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EDITORIALS

OVERLOOKS HALF OF IT

Because the "purchasing power represented by agriculture" is of "vital and fundamental importance to the whole economic structure of the nation," Louis Bromfield, novelist and agricultural writer, says that any modification of the farm subsidy program "will have to be brought about gradually."

Mr. Bromfield admits that there is no worse enemy of parities, support prices and agricultural subsidies than himself and alleges that the American farmer, although potentially able to produce food or cotton more cheaply than anywhere else in the world, has the world's highest production cost. This, he adds, means higher prices and taxes for city dwellers.

We do not have a full account of the speech recently delivered in Cincinnati by Mr. Bromfield, alleging that our agriculture is "kept" by the tax money "of the city taxpayer," which pays for the government's program. Mr. Bromfield suggests that the final answer to the problem "lies in a better agriculture."

While a better agriculture would be for the general benefit of farmers and the nation alike, we are somewhat surprised that Mr. Bromfield, in his strictures against the assistance being extended to agriculture, does not denounce the subsidies given manufacturers under the protective tariff laws which operate for the benefit of industry.

Certainly, if the farmers of the nation are compelled to buy what they need from a "protected" industry, they should not be expected to sell what they produce on a "free" market.

NOTHING IMPORTANT SO FAR

A brief announcement in Moscow, telling that Prime Minister Molotov had been replaced by Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinsky, without any official explanation of the change, caused American newspaper men and radio commentators to go into a highly speculative fever.

The radio and the press emphasized how the capitals of the world were speculating "feverishly" upon the significance of the change in Moscow and so-called experts used thousands and thousands of words of copy and oratory to tell the public about the shift in Russia's official line-up, with sideline comment and guesswork as to what impends in the Russian capital.

News must be much more difficult to obtain than we had thought. What happens in Moscow can be awaited without any sensational conjectures as to a shift in personnel. About the most sensible comment came from Senators Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, and Tom Connally, of Texas, who agreed that no accurate appraisal of the incident would be possible until further developments.

This commonsense conclusion, which ought to be apparent to everybody, did not put an end to the frenzy of "if-ing" which filled the air and the press. One would think, if one knew no better, that the welfare and progress of the people of the United States depended upon the ukases that issue from the Communist capital.

STATISTICAL

Here are some economic statistics that you can interpret for yourself:

There were 3,200,000 unemployed in February, which was the highest number of people out of work since the war.

During the same month, there were 57,168,000 persons at work, which was the highest total employment for the month of February on record.

The explanation seems to be in the greatly increased number of people at work and "seeking work." Incidentally, of those out of work, 1,808,916 were getting jobless benefits at the end of February.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

When we asked a waitress up the street for the dollar dinner she wanted to know if we wanted it on rye or whole wheat.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, reports to us that she's heard of guys stealing kisses, but personally, she's waiting a long time for the crime wave to begin.

COULD BE VERSE, THOUGH
A little bird sits in a tree
Now he scratches himself
Life is like that
Lousy.

A local man is the most forgetful fellow we ever met. The other day he left his umbrella in our office, and now he tells us that he's going to Arizona for his lungs.

Note to girls: He'll give you lots of presents before marriage, but who ever heard of a fisherman giving bait to a fish after he caught it?

Husband: Goodbye, baby, I'm leaving town for a few days. Will call you when I get back. Wife: OK, honey, but if a man answers—you stayed away too long.

It's easy to hit the bull's eye every time. Shoot first and draw the circles afterward.

