

IN THESE UNITED STATES:

Farmers Are Still Trading In Wisconsin's Small Towns

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Only one in four of Marathon county's (Wisconsin) 7,200 farmers buys lumber, cement and feed in Wausau (county seat and largest town, 27,000 population). Around 30 per cent buy farm supplies and groceries there, 50 per cent shoes and 60 per cent furniture and clothing. Others trade mostly in smaller towns or villages of which there are more than a dozen in the county.

In spite of good roads to larger centers, rural dwellers still depend on the home town for many of their facilities and services, says a market survey made by the local chamber of commerce in co-operation with the state chamber and the University of Wisconsin.

Marathon county's farmers intended to spend 7 1/4 million dollars within two years after the war, largest amount going into autos and trucks, with farm machinery a close second and repair and remodeling of farm buildings next. Installation of water systems is principal home repair item; refrigerators the most universally desired appliance.

One in 12 farm families hoped to build new houses at an average cost of \$2,300. More than half of the farmers plan to pay for purchases out of money saved, 12 per cent use farm credit, 18 per cent both.

This is even more interesting, if one recalls that Marathon with more than 1,000,000 acres of land, ranks top among all counties in production of American cheese and fifth in milk, with more than 182 million quarts annually. And more, it has the largest silver fox raising center in the United States.



COLOR GIRL . . . For Annapolis graduation is Dorothy Hargrove of New York City. Shown with her fiancé, Midshipman James B. Wilson of Charlotte, N. C., a member of the graduating class.

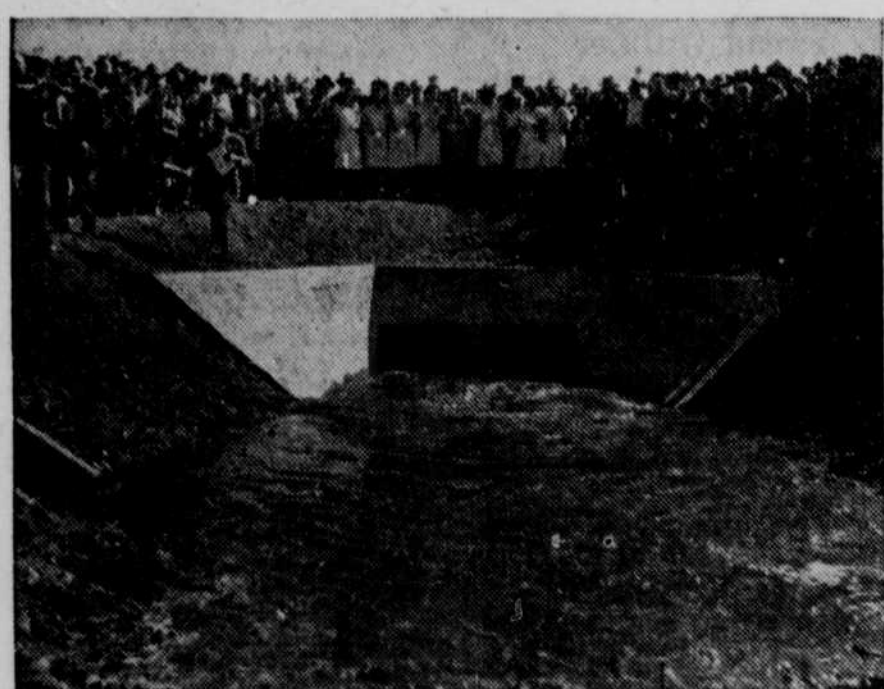
Demand for Peanuts Still Big in 1946

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.—Prices for 1946 peanuts, tenth largest field crop in America, will receive government support if necessary. But Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson told 400 growers, processors and shippers from 23 states here that he did not think price help would be needed.

A war emergency crop that increased three times to a total acreage of three million in four years, peanuts are in high demand in 1946, the secretary said. He and other government experts warned, however, that soon peanuts will face a buyer's market.

Relics Were Saved

STEVENSON, WASH.—Mrs. Mary V. Lane of Underwood, a lineal descendant of the last chief of the Cascade Indians, is the owner of one of the most valuable collections of Indian relics in the Northwest. She was among those who lost their homes by fire. But the collection was safe. It was on exhibition at the Maryhill museum.



WATER FOR NEW FARMS . . . A crowd of 5,000 attended dedication ceremonies as water was turned on at the 50,000-acre Deschutes irrigation project in Central Oregon. The life-giving water will make the desert bloom.

Project Means 800 New Oregon Farms

In former years of dry farming the entire 50,000 acres were owned by 25 families, but the bureau of reclamation has brought water to the Deschutes project in central Oregon and there will be 800 new farms operating soon.

