

The WEEKLY WASHINGTON MERRY GO ROUND

Statisticians Predict Sky High Potato Prices Next Year; Industrial Unionists Start Militant Fight Within Ranks; Rules Protect Them From Expulsion By Minant Draft Unions; Howes And Other Lesser Politicos Hunger After Farley's Job.

Washington—The die is cast. Every million housewives of the S. A. might as well prepare the worst. AAA jugglers of statistics have it all figured out. Crop control or no crop control, the price of spuds next year will be sky high.

The reason for this is what they call the "potato cycle"—a theory they have evolved in a study of sixteen years potato prices, during which low high prices each extended two-year periods.

This see-saw up-and-down is attributed to the old law of supply and demand. When prices are profitable the growers plant more potatoes. Then the market becomes glutted, and prices crash. A couple of years thereafter, farmers ease up on potato production and prices improve. Then there is another surplus and prices tumble.

The belief that potato market the last two years have been normal, the AAA concludes 1936 should be a high-price year. They admit that their calculations may go awry. So, wily they are saying nothing at them. Also, if prices should prove next year they want the farmer to credit the Administration's agricultural program.

CORDELL HULL
Friends of Cordell Hull, who know him as a judge in the Tennessee mountains, tell this story indicative of what the Secretary of State thinks of Benito Mussolini.

Hull was walking down the street of Carthage, Tenn., one day when a rain of bullets rained around him. A Tennessee feud in full force had been loose. Firing came from all sides of the street.

Judge Hull, however, continued to walk straight ahead. He did not even quicken his pace. Later, friends who saw the incident asked why he had not run to cover like almost everyone else on the street. Hull replied:

"I figured that there was just as much chance of my being hit if I ducked and ran as if I walked straight ahead. But the day I found the leader of the gang who endangered the life of everyone on the street, I paid my respects to his grave."

OPENING ROUND
Behind the scenes, the recent A. F. of L. convention settled the fierce struggle between the craft and industrial unions.

On the surface it looked as if President Bill Green and his staff of Old Guard, time-serving office holders mopped up after John L. Lewis and the industrial union group. This story, however, was not the whole but the opening round in a fight that is destined to mark an epoch in labor history in the next years.

Lewis and those backing him only do not intend to bow before the triumphant craft unionites, they are already laying plans to defy them openly. The details of their program still are in the tentative stage. They will be worked out at a secret conference.

NOTICE OF SALE
In The Superior Court of North Carolina, Alleghany County, L. Waddell, Administrator of the estate of Reeves Watson, defendant, and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Alleghany county made in the re-entitled action, I, the undersigned Commissioner appointed by the Court will, on Saturday the 30th day of November, 1935, at one o'clock P. M. at Court House door at Sparta, N. C., sell to the highest bidder following described tract of land, to-wit:

Being and being in White Township, said county and containing about 4.6 acres, bounded and surrounded by the lands of J. L. Waddell and the estate of Reeves Watson, and known as Reeves Watson home place. This Oct. 30th, 1935. SIDNEY GAMBILL, Commissioner

FRENCH JUSTICE
While in Paris recently, Attorney General Cummings got a close up on French justice. Taken to see the Court of Assizes in the Seine District, he arrived during the trial of a crime passionel. The three presiding judges invited Cummings to sit with them on the bench.

The first thing that struck Cummings was that the jury box held five alternative jurors, a practice just being introduced in the United States. The next was that the defendant, one Henri Agar, accused of murdering a former friend of his sweetheart, was allowed to make a plea in his own defense.

The third departure from American procedure was that after the prisoner had made his stirring harangue he was removed from the court room, and not brought back until after the jury had reported its verdict. The jury, out only 25 minutes, found him not guilty. Agar, returned to the court chamber, was informed of his acquittal and freed.

Another feature of French justice that impressed Cummings was the non-existence of a bail system. French jurists explained that by not allowing defendants bail they avoided protracted delays in bringing cases to trial.

Capital that Howes is slated for Farley's desk. If the President wants a man of the Farley type, Howes fills the bill to a T. The First Assistant PMG may not be known to the general public, but as a master of glad-handing he is second only to Big Jim. Jovial, smooth-talking and an untiring joiner, Howes knows politics from the ground up.

He has been a District Attorney, served as a member of the South Dakota legislature and he ran for Governor of the state. He was one of the earliest B. C. (Before Chicago) Rooseveltians, a fact which earned him the job of Second Assistant Postmaster General in 1933. He was later promoted to First Assistant.

Howes' ardent devotion to politics even played a role in the naming of his young daughter. He was sitting in the South Dakota State Senate when word of her birth was received. An enthusiastic colleague forthwith introduced a resolution that her second name be "Senate." The measure went through with a whoop and the little girl was duly christened Mary Senate Howes.

MERRY-GO-ROUND
The National Retail Federation, investigated by a House committee last session, has come to the aid of the Social Security Board. Handicapped by lack of funds through failure of enactment of the Deficiency Appropriation Bill, the Board has been unable to supply requests from employers for copies of the Social Security Act. Therefore the Federation has informed the Board that it will take care of all its member employers in this regard. Few know it, but the Justice Department is one of the biggest book buyers in the Government. It expends more than \$80,000 a year for law books, supplying not only its own needs but those of the 102 Federal courts. Inquiry at the Export-Import Bank recently: "Where is Director George Peek?" Reply: "We haven't seen nor heard from him for several months." Postal inspectors say that, strangely enough, mail is rarely damaged or destroyed in air crashes. In the recent tragic disaster near Cheyenne, Wyo., in which twelve lives were lost, the mail bags on the destroyed plane were unharmed. Here is one for riddle fathomers: During sessions of Congress the House restaurant, despite top prices and small portions, runs at a loss. Yet, during the last few months, two women, under a sub-let concession, are running a profitable cafeteria in the same place with profits from one-third to one-half less and portions larger than official servings.

