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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

A Cure For Cancer?

A major step in the hunt for the cause of cancer has been taken in the development of "Carbon 13," a rare material found to have great value in biochemical research work.

The Sun Oil Company has announced plans for construction of two plants to produce Carbon 13 in comparatively substantial quantities, and states, "In biochemical research, Carbon 13 is used as a tracer in probing the secrets of the fundamental processes that occur in all living things, as well as metabolic disease processes, of which cancer, diabetes, hardening of the arteries, and so-called 'heart trouble' are examples. Indistinguishable chemically from ordinary carbon, Carbon 13 is absorbed in living tissue and undergoes the same metabolic process as does ordinary carbon. But where ordinary carbon cannot be traced as it passes through these intricate chemical reactions which are the process of life itself, Carbon 13 can be detected by the use of an electrical instrument . . . and identified with specific bodily functions."

Up to now, the total world production of Carbon 13 has been at the rate of less than one-half ounce per year. The new plants will be instrumental in increasing world supplies five hundred to a thousand times.

While the layman is hopelessly bewildered by the mysteries of science, he can grasp the basic nature of such discoveries as Carbon 13. He knows that the tireless probing and investigation in laboratories all over the nation by thousands of unknown scientists, may one day save his life.

Scouts And World Citizenship

Tomorrow marks the 36th anniversary of the beginning of the Boy Scout movement and we pause to salute scouts as well as their leaders. We know of no more worthwhile program for youth training. The Boy Scouts of today will be the citizens of tomorrow. The Boy Scout movement can do much to increase world fellowship and understanding, which we must have if we are to maintain peace. The Scout laws are the same in any language and we like to think of scouts as being citizens of the world. We must have world fellowship and world citizenship in our world of the future.

In thinking of this we are reminded of a message sent to the Boy Scouts of America a year ago, by that world-citizen, the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

This message in part is as follows: "For many years the Boy Scout Movement has been a real force among the democratic countries in helping to promote better understanding among the nations and international good will."

"At the time of our National Jamboree in 1937 I was happy to note the many Scouts from across the seas who came to camp with the Boy Scouts of America and learn more of our way of life. At the world Scout Jamboree Scouts from freedom loving nations lived together, found common interests and ideas, and formed friendships of lasting value to themselves and others."

"Now the Boy Scouts of America come forward with a positive program for emphasizing the world citizenship of Scouting. It is the youth of the world who must share and maintain the peace now being purchased so dearly on the battle fronts.

I am convinced that Boy Scouts and Clubs, as well as senior groups, through their mutual understanding, mutual appreciation and mutual respect will be among the leaders in the promoting of comradeship among the democratic people of the earth."

"Friendship is a basis of our Scout ideals and a part of our Scout law. Let us live by it and strengthen it!"

"God bless you all:
(signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Good Weather Ahead

Improved weather reports—which may save farmers millions of dollars—are expected as a result of the weather bureau's decision to use balloons, radio and radar to gather information twelve miles above the earth.

The method is highly technical—but there is every reason to believe that it will result in greatly increased accuracy, both for short and long-term reports. Present methods of observation are greatly handicapped by fog and clouds, but the new method, known as "rason," will have no such handicaps.

By 1947 it is expected that "rason" reports will have replaced the present methods of getting weather information. From then on, there will be few arguments with the weather man. When he says "rain," the chances will be ten to one that it will rain.

But already the weather bureau is protecting itself against wrong predictions by pointing out that even the "twelve-mile up" reports will not be perfect. The next move, already under consideration, is to get reports from the upper stratosphere—sixty miles up. When that plan has been worked out, our weather prediction problems will be over.

Another Steps Down

The day of heroic leadership seemed to be passing as General Charles de Gaulle, fiery French patriot, stepped down in that country as had wartime leaders in many other nations.

Churchill, whose intrepidity and eloquence had spurred Britain in its darkest hours, had already sunk to the post of minority leader. He was currently taking it easy in Florida, and would not even criticize the party in power while vacationing.

De Gaulle, it was announced, would soon be a tourist in Canada.

The world, which in the not too distant past could trace the course of history in the actions of a few outstanding men, now finds things more complicated. Men who are only average, or comparatively unknown, many cases hold the reins of government.