The Deschutes project is one of the first concrete postwar steps to provide farming opportunities for qualified veterans in the West. Already 80 veterans have found homes

Making Roosters Taste Like Hens

BATON ROUGE, LA.—The Louisiana State university poultry husbandry division is experimenting with the prospects of converting the stringy meat of roosters into the tenderness of a hen's.

The scientists are injecting synthetic female hormones to give the rooster more desirable meat qualities. The roosters, after four to six weeks of the injections, shrink in size and develop layers of fat, a prime requisite for tender meat.

Have Florida Men Design Chapeaux

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—At a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Blackwell here recently, the women got retribution for the caustic comments the men had dropped about women's hats. They gave the men colored materials, flowers, a variety of possible trimmings and told them to design women's hats themselves.

The men accepted the challenge and really went to work. The ladies admitted that some of the chapeaux created were too bad!

Auto Man Gets Horse and Buggy Wedding Trip

STURGEON BAY, WIS.—When LeRoy Ehlers, auto mechanic, took Miss Erna Felhofer as his bride at the Valmy church, his co-workers at the garage where he is employed rigged him up in style befitting an automobile man.

When the couple emerged from the church a surrey (with the fringe on top) awaited them. A coachman, Hugo Kalms, in formal dress, stood stiffly by the horses. Mr. and Mrs. Ehlers got into the surrey and drove to the Ed Felhofer home where dinner was served.

Thus, after a half-century, automobile men heed grandpa's snap- per: "Get a horse!"

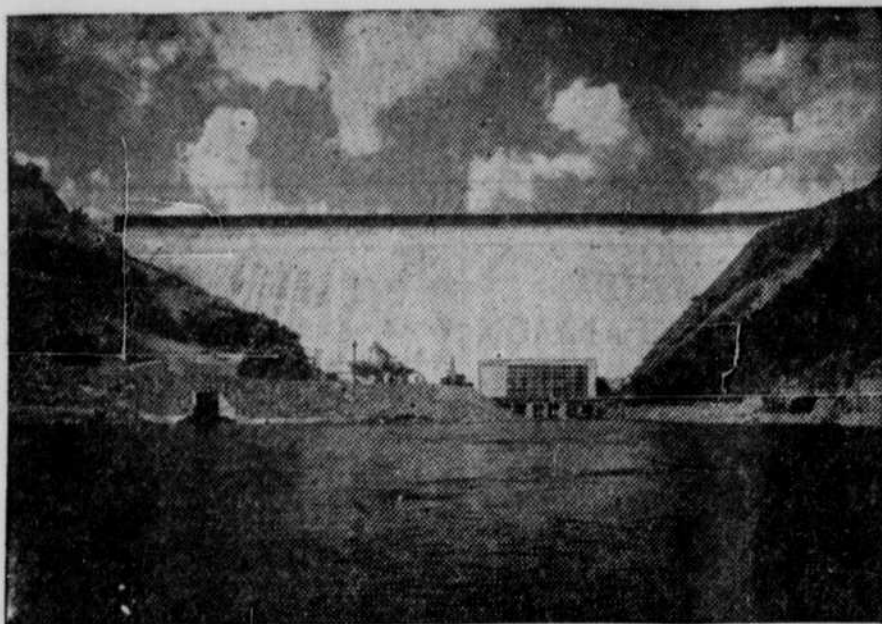
Autos and Dogs Help City Funds

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL.—There has been a sudden spurt in total license receipts in this town. Forrest Davis, village clerk, says it can be traced to autos, dogs and business houses.

Automobile receipts during the first quarter of 1946 increased over \$500, and business licenses have yielded \$1,000 more. But the greatest gain in percentage has been from sale of dog licenses, which jumped from \$410 for all of 1945 to \$859 for the first quarter of 1946.

"It's not a case of more dogs," Police Chief Skoog explained. "We've just got 'em educated to buying dog tags."

In other words, a stray dog doesn't stray far in Arlington Heights unless it has a license. Officials recommend similar "educational" campaigns for other towns.



DOWN SOUTH . . . Not all the big dams are out in the West. Above is Fontana dam in North Carolina, said to be the fourth largest in the world. It was built for flood control and power development and provides much of the power for postwar industrial development in that area.

SUPREME COURT SAYS:

Landlord, and Not the Pilot Has Title to Air over Home

WASHINGTON.—The landlord has property rights in the air above his home or business, the Supreme court has declared in a precedent-breaking decision for America's new age of flight. Repeated invasion of low altitude air-space was the basis for the decision.

First, the high tribunal declared that a landowner has title to as much of the air-space above his property as its use and enjoyment requires. Second, repeated invasion of such air-space by low-flying aircraft is akin to trespassing and subject to legal redress.

