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Washington, March 24.—Threatened with a price ceiling on live hogs, with ceilings on cattle and sheep likely to follow, livestock men from every part of the country converged on this city last week. At a hearing attended by Dr. "Jen" Galbraith of OPA and Marvin Jones, agricultural adviser to Economic Stabilizer Byrnes, witness after witness testified, to the low morale among farmers. They blamed this on uncertainty and alarm over the effects of what they termed "unworkable price edicts".

"Price orders coming out of Washington", they asserted, "have resulted in sharp reductions in hog breeding and livestock production regardless of what so-called figures may show".

When Galbraith, in opening the hearing, stated that the question was not "whether or not we get it (price control of live animals), we've been told by OPA Czar Brown that we shall", he was angrily challenged from the floor. Stockmen demanded to know whether they had been called to Washington on a wild goose chase, because, if a decision had already been reached, to hold the hearings was a farce and a brush-off. Galbraith hedged on a direct answer.

Finally, Sen. E. D. Millikin, (Rep. Colo.) rose from his seat in the audience, strode down the aisle and, pounding on the table, barked, "This is the most preposterous situation I've ever seen. Either price ceilings have been set or they have not. For Heaven's sake, can't you say whether there is any need for this talk to go on?"

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'HAPPY GO LUCKY' A LAUGH TREAT



AT IT AGAIN are Betty Hutton and Eddie Bracken, that terrific twosome of "The Fleet's In" and "Star Spangled Rhythm." This time they're in Paramount's Technicolor music comedy, "Happy Go Lucky," which comes Thursday and Friday to the Liberty Theatre with Mary Martin, Dick Powell, Ruby Vallee and Sir Lancelot, the Calypso singer.

er, production supplies, agricultural prices and farmer morale with Mr. Roosevelt for three-quarters of an hour. They reported that the Chief Executive was thoroughly concerned over the farm production situation. It is understood the visitors advised that there would be a lot less friction if OPA and other government agencies dealing with agriculture were staffed by men who understood farm problems, and would discuss their actions with the farm organizations before "going off half-cocked".

The farm leaders left the White House with the understanding that they would return shortly for another conference at which they would make definite recommendations concerning the problems they had discussed.

There has been much speculation here this week over a possible major shake-up at USDA. Extreme guess is that Secretary Wickard and all his top men are on their way out. Such a move, it is known, would not please responsible farm folks. It is felt that Wickard has been the victim of pressure from other agencies of government, rather than a proponent of bad policies on his own part. Also expressed is the belief that he understands agriculture and its problems as a "working farmer" himself. Beneath all this is the fear that a new Secretary might be someone not properly equipped by knowledge or experience to handle the job.

Another possibility that has been suggested is that Wickard will be relieved as Food Administrator and either Chester Davis (Fed. Res. Kk. of St. Louis) or Milo Perkins (Executive Director, BEW) will take his place.

SPRING MADNESS APPEARS
Rumors that 12 ration points would be taken from books for each pound of sugar bought for canning were popping in from all sides during the week. Careful check with topmost officials proved these whispers to be far from groundless. OPA, these officials admitted, had such a scheme cooking. Much pressure from men who knew how disastrous such an order would be, both in terms of food conserving and housewives' morale, was being applied to put a stop to what was called "this new spring madness". However, at press time no assurance had been obtained that such an order would not be issued.

Commodity Credit Chief Hutson agreed with a Senate Agricultural sub committee that "the corn freeze, due to the \$1.00 (approximate) ceiling, is the most critical situation in the country today". Private advices, which show that the east has only from five to ten days visible supply of feed on hand, apparently bear this out.

When Sen. E. D. (Cotton Ed) Smith (Dem. S. C.) demanded of Hutson why corn owners thought the price would rise, ceilings or no ceilings, and were refusing to sell their corn. Sen. H. J. Bushfield (Rep. S. D.) cut in with the remark: "Maybe they're still deluded with the idea that they may

lay, top flight reporter and by-line man of United Press, writes to this column:

"I've never known a farm boy who was a coward or a slacker. Yet, many are being forced either into military service against the best interest of the nation or to sly insinuations by neighbors that they are slackers and ought to be fighting.

"I suggest that President Roosevelt tell farm workers in particular and the nation in general that work on the farm producing food for the United Nations is just as honorable, patriotic and necessary as firing a gun in Africa or piloting a bomber over Germany".

FACE BILL PASSED

Passage in the House of the Pace Bill (cost-of-all-farm-labor-in-parity) brought an accusation from Rep. Dirksen (Rep. Ill.) that enactment of this legislation into law would raise living costs, 46 per cent. Informed economists, who have made a careful study of the bill, declare such a statement is unfounded. They say the error is due to the misconception that the Pace measure would raise the price of all commodities, while, as a matter of fact, nearly one-half are already above parity and would not be affected. On the other hand, the commodities now below parity are so far below that raising their price ceilings would be meaningless. Informed sources said this showed clearly that the present parity formula is outmoded.

James M. Burcham

Funeral services for James M. Burcham, 34, who died at Black Mountain Sanatorium, Thursday, were conducted Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at Macedonia Baptist church, west of Elkin, with Rev. David W. Day and Rev. Lloyd Pardue conducting the rites. Burial was in the church cemetery.

His wife, Mrs. Ada Key Burcham, died eight years ago. Surviving are three children, James L., Jack and Jeanette Burcham; his father, Harrison C. Burcham; his stepmother; one sister, Mrs. Luther Day, Elkin; five half-sisters, Mrs. Talmage Yarborough, Misses Jessie, Gypsy, Dorothy and Wilma Burcham; two half-brothers, Marvin and "Buddy" Burcham; two step-sisters, Mrs. James Carter and Miss Thelma Couch; one stepbrother, Odell Couch.

STEEL IS UNUSED

Insiders are watching for a blow-up almost any time over what is alleged to be a "failure to use, or make provision for the use of thousands of tons of Bessemer steel that could have been turned into new farm machinery and equipment months ago". That the Bessemer type "is not first choice for such uses, is admitted, but under war emergencies it could well have been used, experts say. Thus, it would seem that something has slipped somewhere... provided the "thousands of tons" were and are actually available.

One angle of the farm labor problem that is receiving much quiet attention backstage is that of removing accusations of "slackness" from able-bodied men remaining on the farm to fill their vital roll of food production. Fred Bai-

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