The people of the world are fearful! Putting their faith in these men's leadership as new scientific discoveries are announced. The significance of human leadership pales in view of the power of the atomic bomb and of the new radar contact which has been made with the moon.

We wonder if any leaders, no matter how brilliant, will be able to steer us on the right course during the portentous years ahead.

Farmers Hold Up Their End

When one stops to analyze different elements of our population engaged in industry, agriculture and labor, it is impossible to escape the conviction that whenever these great groups close their ranks and move ahead in orderly ways that they are all bound to strengthen their country and improve their own individual conditions. Right now a good part of our country and its affairs seems to be suffering from dizziness. However there is no question as to the direction agriculture wants to go. The farmer's main aim in life is to produce as abundantly as he knows how. It has been part of farm thinking in all times to weigh the goodness of the earth in terms of bumper harvests, livestock fattened for market, and well-laden dinner tables.

While industry was adding millions of workers to its payroll, and engaged in near civil warfare with strikers, agriculture was unable to get enough new machinery and often not enough repair parts for its needs. While industry built thousands of new plants and expanded thousands of old plants, agriculture had to be content with merely making better use of its acres, animals, and equipment.

But you have got to take off your hats to the farmer, who has held up their heads and fought nobly to the end that they have never failed to hold up their end.

FSA FAMILIES ARE MAKING RECORDS

By Staff Writer
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also held for those who purchased new pressure cookers. They were also taught how to clean and store their cookers when not in use.

During the spring three meetings were held when gardens, control of plant diseases and insects were discussed. This was followed by three group meetings on First Aid and Home Nursing. At this time, demonstrations were given in making a bed for a sick person, in bandaging wounds, and in applying First Aid in case of accident.

Seven group meetings on food preparation, meal planning, and school lunches were held during the months of July and August.

Two demonstrations were given in making clothing for small children and for children of school age.

HEALTH

Not only do the FSA supervisors emphasize the need for producing an adequate food supply but for safeguarding the health of the family as well. By participating in the Hospital Insurance program, they can insure themselves against having to pay large hospital bills. Twenty-one FSA families are carrying the hospital insurance policy which pays \$4.50 per day on room and board for as long as thirty days. Thirteen families are carrying the medical service policy, which pays a given amount on operations and for setting broken bones.

A number of the families, both adults and children, participated in the health clinics held by Mrs. Ledbetter, the county nurse, during the late summer months.

Although an effort was made to hold an eye clinic in the fall, it was not possible to do so. However, it is hoped that one can be held in the spring through the cooperation of the local Welfare Department and the State Commission for the Blind.

IMPROVING ORCHARDS

Very little has been done to orchards. The freeze in February of last year, killed all of the fruit in the county. A few families have planted some new fruit trees during the past year. Those not having orchards of sufficient size to produce adequate fruit are encouraged to set out additional trees each year. Many of the families have strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries to supplement their larger fruits.

