

BUSINESS IS MUCH IMPROVED

REPORTS FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF COUNTRY REFLECT BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF "NEW DEAL."

New York, April 23.—Generally improved business conditions are reported by newspaper publishers from different parts of the country assembled here for the annual meeting of the Associated Press and of the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

Comments follow: Paul Bellamy, Cleveland Plain Dealer — "As far as Cleveland is concerned, payroll figures, employment figures and general retail business are distinctly better."

John Cowels, Des Moines (Iowa) Register — The administration's agricultural program has greatly helped the buying power of the farmers, which has been immediately reflected in the cities and towns."

E. Lansing Ray, St. Louis Globe-Democrat — "Business is very much better in St. Louis and in the whole mid-west and Mississippi valley."

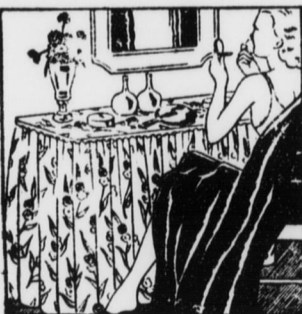
Clark Howell, Atlanta Constitution—"Business down south is better than it has been for a long time. Banks have larger deposits than they have had for years, and retail business is better than it has been for five years."

Frank B. Noyes, Washington, Star, "There has been a distinct betterment of business conditions, which has meant a revival of general business activity except in the heavier industries."

L. K. Nicholson, the New Orleans Time-Picayune and States—"Conditions down our way are certainly improved as compared to last year, when the banks were all closed and everybody was blue. Public psychology is up at least 100 per cent. General business conditions are much better, and there has been a phenomenal increase in department store business."

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Hints for Homemakers By Jane Rogers



An old sewing machine can easily be converted into a smart dressing table. Saw a piece of pressed wood, obtainable from a lumber dealer, to the right size. Nail it to a frame made of 1/2-inch-square wood, and cover the entire top with a colorful chintz or other heavy material, taking care to tack it tightly around the edges. Then give it a coat of shellac and you have a serviceable table top. A ruffled skirt should be made of the same material and tacked to the frame. If you wish to use the machine, simply lift off the top and skirt.

Serving a fruit garnish or compote with the meat course adds a pleasing touch to the dinner. It is not only delicious in itself but provides a piquant contrasting flavor to heavier dishes. Another all-important point for the busy housewife is that such garnishes and compotes are easily and quickly prepared.

Stokes Farm News.

(By S. J. Kirby.) Production Credit.

Without any intention of encouraging farmers to go into debt attention is called to the importance of adequate means in producing profitable crops and live stock. In fact credit efficiently used usually means more profitable production. More means for production purposes would prove to be profitable on a great many farms especially where up to date practices are followed. On farms where soil fertility is kept up to a high state, good seeds are used, and an efficient cultural practices are followed progressive farmers find it to their interest to use inexpensive credit.

The use of credit for production purposes is not only profitable in farm operations, but the same principles apply in business and industry. The government has just begun the practice of offering cheap credit to farmers, though it has been available to other lines of endeavor for some time.

The emergency seed and fertilizer loans are available to any farmer in small amounts and under some conditions in larger amounts to some farmers. These loans in amounts from ten to fifty dollars to the person and under some conditions amounts of much more than this can be had from this fund. It is expected that farmers wishing loans from this fund will file their applications before the first of May.

The production credit loans are available to men who have collateral in amounts from fifty dollars up for production purposes. Money secured from this fund may be used in any phase of production work on the farm. Loans from the production credit association will be available at any time during the year.

Men wishing loans from either of the above sources should file their applications right away especially in cases where the money is to be used in the preparation for and planting of crops. The government tobacco rental checks are expected to reach this county early in May but it goes without saying that at best some of these checks will arrive late. For this reason men are urged to not wait on rental checks with which to buy fertilizer and seeds.

Stokes has three 4-H Clubs which have organized this week. The first one of these is at Pine Hall where there is an initial enrollment of nineteen members. The temporary officers in this club elected at the organization meeting are Leo Tuttle, president; Ailene Craig, vice-president, and Elizabeth Robertson, secretary-treasurer.

The second 4-H club organized is at Walnut Cove where the initial enrollment is 100 members. The officers elected in this are William Trevathan, president; Rachael Southern, secretary-treasurer.

The Germanton 4-H club has approximately 20 members and the following officers: Nathaniel Faulkner, president; Adelaide Bowman, vice-president; Arlene Greene, secretary-treasurer.

Some people are worried as to what the world is coming to, but most of us would like to know when it is coming to.

Agitation for birth control came too late to do some families any good.

If muscles develop through use, some folks must have immense vocal chords.

High liquor prices are more conducive to temperance than prohibition was.

The chief thing wrong with this country is that too many people are trying to set it right.

The state legislature is still searching for a class of people who would enjoy being taxed.

Many a golfer would accomplish much more good if he were at home in the garden with a spade.

If marriage licenses don't take a little spurt during the next few weeks, then something's wrong with spring.

How many citizens can remember when the government was so extravagant that it gave away a few garden seeds?

The prolongation of the presidential vacation has just one meaning to the fisherman — the fish weren't biting!

About 100 per cent. of the raspberry plants recently set in Caldwell county are living and the growers are beginning spring cultivation.

Surry county peach growers report an excellent outlook for a good fruit crop this season despite the freezing weather of late winter.



Where the Tall Corn Grows

IOWA may be the only state that has a song written to her "tall corn" but we must admit that some pretty good corn grows in other places. Golden Bantam, Country Gentleman and other varieties that make a vegetable garden such a "toothsome" thing in summer are favorites all over the country.

Corn in Mid-Winter

It is a good thing for us that we are not limited to a short summer season for our enjoyment of this delicious and nourishing vegetable, and that we can have it, fresh and succulent in mid-winter just as easily as on those hot days in summer when the farmers say that you can "hear the corn growing." In the off-season of growing corn your grocer is your source of supply and your own larder your storage place.

Here are some suggestions for using corn, from the cob or canned—which have been tried and found good.

Corn Fritters: Beat an egg well and add to the contents of one 8-ounce can of corn, or one large cup of corn cut from the cob. Mix together one-half cup flour, one teaspoon baking powder and one-fourth teaspoon salt. Add to the corn. Drop by spoonfuls into hot drip fat, 375 degrees, and fry until brown.

Corn and Sweet Potato Scallop: Make a white sauce of two tablespoons butter, two tablespoons flour, one and one-half cups milk and salt and pepper. Put alternate layers of whole kernel corn from a No. 1 can, and dried cooked sweet potatoes (two cups of them) in a buttered baking dish and pour sauce over. Top with buttered crumbs and bake in a hot oven from fifteen to twenty minutes. Serves six.

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