

NATION'S URBANIZED AREAS EXPANDING AT THE RATE OF MILLION ACRES PER YEAR

Encroachment on Rural Areas Affecting Face Of Land

An area bigger than the state of Rhode Island is being taken out of the rural and farm classifications in this country every year and converted to residential, commercial and industrial purposes.

The amount of land that is thus being transformed is estimated at a million acres annually by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in a recent study of the land area of the United States and its major uses. The analysis gives an insight into the needs for working and living space of an industrialized and urbanized society, exclusive of the land required to feed a rapidly expanding population and to provide the products and raw materials for our factories and machines.

The Wide Open Spaces

The steady encroachment of urbanization on rural and farm areas over the years has, of course, had a profound effect on the face of the land in many parts of the country, especially around the cities. America, however, has a bountiful heritage in both land and resources, and these have been enhanced by the industry and ingenuity of the people coupled with increasing use of wise conservation practices. The wide open spaces may be smaller than they were in the earlier days of the country, but they are still there in abundance.

The Department of Agriculture places the total land area of the United States at just over 1.9 billion acres. Nearly 1.2 billion acres of this, or 60 per cent of the total, is classified as land in farms. A third of the entire country is still forested. With all their growth, areas occupied by cities, villages, towns, industrial sites, highways, railroads, commercial airports, reservoirs, and rural residences—the essentials of modern living—were estimated at approximately 60 million acres in 1950. This is little more than 3 per cent of the total land area of the United States.

Our Agricultural Resources

All the cropland in the United States amounts to somewhat over 400 million acres. This represents little more than a fifth of the country's land area, but it has sufficed to meet the food needs of our expanding population and to supply large quantities abroad as well. Combined with live-stock ranges and other grazing areas, about four-fifths of the land area is used for agriculture.

The amount of cropland has changed little in the last generation, but production has gone up greatly as the result of mechanization and improvement in farm techniques. Farm output rose about a third in the last dec-

ade alone, evidence of the ability of American agriculture to keep pace with population growth and to meet the foreseeable needs of the future. Over the longer-view, considerably more tillable land is available when and if the need arises.

The bulk of the country's population and its wealth is concentrated in urban areas, defined as villages, towns and cities having 1,000 inhabitants or more. Taken together, these urban areas covered only about 18 1/2 million acres in 1950, or less than one per cent of the country's land area. As a matter of fact, there is less land in all the urban areas put together than there is in highways and railroads or in parks.

New Jersey Most Urbanized

The most urbanized of all the states is New Jersey. The figures show that about one-sixth of New Jersey's entire land area is classified as urban. Rhode Island is second in this respect, with somewhat over 13 per cent of its land area in the urban classification. Connecticut and Massachusetts are tied for third place with about 9 per cent each. Though New York State is the most populous in the Union and has the largest city in the nation as well, less than 4 per cent of the Empire State's land area is classified as urban. In fact, the figures show that Ohio is proportionately nearly as urbanized as New York.

One of the greatest marks of American progress has been the increased leisure time for the average man through shorter working hours, accompanied by greater means to enjoy it, resulting from higher incomes and savings. The country has the outlet for this, too. Public and private recreational areas open to the people for anywhere from a day's outing to a vacation spot or the acquisition of a summer home are estimated at in the neighborhood of 400 million acres, an area more than twice the size of the state of Texas.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Every Sunday (except first Sunday of every month when first mass is in Palace Theatre, Windsor, at 8 A. M.), the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated at 8 and 11 A. M., in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, stated Father John Beshel, pastor. Week-day Masses at 7:30 A. M.

GULF SERVICE STATION SOLD

Effective Monday of last week, John L. Byrum sold the Gulf Station on the southwest corner of Broad and Queen Streets to Milton and Alvah Bunch. The station was operated for about five years by Mr. Byrum.

Cheese Dishes

By MARTHA STILLEY
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Cheese, like meat, fish and eggs, is a protein food. Low temperature must be used for cooking cheese, because it becomes stringy and tough when cooked at high temperature. Cheese should be grated or cut into small pieces for melting and placed over low or simmer heat.

