

EDITORIALS

FARM POPULATION AT NEW LOW

In 1916, the farm population of this country reached its highest peak, 32,530,000 individuals.

The figure for 1950, recently announced by the Census Bureau, is 24,335,000 which is the lowest since the Government began keeping figures on farm population in 1910.

Between these two years, there has not been a steady decline, however. The previous low figure was 24,342,000 in April, 1945, but there was an upsurge after that, which pushed the farm population to 24,147,000 in 1947.

The people of the nation should not overlook the dwindling farm population. It is true that mechanical progress in farm machinery, together with improved methods of agriculture, now enables the present farm population to produce more abundantly than the larger number on the farms in previous years. Nevertheless life on the farm must be made profitable and attractive enough to retain a sufficient number of farmers to take care of the basic needs of the country's population.

LIKE SELLING BROOKLYN BRIDGE
Something new in "influence peddling" is reported from Washington, where a Senate committee is investigating an alleged swindle of hundreds of thousands of dollars, obtained from persons who thought they could get help in obtaining leases on major government buildings in the capital.

The story that the fast-talking swindler developed was that the Government would abandon its buildings and go underground to escape the danger of an atomic bomb. The money was paid to get his "influence" in obtaining leases on the governmental buildings when they were abandoned.

This is an astonishing story, depicting not only the crooked shrewdness of the manipulator but also the almost unbelievable gullibility of those who are willing to spend some money to get something at a bargain rate. Of course, the swindler could not have succeeded in his promotional stunt if there had been no individuals ready to pay him for an "inside position" in connection with leasing the Government buildings.

Maybe, western civilization is all bad and should be replaced with the culture of India, China, Africa or Russia.

PUMPS WATER TO MAKE CROPS

"The longest mass movement of water ever attempted by man" will get underway in California in August, when the first phase of the \$600,000,000 Central Valley project begins operation.

With \$400,000,000 worth of big dams, power plants, pumps, canals and transmission lines, the project undertakes to transport surplus water from the Sacramento Valley hundreds of miles southward to irrigate the semi-arid San Joaquin area. The project was first envisioned by the state but was subsequently taken over and expanded by the Federal Government, Bureau of Reclamation Officials gave the following examples of what has happened in some areas already under irrigation:

(1) A 160-acre farm, netting \$331 from pasturage two years ago, will this year net close to \$20,000 on a cotton crop, and

(2) A 400-acre farm, netting \$1,500 from barley and pasturage in a dry farming condition, has an expected profit of \$77,400 from cotton this year.

The Central Valley is about 500 miles long, with the Sacramento River to the North and the San Joaquin to the South, roughly forming its boundaries. Surplus water from the Sacramento will be transported hundreds of miles to help irrigate the southern part of the area.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

There is but one blasphemy, and that is injustice.

— R. G. Ingersoll

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Even a woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head.

There are three things a woman can make out of nothing—a hat, a salad, and a quarrel.

Legally, the husband is head of the house and the pedestrian has the right-of-way. Both husband and pedestrian are fairly safe as long as they do not try to exercise their rights.

Vacations are easy to plan—the boss tells you when and the wife tells you where.

You'll never have any trouble reaching your station in life. Along the way somewhere somebody will tell you where to get off.

They say that one-third of all accidents happen in the kitchen. Then, we might add, they are put on the diningroom table.

We used to spend half our summer fiddling with the carburetor on a Model T. Now you spend half of it tweedling with a power lawn mower.

A good neighbor is one who loans but never borrows.

Three of a kind—golfers, fishermen and proud parents.

Two things, they say, that most girls heed—the telephone bell and an auto horn. Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, is more susceptible to a whistle.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO

The board of county commissioners set the tax levy for the year 1941 at 4.48 mills, based on a valuation of \$33,423,903.

Edward Flynn, executive vice president of the Burlington railroad, announced at Chicago that the railroad in its expansion program for the year included the building of 300 refrigerator cars at local shops.

Miss Helen Porter, county assistance director, spoke before Rotary on the work of her office and explained the new food stamp plan being put into operation in Cass County.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kalina were vacationing on the west coast visiting their daughter, Mrs. Newell Pollard, and family.

20 YEARS AGO

Residents of Elmwood took great pride in the newly released book "A White Bird Flying" written by Bess Streeter Aldrich noted authoress who lived in Elmwood. The story carried a tale of the Del family as related to another of her books "A Lantern In Her Hand".

Acting chief of police Joseph Libershal was kept busy with an invasion of a large tribe of gypsies who were visiting the local business houses selling their wares.