PASTURE IMPROVEMENT

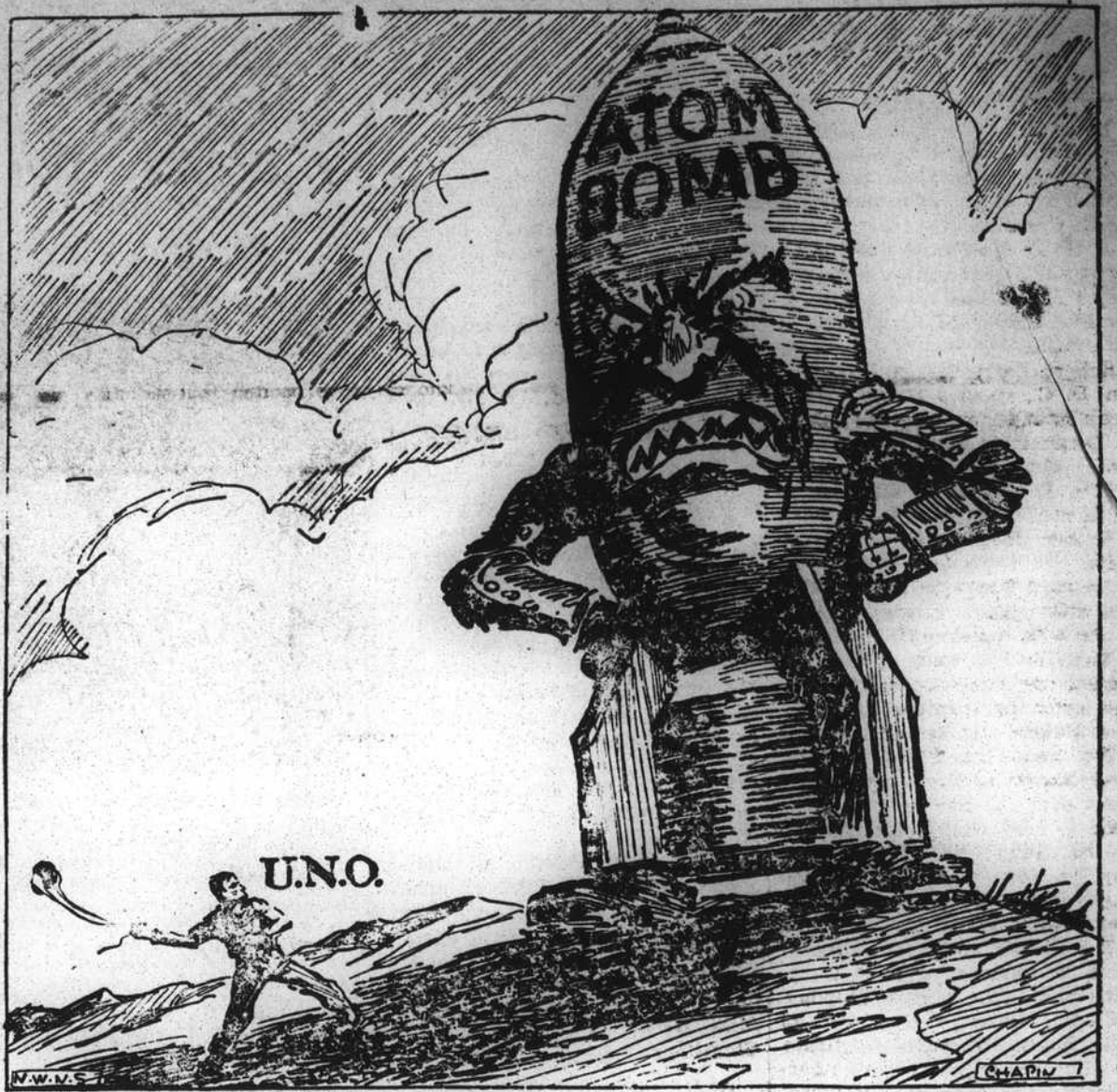
About 80% to 90% of FSA borrowers in Alleghany county are cooperating with AAA and are using all of the phosphate and lime they can get. Most of this material goes on pastures.

The pastures in general are getting better each year. There are some pastures where the grazing has been tripled during the last five years.

INCREASE IN FEED

FSA borrowers in Alleghany county increased their feed largely by using more and better fertilizers. About 7 out of 10 used soda as a side dressing on corn. Many state that their yields were doubled by the use of soda.

It's not too late to give to the Infantile Paralysis Fund.



BARGAINING . . . future

During all of this labor strife, the attitude of the unions toward management has been, "They won't bargain with us!"

But the thing that has impressed me ever since the unions began their bargaining efforts has been the preliminary restrictions they put upon bargaining — they took for granted that they would get more money and confined bargaining efforts to the question of, "How much?"

We wonder what labor would do about it if the "bargaining" was reversed — if management went to the unions and said: "we are going to lose money for the next year until we get back into full production. We therefore suggest a 30 per cent reduction in wages during this loss period. But we are willing to bargain with you about it to determine whether 30 per cent is a fair cut."

Of course, the unions would laugh at such a preposterous proposal.

BOY SCOUTS OBSERVING 36th ANNIVERSARY

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Liles is also planning some special expeditions for the local troop.

Scout Week in Sparta is being observed in church programs conducted by the scouts with the service to be held in the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Last Sunday a program was presented in the Presbyterian church.