Cheese Souffle

1/4 c. butter
1/4 c. flour
1 c. milk
1 c. grated cheese
1 tsp. salt
1/3 tsp. paprika
1/2 tsp. mustard (dry)
4 eggs, separated

Melt butter and sift in flour, gradually add milk and cook about 5 minutes, stirring constantly until mixture thickens; add cheese and seasoning, stirring until it is melted, and remove from heat. Gradually stir in well beaten egg yolks and fold in stiffly beaten egg whites; turn into greased casserole. Bake at 325 degrees for 60 minutes, or until delicately brown and firm to touch. Serve at once.

Cheese Fondue

2 c. soft bread crumbs
1 1/2 c. grated cheese
1/2 c. dry milk, whole or non-fat
1 tsp. salt
3 c. water or milk
1 tsp. fat, melted
4 eggs, beaten

Combine crumbs, cheese and salt. Add liquid and fat. Stir in dry milk. Stir the mixture into beaten eggs. Pour into greased baking dish. Bake in moderate oven 350 degrees until set—about 30 minutes 6 servings.

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Funeral Held Thursday For Mrs. Alice B. Bass

Mrs. Alice B. Bass, 79, died at her home in the Rocky Hock section Wednesday morning at 6:50 o'clock after a long illness. She was a native of Chowan County and lived in Rocky Hock 65 years.

Surviving are her husband, W. A. Bass; two sons, Jap Bass and Eldon Bass, both of Edenton; three daughters, Mrs. E. T. Nixon, Mrs. Lonnie Bunch and Mrs. Florine Nixon, all of Edenton; two brothers, Charlie Bratton of Norfolk and Jim Bratton of Manns Harbor; a half brother, Luther Deverson of Norfolk; a sister, Mrs. E. S. Overman of Norfolk and a half sister, Mrs. Annie Godsey of St. Petersburg, Fla. Sixteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held in the Rocky Hock Baptist Church of which she was a member, Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. B. L. Raines, officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

O Lord, who lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.
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METHODIST SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met Wednesday night of last week at the home of Mrs. Edward Speight with Mrs. Herman White as co-hostess. The meeting carried out the St. Patrick Day motif.

The devotional period was conducted by Miss Mamie Hogg and a very interesting program on Latin America was presented by Mrs. Stallcup with Mrs. Zell Ward, Mrs. Herman White, Mrs. Edward Speight and Mrs. J. Edwin Buflap taking part.

Mrs. Gerald James also entertained the group with a brief address about Texas, her native State.

Mrs. W. C. Moore announced a Stanley party will be held at her home on Cabarrus Street Friday night, March 26, at 7:30 o'clock, to which the general public is invited.

In harvest time, harvest folks, servants and all,
Should make all together good cheer in the hall.
—Thomas Tusser

CONDEMNED WOMAN TELLS STORY OF LIFE

Condemned to die for a murder she said she did not commit, a young woman reveals the strange story of her life. She recalls how she was continually in and out of orphan asylums, reformatories and jails and ended up by being involved in the death of a helpless old woman. Be sure to read "Pathway To Murder," beginning April 4th in

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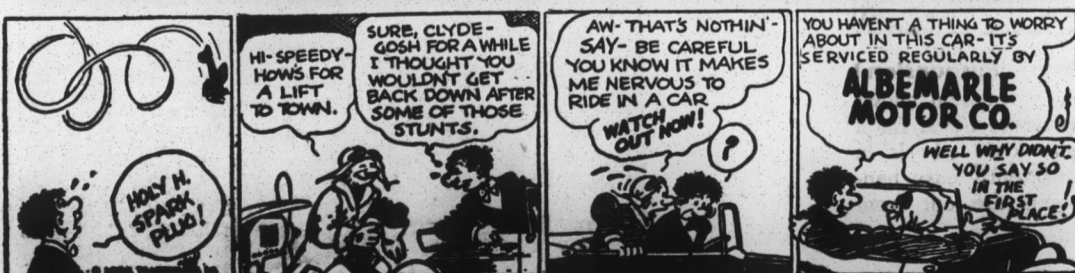
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