Clara Rainey and Floyd Becker were married on August 4th at Dundee Methodist church by Rev. Andrew Thomas McFarland.

Judging day for 4-H club boys and girls drew 330 members from southeastern Nebraska to the agricultural college at Lincoln where judging teams were picked to compete in county and state fairs.

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: COMMUNIST MEDICAL UNITS ON BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAV BORDER INSPIRE MARSHALL'S WAR-WARNINGS; SEN. HAYDEN STYMIES CRIME PROBE; WHITE HOUSE SHOULD LIVE UP TO ARMY SECRETARY PACE'S STANDARDS.

Washington.—Reason behind the alarming war-warnings made by Secretary of Defense Marshall and Army Secretary Pace is the latest intelligence from the Balkans. This reports, among other things, that communist medical units have arrived along the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border.

Medical units do not participate in ordinary troop maneuvers. They are the last to arrive before military action begins. Maneuvers along the Yugoslav border in themselves may not mean much. They have been going on for months, and when I visited the Bulgarian border last February, I interviewed refugees who had just escaped from behind the iron curtain with news of new Russian concentrations in certain areas. However, latest U. S. Intelligence indicates that this has increased.

Bulgaria's army of around 200,000 men is now reported equipped with Soviet combat vehicles, heavy artillery, and new type of fighter plane more powerful than the yak. The Bulgar army is under

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Uncle Egbert—Freddie here, doesn't believe you can play chopsticks with your nose!"

General Atanasov, a Soviet citizen trained in Russia, though of Bulgarian origin. His command post has been moved from Sofia to the field.

All along the Rumanian and Bulgarian sides of the Yugoslav border, a strip of land has been completely cleared and a Sierfied line of pillboxes built behind it.

This could be part of the war of nerves against Tito, or it could mean that the Kremlin is ready to give Tito the business. Late August or September, after the harvest is in, always has been the time when dictators get trigger-happy.

Crime Probe Stymied
Senator Carl Hayden of Arizona, one of the most conscientious and respected members of the Senate has taken a strange stand regarding the crime committee. It puzzles his colleagues in the Senate.

As chairman of the powerful Senate Rules Committee, Hayden has flatly refused to authorize more money to be spent on the crime probe. This has caused the Crime Committee, now chairmanned by conscientious Herbert O'Connor of Maryland, to withdraw its investigations from New York and other areas. It also means that the committee will have to wind up its work around September.

If Hayden were not such a respected member of the Senate, his colleagues would suspect that pressure had been brought from certain political elements in touch with the hoodlums who base around Phoenix. That city has been one of the centers for the illicit narcotics trade that comes up from Mexico.

Three times Senator Hayden has been approached by Senators who asked for more funds for the crime probe. Each time he has refused. Under Senatorial courtesy, Hayden, as Chairman of the Rules Committee, has the power to recommend funds for all Senate investigations, and if he refuses, it is difficult to go over his head.

In contrast, Hayden continues to dish out funds for all sorts of other Senate probes while throttling an investigation which has done more to clean up the big cities of the U.S.A. than anything in half a century.

Washington Pipeline
Friends of ex-Navy Secretary Matthews, now Ambassador to Ireland, are advising him to see Eddie Dowling's new show, "Border Be Damned," if he wants to understand some of the problems between North and South Ireland. Entirely aside from the political implications, the play's a smash hit.

U. S. District Judge Robert Inch in New York took the trouble to write a 13-page opinion on why he could not set aside a guilty-of-treason plea by Lt. James Monti whom this column exposed for working with the nazis in Italy.

In contrast, U. S. District Judge Matt McGuire in Washington slapped out an oral opinion "denied" in dismissing a petition by a coal digger to examine the books of the United Mine Workers Welfare Fund. George Livengood of Uniontown, Pa., was fired out of the union by John L. Lewis when he challenged some of the expenditures of the Miners' Welfare Fund, claiming that the miners who earn the money for the fund have a right to see how the money is spent.

This gets to the bottom of union rights, but quick-tempered Judge McGuire didn't even bother to explain why he denied the right to examine the books. Not even Ezra Van Horn, the Mine Owners' representative on the Miners Welfare Fund, was permitted to see the books.

Gratuities in High Places
Washington observers are wondering whether the White House is going to follow the excellent precedent set by the Secretary of the Army, Frank Pace, regarding gratuities.

