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New Agriculture Secretary

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FARMERS, ranchers, dairymen and all others in the agricultural industry, both in the production and processing fields, must have confidence in their government... must have faith that their government will stand by every commitment made to them in full... and go ahead for the fullest production of foodstuffs possible.

This is the message to agriculture from Clinton P. Anderson, tall, lanky westerner, and new secretary of agriculture in the administration of President Truman.

The new secretary, a rancher-farmer-business man, is determined that farmers will not suffer in their patriotic efforts for all-out production.

That support prices will be sufficient and over-all to insure adequate prices... that there will be no huge surplus which will bog down prices... that consumer subsidies will gradually be eliminated as upward pressures on prices relax... that agreed requirements from agriculture represent obligations which must be carried through... that adequate manpower and machinery for the farm must be given priority... and that the government must take necessary steps to provide adequate transportation facilities to move groups and foodstuffs, perishables and livestock, and the movement of manpower to areas where there is an acute labor shortage.

This, briefly, is the program which this new, dynamic figure in the department of agriculture has set for himself and the agricultural industry for the immediate months ahead. He is no novice at the job he has undertaken. As chairman of the special committee of the house to investigate food shortages, he traveled the country from coast to coast, heard innumerable witnesses on all sides of every question and after weeks of consideration, he and his committee came up with a set of recommendations, most of which have now been enacted into law.

Long Range Program Too

And while Anderson is immediately concerned with the production of foodstuffs for the war period, he has not lost sight of the long-range program to which the farmer is looking for the postwar years. Mr. Anderson will be secretary of agriculture for the next 3½ years. There is a probability that 2½ and maybe more, of those years will be postwar years. At any rate, with his characteristic thoroughness, he already has a committee of agricultural experts at work studying basic agricultural problems with the idea of bringing forth a set of recommendations for the postwar period.

Interested in Parity

By congressional action, however, farmers have been guaranteed a price for their products, or most of them, at 90 per cent of parity for two years after the end of the war and Mr. Anderson is particularly interested in adequate support prices to maintain this price. Furthermore, support prices are not costing the government anything at this time, since prices of commodities are well above the prices set. It is only when commodity prices start falling for any reason, that the support price will hold the farmer up from ruinous prices.

Anderson is not anticipating any huge surpluses, but nevertheless he is taking no chances on the so-called reconversion period when army and other huge government buyers start cutting back in food purchases. For this reason he is now starting conversations seeking to taper off, rather than cut-off, army purchases, and lend lease.

Consumer subsidies, he looks upon as temporary expedients, and very temporary at that. He is not in favor of such subsidies as a governmental policy in peacetime.

PLENTY POINTS:

But Still In

Eighty-five points doesn't necessarily mean immediate release from the army, as all soldiers know. The trouble is, their families don't realize the catch. Thousands of men who have served long and valiantly are classed as "essential" and are being held indefinitely. In many cases they are having a hard time explaining to their wives just why they aren't coming home soon. One captain stationed in Germany with an occupation unit has 127 points. His wife is so sure that he could return to the states if he wanted to that she is threatening divorce. She thinks that he wants to stay because he has fallen for some German woman. Chaplains report that dozens of such cases reach them every week. Morale is suffering seriously.

CHARTER:

Moves Along

The United Nations charter, meeting with almost no opposition before the senate foreign relations committee, went to the senate for what is said to be certain acceptance without modifications. The committee ended its sessions by a parade of supporters of the charter, after listening to a few individual outspoken opponents.

Final witnesses before the committee included Philip Murray, president of the CIO and William G. Carr, president of the National Education association as well as Norman Thomas, Socialist party leader.

The speed with which the charter has been handled indicates that the United States will become the first nation to officially approve the charter or to pass on it in any form.

NEW WAC CHIEF:

Hobby Resigns

Col. Westray Battle Boyce has been named director of the women's army corps, following resignation of Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, who was the first head and organizer of the service.

Colonel Boyce was employed for eight years in federal agencies in Washington before she joined the WACs. She served as a company officer and in public relations work. In North Africa she was WAC staff director. During the last few months she has been chief assistant to Colonel Hobby.

