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The Family Farm

Much is heard these days of the trend towards bigger farm units as the inevitable result of agricultural mechanization.

The committee which has just concluded a nation-wide survey of the problem, recommends that both Congress and the administration should act "decisively and promptly" to save what are left of the nation's family farms.

After noting "a widespread deterioration of the economic structure of the family farm" the committee goes on to say that "the remedy, to be effective, will require Federal Government sanction in close co-operation with farmers and their organizations."

A Great American

One of the busiest men to take time off to attend the Republican National Convention opening next Monday in San Francisco will be former President Herbert Hoover who celebrated his 82nd birthday anniversary a few days ago.

Any one of Mr. Hoover's present undertakings would appear to be enough to keep a much younger man busy. He does promotional work for the Boys' Clubs of America of which he is patron.

tion, the fact that he has been called to undertake important tasks by all three of his successors in the Presidential office is sufficient proof of his personal abilities and of his deep devotion to the service of his country as well as to world-wide humanitarian causes.

Over-Generous Taxpayers

Last year in Canada no fewer than 88,000 people overlooked tax credits legally due them. Another 42,000 overpaid their taxes because they failed to understand such things as the allowable deductions, especially for charitable and medical expenses, and exemptions for wives and children.

The individual tax form was rewritten and simplified a couple of years ago. Apparently, however, it is not yet easily enough understood. The Government spends a great deal of money every year on publicity and educational material in various departments.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Napoleon Bonaparte born this date, 1769.

An American of Scottish ancestry has purchased Ireland's Killarney with all "its lakes and fells, mountain paths and woodland dells."

Egyptian President Nasser's ambitions can hardly be called modest. In a booklet he referred to a number of regions which in due course must come under Arab control.

Results of tests made at the University of Alberta favour weaning of pigs at three weeks.

However, in view of a reservation applying to large litters where pigs average less than 10 pounds, it isn't likely to become a general practice.

Passage by armored car is not the only way to insure safe transfer of large sums of money, as a Texas bank manager proved the other day. Having occasion to transfer over a million dollars in cash and securities, he threw the whole amount in a handcart and made off with it.

A member of the Commons thinks it would be a good thing if all Canadian children could see Parliament at work. Perhaps it would be, if visits could be arranged when members are on their good behaviour.

Soon there should be enough Salk vaccine to give almost universal anti-polio coverage. A report from Washington says that the Government has authorized export of the preparation in commercial quantities.



THE HAIR-RAISER

Freedom Of The Skies

By William Courtenay, O.B.E.

CHICAGO.—The "freedom of the skies" is being demanded from both Democratic and Republican Conventions in a Petition submitted by Trans-American Airlines. Mr. Roscoe R. Hart of Los Angeles in testimony before the Platform Committee of the Democratic party here has spoken out strongly against the Eisenhower Administration and the C.A.B. Trans-American Airlines accuses the Civil Aeronautics Board and the chief U.S. air lines of conspiring together to create a "closed sky" policy to crush independent, nonscheduled operators who sponsored and pioneered cheap coach fares to bring flying within reach of all.

It was Trans-American Airlines who boldly challenged the IATA concept of fare structures by offering to operate across the Atlantic independent, nonscheduled operators who sponsored and pioneered cheap coach fares to bring flying within reach of all.

Trans-American Airlines now say they are being threatened with grounding by C.A.B. for one simple reason "we have challenged the U.S. Air Line monopoly and incurred the wrath of their protectors." Mr. Hart states in his Petition that the 12 trunk airlines in USA hold an "absolute and long standing monopoly on certificates for domestic trunk line passenger operations" and that this "closed sky" policy is contrary to the will of Congress, to sound public policy, and is antagonistic to the anti-monopoly position of the Democrats.

Food Production In India

By Adrienne Farrell Reuters Service, New Delhi

India where famine loomed large only a few years ago, now is not only self-sufficient in food but is planning to export food grains worth 4,000,000,000 rupees \$820,000,000 in the next five years.

The second five-year plan which began on April 1 visualized a 15-per-cent increase in food grain production, but experts already are considering the possibility of increasing food production by 30 to 40 per cent by readjustment and better utilization of allocations already made for agriculture in the second plan.

