



There is growing appreciation in Washington for the fact that in the legislative rush to meet conditions presented by widespread employment, perhaps too little attention has been given to a constructive and permanent program for improving the status of the farmer. It has resulted in the current demand for immediate action. And there is strong evidence that it will come during the present session or at a special session in the fall.

If I may inject a personal thought into this column, I will say that if the choice were left to me, I would favor enactment of a farm program at the present session. I believe that the farmers want to plan for the future. I believe that their spokesmen are sincere and know what agriculture needs. I also believe that any program adopted should be designed to meet the needs of the man in overalls with the hoe and that it should be free from unnecessary red tape. So much for my own thoughts.

Obviously, those confronted with drafting farm legislation are faced with the nightmare of overproduction. Unlike industry, which is not seriously affected by varying weather conditions and certainly not by pests that destroy, the farmer cannot plan production to meet the demands. This has necessitated the use of federal funds to maintain falling prices and give the farmer some income when the prices for farm commodities are below the cost of production. It is the same whether called agreements curb production, payments for conserving the soil or what-not.

Those who are studying the problem, and it is a real problem, are impressed by the tremendous increase in the production by ag-

riculture. For example, according to a Federal report, in 1937, the year the Constitution was framed, the surplus food produced by nineteen farmers went to feed one city person. In recent average years nineteen people on farms have produced enough food for fifty-six non-farm people, plus ten living abroad. Productivity per farm worker increased steadily, and at very nearly the same rate in agriculture as in industry during the 75 years after 1850. Between 1910 and 1930, output per worker increased thirty nine per cent in manufacturing and forty-one per cent in agriculture.

It is reported that between 1930 and 1935, agricultural production declined more than ten per cent, due principally to unfavorably weather. At the same time, because of unemployment in the cities two million more people were living on farms in 1935, than five years before, and perhaps an equal number of youths remained on farms who would have migrated to cities if jobs had been available.

Moreover, as mechanical power on the farm increased in the twenties, it served to not only speed up production in agriculture, but to add to production through the use of land no longer needed for horses and mules. All these things have added to the problem on the farm and made it more difficult to solve, or even adjust it, through the means of legislation.

Nevertheless, the farmer has been encouraged in the past to look to the Government. Promises have been made to agriculture and only since President Roosevelt entered the White House have they been kept. And there is a new determination in Congress to enact constructive laws that should give a new breathing spell to the men on the farm. He has not shared equally in the billions which have been expended. He is entitled to first consideration. And I am confident that in saying this I reflect the majority opinion of my Congressional colleagues.

A sincere effort will be made to solve the most difficult problem confronting the country today—the farm problem.

**TOBACCO GRADING SERVICE HELPFUL**

Established to Help Growers Determine Fair Price For His Tobacco

IS NOW IN 10TH YEAR

The federal tobacco-grading service, now entering its tenth year, was established to help growers determine whether they were getting a fair price for their leaf.

Until last year, all grading was on a voluntary basis. But in 1936 compulsory grading was started on Goldsboro, Farmville, and Oxford markets after the growers had voted for it.

Although four warehouses at Oxford have secured injunctions to prevent compulsory grading, the inspection work will be continued this season on other markets in these towns.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has taken an appeal from the injunctions and will carry the case to the U. S. Supreme Court, if necessary, to determine whether compulsory grading will be re-established in the four warehouses.

Meanwhile, S. L. Clement, of the agricultural economics department at State College, has pointed out some of the advantages of government grading.

The grower is given a certificate showing the grade of his tobacco and a chart showing the average prices that have been paid for each grade.

Thus the grower can see for himself whether the bid offered him is reasonably close to the average for his grade, and he can use this information in deciding whether or not to reject the bid.

Without such information, the grower may sell his tobacco at too low a price or, on the other hand, he may reject a bid that is as much as the tobacco is worth, and thereby lose a sale, Clement pointed out.

**No Longer Needed**

Teacher Tourist—This seems to be a very dangerous precipice. It's a wonder they don't put up a warning sign.

Native—Yes, it is dangerous, but they kept a warning sign up for two years and no one fell over so it was taken down.

**SHOE EXPERTS COMING TO McDANIEL'S FRIDAY**

Dr. Scholl's caravan, containing more than 1,000 pairs of scientific shoes for hard-to-fit feet and for correcting foot troubles, will be at McDaniel's Department Store here for one day only, Friday, August 13, at which time free demonstrations will be held.

Included in the equipment to be brought here will be an X-ray machine which will allow a person

to see exactly how the bones of his feet appear while wearing shoes.

Those wishing to consult with the expert shoe men who will accompany the huge trailer here should phone or call at McDaniel's right away for an appointment. No charge will be made, nor will there be any obligation.

Fashion doesn't really dictate the length of a woman's skirt, but only the length exposed beneath it.

**THREE MARX BROS. AT LYRIC TODAY, FRIDAY**

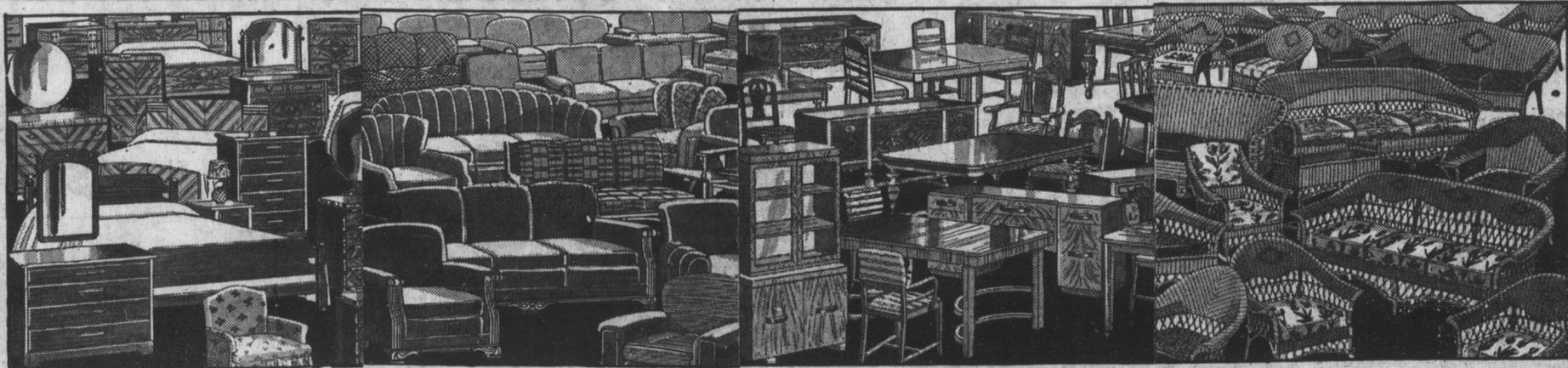
The three Marx brothers, Groucho, Harpo and Chico, in "A Day at the Races," will be turned loose upon Elkin theatre-goers at the Lyric today and Friday in what is said to be their funniest picture in years.

According to advance notices and reports by several people who have seen the new picture elsewhere, the three daffy brothers

dish out more laughs than are usually found in a dozen full-length comedy features.

As the name suggests, the plot of the story is built around a race track and in addition to comedy, also goes in for much excitement. Included in supporting cast are Allan Jones and Maureen O'Sullivan.

There are no meek people and arrogant people, but only people who are down and people who are on top.



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