Colonel Hobby, wife of former Governor Hobby of Texas, and mother of two children, says she wants to return to civilian life to make a home for her family.

CHINESE GAINS:

On Mainland

Doggedly battling Chinese troops have recaptured two former U. S. air bases in Kiangsi province, it was announced by the Chinese high command. The important Jap base at Kanchow is being encircled, it was said, with fighting going on 12 miles outside the town. This communications center is about 250 miles north of Hong Kong. In another sector, the Chinese are approaching Wuchow, Japanese supply base 130 miles west of Canton on Sikiang river. Capture of this city is a major objective.

New advances are being made in Hunan province where the Japs are pulling back toward Paoing. They are now only four miles outside the town, which guards the approaches to the Jap-held rail junction of Hengyang.

AUTOS:

Ration Free?

More autos will be available to the public by March 31 than originally planned—at least enough to bring announcement from Henry P. Nelson of the War Production board that they would be ration-free.

They will still be hard to get however due to a serious shortage of tin. The present quotas called for some 600,000 new cars by next March 31, which is not much more than 10 per cent of the market demands. While these cars may be placed on ration-free lists, little hope is held out that many will be able to secure the family car they have been saving for.

BEEF:

Grass Fed

Cattle fattened on grass in Oklahoma and Kansas are beginning to enter the markets in sizable numbers. About 780,000 head have been put to graze on the blue stem grass lands. It is expected that the steers will gain from 200 to 350 pounds on the green feed.

Ordinarily beef from the grass country ranges as B grade or higher. Animals that would come up to A grade if finished on corn are being grass fed because of the scarcity of grain. Commission men think the grassy beef will sell for 13 to 14 cents a pound.

MALARIA CONTROL:

Daily "delousing" of Manila by low-flying aircraft with DDT, the wonder insecticide, has resulted in a sharp decline in the fly, mosquito and other pests among its unwelcome population, with a material lowering of the number of malaria cases reported.

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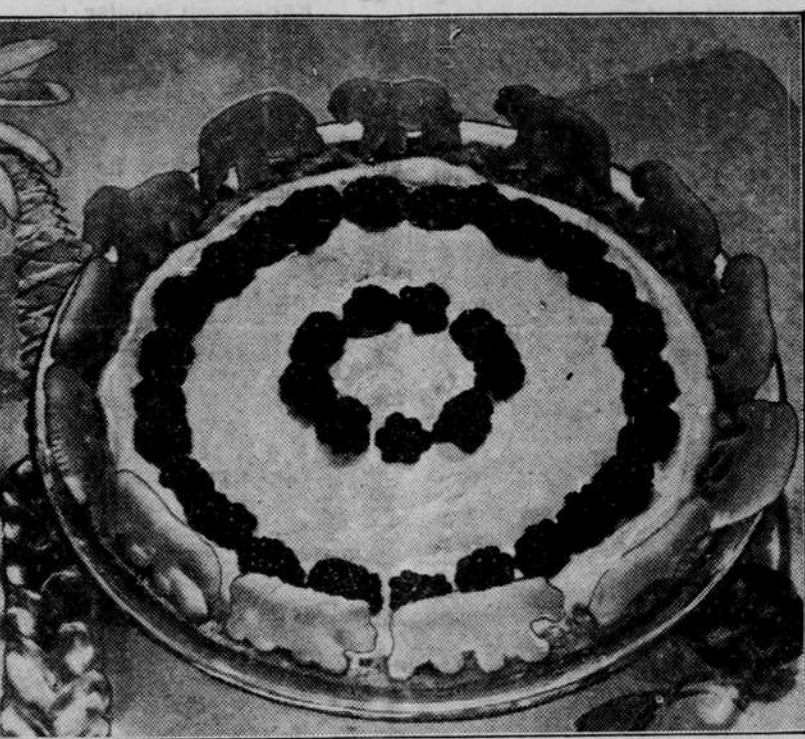
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Magic Lemon Meringue Pie
1½ cups (15 oz. can) sweetened condensed milk
½ cup lemon juice
Grated rind of 1 lemon or ¼ tea-spoon lemon extract
2 eggs, separated
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
Baked pie shell (8-inch)
Blend together sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice, grated lemon rind or lemon extract, and egg yolks. Pour into baked pie shell. Cover with meringue made by beating egg whites until stiff and adding sugar. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 10 minutes or until brown. Chill before serving.

