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No, it's not True What they Say About The Farmers

An Editorial In The Progressive Farmer

FARMERS and farm programs are being grossly misrepresented by many magazines, radio commentaries and newspaper editorials. A few weeks ago we read in Life magazine: "The system rigid in 50 cent support price guarantees the six basic crops—corn, cotton, wheat, rice, peanuts, and tobacco—a fixed price no matter how much is needed or how much is produced."

Table showing farm prices per bushel for various commodities like Cotton, Tobacco, and Livestock in 1953 and 1954.

The Hopeful Gambler

By SEN. EDWARD J. THYE (Republican, Minnesota)
The farmer is the most important man in the world. Every day is one of hope and prayer for him.

The Party's Outstretched Palm

PARTY chieftains flinched visibly when news leaked out of Winston-Salem about state highway patrolmen being asked to contribute to Democratic campaign chests.

should be more attractive to intelligent youngsters. Government needs a more enlightened civil service, better rules for future, more schools of public administration. But situations such as this are extremely discouraging to anyone contemplating any kind of government work—whether they are youngsters looking for a suitable career or established men who would like unselfishly to take a fling at public service.

It is not the first time state employees have been approached by the party that indirectly controls their destinies for a little of the money they get from the taxpayers.

While committees and commissions are wrestling with the problems of taxation and the like, other committees and commissions might be wrestling today with the problem of political ethics and of integrating political machinery. How can the state expect to attract able men and women in public service if they see nothing but backstairs politics there? Why should they become involved in this?

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And it does no good merely to run around with considerable wringing of hands over occasional evidence of rotteness in government. A rotten government in a democratic society for many people may be a little tainted themselves. This is the hard, unpleasant set of facts the entire nation faces today. The first responsibility is to remove the possibility of rotteness.

The NAAWP Chairman Portrait of Bryant Bowles

By BILL LOFTUS AP Staff Writer

BRYANT Bowles, a curly-haired Florida-born ex-Marine is spearheading a drive in southeastern Delaware to keep school districts from carrying out the integration of white and Negro pupils in the schools.

Trouble In An Untouched Land

THE overwhelming approval St. Louis voters gave to a municipal tax on individual and business earnings Thursday was a major development in the desperate struggle of America's debt-ridden cities for financial security. It created a stable fiscal base for a long-deferred program of public improvement.

that income to the upkeep of the municipality—regardless of where he lives. Confronted with growing financial problems, more and more cities are viewing the earnings tax as the only reasonable solution to their fiscal woes. This is especially true in cities hemmed in by incorporated suburbs.

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Here is one place to start. The practice of asking state employees to contribute to party campaign funds should be discontinued.

It is an increasing tendency among Americans to move their homes outside city limits to the suburbs while still maintaining their jobs in town. The city must provide many basic governmental functions to these people but suburbanites ordinarily contribute little direct support to the city.

That's not enough, according to the tax experts of St. Louis and several other big cities as they look to the earnings tax. It all adds up to trouble for an untouchable land that, quiet, airy paradise just outside city limits.

Luncheons Vs. Press Conferences

CHARLOTTE'S luncheon clubs, most of them hoping always to increase attendance, ought to sit up and take notice of what Attorney General Herbert Brownell is doing. That fellow follows a formula which certainly increases the turnout. And—let politicians take note—it's a formula which will assure him many invitations to get a free meal and a large audience at the same time.

White was repeatedly promoted to high office during the Democratic administrations even though responsible officials knew he was a Russian spy. Last week Mr. Brownell made an announcement which, while not so sensational, is certainly historic. He announced the Justice Department's veto of the proposed merger of two gigantic steel companies, Bethlehem and Youngstown. Where did he make the announcement? At Toots Shur's Restaurant, and before some public relations men.

YOU SCREAM, ETC.

IT HARDLY seems right to let the summer of 1954 go by without pausing to pay a brief tribute to the ice cream cone. The ice cream cone is 50 years old, having been born at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. That was quite a long time with Judy Garland and the Trolley Song and the ice cream cone, too. But the Syrian who passed a roller waffer from his booth to an ice cream vendor never realized that, 50 years later, his nation would consume four billion cones a year.

Most people pay their dentist last, according to delegates at a recent dental convention. But then they also wait until last to see him—GREENWOOD (Miss) COMMONWEALTH. Coach Gus Tinsley of LSU opened the practice season by getting the Tigers out at 6 a. m. on Oct. 5. The team had enough to fight real good—NEW ORLEANS STATES.

in stating that "the amount which has been paid out of taxes (for commodity loans) will soon reach the huge total of \$7 1/2 billion."

in 1949 the average net income per farm person was only one-half that of the average nonfarm person. This was when farm prices stood at 99 per cent of parity; in mid-June 1954 they were down to 88 per cent.

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of wheat. A farmer could give away his wheat and it wouldn't materially affect the per-capita consumption. Look these figures:

Table showing wheat consumption per capita in the U.S. from 1923 to 1954.

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