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20,000,000 NEW FRIENDS

In addition to the sizable quantity of food which is added to our nation's larder by Victory gardens, this samble of farming tasted by 20,000,000 families may do even more permanent good in giving people in general a greater appreciation of the problems and headaches of the professional farmer.

After spending hours and hours of hard, physical labor preparing the soil and planting, only to find that their efforts are often entirely fruitless because of the invasion of some destructive bug, or because it rains too much or doesn't rain enough the Victory gardener cannot help but feel genuine admiration for the man who, year in and year out, manages to eke a living from the soil.

After this, when proposals are made to help out farmers who have had their crops destroyed by unseasonable weather or who, because of an extra good season are unable to dispose of their crops they will want relief.

PICKING X-DAY

It's hard to know whom to believe.

One day Mr. Churchill intimates that the war may end almost anytime and the next day Secretary Stimson makes it clear that he has no such expectations. Both made their statements following a visit to the front.

Probably it hinges on so many unknowns that even these informed gentlemen are not in a position to predict the time of victory with any degree of accuracy. If we took a pool on the subject "When do you think the war will end?" among 100 people who only know what they read in the papers, and then took a similar poll among 100 top war officials, the chances are the degree of accuracy would be about the same.

We recently heard the opinion of a supposedly informed Russian who, after analyzing the situation from all angles, finally came to the conclusion that the European war will end on October 20 of this year. For people who want to be specific, even if they are wrong, that might be as good a day as any on which to place your money.

AS TO SCHOOL OPENING

Regardless of the warning and admonition of Dr. CARL REYNOLDS, State Health Officer, public school authorities in some counties are preparing to proceed to open for the Fall sessions within the next two or three weeks.

It is inconceivable that such risks should be taken by bringing these children into crowded school rooms when there is so much evidence that this disease is contagious and, therefore, such a ruthless gamble will be taken with a more rapid spread of this malady among those of youthful age.

In some counties the custom has been to open rural schools for a while in summer, then close them up during cotton picking time in order to give the farmers the benefit of their labor at this critical work interim.

But whether August or usual September dates are being booked for the re-openings, it is incumbent upon all school authorities, both rural and urban, to abide the decision of the public health officials whose warnings should take precedence in all such cases.

The matter is in the hands of the city and county school boards and theirs will be the responsibility if some untoward result should ensue from violating the judgment of Dr. Reynolds.—Charlotte Observer.

HANDOUTS OR FREEDOM

The farmers of this country rank among the most abundant food producers in the world, and they are noted for their independence. They have developed cooperative marketing organizations that "talk" for them in matters of distribution, while they concentrate on production. These farmer-owned business organizations reflect the view of farmers.

Recently, Ernest C. Strobeck, secretary of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, said of subsidies: "An understanding of food subsidies requires at the outset a determination of the kind of government that we want. Do we want a government supported by its citizens—a government, for and by the people? Or, do we want a government to which everyone looks for handouts and detailed regulations of their everyday lives?"

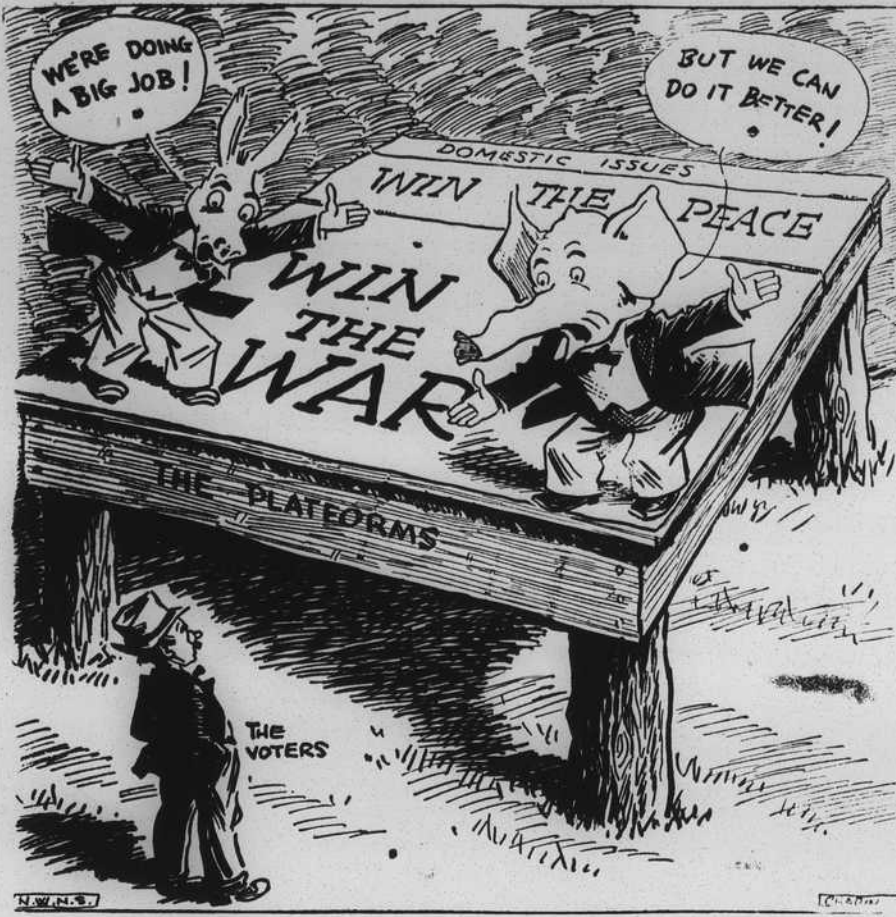
Farmers have been forced to accept subsidies, although they continue to oppose them in principle as a threat to the independence of everyone. They are frank in their belief that higher prices for farm products when necessary are preferable to living at the whim of government authorities. The country is fortunate to have that kind of farmers.—Gazette.

FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

It is worth remembering that the freight traffic on the railroads of the United States in 1943 was nearly twice that of the peak year of World War I in 1918, while passenger traffic was more than twice as great. The 1943 record was handled without the prolonged congestion and delays of the first world war period.

And, mark this down! The 1943 job was done with one-third fewer locomotives, one-third fewer passenger cars, one-fourth fewer freight cars, and with 500,000 fewer men.

Campaign Oratory



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REMINDEES

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A8 through Z8, A5, B5 and C5 good indefinitely.

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SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Farm Inflationary Signs
Elements that might contribute to inflation continue to be seen at the end of the second quarter of this year as compared to the end of the same period last year, according to data made available by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Demand deposits in country banks, consisting largely of checking accounts, were up 28 per cent—an increase partly accounted for by large deposits of Government funds. These checking accounts would be inflationary if used to bid up the price of land and scarce goods. Another inflationary sign is that average per acre value of farm real estate as of July 1 was up 15 per cent over a year ago. For the quarter, cash receipts from farm marketings were up six per cent over a year ago and prices paid by farmers for the things they buy—including interest and taxes—were up five per cent. The only non-inflationary factor, more than offset by increased receipts from farm marketings, was a decline of one per cent in prices received by farmers.

This One For You Kids
More low cost candy and better price control for candy are two of the aims of the Office of Price Administration in setting up four new advisory committees of candy manufacturers. Just in case you kids are interested, these manufacturers represent "general line candy," "candy bars," "package goods" and "wholesale candy."

Potato Prices Up 90 Cents
To compensate for a substantial reduction in yield due to drought, OPA has increased maximum prices of potatoes at the shipping point during August 90 cents a hundred pounds in 16 states—increasing retail cost of potatoes grown in these states about one cent a pound. The increase was granted for potatoes produced in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Tires for Farm Vehicles
Because farm vehicles must be kept in service, they may be equipped with used truck tires, if available, as well as with used passenger tires, OPA announces.

Stories of Two Harvests
Many of the German prisoners of war captured in Normandy

have volunteered to help with the harvest in Great Britain, according to BBC broadcast reported to the Office of War Information. Inexperienced workers are paid six pence a day and experienced workers, one shilling. The broadcast also reported a story about the harvest in northern Italy, where the facts were quite different. Italian patriots drove the German occupation troops from one village and captured the entire harvest, which was all ready for shipment to Germany.

U. S. Government Manual
The Summer 1944 edition of the "United States Government Manual," official handbook of the Federal Government, now being printed, gives the name and function of each Federal agency, both "emergency" and "old line." The manual may be bought for \$1 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Reclaim Quarter of Million Men
Treatment of syphilis is responsible for the presence in the armed forces of 125,000 men who otherwise would have been unfit for service, and for making 140,000 others available for service unless otherwise disqualified, the U. S. Public Health Service reports. Among the first 15 million Selective Service registrants given blood tests, evidence of syphilis was found among 720,000. Selective Service boards, State and local health departments, Army and Navy cooperated in tracing, treating and inducing infected registrants.

School Teacher Now Cadet Nurse
After seven years teaching all grades in "the little red schoolhouse," Rita Turner, Linn, Mo., took her opportunity to get help in achieving her life-long ambition to become a nurse by being among the first to enlist in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps. The U. S. Public Health Service says at least 60,000 more cadets are needed this year to meet requests for hospital personnel.

Want Consumer Price Lists
Large-scale distribution of four to five million consumer price lists is needed in connection with a campaign to "sell retailers on their stake in price control," declared the Consumer Advisory Committee to OPA in protesting against substitution of a plan of posting community ceiling price lists in retail stores. Shoppers are too hurried or too timid to question prices in the presence of other shoppers who may be waiting, the committee said. Informed shopping, the advisors believe, "is possible only when consumers have studied their ceiling prices at home."

Asks Complete Social Security
"We will not have a just system of social security until all workers, no matter what their employment, are covered," Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator, declared in connection with the announcement that on August 8 the Social Security Board would begin to pay off on its one millionth benefit in force under Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance. The beneficiaries are a war-worke's widow, Mrs. Mary Rex Thompson, Parma, Ohio, and her two children. Mrs. Thompson's husband and his employer each had paid \$145 in premiums. Benefits now amount to \$58.49 a month and may total as much as \$15,182.83. Although 12 million farm workers and eight million other types of workers

not now covered by social security benefits, the Social Security Board has recommended to Congress that coverage be extended to all these groups now excluded.

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