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Factors In Farming
 BY RONALD VAN TINE
 WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—The agriculture season, is getting under way early this year, but there are many uncertainties both as to production and prices.
 Some eastern and central areas where last summer's drought was so serious have found the small amount of rain, or snow, disquieting, and unless heavy spring rains come there may be a recurrence of difficulties this summer.
 Prices of farm products, in general, are below the 1910-14 level, with some basic commodities almost going begging for buyers. Three background factors, namely, existing large stocks of wheat and cotton, the industrial depression, and the general world-wide decline in prices of all commodities, are overshadowing the beginning of the season.
 On the financial position of wheat and cotton turns the fortune of a large group of the farm population. Any substantial increase in consumption of cotton, as well as of many other farm products, depends upon the resumption of industrial activity. Well-informed observers are now very conservative in their forecasts of the business situation, although general opinion seems to favor some improvement by the latter part of the year.
 There is little information available as to the probable world wheat acreage for the 1931-32 crop year. It is much too early to forecast yields, but no serious damage to winter wheat has yet been reported and, should abandonment and yields be equal to the average, supplies for the coming year will again be large.

Women Barred From Trying Law Violators
 BY GEORGE D. CRISSEY
 United Press Staff Correspondent
 PHOENIX, Ariz., March 23. (U. P.)—Although women are a vital factor in the making of laws in Arizona, they are not permitted to pass on the acts of persons accused of violating those laws.
 This unusual situation prevails because women cannot serve on juries in this state. It is the only discrimination against the sex.
 In the house of representatives of the 10th legislature, now in session, there are seven women. Dozens of bills introduced by these women will be enacted into law before adjournment.
 It was a woman, for example, who drove a drastic state liquor law enforcement act—providing 15 years imprisonment as a maximum penalty—through the house.
 Action on the liquor bill, introduced by Rep. Gertrude Bryan Leeper of Phoenix, was favorable in the house. It died in the womanless senate where it was rejected twice.
 For several years women have held house seats but one has never reached the senate, although it was attempted once by Rep. Nellie T. Bush, house veteran.
 Three of the seven women members are from Phoenix, the capital and largest city in the state. Four are from the "back country," giving the rural sections a margin. The smaller cities elected all their women, however, while one of the Phoenix representatives, Rep. Mary Francis, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of her husband, M. J. Francis, a veteran legislator and labor leader who died suddenly during the middle of his third term.
 Little attention to the jury duty discrimination is paid by women. They do not seem to care, one woman legislator putting it this way: "Women may make, break and enforce laws. Why worry about jury duty?"

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Sport Forum
 MR. BELL REPLIES TO MR. KENNEDY
 Sir,—I have read Mr. Kennedy's letter in a recent issue of your paper in which he offers his explanation regarding the McLean Trophy dispute. The whole round of his argument is about as a child hitting on a blank when playing "Tip Tap Toe around I go, if I miss I hit on this."
 I would like here to state in order to dispel at least part of the deplorable cock-sureness of Mr. Kennedy that I was neither the author nor instigator of the Cape Traverse Letters, and I defy him to prove that I withheld, or tried to withhold, any telegram at the meeting in question, and that I did not of my own accord place them on the President's desk for the inspection of those assembled.
 Mr. Kennedy says he was elected to the position of Vice-president without his consent. Just why he included this in his explanation is not clear. We were unaware, we confess, that the position was one that a person could not refuse. Surely Prince County is not so bereft of talent for league officials that it will conscript a man against his will. Consent, tacit or otherwise, he must have given, else he would not be holding the position today.
 Mr. Kennedy's assertion that the Granites were sure of winning the play-off after being four goals down in the first game will give the fans an idea of his astuteness as a manager. No doubt he would have evolved some new methods of attack and defence that would have given his team a five goal lead over the Bloodhounds in the second game. Unfortunately for Mr. Kennedy's prediction, however, the Granites are not at the present time enjoying a very brilliant reputation as regards second games in a two game series. In their second tilt with Borden, they were three goals to the good in going into the third period only to have the Nationals score four in the final session.
 In his explanation he admits that up to the time of the phone call he did not know, or had never heard of Mr. C. E. Jones. I do not doubt this assertion. Yet this gentleman was at the head of the very league whose vice president admits having been entirely ignorant of his existence. Truly a remarkable situation!
 I have no quarrel with Mr. Kennedy's statement that he and his Granites have more ambition than Cape Travers. On the contrary, I believe that their ambition to get the McLean cup, judging by their actions, must have been a consuming one, and if their ability to play hockey were as great as their ambition to do so, they would go all the way to a Maritime title.
 Mr. Jones will no doubt be very displeased with Mr. Kennedy for letting the cat out of the bag when he stated that, had I not displeased Mr. Jones by my aggressive action he (Mr. Jones) would have given us "another chance to play a sudden death game with Borden." So it is not a question of rules and regulations any more! It is a question of whether Mr. Jones happens to like the parties connected with the dispute. If Mr. Jones considered that the Cape Travers team were entitled to another game surely he is broad minded enough to see that justice is done without being influenced by his own personal prejudices. The hockey