Secretary Pace relieved Brig. Gen. David J. Crawford when he found that Crawford's overnight hotel suite was paid for by an army contractor; also used army trucks to haul shrubbery for his home. Pace's forth-

Wolever Remains

Atop Hitting Department

Lindy Wolever continues to set the batting pace for the Plattsmouth baseball team, for games up to Friday night. Wolever boasts a .404 average with 18 hits in 47 trips to the plate. He is also tied for second in the hitting department with E. O. Vroman and Faith. All have 19.

Stanley Cole and Rich Wohlforth are tied for runner-up honors with a .350 batting mark. Mathers and Niel are 17 percentage points behind, tied for fourth.

Wohlforth has the most hits, 22, and Vroman has the most official trips to the plate, 66.

	AB	H	Pct.
Wolever	47	19	.404
Wohlforth	65	22	.350
Cole	20	7	.350
Mathers	9	3	.333
Niel	54	17	.333
Faith	61	19	.311
O'Donnell	56	17	.304
Vroman	66	19	.288
Cartelli	19	5	.263
Roddy	17	4	.235
St. Clair	39	9	.231
Conis	14	3	.210

Plattsmouth Man

On Frontlines In Famous Division

With 1st Cavalry Division, U. S. Army, in Korea (Delayed)—A Plattsmouth, Neb., arm mar is on the frontlines serving with one of the most famous infantry regiments battling Communist in the Korea war.

Private Everett Cooper, son of William A. Cooper, Plattsmouth, is in the 1st Cavalry Division's 5th Cavalry Regiment.

Cooper's colorful unit splashed ashore in Korea in July, 1950. It was one of two regiments that completely crushed three North Korean divisions early in the war near Waegwan.

After UN forces had punched through Communist lines in September and rolled into North Korea, Cooper's regiment made the historic October 19th capture of the vital North Korean capital city of Pyongyang.

More recently, the 5th Cavalry sent a task force against an estimated three enemy divisions pressuring a French-American bastion at Chipyong-ni. The regiment's armored-infantry force completely crushed the enemy threat, killed at least 2,500 Chinese and freed the encircled UN forces.

Sgt. R. O'Farrells

Depart For Havana

Sgt. and Mrs. Robert O'Farrell and children who have made their home in Plattsmouth for the past two and one-half years while stationed at Offutt Field, departed Friday afternoon for Pittsburgh, Penn., where they will visit at the home of his parents before departing for his new post in Havana, Cuba.

Sgt. O'Farrell and family had made many friends in the city during their stay here and spent Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Pitz, 810 Second Ave. They were taken to Omaha for train connections Friday afternoon by Ray Wisel.

Before departing for Cuba, Sgt. O'Farrell will report to Washington, D.C., for indoctrination before accepting his new duties. At Havana he will be a representative of the State Department in the Embassy at that point on leave from the Air Force, a choice assignment.

Both Sgt. O'Farrell had come to call Plattsmouth their home and were reluctant to give up their residence here. They expect their new assignment to keep them away approximately four years.

Realty Transfers

George H. Sell & Amelia M., to Eldon R. Moore & Bernice M., 7-20-51, E 2-3 L. 6 & W 1-3 L. 7 B. 65, Weeping Water, \$3500.00.

John T. Boyles, Adm., to Herman L. Bornemeier & Claire, 7-21-51, L. 14, 2, Elmwood, \$5600.00.

Alfred C. Anderson & Frances to Albert Hiltiker & Wilma, 6-25-51, L. 11 Hillcrest Sub-Div of Hays Platts., \$10,500.00.

Isadore Tucker Adm., to A. C. Munn, 7-27-51, Ls. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Klaurens Add to Nehawka, \$700.

Poultry Meetings

Are Scheduled

A series of two-day field meetings for those interested in serving as selecting and testing agents under the National Poultry Improvement Plan in Nebraska this year are scheduled during August.

Staff members of the University of Nebraska, including J. H. Claybaugh, Doyle Free and Dr. S. W. Afford will conduct the sessions. A meeting is in its second day session at Lexington today for people from Dawson, Phelps, Furnas and part of Buffalo counties. Another meeting was held at York Monday and Tuesday.

Others scheduled include Broken Bow Aug. 3 and 4, Hastings Aug. 7 and 8, Deshler Aug. 9 and 10, Columbus Aug. 15 and 16, Wahoo Aug. 17 and 18, Beatrice Aug. 20 and 21, and Lincoln Aug. 23 and 24.

