



MARGARET TRUMAN TO WED EDITOR — Margaret Truman (right) and her fiancé, Clifton Daniel, Jr. (left), visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Daniels (center) in Raleigh, the day before their engagement was announced in Independence, Mo., by her parents, former President and Mrs. Harry S. Truman. Daniel, a native of Zebulon, is assistant to the foreign editor of the New York Times. The Trumans said the wedding will take place in Independence in April. Jonathan Daniels is editor of the Raleigh News and Observer. (AP Wirephoto).

Paul Mann Of Bethel FFA Wins Farm Essay Contest

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following essay, entitled "American Farm Surpluses As Aid to World Peace," won for Paul Mann of the Bethel FFA first place in the county in the essay contest sponsored by the Farmers Cooperative Exchange. A freshman at Bethel, Paul will compete in the district contest at Marion March 22.)



PAUL MANN

Food can win a war and write peace, although we haven't achieved the peace throughout the world which we thought would follow World War II. I believe we can contribute greatly to the winning of new friends throughout the world by the proper use of our surplus crops.

Last night one out of every two people went to bed hungry. While the United States has over seven billion dollars worth of surplus goods lying idle in warehouses which is costing the taxpayers one-half a million dollars a day.

This is a sorry situation, but it can be corrected. I think we must realize that we will have to find markets for our production potential if we expect to have a sound farm economy, and by selling or trading our surplus farm commodities to undernourished and unfed countries, we would not only be disposing of our surplus goods but we would also be backing up a sincere desire for world peace. We don't want to dump surplus food to the extent that it would disrupt world markets.

Our great strength as a nation has its roots in the soil and a large dependence upon the people who till the soil. With our abundance of food, the United States is the envy of the world.

I think we should put some of our farm surpluses to use here at home. One of the best ways of doing this is in the school lunchroom. Our school lunch program has been a good one, but could be better. More schools could be encouraged to take advantage of it. This would be setting an example to the world of a nation that puts adequate nourishment to use. It would truly be worth more than a bundle of atomic bombs.

No people want to be an object of charity. It is better to move our farm products through normal channels of trade. There are times when outright gifts of food are the only right thing for a nation with surpluses to do.

Our America can bring about a more peaceful world by sharing

the plenty, bridging that gap between hunger and plenty and easing the pressures that breed war. We can make a big start on that Plenty Crusade by an intelligent use of our farm surplus in the underdeveloped areas of the world.

I do not believe we will ever get to first base by trying to work through governments. We have contributed in years gone by billions of dollars, not only in farm crops, but in other materials. These gifts have been accepted without the rank and file of the people enjoying them ever knowing that the United States government had contributed a dime.

I believe that if the Christian approach should be made on the part of our government to work through religious organizations and through missionaries in all parts of the world, then we could distribute our surpluses without any harm to the regular flow of goods between nations. If our government can distribute steel and other materials to be used in the manufacturing of war goods, why can't we, through the Christian approach, distribute our farm surpluses?

This country has devised many ways of aiding people in other countries. We have sent supplies of various kinds, we have sent people to acquaint them with our way of life. The one thing that has done more to cement a feeling of good will and friendship between our country and other countries of the world has been food and clothing sent to hungry and cold people.

Before any war-torn country and devastated people can be restored, they must first be restored in physical strength and in mental attitude and that country which supplies food to the hungry people in war-torn areas is the country that will receive the good will and respect of whatever hungry mouths it may feed.

No more effective weapon could be forged in the day-to-day battle against the Communist ideology than the creation of the World Food Bank. Member nations could borrow from the food bank when their supply is low, and make repayments when they are able to do so.

It has been proven that nations can cooperate to form a workable, mutually profitable, international monetary bank. I think if it can be done with dollars it can be done in cents.

Until one has walked the road of poverty and looked into the drawn hungry faces of tired old women and crying children, people cannot appreciate fully the fact that bread indeed is the staff of life.