ility of the family to the limit, the educational opportunities of the children, to overstrain the mother, and to take from her own chance of a life larger than the routine of her home.

DIFFERENCE IN PRICE EXPLAINED BY DOCKAGE
 Seed coming from thrasher could not be sold—Cleaning expensive
 Speedy motor transportation, the wider distribution of the newspaper, and the introduction of the radio have contributed much to the improvement of the world in allowing us to get better acquainted. And with better acquaintance the old accusations about manipulation in the dark, the bogey of the middleman, and other one time popular fables are going into the discard. As we come to know our fellow citizen, whether he lives in the next country or in the city, we realize that he is built along pretty much the same lines as ourself. There used to be some criticism regarding selling prices for seeds when quotations went out in the spring. The general public did not understand the big difference in the ungraded, raw material bought in the fall and the cleaned, government graded and approved article which was offered in the spring. Naturally there is a spread in price between these two just as we are beginning to realize now that there is a spread in quality.

ONCE ERRAND BOY
 (By Thos. T. Champion, Canadian Press Staff Correspondent)
 LONDON, March 21.—Alec Martin has just become a partner in the famous firm of Christie's, auctioneers of art treasures, whose history goes back over a century and a half. Thirty-five years ago Mr. Martin worked for the firm as an errand boy, but only served then, in those days, during the season of the sales. At last he was taken on permanently as a clerk, and devoted himself to the valuation of pictures.
 "I remember the time when Landseer pictures and Meissonier prints fetched tremendous prices," said Mr. Martin. "Nor, nobody wants them. Pictures have their fashion like every thing else, but I feel that quality in art will be justified in the long run, and that people who take the trouble to collect a few works of real merit are bound to profit in the double sense."
 In Christie's sale-room there is still the mahogany rostrum made by Chippendale in the early days of the firm. There is also the ivory hammer (minus the original handle) with which lots were "knocked down" more than 100 years ago. It is probable that Dr. Johnson knew the inside of these famous sale-rooms; certainly Lord Chesterfield did, for he rode there in State in order to give his friend, James Christie, the benefit of such an advertisement.
 James Christie started as a book auctioneer, and numbered among his intimate friends David Garrick, Reynolds and Gainsborough. Christie was called upon to sell off Garrick's affect. From his auction rostrum he told with emotion how the great actor upon hearing on one occasion that he (Christie) had lost \$100,000 by becoming security for a minor, rushed around to aid him with a loan of \$50,000.

Some wives will forgive and forget, and then forget that they have forgiven.