The court reached its conclusion by a 5 to 2 decision after looking into the protests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee Bausby, a North Carolina farm couple whose chickens were so badly scared by army bombers from a nearby airfield they flew into fences and broke their necks.

The situation became so bad, Causby said, that he was forced out of the chicken business and his home made uninhabitable, with his family suffering from fright and nervousness.

The U. S. court of claims here said the couple was entitled to \$2,000 damages. The Supreme court said

the government should pay them damages, but ruled the claims court should make more extensive findings about facts to determine the amount of the award.

Dog Retrieves Duck Before Shot Fired

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y.—You don't have to believe this story, but—District Game Protector J. M. Corbine of the state conservation department declares that his dog, a golden retriever, retrieves ducks even before they are shot down.

Recently his dog came home with an eight-pound duck, retrieved from a neighbor's barnyard a half mile away. The dog didn't pick the duck up and carry it that far—no, sir—instead, the dog took the duck's bill in his mouth and led the quacker along, forcing it to duck-walk all the way.

"off we go" NEWS OF FLIERS AND FLYING

WILL USE 'PILOGATORS'
During the war the Air Transport command trained a few "pilogators," pilots who are also navigators, at Rosecrans field, St. Joseph, Mo. And now the commercial airlines show a trend toward doing away with the specialist navigator and using only pilogators.

This is true not only with the international airlines, but it may be extended to domestic lines as well. Right now Pan American Airways and the international division of Transcontinental and Western Air are putting pilots through schools of navigation. The present plan is to let them fly co-pilot after they have completed their navigation courses and naturally move on, in time, to first pilot. This means that eventually all pilots will also be navigators.

MINNESOTA AIRPORTS

Minnesota has already doubled the number of public airports in use since prewar days, says L. L. Schroeder, state commissioner of aeronautics. Minnesota now has 78 operating public airports compared to 36 before the war. Number of civil aircraft has increased from 500 to 700. The state is developing a state-wide airport system. Construction work on airports has started at Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes and Park Rapids, and other towns are ready to go on flying field improvements.

FLYING THE NEWS

Philadelphia Evening Bulletin reporters and photographers now have their own plane with which to execute quick assignments anywhere within 1,000 miles or a six-hour cruising radius. In Florida, the Daytona Beach Examiner, a weekly, made its bow April 18 and two days later it inaugurated airplane delivery to New York City and Miami. Fred W. DeMotte is editor and publisher.

Kites which can be made to dive and maneuver like airplanes—originally designed for use as aerial targets for wartime training of anti-aircraft gunners—have been placed on sale by the WAA.

VA MAXIMUM PRICES

Maximum prices set by the Veterans' administration for primary instruction in light planes, it is reported, must not exceed \$11.50 for dual or \$8.50 for solo. Other maximum prices will be \$20 an hour for instrument training and \$45 for multi-engine courses. Some feel that \$20 is too low for instrument instruction in AT-7s and BT-13s, and that the price should be \$20 for planes up to 160 hp, \$25 for those between 165 and 240 hp and \$30 for planes over 240 hp.

ONLY SEVEN . . .

The "Sacred Cow" insignia worn by Master Sergeant Freddie Winslow is one of the most exclusive in the world. There are only seven in existence. It is worn by members of the crew of the presidential plane, "Sacred Cow," used by President Truman.



LEND-LEASE PLANES
Former lend-lease aircraft which have been returned by the British, more than 350 surplus Stinson AT-19 cabin monoplanes were offered for sale beginning June 3 at \$1,500, \$2,000 and \$2,500 each, depending upon condition, the War Assets Administration has announced. To be sold for cash only, with no discounts, first chance for purchase will go to priority holders. They are eligible for CAA certification for civil flight use. The planes, which had their wings removed before shipment to the U. S., have not been reassembled. The planes are located at Chambers Field, Naval Air station, Norfolk, Va., and may be inspected there.

CAA NOTES

Representatives of the CAA and the national association of state aviation officials recently agreed on a model state aviation law to be known as state aeronautics commission or department act. The medal of freedom has been awarded T. P. Wright by the war department for his work on the strategic bombing survey. Aviation training films soon will be available at 29 civil aeronautics administration airway traffic control centers.

Woman's World Make Slip-Covers for Summer To Add Fresh Color Scheme

By Ertta Haley

EVEN though you may not spend as much of your time indoors as you do outdoors, it's smart to make fresh slipcovers for dining and living room furniture just to give the home a change of color and feeling.

Slipcovers are expensive to buy and more frequently than not you cannot find them in a color or pattern to suit your furnishings. If every woman knew how really simple they are to make, I'm sure that every home would have a set of covers to put on for the warm months.

