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**Farmers' Welfare Dependent On Industrial Prosperity**

THE nation's six million farm families, together with other millions almost wholly dependent upon agriculture, should feel a deep and growing concern about forces now at work. These forces either will or will not bring about industrial peace, and a full and complete postwar economy in the country.

As so often has been pointed out, agriculture and the 35 million people supported by it are mainly dependent upon labor and industry for material prosperity. It is axiomatic there can be no prosperous agriculture without large purchasing power in the non-agricultural fields. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson forcefully called attention to this fact recently in an address at Oklahoma A. & M. college when he said:

"Farmers cannot afford to forget that their income is derived mainly from the spending of non-farmers. If agriculture is to be prosperous, the first essential is that city people must have plenty of buying power—and that means full employment at good wages."

So farm leaders, during this congressional recess, are making an interim appraisal of pending legislation affecting agriculture directly, and labor legislation which will have an effect upon farm income. The Farmers Union, considered the most liberal of the farm organizations, is strongly in favor of the Murray full-employment bill. It also approves the proposed emergency unemployment compensation bill to give laid-off workers an additional \$25 for 26 weeks, and specifically favors the food allotment bill introduced by Senator Aiken (R., Vt.) which would provide more food for some 18 million low income families through a nation-wide food stamp plan.

**Better Diet for All**

Roughly, this measure has a two-fold purpose . . . to make an adequate diet possible for every family and to increase the demand for farm products. It is estimated that this will cost from \$750,000,000 in prosperous years to \$2,500,000,000 in depression years. This measure was introduced last year by Senator Aiken and Senator LaFollette (Prog., Wis.) but because of the war's uncertainty, no action was taken. Sen. Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.), chairman of the agricultural committee, is said to favor the measure.

It is significant that much of this legislation in behalf of labor was introduced by representatives from farm states. . . . Murray of Montana, Aiken, Vermont, LaFollette, Wisconsin, Senator Pepper (D., Fla.) introduced the minimum wage increase bill and Congressman Patman (D., Texas) sponsored the companion full-employment bill in the house.

There is an old adage that "you can't reason with a hungry man" and so empty stomachs have a direct bearing on political action and political beliefs. If we do not have a full postwar economy, then we may very well have thousands of empty stomachs. Hunger breeds socialism—or worse.

The American Farm Bureau federation, while it has not yet taken a definite stand on these specific measures, plans an executive board meeting in Chicago in September to draw up its legislative program in time for the scheduled opening of congress in October. It is certain, however, that the Farm bureau recognizes that maintenance of a high national income in the postwar years with "full production and full employment" is imperative to our national welfare.

**Economic Balance Sought**

It is true that in some areas there have been rumblings from farmers against high wartime wages . . . that these wages have lured men away from farms . . . that workers should have saved enough to tide them over. Nevertheless, the consideration is now peacetime wages with shorter hours and no overtime. Labor does not expect to receive war wages in peace time, nor does the farmer expect to get war prices in peace time. What both farm and labor leaders here are striving for is a standard of wages and prices which will assure an economic balance in the postwar era.

High on the list of musts in agricultural legislation is the program supported by all farm organizations, to regroup farm credit and loaning agencies into one independent agency. This will mean a complete reorganization of the department of agriculture. Secretary Anderson has already made a start in this direction by revamping the war food agencies into commodity divisions, with a direct line of responsibility. The general idea behind the independent farm credit agency is still to loan federal money, but to create closer local control for its use.

**Drastic Changes in Styling Give A 'New Look' to Suits and Coats**

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



THERE'S much that is "different" to tell about the new fall suits and coats. In fact, the style changes are so drastic the story is being unfolded early. Thus women may become familiar with the new order of things before they actually make their final selections.

The current suit and coat story hinges for the most part on sleeves. Before you buy, find out what all the present furore actually means. The new deep armhole sleeves that give such a "new look" to fall fashions, forecast a new cycle in suit and coat design. In addition to the new wing sleeves with their deep armholes, suits are coming "in" with bloused shirtwaist sleeves. Also sleeves with turn-back cuffs will be chic this fall.

An unmistakable stamp of newness is seen in the soft rounded look given to shoulders. In many instances, sleeves are cut in one with shoulder for the new soft effect. In addition to the new raglan cuts, emphasis is placed on new rounded shoulder yoke treatments that are quite unlike anything noted in suit and coat styling for years.