There is hardly any excuse for our farm surpluses to be a chain around the necks of the farmers and the taxpayers. While these surpluses are lying idle in warehouses, they could be helping to win the battle for world peace. It has been said that armies fight on their stomachs. I think peace can be won the same way. Right now we have more food on hand than we can currently use, and those who regard abundance as a curse are having a field day.

Our farm surpluses could supply countries that are still under ration control and are short of certain commodities. By doing this we would be helping ourselves public relations wise, at the same time establishing contracts for future markets.

A large percentage of our foreign markets have been lost since World War II within a period of two years—1931-1933. We lost 40 per cent of our foreign trade during this period. Today none of our farm production finds its way to the vast markets of Communist China. Prior to World War II, China was our second largest tobacco customer in the world. In those same days Russia was a good customer in tobacco, cotton, and the grains.

The market potential behind the Iron Curtain is real today, but we are leaving it untouched. I think we must find a way to sell the non-strategic goods we produce plentifully to countries that need them, regardless of whether or not they are under Communist rule.

We the American people by properly distributing our farm surplus can help bring peace to the world.

Film On Indians Set Friday At Oak Grove Church

The Rev. Elmer Greene, Association Missionary for Haywood Baptist Churches, will show a film dealing with the American Indians, at the Oak Grove Baptist Church Friday at 7:30. The program is sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society in connection with a study course they have had on the Indians.

The Fire Protection Committee held a meeting Monday evening to discuss plans for organizing a Rural Fire Protection system in the community. McConley Ford, chairman, was in charge. J. H. Bailey of Asheville, representative of the American LeFrance Foamite Association met with the group and gave helpful suggestions for inaugurating the program.

Mr. Bailey will be at a special community-wide meeting Monday night to show a film concerning Fire Protection, and to explain how the proposed system could be established.

The Good Neighbor Club held the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. George Wright Monday evening. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Robert Atkinson, was in charge. She opened the meeting with a brief devotional and called for reports.

Material was distributed for members to make garments to be given children at Easter time, and plans were announced for securing an electric coffee urn to be used at the Thickety Park.

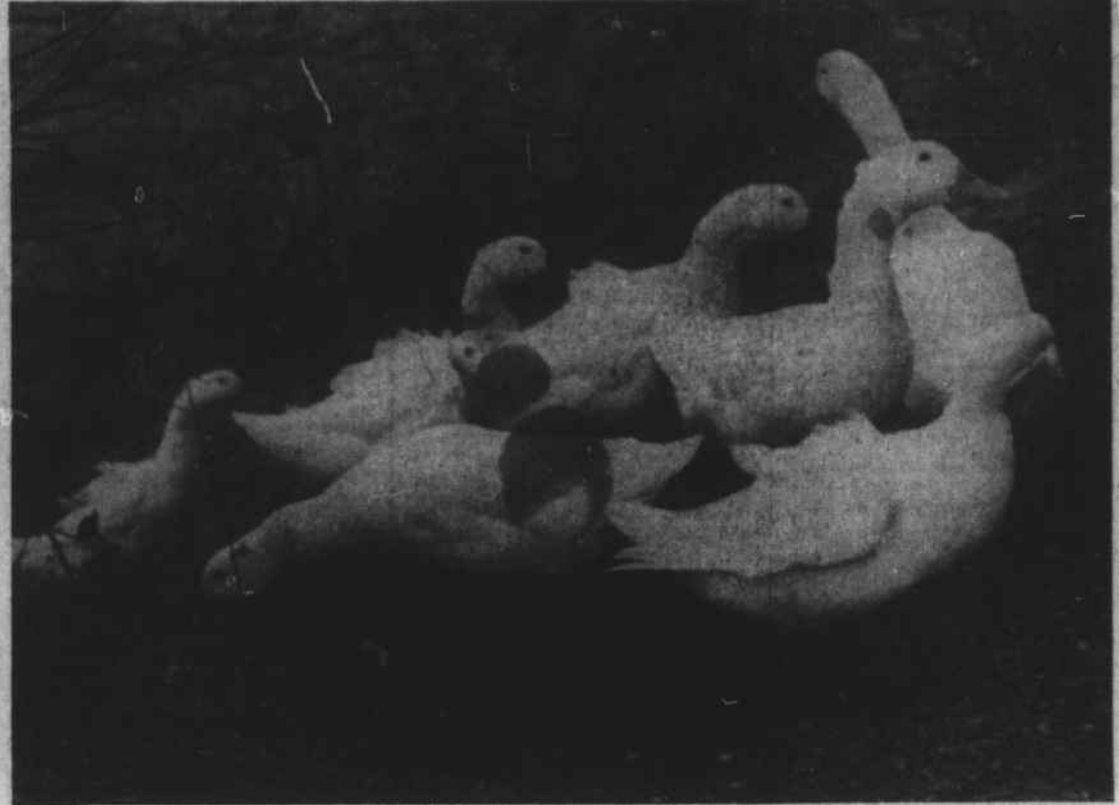
At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess.

