

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 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 armed 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 cottonseed oil, peanut oil and soybean oil, the chief fats used in making margarine, want their products used without restriction.

The federal government taxes all oleomargarine. New nine states are taxing oleomargarine 15 cents a pound, three others tax it if it's made from oils and 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.

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Cinderella at the World's Fair



New York, N. Y.—Eleven "Cinderellas" from all over the nation competed at the world's fair for the title of "New York World's Fair Cinderella." Chosen because of their beauty and the ability to fit a glass slipper, Miss Philadelphia (Mary Jaeger), front row, second from left, was selected. Miss Knoxville (Elizabeth Godfrey) is trying the glass slipper on the "Queen of Cinderellas."

Comfort from an "Immortal"



Oakdale, N. Y.—Little Jean, protege of the metaphysicians who claim that she will be immortal because sheltered from grief, illness, or other woes, seems unable to comfort two-year-old Prince John Von Starhemberg, son of the exiled Austrian prince.

Sniper



Newark, N. J.—Miss Laura Hinchman of East Orange, N. J., makes a pretty sniper as she practices with her army rifle. Miss Hinchman is a member of the Pitcher Brigade, a newly formed woman's defense unit.

OLD HENS NEED MOIST MASH AT NOON EACH DAY

Do you want to know how to keep your old hens in egg production during the hot summer months? Well, C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist of N. C. State College, says the feeding of a moist mash at noon each day will help to increase summer egg production. He recommends that three pounds of dry mash be moistened with milk or water and fed to each 100 birds. "As soon as the birds finish eating, turn the mash troughs over so that flies will not congregate in the laying house," he says.

The poultry specialist also advises the supplying of 4 to 5 gallons of cool, fresh water each day for each 100 birds, and a sufficient number of fountains so that there will not be any crowding around the drinking fountains. "Remember," he says, "two-thirds of each egg is water and hens can't produce eggs if the drinking fountain is dry. Then too, you can get 13 cents for water when selling eggs at 20 cents per dozen. Therefore, provide plenty of fresh, clean water at all times."

Parrish also recommends that poultry raisers check carefully at this season of the year for lice and mites. If mites are found, old burnt cylinder oil or kerosene should be spread over the roosting poles. Sodium flouride, either as a dust or a dip, is suggested for the control of lice. However, lice can be controlled by painting the roosts with nicotine sulphate or some commercial preparation. "Just keep this in mind," the specialist asserted, "that the person who makes a summer profit from poultry is the person who keeps the flock as comfortable as possible."

INCREASE

On land where he is turning under rye as a green manure crop, Wesley Melton, Jackson county demonstration farmer, says his corn yield has been increased five-fold in the past five years.

School Attendance In State Increases

The average daily attendance of North Carolina public schools reached an all-time high record of 781,425 during the 1939-40 school year, Lloyd Griffin, secretary of the state school commission, said Saturday.

The total compared with the previous record of 790,927 last year. High schools gained in average daily attendance from 175,802 last

year to 183,806. The elementary schools, meanwhile, showed a sharp drop, from 615,125 last year to 607,819.

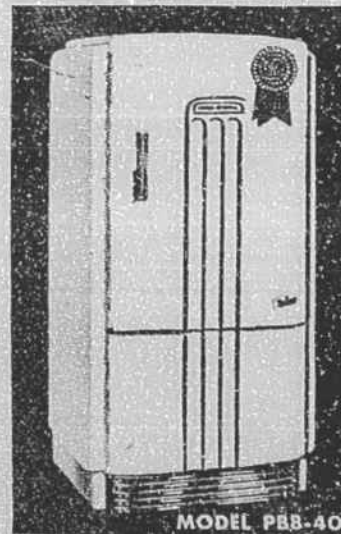
One reason for the elementary school drop, Griffin said, was that fewer babies were born during the depression.

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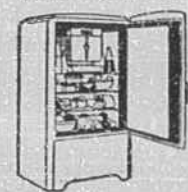


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