

TODAY and TOMORROW

AGRICULTURE . . . transportation
The "farm problem" in the United States is as old as the nation itself. How to get their products to market and get a fair price for them has bothered the farmers of America for 150 years. And politics has always played a part.

The first farmers who settled the lands west of the Alleghenies found they could raise grain easily enough, but with no highways they couldn't ship it to market before it spoiled. They solved the problem by distilling it into whiskey, which would keep indefinitely and could be shipped on flatboats down the Susquehanna, the Potomac and the Ohio, to seaports.

They were doing well until



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1794, when politics stepped in. The new Federal Government imposed a tax of 25 cents a gallon on whiskey, not so much for revenue as because Alexander Hamilton wanted to show the people the power of the new nation. The farmers rose in rebellion. They tarred and feathered the tax collectors. President Washington sent a detachment of troops to preserve order. Nobody was killed, the ringleader of the insurrection escaped down the river to New Orleans, and that was the end of that farm problem.

MARGARINE . . . taxes
There's a farm problem today that has some resemblance to that of 1794. That is the multiplication of state taxes on oleomargarine. Many people use oleomargarine instead of butter because they like it; many more because it costs less. The dairy farmers naturally want to promote the use of butter. The producers of cotton-seed oil, peanut oil, and soy-bean oil, the chief fats used in making margarine, want their products used without restriction.

The Federal government taxes all oleomargarine. Now nine states are taxing oleomargarine 15 cents a pound, three others tax it if it's made from oils not produced in their states, and several other states tax dealers in margarine, up to as high as \$1,000 a year.

There's an insurrection brewing, not only in the matter of margarine, but against the growing practice of states to set up barriers against trade with other states. The Federal Constitution forbids any state to impose tariffs on goods from other states. In late years many states have found ways to evade that by devious tax methods. We have got where we are largely because we are the largest free trade area in the world. We're heading for trouble this way.

DISTRIBUTION . . . restricted
If there were any simple answer to the present-day farm problem there wouldn't be so many individuals and organizations trying to find it, nor so many politicians making capital out of ready-made solutions. The American Farm Bureau Federation, in its program submitted to both national political conventions, seems to take as broad and sane a view of the complex problem as I have seen.

Its major point is that there

Ever-Normal Granary Facts: Hoops

U.S. farmers have enough grains in 1940 including reserves, to produce 78 lbs of PORK for everyone of the 132,000,000 people in the USA or more than each person ate in 1939.

Funeral Is Held For Clemm Ladd

Leander Clemm Ladd, 85, died Friday morning at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Tempa McKnight Ladd, Yadkinville, route 2, following a week's illness. He suffered a stroke of paralysis a week ago. Mr. Ladd had been blind for many years.

He was born Oct. 29, 1854. His wife, Linda Nicholson Ladd, died several years ago. Survivors include a son, John Ladd, and a brother, Charlie Ladd, and two grandsons, Lester and Henry Ladd.

Funeral services were held at Deep Creek Baptist church at 11 o'clock Saturday, with Rev. J. G. Allgood and Rev. Isaac Willard in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery.

WAR . . . complicating

There's no doubt whatever that the present war, unless it ends sooner than I'm afraid it will, is going to further complicate the American farm problem by shutting off export markets. Few people realize how much of our agriculture is dependent upon sales overseas. Cotton is one major export item which has been losing to foreign competition for a good many years. Tobacco is another.

I saw some figures the other day on the exports of soy-beans from the United States last year. The total of this one commodity we shipped abroad was 627 million pounds, of which two-thirds went to the Netherlands. Now that great market is shut off. Many other farm commodities are in the same fix.

We need a number of agricultural products which we can't grow in this country. Rubber is one of them. Camphor is another. Fortunately American chemists have found how to make acceptable substitutes for those and other exotic products. But that doesn't help the American farmer much.

INDUSTRY . . . conversion

The ultimate answer to the farm problem, as I see it, will be the conversion of things grown on the land into things useful in industry. The farm problem, after all, is not one of raising sweet potatoes, or cattle, or watermelons or any other particular commodity. It is a problem of getting a living off the land. If that can be done without raising what nobody wants, but by raising something that can be used to make airplanes or whatever it is the world wants, the problem is solved.

The National Farm Chemurgic Council has been working along that line for several years. An amazing number of industrial uses have been found for farm products which only require the cooperation of the farmer to make them available. I have just seen a list of 72 industrial products made from corn alone, for example.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Rev. Arvil Alexander, of Elkin, filled Rev. J. L. Powers' regular appointment at Mountain View Sunday. Rev. Alexander delivered a wonderful sermon at the 11 o'clock hour and night service, to a fine audience.

Mr. Lee Mathis returned from the Elkin hospital Monday where he was carried the past week with a fractured skull and other injuries sustained in an auto wreck. He seems to be improving nicely, his friends will be glad to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Winford Stanley moved to Jonesville this past week.

Little Bobbie and Lester Gray, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gray, of Wilkes, spent the past week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pinnix.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. Adams' father and brother, Mr. Tom Adams and Mr. Arthur Adams, and daughter, Miss Eva Adams, all of Nebo.

Rev. Arvil Alexander was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Tildon Byrd, of High Point, were the week-end guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie VanHoy.

Conditional Order Signed In Dam Case

Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, Thursday signed a judgment modifying the restraining order against the city of High Point insofar as to allow the city and Yadkin county to complete their agreement over the purchase of the county property for \$75,000 under conditions.

However, this judgment is contingent upon a modification of the restraining order in the McQuinn case now pending in Guilford superior court at Greensboro. Judge Zeb V. Nettles said he would sign a judgment in this case September 3.

Both Yadkin county and the city of High Point as well as other parties to the action here in Yadkin county gave notice of appeal to the supreme court from the judgment signed by Judge Gwyn.

August 17 in a hearing at Greensboro, Judge Nettles said it was his opinion that the city of High Point has complied with all the court provisions as set down in the supreme court opinion. The city has repudiated its federal power certificate and complied with the revenue act, it was pointed out.

Judge Nettles also let it be known that he would probably sign an order which would not modify the restraining order as he felt that he did not have the power to do this and also felt that the city was complying with all provisions of the supreme court opinion.

In the event Judge Nettles fails

to modify the order, the city of High Point will appear to supreme court, it was stated after the hearing last week.

The decision of Judge Gwyn here Thursday hinges on the order issued by Judge Nettles.

All parties involved in the suit gave notice of appeal to the supreme court.

ARLINGTON

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the revival meeting starting at the Arlington Baptist church Sunday, September 1, with Rev. Grady Burgess, of Greensboro, formerly of Elkin, assisting the pastor, Rev. T. S. Draughn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hittle and son, Wilbur, of Indianapolis, Ind., were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Swaim in Arlington. Mrs. Hittle is Mr. Swaim's niece.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Fannie Carter is ill at this time. The many friends of Mrs. Charlie Long are sorry to note that she is now in the Statesville hospital.

Mrs. Lillie Duenkel, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Swaim.

Mr. N. W. Reece, of Boonville, was the guest last week of his son, Mr. W. M. Reece, and Mrs. Reece.

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