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Cotton Program Proposes Loan Plan Continue

A program designed to keep King Cotton near the throne has been presented to an advisory group of farmers, agricultural officials, and trade representatives by Chairman Stephen Pace of the House sub-committee on agriculture.

Among other things, the program proposes a continuation of the present purchase, loan, and export program for the time being, a greatly expanded soil con-

servation and soil-building program, improvement of cotton quality through a nationwide system of one-variety production, and adoption of improved production, marketing, and distribution methods.

If cotton is to compete successfully with synthetic fibers, the Pace committee believes extensive research to develop new uses of cotton will be necessary.

It was a busy, eventful day for the Carl W. Jensens of Omaha. A few hours after Jensen was inaugurated at Omaha city commissioner, his wife presented him an 8 3/4-pound daughter.

Would Produce More Beef at Stabilized Prices

More beef production at stabilized consumer prices is the purpose of the direct beef payment to producers, according to A. D. Woodter of the State AAA Committee. The new subsidy program offers production payments of 50 cents a hundredweight to eligible producers of good and choice cattle weighing 800 pounds or more. The payments will be made through county AAA offices.

Producers must save evidence of sale. Woodter said. To be eligible for the payments, producers must own and feed the cattle for at least 30 days prior to sale for slaughter and must sell them to licensed slaughterers. Cattle must grade "A" or "AA."

Feeders have also been assured that they will be given at least six months' notice of any revision in the overriding ceiling prices or the maximum stabilization ranges for beef, except bulls.

Other changes in the meat program include raising the regular subsidy to processing and non-processing slaughterers on all grades of cattle by 25 cents beginning June 4; reducing the additional subsidy of 80 cents a hundredweight paid non-processing slaughterers to 40 cents starting June 5; and increasing the pork subsidy to packers from \$1.30 to \$1.70, retroactive to April 1 and subject to upward or downward adjustments.

Continue Using Old Addresses To Europe

Persons corresponding with soldiers overseas should, during the redeployment period, continue to use the current address until such time as they are advised by the individual soldier of a change of address or to withhold mail until a permanent address can be provided, the War Department announced.

The Army, cognizant of the morale value of mail to America's fighting men, is exerting every effort to maintain the best possible service during the redeployment period. Compliance with the simple rule by the sender will do much to facilitate the delivery of mail to Army personnel.

Overseas commanders have been instructed to give particular attention to the distribution of change-of-address and withholding forms to military personnel who are personally responsible for notifying their correspondents of any change in their address.

Ray Forbes of Oklahoma City doesn't make it any easier for the OPA. "I can always find plenty of pig's feet at my grocery store," he told the OPA. "What I want to know is what happens to the rest of the hog?"

Campaign for Checking Plague Is Being Planned

Preliminary plans have been announced by the U. S. Public Health Service, Office of Plague Suppressive Measures, for work in four New Mexico areas during 1945. A field party will be dispatched by the service to make dissections of prairie dogs, ground squirrels, and other types of wild rodents in the vicinities of Springer, Logan, and Clovis, during September and in the area surrounding Albuquerque during October.

This is a program which has been carried on by the service the last four or five years, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the spread of bubonic plague is a menace to various Western communities. If these wild rodents are infected with bubonic plague bacilli, there is opportunity for the fleas from these rodents to pass from the wild rodent to domestic rodents (rats and mice) which nest in and feed upon uncovered and unprotected garbage dumps in the outskirts of some communities in New Mexico. It is thought that the infection of wild rodents is increasing and spreading eastward from its original locus on the Pacific Coast. Infected prairie dogs have been found in New Mexico in Western Catron and Valencia Counties, in Union County, in the vicinity of Clovis, and in Torrance County, as well as some other localities in the state. The infection is now apparently spreading eastward through all Rocky Mountain states and has reached the western part of North Dakota.

Based upon the recognized fact that fleas passing from wild to domestic rodents create a menace to citizens living in the communities, a few of the progressive towns in New Mexico have already conducted rat eradication campaigns. Clayton, Albuquerque, Clovis, and Raton are the outstanding examples of such rat suppressive and eradication campaigns. However, freedom from rat infestation is only assured by constantly surveying to see whether rodents have again entered the community and therefore even these communities need frequently repeated surveys to ascertain whether there has been a recurrence of the rodent infestation. These field surveys conducted by the U. S. Public Health Service are a valuable means of indicating to the State Department of Public Health those localities which are most dangerously exposed to the invasion of the community by fleas carrying the bubonic plague bacteria. When such a danger is indicated, it then becomes incumbent upon the city commission or other governing head to provide for the destruction of the rodents found in the community, the service indicated.

