

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, April 18 — The sorest spot in the nation's economic set-up is cotton. It is also a point upon which a sharp controversy is raging between the Administration and the Senators and Representatives from the cotton-growing states.

The problem is how to move to market the 11,500,000 bales of cotton which have been held over from previous years, carried in warehouses by the aid of government loans of a little over eight cents a pound. Cotton exports have declined from a former average of seven million bales a year to under four million.

The cotton planters of the South produce an average of twelve billion bales. Foreign and domestic markets combined will not take more than ten billion bales at a price that will enable cotton owners to pay off the government loans against the stock in storage.

The Secretary of Agriculture and the President have proposed to pay owners of stored cotton a bonus in cash to release their cotton for export at 6½ cents a pound, at which price it is figured that an additional market will be found for two million bales. That amount would about balance the annual surplus.

The plan would cost the Government from sixty to ninety million dollars a year. A part of it is the proposal to increase duties on cotton manufactured goods, to keep products made from American cotton from coming in to compete with American textile manufacturers, and to pay a subsidy on goods exported to compete in foreign markets.

Proposed Solutions
The Smith-Bankhead bill which has passed the Senate, proposes to solve the cotton problem by letting farmers buy back the cotton on which they have received eight-cent loans, for three cents a pound, on condition that the growers reduce production this year to compensate for the cotton they buy; and that instead of price-stabilizing loans growers of this year's crop be

These Three Have Free Tickets Awaiting



There are two free theatre tickets at The Tribune office for each of those pictured above. Tickets are good for admission to the Lyric or Elk theatres, and may be had by calling in person for them. There will be six more free theatre tickets given away next week to the persons appearing in this space. Maybe your picture will be next.—(Tribune Photos.)

given a subsidy of three cents a pound on all they grow.

The estimated cost of this plan would be \$105 millions loss to the Government on cotton loans already made, and \$180 millions on this year's crop by way of subsidy.

Another farm crop whose growers are beginning to demand more protection from Government, is sugar. Here the problem is not one of enlarging our export market, but of keeping foreign sugar out of the domestic market.

The sugar situation is a complicated one. Under the Sugar Act of 1937, the Secretary of Agriculture annually estimates the total domestic consumption of sugar for the preceding year. The law now provides that only fifty-five and a fraction per cent. of the nation's sugar needs may be grown in the United States, about 45 per cent. being allotted to foreign countries, chiefly Cuba and the Philippines.

Can Ship 800,000 Tons
Under the Philippine Independence Act that country is en-

titled, for several years, to ship 800,000 tons of raw sugar and 50,000 tons of refined sugar to this country free of all duty.

Under the reciprocal trade treaty with Cuba negotiated by the State Department Cuba has to pay only nine-tenths of a cent a pound on sugar it ships to the United States, and is allowed to send into this market roughly two million tons a year.

Definite limits of the tonnage of sugar which other nations may send to the United States are fixed by percentages of the total estimated consumption. All countries except Cuba and the Philippines have to pay 1.87 cents a hundred pounds duty.

Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, all important sugar producing countries, being a part of the United States, pay no duty on their sugar shipped here.

Part of the sugar control plan is the payment of subsidies under the Soil Conservation Act, to reward sugar planters for keeping their sugar lands out of production. These subsidies, of \$24 an acre a year, run into big money for the large sugar companies producing cane sugar in the South and the island territories, and beet sugar in the West.

One comparatively small sugar company in Florida, by reducing its acreage in cane, received \$437,000 cash from the Government last year; and some of the large Louisiana companies get annual subsidy payments running to millions.

Support from Florida
Under this system Cuba supplies about two million tons of the annual domestic sugar consumption of around seven million tons; the Philippines about half as much.

A group of Senators, headed by Senator Ellender of Louisiana, and including most of the members of both Houses from the cane-growing and sugar beet states, has started a movement to revise the Sugar Act, limiting permitted imports to 40 per cent. or less. The proposal has strong support from Florida, where two or three million acres of caneland might be utilized were it not for the foreign and domestic quota restrictions.

Administration opposition to any change in the foreign sugar quotas is based upon the benefits to American industry which it is contended have been derived from the Cuban trade treaty.

In exchange for the reduction in sugar duties, Cuba granted reductions on more than 400 different American manufactured items. The result, the Commerce and State departments contend, has been to increase sales of American goods to Cuba from around \$25 millions a year to more than \$95 millions; while Cuba is selling \$75 millions of sugar to this country.

