

The Farm Corner

States Unity Urged as Aid To Southwest

By FERDIE DEERING
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TEXARKANA, June 12.—(Special.)—Just as United States is pulling together to put over fifth war loan drive being officially opened by Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau in Texarkana Monday, the five states of the gulf southwest must pull together to develop its resources now and after the war.

So John W. Carpenter, Dallas, president of Gulf Southwest Agricultural and Industrial Conference, told representatives from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

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State Plans To Observe Cotton Week

By FERDIE DEERING
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GOVERNOR KERR has proclaimed Oklahoma in on the observance of National Cotton Week next week, May 22-27. Cotton planting is under way and folks who like beefsteak are interested in seeing more cotton produced in Oklahoma in 1944 than was grown in 1943. Bad weather and insects cut the crop to 385,000 bales, slightly more than

Jackson, Kiowa, and counties alone that was one reason for the shortage of cottonseed. It takes cottonseed good meat on the a bad reputation it in a one-crop recognized to important item in livestock econ-

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New Output Record Seen For Farmers

By FERDIE DEERING
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NO other industry could have lost the manpower that agriculture has lost since the war started and yet gone ahead to achieve greater and greater production. As of today farmers are almost current on their farm work. They have accomplished this by going to the fields early, staying late; by the help of their wives and children who are making full time

members of the Oklahoma Future Farmers of America, and help each other.

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Harvest Hit By Scarcity Of Workers

By FERDIE DEERING
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THE pinch of the shortage of farm labor is now being felt. Wheat harvest is under way in Cotton, Tillman, Jackson, Greer, Caddo, Comanche, Harmon and Kiowa counties and will open in other counties of the main wheat belt during the next week or two.

The peak of the beat Adair, Sequoyah, LeFlore, and counties on the east

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USDA Blamed For Confuse Farm Picture

By FERDIE DEERING
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THE biggest obstacle in the accomplishing soil conservation and proper land use in Oklahoma is the confusion, overlapping, and gross inefficiency of the United States department culture.

To begin with, the USDA not agreed between the various its 50-odd agencies, many have direct interest in soil conservation, as to what constitutes use and soil conservation of a farm. Work approved by one may be disapproved by another. They are trying to carry on their administrative and educational functions, resulting in much waste. There are sufficient employees to pay roll to render every logical function of the

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Clean Sweep Of Bureaus Is Demanded

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FOR years agricultural leaders have recognized the conservation of the soil and its fertility as Oklahoma's No. 1 farm problem. The statewide Save-the-Soil clinic held in Oklahoma City in March expressed the idea in its adopted slogan, "Conserve Your Soil or Sell Your Land." The problem that ranks next to it, in my opinion, is that of prices.

After I became editor of the F-S, it was decided I should write a column for The Sunday Oklahoman. It looked like this for several years.

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This Owner, Tiller Both Reap Profit

By FERDIE DEERING
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FEW days ago the owner of a large farm out west told me: "I have just lost the best tenant I've ever had and I'm glad of it." That objective would be a commendable one for every land owner. The reason Mr. B. lost his tenant was

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Books List Best Types Of Pastures

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THE cheapest feed a farmer can grow is pasture. By letting the livestock do the harvesting and hauling in of the feed, considerable cost is saved. Temporary pastures have to be planted and cultivated, but permanent pastures usually eliminate even this cost.

In Oklahoma, it is possible and practical to plan year-around pastures for every type of livestock farm. The small size of the possibility. One factor limit the possibility. One other is the uncertainty of weather with drought or flood causing a somewhere in the process.

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Farms Face Further Cut In Machines

By FERDIE DEERING
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THE WFB now reports that manufacture of many important and needed farm implements is running behind schedule, indicating that recently increased quotas of machines for farmers are partly production and partly statistics. Output of corn and cotton planters, harrows, mold-board plows, tractor-mounted cultivators and combines, mowers, pick-up hay and nearly a dozen other items than called for. All these items are needed now by farmers.

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'New' Lands Still Exist In Oklahoma

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FREQUENTLY the statement is made that "there is no more land," implying that we must wait time to come out in the market. The statement really means that more open country is being settled by homesteaders in the Western and Texas. It is a common statement of those who are not interested in the land.

FARMORAMA

Changes Made: National publication of the Farmers Union features item about incoming USDA officials finding a list of Farm Bureau's top 10 Washington officials under blotter on USDA front desk. Shall we assume it has now been replaced with a list of FU's top 10?

California Duster: Elmer T. Peterson, retired writer who still writes, reported from a Los Angeles suburb: "No rural atmosphere here, or within a long distance. One of our weirdest experiences was running into a severe dust storm immediately after entering California."

