

They Feed Uncle Sam— Going Hungry Themselves



Things are looking up for Farmer Marvin R. Jepsen and his two young helpers since a federal loan enabled them to buy the house and 54 acres of land they formerly rented.

WASHINGTON—A third of the 6,000,000 farmers who work it to feed Uncle Sam are never very sure they can get themselves.

Everyone knows the United States has a farm problem, although most would have difficulty defining it, or getting much agreement on their definitions. But to those 2,000,000 lowest-income farmers are their families, all to simplify. Their stomachs tell them nothing but facts. The big capital-letter problem, so there, is how to live.

Uncle Sam knows some of the facts too. His last census showed, for example, that these agricultural casualties are scattered throughout the country. Their reward for feeding the rest of us ranges from \$200 to \$250 a year. Even back in "prosperous" 1929 they were earning less than \$400 a year, including their operating expense and the value of everything they raised on the farm for their own consumption.

At least 4,000,000 farm residents, the national resources committee says, are trying to exist on an income of \$1 a week. The lightest zephyr of a dust storm, a drought, a bad crop, a

blow these farmers off the land. Uncle Sam is doing something about it. He calls it "conserving soil resources" and "human resources" because, as he says, "poor land makes poor people, poor people make poor land."

Ugh, for example, is a state with 20,000 farmers, most of them small land holders. Probably half these farmers have been aided at one time or another by loan, guidance in farm and home management, and various other government services. One in every seven has taken part in the basic rural rehabilitation program, which makes loans for essential tools, equipment, feed, seed and livestock.

One in every three is participating in a community and co-operative service, though which loan he made to groups of farmers in a neighborhood for joint purchase and co-operative use of such bare-boned dry sizes, tractors, tractors, feed choppers, and similar high-priced machinery and devices.

One of the Bankhead-Jones farm loan act's fundless rafters, sharecroppers, and farm laborers are able to buy farms of their own.

State Supervises Cutting of Timber

LANSHING—The ring of ax blows in state game areas this winter may mean any of three operations: salvage cutting, release cutting or logging.

A score of operators having permits to remove down timber in Muskegon, Leland, Isoc, Oceana, Hanson and Dead Steam game areas are clearing away all important quantities of timber uprooted in the high Armistice day blow. These salvage permits are for areas of 40 acres or more.

Release cutting is the felling of mature trees to give new forest growth a chance. Besides promoting new growth which furnishes more game food and cover, this cutting makes the tops of cedars, for instance, immediately available for deer food. This season release cutting is being done by CCC workers.

Will Examine Ducks To Look for Head

MONROE—Few wild ducks have had their internal anatomy photographed and lived to fly free.

Working with X-ray and fluoroscope in a trailer laboratory, Dr. S. C. Whitlock, pathologist, and Herbert Miller, waterfowl investigator for the department, will examine liver-trapped ducks for the presence of lead shot. Birds examined will be released unharmed.

Strictly Fresh

FOR a while it was fun listening to them boast about who was the highest paid bun-baker in the city, but with income taxes falling due, it is the silence that has become golden.

Letters can still be sent to those Nationalized countries, providing the postal authorities can find them.

One wonders what have become of those old friends, Adeline Margie, and Susan Sue. Evidently they can't fit that light brown hair that is now the color of

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Social Briefs

MRS. CARLTON HIGBIE of Kensington road, after a fortnight at home, has returned to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where her children and her mother, Mrs. Charles El Phillips, are domiciled for the cold months.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER O. BIGGS, JR. AND MR. AND MRS. EUGENE FISHER of the Hills, went to Miami Beach, Fla., last week to be with Mr. and Mrs. Walter O. Briggs on Mr. Briggs' birthday anniversary, which was last Thursday. Mr. Briggs returned home Sunday last. Mrs. Briggs and the Junior Biggs are celebrating south for several weeks.

MR. AND MRS. STENNIS S. BOOTH and their daughter, Cynthia and Melinda of "Thurston," departed on Saturday for Phoenix and Chandler, Ariz. Stephen and David Booth will join their parents in the Phoenix during their spring vacation from Cambridge school.

Clayton Chaminade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Chaminade of Westwood drive, has been named Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at the University of Michigan, where he is a freshman.

MR. AND MRS. C. A. GILBERT of Kenosha road, are sojourning in Cuba.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK T. SON of White Lake road, are in New York City for two weeks.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY PORTER and their daughter, Barbara of Edgemoor road, returned on Monday from three weeks' stay in Miami Beach, Fla.

MRS. MARY S. GILMAN of Dominion road with Mr. and Mrs. Clay O. Jones, of Grosse Pointe, left Wednesday for Naples and New Orleans and later Florida. Mr. Gilman will join the party later in Florida. Honoring Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Hester gave a dinner Friday evening at their home on Harmon avenue.

MR. AND MRS. RAY H. BECHTOLD of Pleasant avenue, will spend the week-end in Plant as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Matson.

MR. AND MRS. H. ROSS MACK, of Lake Park drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Wade of Sheffield road, will leave their departure March 14 for Miami Beach, Fla., and the Sunland Islands in the Gulf of Mexico.

Charles Maloney of Cheboygan, left Monday for his new home in Springfield, Ill., after a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs. John Darvill, of Merrill street.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Horton will leave Monday for Nashville, Tenn., where Mr. Horton will go on to Bloom, Miss., to attend a convention. Mrs. Horton will spend a week in Nashville as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Robinson.

Essence
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