David and Goliath



posal. And yet, if we think of business in terms of small business instead of big corporations, the only way many a business could continue to operate would be to lower wages when money isn't coming in and increase wages when profits rise.

The unions apparently are measuring industry's ability to pay on the basis of those high estimates of record sales which are dreamed about for the near future. But it is quite possible that, as a result of the disruption caused by strikes, that pretty picture of a super-prosperous future may never materialize.

FORD solution
I believe the proposal made by

Ford — that a wage increase be arranged now, but that it go into effect only after production has reached a specified peak—is the fairest possible answer to the present situation.

In fact, it might be possible for labor and management to get together on a long-term contract whereby wages would automatically be increased as production mounted to new highs. The only trouble with such a plan is that it would also have to work in reverse—labor would have to agree to accept wage cuts during periods when production slumped. And it is hard to imagine most union leaders agreeing to such a two-sided proposition.



By LYNN CONNELLY

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THE next important event of Hollywood's all-year-round social season is the forthcoming Academy Award dinner, and although it is more than a month away, there is already much speculation as to who will receive the Oscars for the best performances of 1945.

Those on the inside insist it will be Ray Milland for his magnificent interpretation of the diplomat in Charles Jackson's "The Lost Weekend," and Joan Crawford for the much-discussed "Mildred Pierce."

Joan has been in Hollywood 21 years and was released by MGM two years ago as being through. Hers will undoubtedly be the most startling comeback of the year, even if she fails to win the coveted award.

Others mentioned are Cornel Wilde; Ingrid Bergman for both "Bells of St. Mary's" and "Spellbound"; Gene Tierney for her portrayal of the vixen in "Leave Her to Heaven," and Gregory Peck.

It is generally agreed, too, that "Lost Weekend" will be named the best picture of the year, but it is our personal opinion that this award should be reserved for "The Valley of Decision," one of the finest pictures made in recent years.

Hollywood, as usual, started off the new year with a bang. January saw the marriage of Myrna Loy to Gene Markey, popular Hollywood writer who thus took his third glamorous wife, her predecessors being Joan Bennett and Hedy Lamarr. Scene stealer at the wedding, however, was not the bride and groom this time, but Admiral William ("Bull") Halsey, who served as best man for Markey, until recently a commodore in Halsey's history-making Third Fleet. Another marriage was that of ingenue Jeanne Crain to Paul Brinkman, over her mother's disapproval. Eleanor Parker, one of Warners' most promising young stars, married at Friedlob, distillery executive, in a surprise engagement to Las Vegas.

John Wayne and Barbara Bauer were also among the January newsworthy. Ann Miller announced her engagement to Glamour girl Hedy Lamarr and Joan Crawford separated from her third husband and will file suits for divorce, with Sonja Henie contemplating similar action. Gloria De Haven and John Payne became parents of a girl born January 1.

The John Garfield also welcomed a daughter, and strong-gut

Dorothy Lamour gave birth to a son, Slim Summerville, beloved comedian who got his start as a Keystone cop when Mack Sennett was king of Hollywood, died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Yes, it was a busy month in Hollywood.

Traveling the Airwaves.
Notes at a Breakfast Club broadcast: Biggest surprise, perhaps, of the popular Breakfast Club variety hour is "Aunt Fanny" as played by Fran Allison.

Far from being a sweet little old lady, as most listeners interpret her, Fran would win more than her share of laurels at a beauty show. That cruising crooner, Jack Owens, answers a maiden's romantic picture of someone "tall, dark and handsome" and she has personality and talent, too.

Genial Don McNeill, lovely Marion Mann and laughing Sam Cowling make the hour seem the shortest in the day. . . . As many as 30 states are represented at a broadcast of this Club, and the all-time record was reached recently when representatives from 42 states were in the audience. Tom Breneman of "Breakfast in Hollywood" is due in Chicago the first week in February for the opening of his picture, and watch the fireworks if he and Don meet! That promises to be a treat for all listeners of both programs.



Ray Milland



Fran Allison

Like eating Olives . . .

You may have to acquire a taste for editorial reading—like eating olives—but once the habit is acquired there's loads of reading pleasure in store for you. It's profitable reading—reading that broadens the mind and helps you to deal with the important developments of the day.

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