There's also important silhouette news in softly gathered waistlines, some with drawstring ties, others with casual soft tie belts in both coats and suits. You will be hearing of the whittled-in waistlines right along.

When it comes to dressy restaurant and cocktail suits, the big news is glitter accents done in most original ways. There's drama in the suit with ribbon-trimmed shoulders that suspend beadwork medallions re-

sembling official insignia. Sometimes a striking motif of Chinese inspiration adorns one side of the jacket front. Most frequently seen is the gala suit with lapels, pockets or revers that are beautifully embroidered with jet or sequins in either multi-color or in a single tone.

In the illustration, the "new look" for fall is interpreted to a nicety in a trio of advance models from Chicago Fashion Industries. Note the sophisticated cardigan suit of lady-like gray wool crepe, which features the new deep-armhole sleeves. The moment you look at it, the sleeves tell you it's new. The triangular crystal buttons are ever so attractive, too. A good touch of figure flattery is seen in the artful delineation of the waistline by a seam that does not break the silhouette with a belt. Here's a suit that combines practicality with glamour, for it will be your day and night favorite.

Note to the left a black wool cocktail suit with ribbon-trimmed shoulders, proud as anything the diplomatic corps ever dressed up, with its beaded emblems. This costume is perfection for the many times when you want to make the most of your natural glamour without appearing overdressed. The silhouette is sharp and trim, nicely calculated to serve as a background for the shoulder drama.

The casual topcoat to the right, with its new short-length and belted-in waistline has the deep-armhole sleeves that give such a sensational fashion slant for fall. The sleeves are not only high style, but they are also the best design ever conceived to accommodate the new bulky-shouldered suits with action-type comfort. A coat of this type takes on a costume look when paired with a skirt of its own fabric—gray flanel.

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**Jersey Tunic Tops**



This stunning Grecian-inspired cocktail gown by Adele Simpson shown in the 1945-46 fall and winter collections presents a charming interpretation of this season's soft styling technique. The tunic top is in "golden glow" rayon jersey and is belted with a jeweled belt over a black crepe skirt.

**Tiny Tot Novelties Made of Bright Felt**

For little folks, designers are turning out some unusually attractive novelty jackets, hat and bag sets and lounging booties, all made of bright felt. Mothers like the idea of the little sleeveless jackets because they are so practical and protective. A child doesn't have to be coaxed to wear these gay little novelties, for they love the bright colors. The news about this season's crop of felt whimsies is that many of them are being trimmed in a tailored way, the edges being finished off with contrast felt bindings. For instance, a bright red felt sleeveless mandarin jacket has edges bordered with an inch-wide black banding piped with yellow. To keep little feet warm about the house, you can get cunning lounging booties to match, the black felt binding highlighted with nail heads. A little matching bag is added to the delight of youngsters.

**Gray Flannels and Tweeds Are High Style for Suits**

The beauty of gray flannel for suits must be seen to be appreciated and dresses of gray flannel have just as subtle charm. These are made up with indescribable artistry, the emphasis being upon sophisticated simplicity that makes the dress or the suit conspicuous because of the utter absence of fuss or furbelows. They are just the sort that will show off your most important jewelry pieces to perfection. Gray with white hairline stripe makes up into the smartest suits ever.

**Gorgeous Bustle-Bow Belts**

Belts are gorgeous this year. One of the most exciting new belts is of black suede sparkling with multi-colored sequin discs. Attached to this is a beaded suede bow worn bustle style.



**McGOFFEY'S FIRST READER**

Oh, see the automobile! It is a new automobile. How do you know it is a new automobile?

Because no door is hanging by one hinge and most of the windshield glass is still intact.

Who is the man looking at the new auto?

The name is Joe. Will it do Joe any good to look at the new auto?

No. Why will it not do Joe any good to look at the new auto?

Because it is just a sample. Is it the only sample of the postwar auto?

No, some company brings out one every week. What is the sense of letting Joe see samples of the postwar auto if Joe cannot buy one?

The idea is to cut Joe in on a peek into the future, f.o.b. Detroit.

What has the postwar auto that the present models lack?

Everything, including a windshield wiper that works, and handles that don't come out in your hand.

Has the postwar auto many innovations?

It photographs as if it had. What's so different?

The front. But don't they always change the front of an auto?

Yes, but this time they have gone the limit. What is that big thing behind which the car seems to be hiding?

That is the postwar bumper. Will there be more collisions in the postwar world?