If the government is able to achieve its target, the country will earn 4,000,000,000 rupees from the export of food grains and cash crops which will cover the present gap in estimated resources for the second plan.

EXPORT CROPS The increased production will be of rice, wheat and exportable cash crops such as oil seeds, jute, tobacco, tea, coffee, cotton and cashew nuts.

In India, the problem is not only how to increase production but also to improve the quality of the produce for export as well as for home consumption.

There is a continuous movement of population from rural to urban areas, to find employment in the country's growing industries. As a result, tastes are undergoing tremendous changes and people want more and better quality food.

India also will not be able to find markets abroad for her produce unless she produces better quality. Among the food grains India proposes to export are wheat and rice.

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and is antagonistic to the anti-monopoly position of the Democrats. He goes in to stress that the major air lines have no limit on their profits. They are protected against loss by subsidies if profits fall below eight per cent.

Mr. Hart who commences his plea in the manner customary with these Petition and Memorials says: "My name is Roscoe R. Hart. I live in Los Angeles, California. I am co-founder and part owner of the nation's largest independent air line — Trans-American, of Burbank, California. My partners and I pioneered low-cost air travel eleven years ago and today coach traffic accounts for over 40 per cent of air line revenue. Since America values initiative and welcomes innovation it is reasonable to expect opportunity would be unlimited for a newcomer with a sound dynamic idea."

MAKES BLUNT CHARGES He pulls no punches; accuses the monopoly minded C.A.B. of sentencing them to death though they possess an unsurpassed safety and maintenance record; and adds that not one of the 164 applications for new entry into the rank of operators on domestic routes has even been granted a Certificate by C.A.B. in the 18 years of history of the Civil Aeronautics Act. The main lines have kept 96 per cent of the business though volume has increased four thousand per cent since 1938. The charge of monopoly will be heard of at both Conventions and has lessons in all lands where air lines are nationalized and fares are not competitive.

Without the enterprise of the "nonscheduled" (non-scheduled opera-

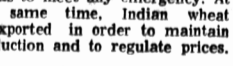
LORD BUTE DIES

GLASGOW (Reuters)—The Marquess of Bute, 49, one of the richest men in Britain, died at his home near Rothesay on the Isle of Bute Tuesday night after an illness.

Lord Bute owned 117,000 acres of land in Scotland and south Wales and drew a vast income from coal royalties on his Welsh estates. Lord Bute is succeeded by his son, the 23-year-old Earl of Dumfries.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

IRRITATIONS CAUSED BY "POISON" WEEDS If you're subject to chronic weed dermatitis you've probably been bothered with itching eruptions since early summer. If you've no more allergic than the average person, you probably will escape these annoying skin rashes—unless you come in contact with offending weeds. And that is a distinct possibility during this vacation season.

The usual villain in this form of dermatitis is the Rhus group—poison ivy, oak and sumac. The allergic reaction from all of these plants is exactly the same. Usually it only takes a few hours after exposure until the itching and other irritating symptoms occur.

The best thing to do immediately after exposure is to wash the skin thoroughly with plenty of soap and water. If acetone or ether is handy you can use this to clean the skin effectively.

MILD ERUPTIONS Of course, it's impossible to prescribe specific treatment for all such reactions. Generally, however, mild localized eruptions can be helped with bland anti-itching lotions, creams and compresses.

Burrow's solution used with compresses frequently will relieve the itching and burning. For cases of infected contact dermatitis, you'd better see your doctor.

He might advise compresses of potassium permanganate, which are easily made by dissolving one tablet in two to three pints of water.

Soak or wash the area with the compress for from 15 to 20 minutes four times a day. A fresh batch of this solution must be made every day.

ON DOCTOR'S APPROVAL Boric acid or ammoniated mercury may also be used locally with approval of your doctor.

For those who with chronic weed dermatitis probably the best thing is desensitization. It's a little late for such action this year, but next winter you can begin injections which will help alleviate those itching, burning symptoms of next summer.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS P.M.: What causes gallstones? Answer: The exact cause is not known, but infection of the gall-bladder, overweight and lack of exercise are factors which may lead to this condition.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Aug. 15, 1931)

A wire has been received by Secretary J.W. Boulter from Wirth and Hamid, New York, that the Bonhair Troupe consisting of Prof. Bonhair and four sons, will arrive at Quebec tomorrow evening direct from France, and proceed at once to Charlottetown, to put on their first performance at the Charlottetown Old Home Week celebrations.