When you start for work tomorrow morning, fill your pockets with smiles and give them away.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

City Council discussed sale of land mark known as "The Perkins House" . . . Junior Woman's Club named Miss Wilhelmina Henriksen as president; Edith Solomon, vice president, Fern Jahrig, secretary and Gertrude Vallery, treasurer. . . John Livingston and Jim Webb, local high school seniors, attended session of legislature at Lincoln; W. H. Puls accompanied the boys . . . Allan White, trumpet soloist scored superior in the M-I-N-K music contest at Peru; several were given excellent rating—Peggy Wiles, Jaunita Sigler and Billie Jean Sylvester; Ralph Stava and Stephen Devoe.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Fred Rothert, popular and efficient director of local high school athletics was reelected to position. . . Junior Class presented play "Grumpy" under direction of Miss Mary Jane Tidball, with the following in the cast: Robert Livingston, Ira Mumm, Hershel Dew, Warren Farmer, George Sayles, Verner Jarl, Donald Rainey, John Albert, Mary Swatek, Marie Vallery, Ella Nora Meisinger. . . W. F. Nolte shipped 105 of his fine ducks to a poultry farm at Clarinda, Iowa. . . J. L. Potter arrived in Louisville as new manager of the local telephone exchange. . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young of Weeping Water celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: MYSTERIOUS AMERICAN HEADS ANTI-RUSSIAN UNDERGROUND IN GERMANY; "BARON X" USES AMERICAN MONEY TO SMUGGLE ARMS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN; GENERAL MARSHALL IS PEEVED AT GENERAL WEDEMAYER.

WASHINGTON.—Uncensored diplomatic reports indicate that the Soviet government is planning to place before the United Nations the strange case of an American citizen reported to be the leader of the anti-Russian underground in Poland and Germany.

The mysterious American, who owns a farm twelve miles outside Hillman, Minn., operates under various names including Edward F. Tkach, Count Heinrich von Gelbe, Baron von Tanthen, Heinrich Woycheh, Dr. Edouard von Rothkirch, or sometimes just Baron X.

According to associates, he is the head of the Frei corps of Barbarossa, the name of the anti-Russian underground in parts of Poland and the Soviet zone of Germany. Baron X has raised considerable amounts of money in the United States and is reputed to have smuggled arms and ammunition into the Soviet areas via Austria and Scandinavian ports. He is also reported to have terrorized Soviet officials and been a constant thorn in the side of the Russian government in these areas.

U. S. officials have made it clear, however, that Baron X has no connection whatsoever with the U. S. government. On the contrary, they have frowned on his activities and fear he may cause serious trouble between the United States and Russia.

For that reason, the State department has consistently refused any passport. His

Why We MUST Have Peace



wife, who was reached by telephone at Hillman, Minn., under the name of Mrs. von Rothkirch, said that her husband had left by car and was driving to New York. She said he went away for long periods of time during which she did not hear from him. She declined to comment on his activities in Germany except to say: "I know that the Soviets have found out about him."

In Cleveland, one of von Rothkirch's lieutenants, Wilhelm Ullenhorst-Zeichmann, said that von Rothkirch was head of the Frei corps of Barbarossa, and that he had gone back and forth to Germany without an official passport. Other quarters reported that von Rothkirch had used merchant seaman's papers.

The mysterious "Baron" served for a time with the German Luftwaffe in Spain during the Spanish revolution, then entered the U. S. Army after Pearl Harbor. For a time he also served as Chief Bosun's Mate in the U. S. Coast Guard in a temporary, nonpaying capacity. At that time he used the name Tkach.

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ing Ernest Gruening as Governor of Alaska. The Salmon lobby was agin' him . . . At first Secretary of State Acheson was inclined to overlook the pro-Nazi board of governors selected to govern the Ruhr steel industry until he saw a blistering cartoon in the Washington Post. Then he cabled Clay to oust the proNazis. . . Hitherto Clay has run Germany as he wished. It will be interesting to see whether Clay or Acheson now wins out.

Congratulations to Sam P. McKenzie and the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Atlanta for urging that Atlanta pass laws banning KKK masks in public. . . Bulletproof glass may be built around the Senate and House galleries as the result of the suicide 50 feet from the Senate chamber last week. Some nervous solons now want protection from trigger-happy spectators.

The Agriculture department is warning that all the West from Michigan to California and from Canada to Texas will be hit by grasshoppers this summer. Deep snow protected grasshoppers' eggs and, as a result, the worst plague in ten years is expected. In 1938 grasshoppers ate a \$200,000,000 hole in farmers' pockets.