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Ennice
Ennice, Nov. 4.—Miss Cecil Combs, Galax, Va., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. R. N. Combs.

Guy Taylor and Robert Joiner, of Laurel Springs, spent the week-end at W. C. Higgins' home. W. C. Higgins visited Roy Campbell at Mt. Airy Sunday afternoon.

Miss Attie Bedsaul is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Celene Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Higgins spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Todd. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Combs spent Tuesday night at the home of W. C. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Taylor and son, Guy Frank, Jr., and Miss Gene Higgins visited the home of Brady Bedsaul Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Evans and family spent Saturday afternoon at the home of W. C. Higgins. Mr. and Mrs. Larrie Cooper and daughter, Mildred, and Miss Ruby Higgins spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Combs. Thelma Osborne, of Laurel Springs, spent the week-end with Glenn Tolliver. Miss Oattie Bedsaul spent Sunday with Miss Bessie Chappell. Miss Gene Higgins spent a

few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Joe Chappell.

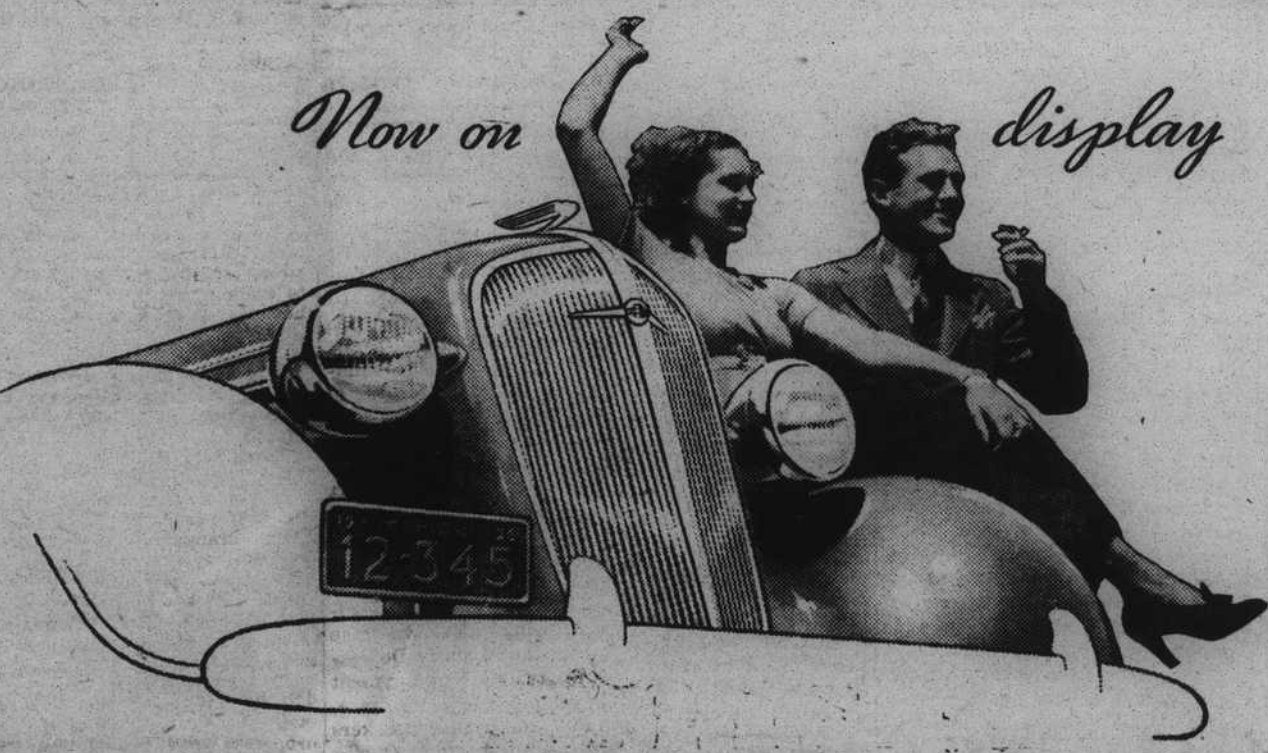
Mt. Zion
Piney Creek P. O., Nov. 4.—Mrs. P. D. Sumner and son, Brett, Miss Madge Jones, of West Jefferson, and W. C. Waddell, of New York, were visitors in the home of W. R. Jones Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Swain and small daughter, of Nathans Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moxley and daughter, Loraine, of Toppa, were visitors at the home of Lee Black Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Black spent the past week with two of her daughters, Mrs. Dan Jones, New Hope, and Mrs. Joshua Fender, of Scottville. Blake Hampton, of Piney Creek, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Smith, recently. Paul Allen and Mrs. Alvis Blevins, and son, Fletcher Allen, of Wilkesboro, were in this community recently. Mrs. J. Roy Cox returned to her home at Furches Sunday after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Pugh. Mrs. Left Edwards and children, of Morganton, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Black. Miss Powell, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. Charlie Osborne. Relatives of Mrs. R. M. Pugh.

NOTICE
In The Superior Court North Carolina, Alleghany County Pearl Paisley, plaintiff vs. Wm. H. Paisley, defendant The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alleghany to obtain a divorce on the grounds of two years separation. The defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the undersigned within thirty days from the completion of the service of this notice and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action or the relief demanded will be granted. This Oct. 30th, 1935. A. F. REEVES, Clerk of the Superior Court Sidney Gambill, Atty. 4tc-21AT

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