all is well, and husbands will continue employed; but when you begin to restrict buying, then retailers buy less from manufacturers. The manufacturers then begin to lay off their wageworkers and retail sales are further reduced, the "victorious circle." Hence, the business cycle—so-called—turns downward until we have a depression.



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I, however, wish to refer this week to "pills" which are being used so unnecessarily by wageworkers, many of whom leave home without a real breakfast. The "coffee break" is the most apparent development in this line. The milk and sugar are real food; but the coffee is only a temporary stimulant lasting at most one half hour. Those working on continuous-line production—who must keep up with the speed of the bells—often use dexedrine pills. These tend to keep one awake and supply "pep." They don't work with all people who really need better meals and more sleep.

ASTOUNDING STATISTICS But consider the following statistics on pills which are being used today—not by sick people—but those who are employed in factories, retail stores and offices. The following figures have been supplied by Dr. Henry van Zile Hyde of the U. S. Public Health Service at Washington. He says: Each year we dose ourselves with about 400 tons of barbiturates (a nerve drug), 34 tons of amphetamine, a "pep-up" drug, and 7,000 tons of aspirin made into 19 billion five-grain tablets! In addition, there are billions of laxative pills sold.

Much of this tonnage is consumed by tired mothers preparatory to shopping at a supermarket or some other retail store. The final step may be to give pills, free, to customers as they enter the store. Such pills would keep them longer on their feet and give them courage to buy more goods. All of these stimulants are in addition to the highballs and doses of whiskey or brandy taken regularly at home. What All This Means

The taking of such pills—like buying on installment—may not be harmful if properly controlled. It, however, is dangerous for wageworkers, consumers, or retailers to depend too much upon such artificial stimulants. Not only does their use serve only temporarily, but it is a dangerous and unnatural way to get free from pain, fatigue, and other troubles. Those depending upon such should go to a physician for a "check-up" and learn how to eliminate the cause of their troubles.

Importance Of Good Food Surely the prosperity of the nation as well as our own well-being could be benefited by the regular eating of more good food. Coffee will not take the place of oatmeal; ice cream sodas will not serve for healthy lunches; while hurried dinners or suppers may keep you alive, but not prosperous. We cannot get on with scant and hurried meals any more than a furnace can provide power without sufficient coal or oil.

Although girls' beautiful complexions are out of my field, yet I am told "on authority" that the money spent on cosmetics would give far more rosy cheeks if spent on more good foods, fresh air, pure drinking water—with more sleep. Let me further remind readers of the old question: "How does the word "diet" read when we leave the "r" off?"

A Word To Investors Although I am an optimist on oils, chemicals, and certain other groups of stocks, yet I have continually kept in mind that some "unexpected event" may at any time happen. I wrote a column on this subject a few weeks ago. The recent sudden taking over of the Suez Canal by the new Egyptian Government is an illustration of what I had in mind. Even in these good days this sudden event caused several billion dollars to be knocked off the value of oil stocks and other internationally owned securities within a few hours.

We are now living in a small world. Whatever our religion, color, or nationality, we are brothers together economically. Every investor in the world has lost money by this act of the Egyptian Government. These investors are asking themselves: If this can be done to one of the oldest and most conservative investments, Suez Canal stock, why could it not be done to many other "blue chips"? However, all "unexpected events" are not bearish. Some are very bullish, such as the recent sudden adjournment of Congress until next Jan.

SENATE CLOAKROOM

By J. GLENN BEALL

Reports on the bills signed by the President since the 84th congress adjourned are still so fresh in our minds that they need no repeating, so this week I will continue my review of new legislation by once again mentioning a few of the measures which became law during the actual session itself.

The list will be my last regular "Senate Cloakroom" communication with you until the Congress reconvenes, but I sincerely hope that I will see all of you in person during the trips which I will make through the State in the interim.

Narcotics, Libraries, Disasters Returning to our consideration of laws which were added to the books during the second session of the 84th Congress, we find that there is now legislation which:

Provides for a more effective control of narcotics and fixes penalties of death or life imprisonment for the illicit sale of drugs to children;

Authorizes a five-year, \$75,500,000-a-year program for Federal aid for State library services in isolated rural areas;

And permits Federal Housing Administration loans for repair of homes damaged in floods and other major disasters. School Milk Program Extended Other new measures:

Provide for an extension of the school milk program to include camps and nurseries for underprivileged children;

Authorize a research program in forest, range and watershed management;

Expand the program for water-pollution control to \$50,000,000 a year for five years;

Broaden the plan of payments to farmers for water conservation practices;

And increase the pay of six-month armed services trainees under the Reserve Act from \$50 to \$78 per month.

