

While no one seriously contends that the new farm bill is all that is desired in the way of helplegislation for agriculture, viously, if it fails to accomplish the objectives sought, the legislation can be quickly repealed.

ture as a national problem, members of Congress agree that it will ever, in writing the new law, Congressional committees went fur-

the views of farmers. Thus the bill now being given its finishing touches is in every respect a com-promise as regards the thought of all concerned with the welfare of those who till the soil and produce the food supply for the coun-

Nevertheless, there is much evidence that changes in marketing conditions and tariff protection for farm commodities are needed to round-out any farm program All in Congress who are farmminded are hopeful that these will eventually come. Until more favorable marketing conditions and tariff protection for the farmer are assured, it is clearly shown that they want the proposed parity and equalization plans.

As an able farm leader points out it is easy to figure that if the farmer does not cut production and current farm prices hold, his there is general agreement that it income would be greater. Much does represent some gains, that has been made of this point. Yet, farm spokesmen want it and that this same farm leader points to it deserves to be given a trial. Ob- another side. If production is not cut and current prices fall, the loss to the farmer might prove even greater. It is for this reason Due to sectional differences and that farm leaders are willing to the necessity for treating agricul- try the referendum plan under the new legislation.

always be difficult to draft a law reality several laws. It continues if more than one-third of the that will meet the full needs of the soil conservation program. It farmers oppose the quota, it is any pollen. The ears from the deproducers of a single crop. How- provides new marketing quotas to not to be made effective. The twother than ever before in obtaining ject to referendums by farms. In sues.

Cinderella Man Retires From Ring



NEW YORK CITY . . . Jimmy Braddock, one of the few fighters to really "come back" has announced his intention of retiring "while the retain come back has announced mis intention of retring with the retiring is good" after a successful bout with Tommy Farr, British Empire contender. Here Jimmy and Jack Dempsey (need we point?) strike a familiar pose as Bob Tow and Red Burman, their respective proteges and promising heavyweights look on.

Reviewed briefly, this law is in the case of tobacco, for example, All tassels in the three seed rows be based on findings by the De- thirds rule to be invoked is used partment of Agriculture and sub- in the Senate on vital national is-

> Whatever may be the differgram and the new plan for crop curtailment and marketing quotas, there is general agreement on oththe effort to stimulate the sale and use of farm commodities and the establishment of research labthe cotton farmer, who, perhaps more than any other grower, is confronted with the problem of dwindling markets, intense competition and labor problems. Some believe that the cotton situation should be handled distinct from food commodities.

> Whatever may be the final results from the test of the new law, they will soon be revealed. be in effect before this column apthe necessary machinery will follow. It is recognized that enactment of the law has already been too long delayed. In any event, the new law gives the farmer some promise of assistance where none prevailed before.

tasseled plants furnish the hybrid seed. Dr. Jenkins estimates that 150 bushels of inbred seed after the two generations of crossing would produce enough hybrid seed ences of opinion in Congress as to plant the entire corn acreage regards the soil conservation pro- in Iowa, more than 9,000,000 acres.

Hybrid corn should have a better future in the South than in er important features of the new the corn belt as there are so many law. This applies particularly to adversities here such as insect pests, intense heat, droughts and hurricanes, which can be largely overcome by hybrid corn. Aloratories to find new uses for farm though the South has not been as ing corn hybrids, most of the Southern State Experiment Stations and several southern commercial seed firms now have extensive hybrid corn breeding programs. Corn hybrids like the old varieties are only adapted to sec1 tions with climatic and other conditions similar to those in which they were developed. Repeated The tests in the South have shown legislation will in all probability that the corn belt hybrids do not have the necessary shuck protecpears. Hurried activity to set up tion from weevils, ear worms and blackbirds.

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was unable to do so. The old corn breeding method of selecting seed in field or crib year after year improved corn yields very little. The new method started in 1908 of crossing selffertilized or inbred lines has given far greater yields for two reasons. The crossed seed has hybrid vigor for the same reason a mule has more strength and endurance than its parents. By selecting the prop-er inbred lines the hybrid has much deeper roots, stronger stalks and larger, sounder ears than the original variety.

An- inbred line is produced by placing pollen from the tassel of a plant on the ear silks of the same plant, repeating this operation every year. Usually over 1,000 lines must be developed and test-ed to get the 4 desirable lines used to produce a commercial double cross hybrid. This requires 6 to 8 To produce hybrid seed two of the lines must be crossed together in 1 field to form a single cross and the other two crossed in a different field. The following year the two single crosses are combined to form a double cross. Adm. 10c to All
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