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LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column on any subject. Your name must be signed to all articles intended for publication, however, by request, it can be omitted from the letter appearing in print. Contents do not necessarily express the opinions of this newspaper.

Editor of The Journal:

The residents of Wintersteen Hill owe our neighbor, Elmer Gouenour, a public "thank you" for grading our roads on his own time Saturday. Although there are some 70 families who live up here and we are inside the city limits, this section of town has always been the "forgotten spot" as far as road repairs has been concerned. Several years ago, the WPA fixed us a good rock road, but the city failed to keep this in condition and now the roads are impassable much of the time. The Wintersteen school teacher must park her car and walk five blocks to school and the mail carrier, in his Jeep, finds the roads almost impassable.

"Thanks again, Elmer," and once again (until we have an other snow or rain) we can drive home instead of parking at the corner and walking from four to eight blocks.

Old Timer on So. 1st St.

The Navy delivered the historic Wright Brothers' airplane, Kitty Hawk, from Nova Scotia to National Museum, Washington, D. C.



Last Time Thursday, March 17

Claudette Colbert, Orson Welles and George Brent
"TOMORROW IS FOREVER"
The greatest drama of our times!
Comedy and Technicolor Special

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Roy Rogers with Trigger
"GRAND CANYON TRAIL"
New Western action all in color!

James Lydon and Lois Collier
"OUT OF THE STORM"
See this new smash action thriller!

"CONGO BILL" Serial
Mat., Sat. 2:30 - Nights 7:00-9:30

Sun. and Mon., March 20-21
Red Skelton, Brian Donlevy and a big cast.
"A SOUTHERN YANKEE"
You'll howl—shriek—roar! At Red who's a spy for both sides!

Comedy, Cartoon, News
Mat., Sun. 2:30 - Nights 7:00-9:15
It's Better Than
"The Fuller Brush Man"



THE LOWLY "spud" moved into the big time here in Washington when announcement was made that the National Potato Council has opened a Washington office to "serve as an educational bureau to promote greater use of Irish potatoes."

Actually, however, observers say it is obvious that the new organization is a lobbying organization and that its main objective will be a proper price support for potatoes. The organization in its initial announcement said in part: ". . . support prices should serve as insurance against price collapse rather than as an inducement to growers to overproduce. They (the farmers) believe the 60 per cent support program for this year will materially reduce the incentive for overplanting."

The council says folks are not eating enough potatoes and producers are raising more potatoes per acre so the thing to do is to boost consumption.

In the meantime, the battle between the southern senators who oppose the Truman administration civil rights program has been joined and the fight to force the cloture rule in the senate, others disagree declaring that unlimited debate, no matter who it hurts or what happens, was a more or less inalienable right in such a democratic forum as the United States senate.

Unless the congress gets busy, it will find itself up against the deadline for rent control since the present rent control law expires March 31. Every organization interested in rent control, either for or against, has a different proposal to make to the congress, so it will be a matter of judgment as to what will finally come out of the legislative mill on this subject.

The various reports of the Hoover commission which are being made to the congress piece-meal, according to observers here, constitute an outstanding job of proposed governmental reorganization. President

Real Estate Transfers

Hester Morgan—Pearl M. Schwindt et al. 8-14-46. L. 1 & 2 B. 23 Und. 1 1/2 Int. L. 5 & 6 B. 18 Eagle.

Louie Jacobs & Estella—Chas. Lowder Sr. & Ruth, 2-21-49. L. 19 W. Greenwood & L. 1 & 2 Jones Add. \$3800.00.

Sophia Bohlman—Joe F. Behrens & Lena, 9-11-48. Prop. in Avoca, \$4750.00.
Linford Dasher & Mary—Mary Dasher, 3-4-49. L. 3 B. 61 Platts. \$100.

