

### Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

#### What the Case Called For

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GABE THOMPSON was a person of unrelieved color, the color being black. Always, until he reached middle age he had enjoyed perfect health. Suddenly he was stricken down with what seemingly was a



grievous affliction. His complexion turned the color of wet wood-ashes and he moaned with pain. His wife, in alarm, summoned a friend from a neighboring cabin and the friend decided, after one look at the sufferer, that the case was of sufficient seriousness to justify calling in a physician.

"Get me a hoss doctor," Gabe declared.  
"Wha' fur you wants a hoss doctor?" asked the other in astonishment. "You ain't no hoss. Chances is you ain't got no hoss disease."  
"I'll tell you," said Gabe. "Ef a regulation doctor comes to see you he kin talk wid you. He kin axe you whar ye pain is an' what you been eatin' an' drinkin' an' you kin tell him. But a hoss doctor he can't talk wid his patients kaze de patients can't talk back. He's just natchelly 'bleedged to know what ails 'em."  
"Nigger, you go git me de be' hoss doctor you kin find!"

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#### Sweet Potato Price Ceilings Are Raised

Raleigh, November 9th--The sweet potato price ceiling was raised from \$2.10 to \$2.40 per bushel of 50 lb. country shipping points on November 4, the State Department of Agriculture was informed by the Office of Price Administration. The order said the ceiling would be in effect until November 19, when it will be raised to \$2.80.

On Monday of last week, the Department's Markets division requested the raise, pointing out that an increased ceiling would result in ample quantities of sweet potatoes for Thanksgiving and Christmas tables.

#### Price Of Hogs On Downward Trend

Raleigh, November 9th--The price of hogs has dropped from 25 cents to \$1.10 per hundred on the country's leading hog markets since October 25, according to J. A. Winfield, market news man with the State Department of Agriculture.

The losses ranged from \$1.05 in Indianapolis; \$1 in St. Louis; 75 cents in Chicago; 55 cents in Bal-

timore; 50 cents in Richmond. Carolina's cash hog buying stations reported losses of from 25 to 50 cents per hundredweight, with good and choice 180 to 240 pound butchers bringing \$13.75 in Whiteville, a loss of 50 cents; 13.90 in Clinton and Lumberton, loss of 50 cents; \$14.15 in Smithfield and Fayetteville, loss of 25 cents; \$14.05 in Florence, loss of 25 cents; Rocky Mount's top price was \$14.25, a loss of 25 cents.

Receipts of 95,000 hogs at the eleven leading livestock markets yesterday exceeded the previous Monday's receipts by approximately 20,000, stated Winfield. Packers report that a labor shortage makes it almost impossible to process additional hogs.

#### State Leading In Grape Production

Raleigh, November 9th--North Carolina produced, 6,500 tons of grapes this year, according to a report from the Department of Agriculture's Statistics division. This compares with 6,300 tons as an average for the years 1933-42 and 5,200 tons in 1943. The division said this State produces more grapes than any other Southern state except Arkansas, which grew 9,600 tons this season. California produced 2,473,000 tons this

year, South Carolina, 1,100, Tennessee, 2,200 and Florida 600 tons.

#### Yam Price Raise Asked For Nov. 15

Raleigh, November 9th--Declaring that current maximum ceiling price regulations on sweet potatoes will within the next three weeks result in an acute scarcity of supplies at this popular holiday product, the Markets division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture has asked the Office of Price Administration for an immediate revision of the order, permitting the scheduled farmers' 40 cent price rise to occur on November 15 instead of November 26.

D. S. Matheson, marketing specialist, pointed out that the 40-cent increase in the f.o.b. price of a bushel of sweet potatoes on November 26 would result in the withholding of this staple by producers during the days prior to Thanksgiving, which is November 24 in North Carolina.

"If the raise could be moved to November 15, the farmers would sell their potatoes at the increase, thus making a greater profit and at the same time assuring the consumer of an ample amount in the stores," said Matheson.

#### Recipe Of The Week

For delicate flavor, few treats gain the cook as many compliments as a well prepared dish of scalloped oysters. The recipe is simple but the few essential details need attention. Try this recipe for

- Scalloped Oysters**
- 1 1/2 pints of oysters
  - Pinch of pepper
  - 3/4 teaspoon salt
  - 3 cups cracker crumbs
  - 1/3 cup butter or margarine
  - 3/4 cup milk
- Strain oyster liquid through cheesecloth and save liquid. Pick out any pieces of shell from oysters. Add salt and pepper to oysters. Mix coarse soda cracker crumbs and butter or margarine. Put alternate layers of cracker mixture and oysters in greased baking dish. Then pour in combined oyster liquid and milk. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 20 minutes. Serves four.

#### Veterinarian Says Corn Being Wasted

Raleigh, November 9th-- There is an "alarming" waste of valuable corn on young, growing pigs, according to State Veterinarian Dr.