If you are an inexperienced seamstress, better choose a plain fabric or floral that does not need too much work when it comes to matching the motif or having an up-and-down design. You'll have to measure carefully each individual piece to make sure that you get enough fabric for covering. Here's how it's done:

You'll need twice as much in width as the chair measures, plus one-third extra for height, plus enough to go around each cushion. A slipper chair, for example, will take three yards of 50-inch fabric, an overstuffed chair, 4 1/2 yards, a large arm chair with reversible cushions, 6 yards; a loveseat will also take 6 yards, a large couch with reversible cushions, 9. Decide how much each piece requires and add 1/4 yard extra where the design must be matched.

If you want to save on fabric, you may decide that the bottom of the cushions can be of a different, perhaps less expensive fabric. Or, the bottom of the cushions can be paneled from pieces of the same material because they will not show.

Fit Chairs and Couches As Boxes or Bodies

Since no patterns are available for all the different sizes of chairs and couches to be covered, you'll have to fit them yourself. That's easy, though, if you will just take a length of the material, pin it to the chair and make allowance for seams. When placing the fabric on



Select crisp, gay prints . . .

the chair, see that the grain of the fabric is straight this can be marked with a chalk and ruler before placing the fabric on the chair).

Allowance for generous seams is important in making slipcovers. You will remember that these are washed constantly, and are pulled by use. The seams should be made strong to withstand this.

After the fabric is cut, it should be basted, pressed and stitched. A good idea is to cut and baste, then press and try on before doing the machine stitching. If there are any spots that pull this matter can be corrected before the cover is machine-stitched.

Dining Room Chairs Easily Covered

Always stitch perfectly straight on slipcovers because that is the next most important after fitting. This, of course, will be easy if the slipcover has been basted properly. Use a medium-long machine



For summer slip-covers.

stitch for best results and check the tension to be sure it is correct for the fabric. Allow for ease around the curved arm of the chair.

In the dining room, the whole job will be one of covering only the seats of chairs, and perhaps the

Smart Dinner Wear



A smart version of the shirt-waist dinner dress, becoming to all ages, can be made in a few hours on your sewing machine. The blouse itself is a welcome addition to the wardrobe because it can be worn the year 'round with skirts and suits.

backs, if the chair is of that type. If the chair is odd-shaped make a cushion and cover for the seat, using two pieces of heavy fabric to fit the seat and placing a layer of cotton between these two and stitching around the edge.

Cut a top and bottom for the pad out of the fabric you want for the color scheme, place in position, binding or cording it. Attach ties for this, and have these come around the two back legs to hold the cushion and cover in place.

After you are certain the pleats fit as you want them, machine stitch. The final pressing is done while the pleats are pinned together to make sure they will stay together properly. Use a damp press cloth and press only moderately hard. Remove the basting threads and then press again to remove any marks caused by these threads.

Most slipcover materials do not ravel easily, and if the seams are cut with pink shears, they will not have to be finished any further.

If you want to use a binding or cording for trimming, baste this in place and then stitch so that it will not show too much. For simple summer slipcovers, this binding is not used often, although it is perfectly proper if you desire it.

Secret of Pressing

No garment can really look professional until it is carefully pressed. In sewing, for instance, it's a fundamental rule to press all seams after they are stitched, and definitely do so before one seam is attached to another.

See that the board is well padded with cotton, flannel or muslin. If there is any lumpiness in the board, it will show up on the garment when it is pressed.

All pressing cloths should be free of sizing or dressing or lint, and should be washed frequently. A heavy muslin is best for wool while light-weight muslin is regarded as best for other material.

A sponge may be used for applying water to seams for opening them. Place a press cloth over the material, sponge and press.

Tailor's cushions should be used to press the rounded parts of the garment such as pockets or seams that are curved. These may be purchased or made at home from two oval pieces of cloth, and filled with kapok or wadding.

Before pressing any fabric, test a piece of the material to see how much heat the fabric will take and then adjust the iron accordingly.

Flower Motifs Make Gay Bedroom Linen



BRIGHT or pastel flower borders in pairs may be embroidered two ways. Outline stitch for quick beauty—buttstitch for durability.

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Summer Fashion Notes

Redingotes are very smart when you want to appear strictly tailored and they give you a chance to wear the so smart print dresses and solid, bright colors.

If you want to look cool and collected during the summer, avoid the use of too many frills, too much gingerbread. They seem to weigh down a dress and make it lose its freshness quickly.

Shoes for summer still include the popular wedgie. See them in all colors to match the summer costume.

Notice the interesting effects achieved by the use of straw in summer hats and handbags. Coolie hats are very popular for beach wear, but large brim, "picture" hats are still very pretty for street and dress-up wear.