The April meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lester Smathers on Thompson Road.

Mrs. Edgar Moore is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Earl Rose, and Mr. Robeson in Newport News, Va.

Sp 3/c Johnny Carter, Mrs. Carter and children left Wednesday for Fayetteville, after spending a 15-day leave here with Mrs. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parham St. They had as their guest while here, Mr. Carter's father, Joseph C. Carter, Sr., of Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Williamson have begun excavating for the construction of their new home on Beaverdam Road. They sold their farm in the community last fall.



A QUACKING GOOD TIME was had in the warm sunshine by these honkers on the shores of Lake Junaluska last week. By a 6-1 preference, these ducks chose to turn their profiles toward the Mountaineer camera.

Incentive Prizes Set Up For CDP Contest This Year

Eight incentive prizes have been set up to be awarded to Haywood County communities in the 1956 CDP rural improvement contest. It has been announced.

In this year's contest, a total of \$800 will be awarded to the top communities, and \$200 more will be given as eight incentive prizes of \$25 each. Among the incentive prizes will be those for:

1. Community making most progress on farm and home safety.
2. Community with largest percentage of families completing family score cards.
3. Community with largest percentage of families attending more than one-half of the community meetings.
4. Community with most adequate family food supply.
5. Community with largest percentage of families covered by hospital insurance.

6. Community with largest percentage of families producing one or more acres of corn with a yield of 100 bushels or better (including silage corn).

7. Community with largest percentage of families showing an increase in income from new sources.

8. Community with largest percentage of families making home improvements.

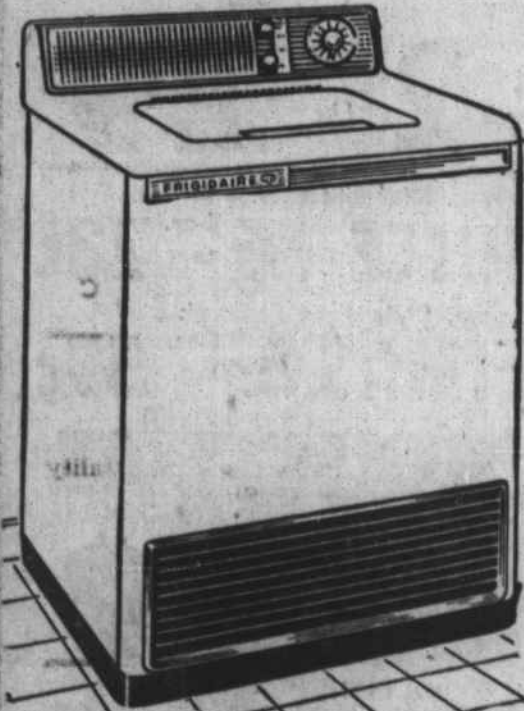
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