OFFICE TO BE OPEN 3 DAYS NEXT WEEK

The branch office of the Winston-Salem Production Credit Association at Dobson will only be open next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, according to an announcement by Aubrey P. Snow, who is in charge of the Dobson office. All farmers who desire a crop loan are requested to place their application as soon as possible. However, farmers who are unable to come to Dobson on the days the office is open may come to the central office in Winston-Salem. The numbers of loans made in Surry county this year to date has exceeded those of any previous year. This is attributed to the fact that the interest rate has been reduced to 4½ per cent.

THURMOND

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts and small daughter, Earline, of West Virginia, spent some time here with the former's parents.

Rhydenia Kennedy visited her sister in State Road, Mrs. Jim Poindexter.

This community welcomes our new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Spicer and family, from Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simmons visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cockerham, of State Road, recently.

Miss Lillie Norman, of Elkin, has returned home to stay for a while to rest up from her work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cockerham and little son, Jasper, of State Road, visited here last week-end.

Miss Helen Simmons, of Elkin, spent the week-end here with her parents.

Robert Owens, of the CCC camp at Lexington, visited his mother here last week-end.

Mrs. Reba Norman, of Alleghany county, visited her parents here last week, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alloway.

Miss Gladys Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nixon and family.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Surry County.

In the Superior Court. William Baird, Jr., vs. Caroline Masters Baird.

The defendant, Caroline Masters Baird, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court to secure an absolute divorce, and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in the Courthouse at Dobson, North Carolina, on the 24th day of April, 1939, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 24th day of March, 1939.

F. T. LEWELLYN,
4-20 Clerk of the Superior Court.

all of Dobson, visited relatives here for a short while last Sunday.

Mrs. Delilah Turner, of Virginia, is spending some time here with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Norman.

Mr. Joe Holcomb, of Fries, Va., visited his nephew here last week-end, Mr. Went Holcomb. Miss Pauline Moody is in Greensboro visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Simmons and family paid a visit to the latter's sister in Mountain Park last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Culmer Wood.

Mr. Joe Simmons, who has been ill for a short while, is improving somewhat now. We hope for him and all that are on the sick list a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norman and little Paul, Jr., visited the latter's brother in Mountain Park last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. James Lowe and family.

Mr. Will Bell, operator and owner of the Bell lumber plant here, is building a new home near here which will soon be ready for occupancy.

This community is thrilled to think that the electric light line

is to be extended through here and is actually getting under way at once. This is expected to add a great deal to the upbuilding of the entire community.

A fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Baugess last week.

Everybody come out for Sunday school and preaching next Sunday and bring your friends.

TO HOLD REVIVAL AT BESSIE'S CHAPEL

Beginning Sunday evening and continuing through the week a series of revival services will be held at Bessie's Chapel Baptist church. The first service will be Sunday evening at 7:30 and services will be held twice daily, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during the week. Special quartette singing will be a feature of each meeting. Rev. R. E. Adams, of Mayodan, will assist the pastor, Rev. E. G. Jordan, in the meetings. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

A cummerbund is a kind of sash worn around the waist.

NOTICE!

Elkin Masonic Lodge No. 454, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at 7:30. All members requested to be present. Signed: Secretary of Lodge. ttc

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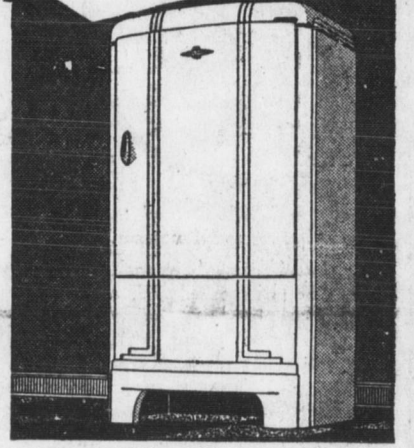
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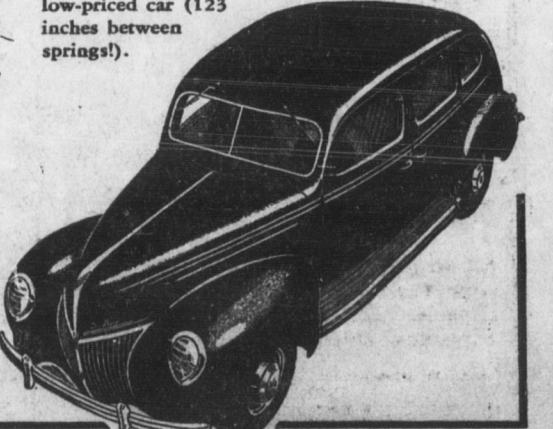
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