Data Available through Office The preceding reminders of new laws represent only a small portion of the statutes enacted prior to adjournment.

If additional information concerning them or any of the hundreds of other new measures passed by the 84th Congress is desired, we will be glad to supply it in answer to individual requests. Letters asking for such data may be sent to my office—Room 443, Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Your Personal Health

Rabies is a frightening disease but panicky behavior regarding it, as with other situations, can do more harm than good. To allay unnecessary fears and to promote thoughtful action Dr. Forbes H. Burgess, county health officer, provides the following information:

Regarding the Animal An animal that has bitten someone or that shows abnormal or "peculiar" behavior such as refusing to eat, or trying to eat wood, stones or dirt should be penned up—not destroyed. It may be chained, kept in the cellar, or sent to a veterinarian.

Notify the county health department or the police. The health officer will then determine the period the animal must be confined. Ten days to two weeks is the usual period. (Confinement of the animal is at the expense of the owner). During this time symptoms of rabies will appear if it is present in the animal.

If the animal dies or is killed its head must not be crushed, but should be removed and sent to the State Dept. of Health Laboratories or the laboratory of the Livestock Sanitary Service. There the brain will be examined for signs of rabies. Individuals who do not comply with the above provisions whenever rabies is suspected are subject to a \$500 fine.

Regarding Your Children Whether or not an animal is in good health, your children should be taught, for their own protection, to obey the following rules regarding pets: Never tease any animal even neighborhood and family pets; never pet strange animals; your child should report to you at once if bitten by any animal.

Regarding Yourself If a person is bitten by an animal—scrub the wound thoroughly with soap and water and rinse well with running water to remove any of the animal's saliva. (It is the saliva which carries the virus of rabies and causes the disease). Apply a sterile dressing or clean handkerchief to the wound, and take the injured person to a doctor as soon as possible.

Try to learn the identity of the animal which bit the person. Then the animal can be located, quarantined and available for examination by a veterinarian, and when indicated, by a laboratory. Thus, the bitten individual may avoid the inconvenience of the Pasteur Treatment altogether,

or it may be possible to reduce the number of injections otherwise required.

Have your pets inoculated against rabies. Army Pfc. Charles W. Bushman Jr., whose parents live on Emmitsburg R. D., recently arrived in Germany and is now a member of the 2nd Armored Division.

Pfc. Bushman entered the Army in January 1955, and was last stationed at Fort Benning Ga. The 19-year-old soldier attended Emmitsburg High School.

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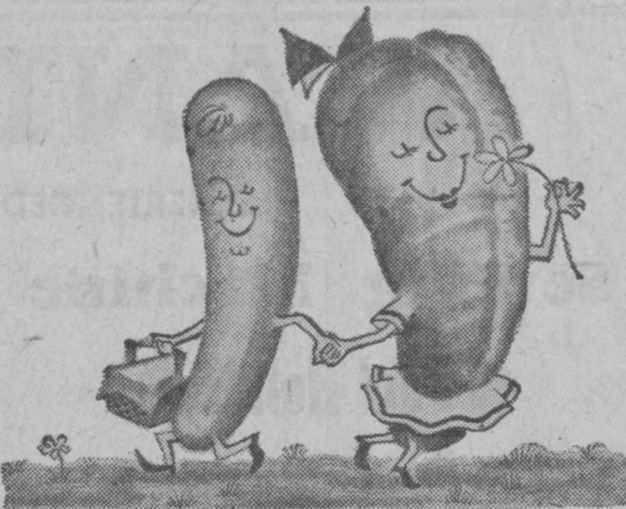
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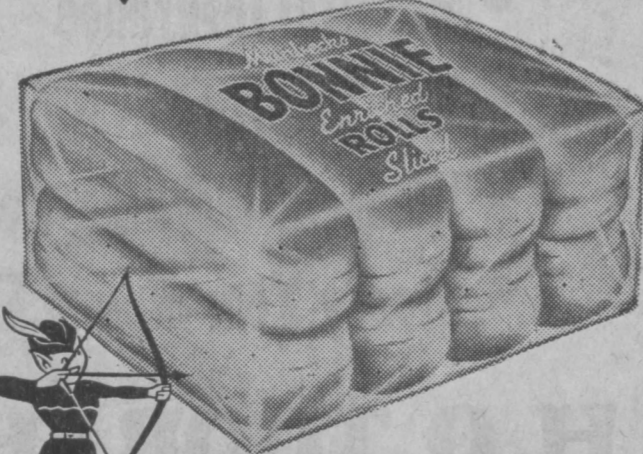
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