Cake or Keg? Banker George H. C. Green Jr. was evasive about taking on the job of fixing up a birthday cake for the 10th anniversary of the International Land Judging contest (April 27-28) until he got a clearer understanding from Chairman Russell Pierson. "Oh, did you say cake?" Green asked. "I thought you said keg."

3,000 Scalps: Henry "Heinie" Bomhoff, who flew a homemade airplane to gun down his first coyote in 1935, is flying again. He retired 4 years ago after collecting 3,000 coyote scalps, mostly around Calumet where he farms. Heinie once brought the first load of wheat to town by landing his plane on Calumet's Main street.

Busy Nurserymen: Ten farm-

hlequah have built up a thriving sands of small plants and growing local wholesale nursery.

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HOG KILLING: We were wrong in a recent column when we mentioned that hardly anybody butchers hogs at home any more. Mrs. Paul Mungle of Atoka tells me that they do and that they have plenty of good pork sausage to go with their Guernsey milk from their dairy.

TOO WET: A few sections haven't had enough moisture lately to keep the small grains growing fast enough for the livestock on it, but Walter B. Jessee of Durant tells me they're "too wet" down around Durant. He's afraid a lot of farmers won't be able to plant spring oats.

OKLAHOMA FIRST: Jim Haley, Mountain View cattleman, believes that Oklahoma is out in front in soil and water conservation and that we're gaining all the time. At a national meeting of conservation district supervisors he found Oklahoma is doing some things leaders in other states haven't even heard about.

COUNT THE SHEEP: Andrew J. "Andy" Swanson of Medford delivers a personal invitation to the annual Grant County Lamb and Wool Growers tour on February 2. Each year they look at flocks in a different part of the county. This year they'll tour the Lamont area and have roast lamb for lunch. You can bet on that and it'll be good, too.

SANDBURS: M. A. Caruso of Fort Cobb laughingly recalled our first visit about 15 years ago when he showed a farm he'd just taken over. An abandoned field was covered with a perfect stand of grassburrs. But now it's a near perfect pasture for the livestock, thanks to good conservation farming.

My farm column appeared in The Sunday Oklahoman in this form for several months in 1961

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AGRICULTURE GOES INTERNATIONAL

World Supply, Demand Rule Market

By Ferdie J. Deering

A million new babies in India, a thousand calves on the Pampas in Argentina, and a hundred more oil wells in Saudi Arabia are a part of the Oklahoma agri-business scene. So are Russia's wheat harvest, electronic factories in Japan, cotton fields in Egypt, and auto plants in Germany and Italy.

Whatever Oklahoma agriculture or business does now must be considered in the light of international supply and demand. "Get used to thinking in terms of what your market is worldwide," Dr. Clayton Yeutter, assistant secretary of agriculture, recently told members of the Oklahoma Livestock Marketing Assn.

Wheat, soybean and grain growers already have found out what can happen to supplies and prices when big buyers bid against each other on the world market. So have stockmen who are paying big feed bills for cattle that they must sell for lower prices.

Last year, the United States exported a record \$19 billion worth of farm products, and the world is



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The lack of reliable worldwide agricultural data was pointed up in a recent appraisal prepared

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Will Politics Decide Who Will Be Fed?

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By Ferdie J. Deering

Politics will determine whether the world feeds itself or starves. Which politics will prevail has not been determined and the fate of hungry millions is undecided.

Politics is involved in rapid population growth because leaders of many smaller nations and some larger ones

State Agriculture Leaders Pleased by Ford's Visit

By Ferdie J. Deering

The conference Oklahoma agricultural leaders had with President Ford in Oklahoma City Tuesday was not as confused as some reports may have indicated.

The group had the undivided attention of the President for nearly an

pressing surplus of beef. That's why the campaign sponsored by Oklahoma farm organizations to "Give days"

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Farm Groups Proposing 'Give Meat for Holidays'

By Ferdie J. Deering

Oklahoma farm organizations have come up with the most sensible meat demonstration that has been proposed in the present crisis. That is their suggestion to "Give Meat for the Holidays".

This is a positive approach to the problem of moving meat to ranches to

could help to improve prices, while giving folks around the country something good to chew.

Sponsors of the movement include the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Oklahoma

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Farm Policy Must Aid All

By Ferdie J. Deering

Demands for improvements in the food industry, the way from the farm to the consumer, are numerous often asking for government action but not always specifying what kind of action.

Congress, now mostly urban-oriented, is looking for ways to help, but there is danger that the confusion might lead to actions which could worsen the situation. Ranchers, feeders, businessmen, associations must examine plans as they are their views. This may be especially true of farm sources.

has just been announced by a quiet group of 200 business executives and editors known as the Committee for Economic Development (CED).

Its statement, "A New U.S. Farm Policy for Changing World Food Needs", reviews world and national food circumstances and proposes a number of recommendations.

The statement notes that world population growth requires an annual increase of 1 per cent in world food