William Moore. He pointed out that years ago some of the best herds were fed no corn at all until they weighed 100 pounds. Fed on ground oats, pasture, and milk, these pigs were physically fit, and had good frame and muscles. Dr. Moore explained that wheat, barley and oats contain more niacin, panthothentic acid and similar factors, than does corn.

"The proper balance of feed elements is just as important as the amount of feed given an animal" said Dr. Moore in stating that "many farmers today are feeding fattening corn rations too early in the pig's life."

"A careful appraisal indicates the definite need for a continued high level of agricultural production in 1945," says J. B. Hutson, president of the CCC and Director of Production for WFA.

#### FOOD FACTS IN A NUTSHELL

Northwestern states have taken up the production of poppy seed, no longer imported. Seeds are so small, 900,000 are in a pound.

Spaghetti is made either solid or tubular, in diameter from 5-64 of an inch to 7-64 of an inch.

Vegetables usually sold by weight include onions which run 4 to 6 to a pound; parsnips, 3 to 4; tomatoes, 3 to 4; sweet potatoes, 3 to 4 pound when displayed in medium sizes, says the Aand P Service for Home-makers.

Shredded lettuce for a salad base usually is more economical than the use of a whole leaf since the whole lettuce leaf often remains uneaten.

Frosted vegetables should be kept frozen until cooking time. The vegetables then should be plunged into boiling water, remembering to cook about half as long as fresh vegetables.

American civilians can expect more of the better grades of beef this fall and winter than was previously anticipated, says the War Food Administration.

Stocks of canned evaporated milk held by wholesale grocers on September 30 showed a moderate decline from stocks held on June 30 and were less than half as large as on September 30, 1943.

Returns from sales of Government owned food by the War Food Administration during September for civilian use totalled \$1,-06,-924.

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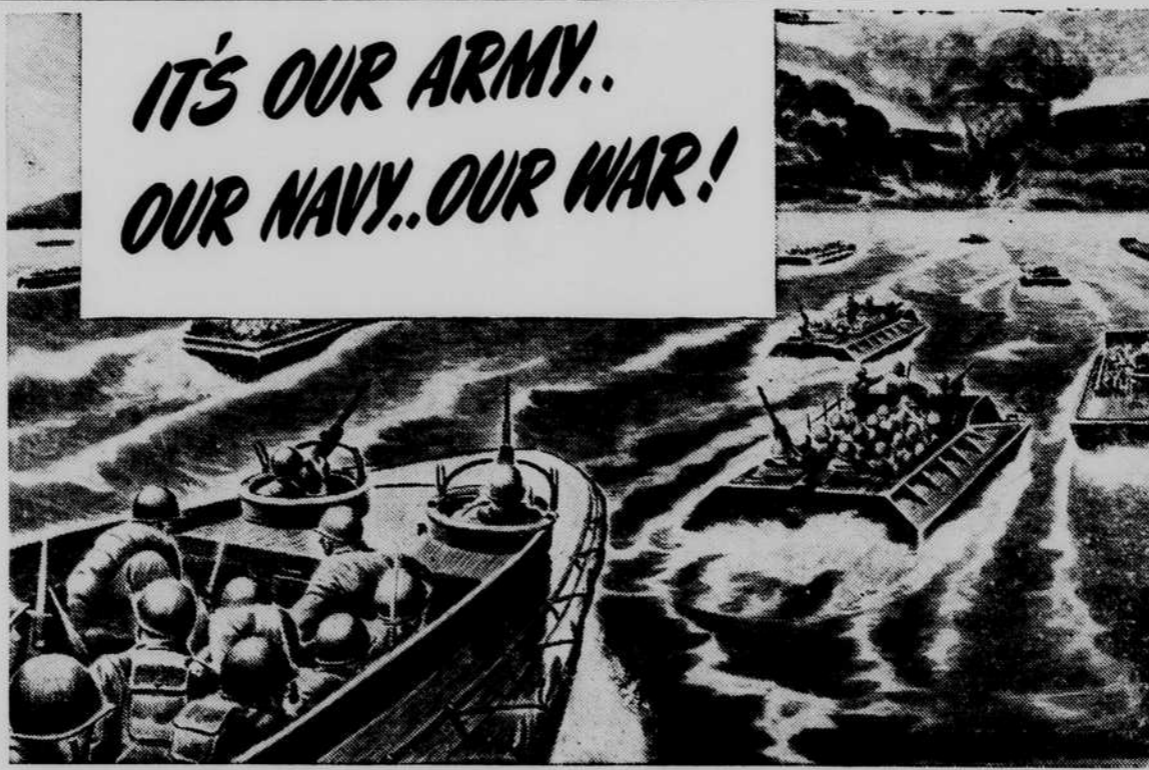
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