IN MEMORIAM
 MRS. WALTER MURTAGH
 Previous to the lowering of the curtain of time on the year of 1930 the veil of death cast its gloomy and awesome shadow on the life of Mrs. Walter Murtagh, whose demise rent a deep wound in the hearts of those near and dear to the deceased. The deceased enjoyed good health until seven months previous to her death and she was stricken but hopes were entertained for her recovery but all that medical skill could perform both home and abroad and the tenderness of care was frustrated by the Master hand of fate shattering the fond hopes of numerous friends and relatives for her ultimate recovery. The deceased was born in Emerald in 1906 being one of a large family of twelve children. While home she was always a general favorite with all her acquaintances both old and young. After marriage that same friendliness and the striking characteristics which marked her disposition now won for her the esteem and goodwill of each and every member of the Community both old and young. She had a deep feeling of sympathy for those burdened with sorrow or worry but her words of cheer and acts of kindness buoyed up the down heartedness of many and made their lot more cheerful. She was always a faithful and constant member of the Catholic Church and was frequently visited during her illness by her pastor Rev. M. J. Smith from whom she received the consoling rights of the Catholic Church which peacefully resigned her to her maker with a spirit of love Christian resignation and fortitude. During her illness she was never heard to complain nor did she ever despair of recovery, but resigned herself to the Holy Will of God. During her abode in Newton she took active part in the life of the Community in the spiritual and temporal welfare of both her willingness to help others coupled with a spirit of duty strong faith and never failing courage won for her an enviable position in the hearts of those among whom she resided. The large number of tributes paid to her memory and the large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives which followed her remains and which gathered to pay their last solemn tribute to the departed bear testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held by all those with whom she came in contact during life.
 Her funeral took place on Dec. 31st from her home to St. Malachias Church, Kinkora, where a Requiem High Mass was celebrated and Services at the grave sung by her Pastor Rev. M. J. Smith.
 She leaves to mourn besides her husband three small children, Joseph aged 5, Mary Catherine aged 3, and James Louis 9 months, also her father Joseph White of Emerald, beside the following brothers and sisters—John J. of Emerald, Mrs Urban Farmer, Kinkora, Cyril in Western Canada, Allan in New Glasgow, Jimmie, Lourretta, Patricia, Winnifred and Madeline at home.
 The following were the pall bearers C. Greenan, R. J. Cairns, John Mull-

gan, W. P. McKenna, Al. Greenan and M. White.
 The following is the list of Mass Cards and other tributes.
 Mass Cards—Her husband and family, Mr. Joseph White and family, Rev. W. V. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. John Greenan, John Murtagh, Mr. and Mrs. John J. White, Mr. and Mrs. Urban Farmer, Patricia White, Carol Hughes, Mrs. Frances McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Carr, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deigan, Mrs. James and Mary E. Greenan, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Curley, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Greenan, Mr. L. Murtagh, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Greenan, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mulligan, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Greenan, Minnie Cairns, Mrs. Loretta Shreenan, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Monaghan, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Greenan, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hynes, Aloysius Croken, Mr. and Mrs. John T. White and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Casley, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McIsaac.
 Spiritual Offerings—Mr. and Mrs. John Moynagh, Rose Greenan, Teresa Mullighan, Mary Greenan, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mulligan, Clara Greenan, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McKenna and Cynthia Reeves, Mr. Francis McKenna, Helen Greenan, Jennie Curley, Eunice Greenan.
 Letters of Sympathy—Rev. W. V. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. John Clow and family, Melville, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McKenna, St. Peters, Miss Mary L. Murtagh, Sack, Miss Lambe, Prince County Hospital, Miss Mulligan, Prince County Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Murtagh, Lewiston Me., Miss Isabel Hill, Millview, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Murtagh, Bruno, Sack, Mrs. Margaret Ough and Billie Boston, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murtagh, Chloco, Miss Ethel Greenan, Haverhill, Miss Minnie Cairns, Melrose, Mass, Mrs. Martina Cameron, Boston, Mass. May her soul rest in peace
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Royal Approval Given 4 Designs For Court Dresses
 (British United Press)
 NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—Birth control was approved broadly, though conditionally on grounds of health, economics and humanity, in a report today of the federal council of Churches of Christ in America, representing many denominations of christian religion. The approval was "aid, in a statement accompanying the report, to be the first such declaration made by an inter-denominational body. A minority recommended abstinence as an "ideal" among married people, who felt unable to have children, but all signed the report, and they made an imposing list of churchmen and social workers. Eapists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians were included among the signatories.
 Briefly the report upheld birth control because:—
 1.—It may be morally right in certain circumstances.
 2.—Some form of "effective control" of family necessary.
 3.—"There should be sex union between husbands and wives as an expression of mutual affection, without relation to procreation."
 It was held that birth control has become a fact, and that therefore:
 1.—The public therefore has a right to expect guidance from the church on the moral aspects.
 2.—Whatever the final decision of the church may be, it should not seek to impose anti-birth control legislation, nor to seek to prohibit physicians from imparting information regarding use of contraceptives.
 In its opening paragraph the report said that use of contraceptives was "nearing the status of a recognized procedure," and that the public was entitled to church guidance regarding it. Marital love, it was said, would not be regarded solely as a means of procreation, but as a supreme expression of affection, and comradeship. The hazards of pregnancy in certain circumstances, it was said must be accepted as a fact. Economic conditions also enter into the question, it was added, and it was pointed out that very large families tended to "produce poverty, to endanger the health and stab-

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