Tuberculosis Is Still A Problem

Everyone is delighted with the steady decline in the death rate from tuberculosis from approximately 200 per 100,000 in 1900 to less than 30 in 1949.

Unfortunately, the death rate is no longer a true guide to the seriousness of the tuberculosis problem in this country. We must shift our vision from the dead to those who are living and suffering with the disease. The number of living patients has not declined proportionately to the decrease in death rate. In many areas, where the usual methods of case finding have been supplemented by mass X-ray surveys, temporarily at least, the number of new reported cases has been increasing while the death rate was declining.

Tuberculosis remains the No. 1 health problem in the United States. Although it is at present the No. 1 killer, it is the No. 1 killer which is known to be preventable. The cost of the tuberculosis control program in the United States has been estimated by the Nat nal Tuberculosis Association at $350,000,000 yearly. This enormous cost cannot be eliminated until we have eliminated tuberculosis. Temporarily we must spend more to find persons who have the disease but may not know it and may be spreading tuberculosis as well as losing their own health. We must find these persons in order to reduce in the future the enormus cost of treating patients with active disease.

The funds raised by the Christmas Seal campaign of the voluntary tuberculosis associations cannot be used for the treatment of active tuberculosis. Not only are Seal Sale funds totally inadequate to take care of the cost of treating tuberculosis (the $20,000,000 raised last year would provide not more than two week's care for the estimated 500,000 persons with active tuberculosis in this country) but they are needed for other purposes.

Seal Sale funds are used for education, stimulation of case findings, stimulation of rehabilitation programs and for statistical, social and basic laboratory research, all of which are essential for the discovery of newer and better methods which will speed the elimination of tuberculosis from the United States. Thus, money spent for Seals today will in the future help to cut down the tremendous costs of tuberculosis.

Fifty Million To Prop The Potato Mart This Year

Washington.—The government faces the prospect of having to purchase 100,000,000 bushels of the 1950 potato crop, at an estimated cost of some $50,000,000 or more, in a grand finale to the expensive potato-support program.

Potato price-support legislation terminates with the 1950 crop, and next year for the first time since 1941 potatoes will be on their own, with prices to be determined by the natural order of supply and demand.

Potato growers face this prospect with apprehension and anticipate "dog-eat-dog" competition for every pound of potatoes sold in 1951, particularly if production continues at its present rate.

But that potential surplus will be the industry's responsibility and not the government's

Since 1943 the government has spent nearly $500,000,000 to support the price of potatoes, not counting the cost of the 1950 crop. Acreage has been cut back and the support level has lowered subtantially to discourage overproduction, but without success.

Not that the potato program has been the only one that has been troublesome and expensive. Last summer, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan was greatly concerned over the huge purchases of dairy products under the support program, but these have now dropped off substantially just as the potato-buying program is picking up with the New England crop coming in.

The government is purchasing no butter at all at the present time but is able to sell from its stocks in the open market due to the decline in production and the increase in price. Last July the government was in the market buying at the rate of 9,000,000 pounds a week.

The purchase of dried eggs has slowed down from the alarming July rate of about 4,000,000 pounds a week, to 200,000 pounds a week. The government is now buying cheese a week today, in contrast to the 6,000,000-pound rate in midsummer.

Dried-milk purchases are now reduced to some 720,000 pounds a week, in contrast to the July rate of some 10,000,000 pounds.

This decrease is due in part to a seasonal drop in production, but is has enabled the government to breathe easier. If inflation continues, government buying will decrease or cease anyway, since no purchases are necessary when the price of a commodity is above the support level.

Responsible potato farmers have not been happy over the potato-price support and the notoriety it has received. The assurance of a market and a fixed price of potatoes has attracted many new farmers into potato growing, adding to the already flooded market, much to the chagrin of the traditional potato farmers.

Also, potato farmers in some sections have refused to agree to acreage restrictions, thereby forfeiting price support and thus adding to the potato surplus, pulling the price down, and forcing the government into even greater purchases.