Perhaps not, but they will be louder. Where is the engine?

The engine is where it always was. Wasn't there some talk of putting it under the rear seat?

Yes, there has been talk of that ever since Henry Ford first frightened a horse. Will there be an engine under the rear seat some day?

Not until they develop asbestos pants. Is the gas tank in the same location?

Yes, the gas tank is in the same location. Couldn't they put that up front as a novelty?

Only if you think fireworks constitute a novelty. Oh, look at Joe. He is getting into his old flivver.

Yes. Why? Because Joe knows a wreck in the hand is worth two blueprints in the bush in covering a distance between two given points.

**INFLATION NOTE**

Yearling race horses are bringing terrific prices at the summer dispersal sales. The average is around \$7,000. In some cases they are bringing \$30,000 and more. A few years ago at Saratoga there was the other extreme and we recall Tom Platt, a noted breeder, withdrawing his yearlings in a huff when the auctioneer found it hard to get bids much over \$500.

**THOUGHTS ON A SUNDAY NIGHT RADIO PROGRAM**

Does mother quarrel with her kin? Does dad get ugly on one gin? Oh, daughter, will you ride or hike Quite swiftly to the nearest mike?

Does little Jennie think her pop Loves some girl in a barber shop? Does popper think it's wrong or right You'll have to listen Sunday night!

Does little Edgar, nearly eight, Play pool and drink and stay up late? Should he be spanked or viewed with pride? The air-wave judges will decide!

**Renovate Strawberries**

The renovation of strawberry fields should begin immediately after harvest. The heavy mulch should be removed with a hay rake and the sparse mulch cut into the soil. Before cultivating, apply a complete fertilizer at the rate of 500 to 800 pounds per acre. If the soil is acid, apply lime. Rows should be cultivated to 12 or 15 inches. If an open furrow is left, the roots will dry out rapidly.

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**HONK! HONK!**

His motor ran by atoms— He thought that it was swell; He merely pressed a button . . . Farewell, old man, farewell!



**Treated Lumber Boon To Farm Buildings**

Chemically Treated Durable Wood Available

The nation's treated lumber industry, geared to wide scale production by war demands, is now ready to supply the postwar construction needs of American agriculture, estimated by federal agencies as high as 2 1/2 million homes and 7 million other buildings, including barns. Census figures of 1940 show that as a class, farm buildings are the oldest of any group in the country,



about three years older than the average age of buildings in other categories. Lumber, always the farm front's most popular and useful building material, will prove even more vital in postwar construction, through the successful application of chemicals to make it more durable and useful. Experiments at the U. S. Forest Products laboratory, and elsewhere, have perfected treated wood that is fireproof, longer lasting, and termite and decay resistant. For instance, pressure treatment with Wolman salts makes wood impervious to termites and decay, and treatment with Minalith makes wood resistant to fire, even open flames.

Wolmanized lumber is being used for such installations in the termite-infested islands of the South Pacific, as it was in Africa. It was also used for the construction of hangars used by the U. S. navy for its sub-patrol blimps on all three seacoasts. Ideal farm buildings.

**Postwar Machinery Beet Harvester**



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**Saving Nicotine Can Be Made by Practice**

Insufficient nicotine will be available unless extreme care is taken in its conservation. The average farmer wastes about half of the nicotine he purchases. The following are the reminders on how the saving may be brought about. Don't dust with nicotine when weather is cold. Don't run the fan too fast. Don't drive too fast. Don't delay application. Spot-dust with a hand-duster. Treat the seed bed. Dig plants before transplanting. Keep plants growing vigorously.

**Tipping Oil Barrel**



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**JUST ONE LOOK**

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**Not in Reverse**

Mrs. Katz—I want to know how much money my husband has drawn out this month. Teller—Sorry, Mrs. Katz, but I can't give you that information. Mrs. Katz—Aren't you the paying teller? Teller—Yes, but I'm not the telling payer.

**The most certain thing about a mule is his uncertainty.**

Generally So "What is the feminine of bachelor?" asked the school teacher. There was no reply until a small boy sang out: "a lady in waiting."

**Off the Handel**

A well-known musician was staying in the village, and one evening, while taking a walk, fell in with some rustics on their way home from choir practice. He asked one of them what music they had been practicing. "Handel," he was told. "But I should have thought you'd find Handel rather difficult," the musician remarked. "No, not very, sir," one of the villagers replied. "You see, we alters him!"

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