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DALE CARNEGIE



THE FAMILIAR ISN'T FRIGHTENING

WHEN DUDLEY HALL, Skaneateles, N. Y., was in high school he made a record that most people would think enviable. In his second year he was on the football team and was president of his class. His junior year found him captain of the football team, on the basketball team, and again class president. The last year, he was captain of both the football and the basketball teams, played on the baseball team, and still class president. Whew!

Then he enrolled in a large eastern university. In his freshman year, he was captain of the football team and vice-president of his class. In his junior year, he was still with the football team and received an all-eastern mention. The year he graduated he had just gone through a thrilling period: on the football team, all-American mention, permanent second marshal of his class.

With such a record of outward accomplishment, wouldn't you think he would have enjoyed some feeling of success? Well, he didn't. More than that, he wasn't even happy. Why? He was filled with fear! He was terrified at the thought of going out into the world and facing people near at hand whom he had never before seen. Performing before 80,000 spectators at a game didn't faze him in the least. But the very suggestion of appearing before small groups of people, even of talking to some unknown man who might not even judge him favorably, brought soul-wrenching terror.

Then all of a sudden he realized that he wasn't afraid of that with which he was familiar. He realized that he had to become familiar with what he wanted to conquer. So he got a job of selling from door to door. The first day was an agonizing experience, but after a few weeks he was thrilled at seeing how many of those who opened their doors could be influenced by his persuasions to "come across."

Wheat And Rye

Production Goals Set For County

Production goals for wheat, barley and rye, announced last week for Nebraska counties. The announcement was made by Frank W. Reed, chairman of the state agriculture mobilization committee.

Cass county acreage was set at 38,400 acres for wheat, and 300 acres for rye. No barley quota was set for the county.

The state's acreage goals for the three crops are wheat, 4,450,000; barley, 275,000, and rye, 189,000 acres. The national wheat goal calls for a slightly larger acreage than was seeded in the fall of 1950. The goals are designed to fill all known requirements and to maintain a safe reserve for emergency.

Grain Fumigation

May Be Required

Entomologists Say
Farmers with small grain in storage may find it necessary to fumigate their grain this year to stop deterioration of it by insects.

That's the word from University of Nebraska entomologists. They recommended fumigating the grain about six weeks after it is stored if the farmer suspects weevils in the bin. They suggest inspecting grain frequently. They warn that loss in storage from insects can be greater than in the field.

By Mrs. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS Associate Editor, Parents' Magazine

SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD

WHAT CONSTITUTES self-reliance in a teen-ager? From the young person's point of view it is apt to mean being allowed to do things and go places on his own without parental supervision. To the parents it usually means having a youngster take over some responsibility at home, not only for himself but as a contribution to family life. A combination of these steps makes a wholesome advance in becoming dependable, but unfortunately sometimes young people, and parents too, want only their own kind of self-reliance and withhold the other.

For example, some parents who exact groupwork chores from a boy or girl, and trust them with responsible matters in the home, won't trust them out of their sight or grant any social freedom on the grounds that "you're too young to go out with the crowd." And many young people who take over all ways have studying to do when it comes time to clean up the place.

Whose fault is this? We're inclined to think it is up to the parents to keep freedom balanced with responsibility. The fourteen-year-old daughter of a friend of ours was asked to be a junior counselor this summer at the camp where she has been going for several years. This was a real honor for one so young and her mother knew it had been earned by her daughter's reliability, her popularity with younger children and with the adult staff, and her general ability for getting things done.

Yet who do you suppose got this competent young lady ready to go to camp? Her mother. My friend sewed the name plates on her daughter's camp gear, packed her trunk and duffel bag, and saw that they were expressed to camp. The girl was thrilled over being considered grownup enough to supervise several camp activities of younger children, but she was quite willing to remain a dependent child herself when it came to the dreaded assembling her camp outfit and getting it suitably packed.

This was partly because her mother had failed to acknowledge the signs of her daughter's dependability, which had been so apparent to the girl's supervisors at camp, and failed to help along this growth with increased trust and responsibility at home.

Teen-age boys and girls still need and want their parents' guidance, but they also need to feel that they are trusted and believed in. For instance, when they are old enough to be given responsibility for getting to school on time, for budgeting their hours for homework, and otherwise using time to good advantage, they are also old enough to be given some leeway in when to get home from an evening with the crowd.

Suppose you have set eleven o'clock as vacation curfew for your fifteen-year-old Bill. But if the crowd stops at the house of one of the girls for dancing after a drive-in movie, it would be embarrassing for Bill to be forced to tell his date that they'd have to keep going so he could be home on time. But something of the sort happens for getting things done.

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