Maine potato farmers, in particular, have been grieved over the potato price-support stigma which falls upon them due to the fact that their crop comes in late, after the market is already overloaded with potatoes from other areas. This necessitates large purchases of Maine potatoes, giving a black eye to the area which growers there feel is unjustified.

Three of the principals in the world-famous Barter Theatre's production of George Kelly's "The Show-Off", Patricia O'Connell, Caddell Burroughs, and Joyce Savage model their Roaring Twenties regalia. This nostalgic comedy about the Lost Generation will be given here on November 29th at Williamston High School under the auspices of Williamston Jaycees.

BUYING THAT TURKEY

The size of the bird has little to do with its quality as regards to tenderness. Turkeys on the market at this time of year are young and tender enough for fine roasts. Size depends more on breed or variety than age. In the old days turkey hens were preferred to toms. But under present production methods, both are tender and meaty.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a judgment and order of the Superior Court of Martin County entered on the 6th day of November 1950, in that certain Special Proceedings entitled, "Daniel Peel and wife, Rose Peel and others vs. Abram Peel and wife Ethel Peel and Ralph Peel and wife, Gladys Peel, the undersigned Commissioners will on Thursday the 7th day of December 1950 at 12 o'clock M. in front of the Courthouse Door of Martin County at Williamston, N. C., offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land in Griffins Township, Martin on the South by the Smithwicks Creek Hard Surfaced Road; on the County, North Carolina, bounded West by the lands of J. G. Peel; on the North by Smithwick's creek and on the East by the H. B Peel Home Place, and containing SEVENTY-FIVE (75) ACRES, more or less, excepting the Peel Family Grave Yard and the right of ingress and egress to and from same.

The last and highest bidder at said sale will be required to deposit the amount of ten percent of said highest bid to show good faith.

This the 6th day of November, 1950.

Hugh G. Horton,
Charles H. Manning,
Commissioners.

Hugh G. Horton, Attorney
no 7-14-21-28

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

North Carolina, Martin County.

Having this day qualified as Administrators of the Estate of the late Joseph R. Harrison, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of November, 1951, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 13th day of November, 1950.

Norman K. Harrison
Herman C. Harrison,
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R. L. Coburn, Attorney.
no 21-28 de 5-12-19-26

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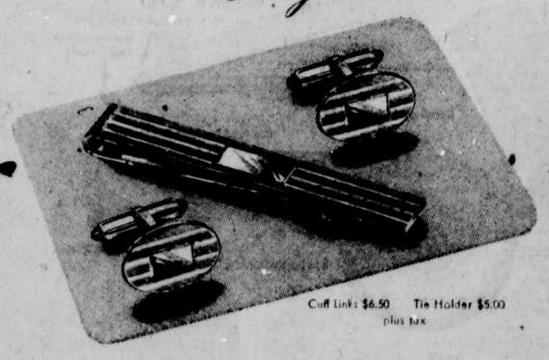

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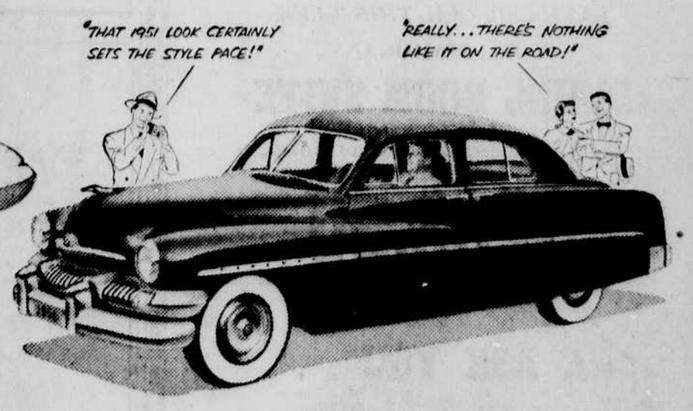

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