Vanilla Wafer Pie Crust
Roll enough vanilla wafers to make ¾ cup of crumbs. Cut enough wafers in half to stand around edge of pie plate and put them in place. Cover bottom of plate with crumbs and fill in spaces between halved crackers. Pour in filling as usual.

Magic Fruit Cream Pie
1½ cups (15 oz. can) sweetened condensed milk
½ cup lemon juice
2 eggs, separated
1 cup fruit
2 tablespoons sugar
Cookie crumb crust
Blend sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice and egg yolks. Fold in

Independence
By GEORGE S. BENSON
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ARKANSAS and Mississippi both can have splendid public schools without accepting federal aid. I am prepared to prove this statement with authentic figures. Only one state has less income per person than Arkansas, provides less school money per student and pays its teachers less; that's Mississippi. If these states can do well without help, so can any of the other states.

Poor as these two states are, on a basis of income per capita, each of them has more net worth than the federal government. Our national debt probably will reach 300 billion dollars before the war is over. Mississippi had a cash surplus of 11 million dollars last year and Arkansas accumulated 45 million during recent years. Arkansas schools are inadequate due to politics, not poverty.

Wasting WHAT the school system in my home state needs is re-organizing, not subsidizing. For example: About a year ago there were 106 school districts in Arkansas with less than ten pupils apiece. There were 350 districts with assessed valuations below \$10,000. Some districts couldn't raise \$100 a year from local taxes. School districts varied in size from one square mile to 100 square miles.

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War Brings Increase in

Cases of Scalp Ringworm

A highly contagious disease, ringworm of the scalp, is spreading through the schools of the country. Stephen Rothman, M. D., writing in Hygeia, the Health Magazine, says that it is apparently associated with many factors related to the war, such as crowding, increased travel and neglect resulting from increased employment.

England and France have had recurring epidemics of this disease for centuries and after the First World War epidemics also invaded central Europe. Dr. Rothman said, adding: "It was rarely seen in the United States, even in the largest clinics for skin diseases. A sudden spread was first observed in New York City in 1943. By now a persistent and continuing increase of the disease is noted in many American cities."

The scalp infection spreads in schools, orphanages, asylums and camps and at any other place where children congregate in numbers. The great mass of infected persons consist of grammar school children up to the age of 14. In any epidemic, the infection is much more common in boys than in girls. In children below school age, the disease is rarely seen because of a lesser opportunity of contact.

The infection is spread by direct contact and by the handling of contaminated objects. Children easily convey the disease by hand and body contact. Loose infected hairs may also fall out and be carried in the air. Such objects as combs, brushes, hats and caps are important carriers of the disease. Lately, evidence has been presented that infection may also occur from contact of the scalp with the back of the seat which were previously contaminated by infected children.

Seabees Come Up With

Another Impossible in War

The navy's fabulous Seabees have come up with many a cockeyed invention during the war. Their latest is the "Foxhole Companion," a radio built from a discarded razor blade, a safety pin, a loop of wire and headphones.

Ship's Cook Edward E. Bourgault, Newton Center, Mass., started the radio craze when his outfit landed in the Marianas. "There was little one could do for amusement after working hours," he explained. "So I decided to experiment. I got together a few nights of tinkering I got together the 'Foxhole Companion.' It not only picks up standard wave lengths but also pilot jabber from near-by airfields."

The blade—preferably the blue steel type—is tacked to the base and a wire tapped from one side of it to one side of the coil. The coil's other side is grounded and a lead attached to one side of the headphones. Then another wire is tapped from the safety pin to the other side of the headphones. The safety pin is tacked to the board so the point can be moved across the unground part of the blade.

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