For the week of Aug. 1st to Aug. 7th the carrier, S.S. Charlottetown has carried 322 automobiles across the Northumberland Strait to Borden.

TEN YEARS AGO (Aug. 15, 1946) The Vital Statistics report for last month discloses there were 92 births in the City, 33 marriages, and 14 deaths.

Though the recent dry weather has adversely affected the growth of all root crops in the Province, it is not too late yet, given sufficient moisture, for an average potato crop, Mr. S.S. Peppin, Dominion Inspector of Seed Certification told the Guardian last night.

The Age Old Story

And all these things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

NO COMPETITION

Today there is still no competition between the major air lines of the world since all use the same aircraft and offer the same rates on the same routes. Opposed at first bitterly to the enterprise of coach services at cheap rates, all have now eagerly taken to it as their salvation in solvency. Today it is the basis of their prosperity — thanks to pioneers like Trans-American.

This company not only pioneered air coach travel in 1946 but was first with a 99 dollar fare in 1947 for the 3,500 miles flight from Los Angeles to New York; first to cut it to 80 dollars in 1952; and first to offer the world the challenge of the 150 dollars fare without subsidy or air mail contract on the North Atlantic. They argue that if they can offer such attractive rates across the same 3,500 miles of ocean where a four engine air liner consumes the same amount of fuel. Despite this enterprise they are only given a hand-to-mouth temporary operating authority in American by the C.A.B. They claim now before the Conventions that seven applications made since 1954 to offer cheap Atlantic fares have all been turned down by the Republicans.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Frozen assets are the only cold things in Egypt these days.—St. Catharines Standard

Heavy labour for women will soon be abolished, the Russians say. It will be a touching sight—grandma's old wheelbarrow sitting out in the front yard, planted with petunias.—Orillia Packet and Times

Alberta's school curriculum already sadly overloaded with non-essentials, is about to face a new assault. The Alberta Co-operative Union is seeking to have high schools give increased attention to the part co-operatives are playing in the world today. The suggestion is dangerous. If accepted, it could only end in the schools becoming places of indoctrination rather than education.—Edmonton Journal

Congratulations are due Prince Edward Island whose farmers have harvested a record of 1,500,000 pounds of strawberries this season. That's 600,000 pounds better than the previous top crop of 900,000 pounds. Yet, it wasn't long ago that Maritimers were talking about a disappointing Spring and a reluctant month of June. Now, contemplate the bounty of August! P.E.I. strawberry growers are getting 20-cents a pound for a crop of \$3 millions value. Thus is perseverance awarded.—Cape Breton Post

All machinery except human mechanism, should be kept well-oiled.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

You can always be sure of getting the last word in an argument if you don't mind repeating a few times that you were quite wrong, and can't understand how you could ever have been so stupid.—Peterborough Examiner

One of the amusing things about Mr. Bryce, the member of Parliament for Selkirk, Man., is that nearly everybody thinks that "Scotty" is his nickname. Actually the full name of this genial representative of the farm belt is William Scottie Bryce. He brought this entire name with him from Scotland some years ago.—Hamilton Spectator.

Canada is placing herself in line with a modern trend in seeking to extend her present three-mile offshore territorial limit to twelve miles. But it is only the first half of a sound policy. Many nations by unilateral decree have brought the twelve-mile strip of ocean within their territorial jurisdiction. That Canada is seeking international recognition for a similar move is fitting in a democracy which respects the sovereignty of other nations as much as it prizes its own.—Globe and Mail.

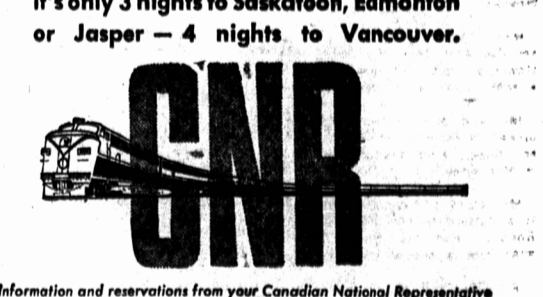


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