Lorene Rohrdanz et al.—Leda Englekemier & Allen Ragoss, 12-17-48. N2 SE1/4. 31-12-12. \$11000.00.
Leda Englekemier et al.—Eldon Ragoss & Viola, 12-17-48. S1/2 SE1/4 31-12-12 & E1/2 NW1/4 6-11-12 & L. 7 SE1/4 SW1/4. 31-

Truman has declared he is in favor of many of the proposals. Old-timers in the government, however, are skeptical that the proposals will do the job intended, namely, to streamline the federal set-up into more efficient, less costly agencies. The old-timers point out that the would-be reorganizers have overlooked one objective of government and that is "public service." Public service, for instance, such as the postoffice department gives and for which the taxpayers pay a subsidy, likely will never be placed on a paying basis for the reason that the rates would be prohibitive to the average user.

The National Farm Cooperative association charges that the hardware dealers through their national officers are being used as "front line shock troops for the promoters of the National Tax Equality association" in their fight against co-ops. NFCA points to a speech by Seth Marshall, chairman of the National Wholesale Hardware association's committee on cooperatives, as evidence backing their charge. In his speech Mr. Marshall is quoted as having said:

"There is only one way this fight can be won and that is by convincing the millions of federal taxpayers, particularly taxpaying businessmen, that tax equality is fair; that tax equality is necessary for them to survive; that no legitimate co-op is going to be put out of business because it will have to pay federal income tax on its earnings. When we fight for tax equality we are fighting for the heart and soul of free enterprise. . . . But to really obtain tax equality, business men, big and little, must, in my opinion, face the fact that the success of tax subsidized business will surely destroy the profit system that is enjoyed by millions of people and place it in the hands of a few who easily become dictators."

Incidentally, Congressman Robert W. Kean (R., New Jersey) has introduced a bill which would prevent tax-exempt non-profit educational and charitable institutions from avoiding taxes on some of their enterprises. The New Jersey congressman would protect "legitimate charitable and educational organizations" in their tax exemption, but would hit at the practice of some non-profit organizations or institutions of purchasing various business institutions, manufacturing establishments or real estate which supply tax free revenue.

12-12. \$30475.00.
Hattie McCann—R. R. McDonald & Julia, 3-9-49. L. 13-14. 15 B. 7 Carter's Add. to Avoca. \$2800.00.

Henry A. Schneider—Carl J. Schneider & Kermis, 3-8-49 SE1/4. 4-11-13. \$100.

First Washington

WASHINGTON, Va. (AP)—This town, surveyed and plotted by George Washington on Aug. 4, 1749, claims to be the "first Washington of all," but it was not incorporated until Feb. 12, 1894. Twenty-five other cities and towns in the United States are named Washington.

Two-week courses at 76 schools are offered Naval Reserve for annual training with pay.

Crossword Puzzle

- 1 Norwegian saint
- 5 Previous stone
- 9 To recede
- 12 Necessary
- 15 To number
- 16 Innovation
- 18 Arabian seaport
- 20 Suffix for "Margaret"
- 21 While
- 22 Symbol for calcium
- 24 Self-satisfied
- 26 Illumined
- 28 Girl's name
- 30 Narrow opening
- 32 Long-necked bird
- 35 Sour
- 37 Oen
- 39 Poem
- 40 City in Nebraska
- 42 Profound
- 44 Net of scale
- 45 Mass of ice
- 47 Remainder
- 48 Exclamation of approval
- 51 Cleopatra's maid
- 53 Unit of electrical capacity
- 56 Sill
- 59 To draw water
- 60 Before
- 61 To dupe
- 63 Confederate general
- 64 To strew the center
- 65 To spread for drying

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100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

- 11 Barks
- 13 Detection
- 14 Protection
- 15 Roman patriot
- 16 To incite
- 17 Necessive
- 18 To append
- 19 To precede
- 20 prefix: new
- 21 possessive pronoun
- 22 Lord
- 23 To reach
- 24 Sacred song
- 25 Street Arab
- 26 Characteristic
- 27 Brother of Cain
- 28 This place
- 29 Religious denomination
- 30 Cutting tool
- 31 Heroic act

57 To turn right
58 Music as written

62 Fundamental mass of life tendencies

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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