FOOD PRODUCTION MAY DROP THIS YEAR

In its first official forecast of 1945 food production, the Department of Agriculture estimates that total United States food production this year will be about 5 per cent less than last year's record. Decreased meat slaughter is expected

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All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same as provided by law within 6 months from the 14th day of June, 1945, the date of first publication of this notice or the same will be barred.

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New Mexico's Fortress, 'Spirit of Bataan,' Is Still Slapping Japs

With an arm in a sling and a leg in a plaster cast, Sgt. Estele Davidson of the crew of the "Spirit of Bataan" made a personal report to the people of New Mexico at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque.

That fightin' lady of the skies is still on the wing!

An old Flying Fortress now after nearly two years of Pacific battle, she was paid for by the mothers and dads and friends of the 200th Coast Artillery through their purchase of War Bonds back in 1943.

"I'm shot up a bit — and so is the old Fort — but she's carrying on, anyway," Davidson told Harold Johnson, Kirtland Field director of the Red Cross, who met the hospital plane which was carrying Sergeant Davidson to an Army hospital.

The sergeant could hardly wait to get to Albuquerque to make his report. He was engineer on the old "Spirit of Bataan," and he's the only member of the crew which accepted her so proudly that Sunday afternoon in July two years ago who's not still fighting with her.

It was the Bataan Relief Organization in Albuquerque which spurred the bond drive to buy the "retribution" ship. At the christening in Albuquerque on July 17, 1943, V. H. Spensley, president of the BRO, said, "Every heroic defender of the Stars and Stripes in the Philippines has his share in this bomber." The 200th was trapped on Bataan in the early days of the war.

"You can tell the people here that their Fort helped avenge their boys in a big way," said Davidson. On the long trail back, the "Spirit of Bataan" smashed several important Japanese targets, and then came the most glorious day in her career — she struck the Philippines themselves.

The young engineer whose home is at Leland, Miss., explained that the crew didn't look upon her as just another Fortress. She had one of the most important missions of the war, they thought, to carry out for the folks back in New Mexico. Every bomb they dropped on the Japs was airmail special delivery from the Sunshine State.

"Two of us on the 'Spirit of Bataan' were wounded by a single burst of flak," Davidson continued. "The other crew member returned to duty on her, but they sent me home."

When he left, the Fort was bombarding the Japs on Okinawa,

just a few miles from where New Mexico's great war correspondent, Ernie Pyle, was killed. She was also flying some other high priority assignments. "You'd be surprised some of the places she's been," said the sergeant.

The sleek new Fort was just off the assembly line when she was delivered for christening at Kirtland Field. New Mexico's governor was there with several other state and city dignitaries. The Fort's name was unveiled by Mrs. Arturo Garcia, first Gold Star mother of the 200th, whose son, Ruben, was the first casualty of the unit.

After Col. Kenneth McGregor, then operations officer of Kirtland Field, had accepted the ship for the Army Air Forces, an Army chaplain blessed it. A few minutes later it rolled down the runway, lifted majestically into the sky and circled back, dipping its wings in final salute before heading west to battle.

The crew remembered that day in every detail and they often talked about it before starting out on another "vengeance" mission.

"We never ceased being grateful to the people of New Mexico for providing us with such a splendid plane," Davidson told the Red Cross director.

When the hospital plane landed in Albuquerque, the sergeant asked if it would be possible to arrange an automobile tour of the city for the wounded men on the ship with him. He had told them the whole story of the "Spirit of Bataan" the moment he had heard a refueling stop was to be made at Kirtland Field.

The Red Cross had already planned that, as it does for all transient patients. And it was the Red Cross here, too, which paid for Sergeant Davidson's call to his sister in Mississippi, telling her he would be coming home.

AAA GETS REST ON TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

After June 30, OPA and the Office of Defense Transportation will handle their programs without assistance from AAA committees, according to County Chairman Roy Forehand.

This means that the county AAA office will no longer have any responsibilities for work on applications for truck tires, tractor tires for replacement and conversion, new trucks, and off-highway gasoline, he said.

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