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## THE FARM PROGRAM—

It is interesting to observe that most of the opposition which has been displayed to the flexible price support farm program outlined last week by President Eisenhower has come from members of congress rather than from the grass roots of the nation. Some of those senators and representatives who have expressed opposition are of the president's own party, mostly from the mid-western agricultural states. However, not all congressmen from that area are in opposition.

On the other hand, the president's farm program, as a whole, has been favorably and enthusiastically received by many farm leaders, leading farm organizations and economists. Newspapers, generally, have hailed it as being basically sound in principle and the only one so far advanced since farm price supports became a political issue which shows any promise of being workable under all types of conditions.

Farmers themselves have contributed much to the study and thinking that have gone into development of President Eisenhower's farm program. They have faced the situation realistically and recognized the fact that rigid price supports are not sound, that they have not solved the problem of maintaining an economically healthy agriculture and, on the other hand have encouraged over-production at times when production actually should have been reduced, as was the case with potatoes.

About the only weak spot that has shown up in the president's recommendations to date are those concerning wool. Here his program smacks too much of the type of support urged by a former secretary of agriculture, Brannan. That section needs further study before congressional action is taken. In fact, the entire program will require much study in order to establish the mechanics of carrying it out and other details which the president rightfully left to congress to determine.

Farm area congressmen will do well to make a current sounding of grass roots opinion in their own districts before going out on a limb in opposition to the president's farm program. We have an idea many of them will find concurrence with the president on the part of the farmers because they are convinced that it excels any previous program in fairness to producers, consumers and taxpayers, in basic soundness of principle and in its workability under varying conditions.

## LYNCHINGS NO LONGER CRITERION—

Tuskegee Institute, famed Negro college in Alabama, has announced an interesting and amazing conclusion in its annual year-end report to newspapers of the nation on race relations. That conclusion is that the number of lynchings in the United States no longer can be taken as an index to the status of race relations in this country.

The institute has for years sent to newspapers at the close of each year a report on the number of lynchings in the year then ending and its own deductions as to what that number indicated in the way of improved racial relations in the nation.

The report dated December 31, 1953, stated that for the 2nd consecutive year there were no lynchings to report and that for the 5 years of 1949 through 1953 there had been a total of only 6 lynchings as compared to considerably higher figures in earlier years of the record keeping on lynchings.

The report did, however, point out that in at least 3 instances during 1953 lynchings had been prevented.

Concluding his comment, the report stated that "Lynching as traditionally defined and as a barometer for measuring the status of race relations in the United States, particularly in the South, seems no longer to be a valid index to such relationships. This is due to significant changes in the status of the Negro and to the development of other extra-legal means of control, such as bombings, incendiarism, threats and intimidation, etc. We believe that a new standard for measuring race relations is needed. This can and should be as objective and as factual as were the lynching reports. This standard, we think, can best be established in such areas as employment and other economic conditions; in political participation, in education, in law and legislation, in health and perhaps in other fields."

These conclusions stand out as some of the brightest signs of true progress in all the myriad year-end "reports". They in-

dicade realization by one group of our citizens of the great gains that have accrued to them toward the equalities of citizenship guaranteed to them under our constitution but in the past frequently denied by local feeling or local laws. Hopes of men around the world for achievement of human freedom will be buoyed by the statement of Tuskegee Institute, and the great mass of world population will increase its faith, hope and friendliness for this nation as a result of it.

## BUDGET BALANCING —

There has been considerable comment in the last few weeks to the effect that the Eisenhower administration may be able to balance the federal cash budget even though it finds it impossible to bring the over-all budget into balance this year. Some writers have indicated that the administration would attempt to delude the public into thinking that the federal budget has been brought into balance when, in fact only the cash budget may be balanced.

It was gratifying, therefore, to hear President Eisenhower frankly state that there appears to be no possibility of balancing the federal budget during the coming fiscal year. The statement definitely demonstrates the desire of this administration to keep the public fully and correctly informed not only upon the state of our national affairs but also upon the accomplishments of the administration. It definitely establishes the fact that Ike will not tolerate any deviation from the facts, whether they be pleasant or not, for the purpose of political gain.

There is a vast difference between balancing the cash budget and the regular budget of our federal government. In the cash budget, all items of cash received, including those special taxes paid for social security purposes, are listed as income and when placed beside the actual cash expended might often show a balance or even a surplus.

However, income from those special taxes and some other sources is income dedicated for future use and not for current expenditures and thus cannot properly be included for purposes of regular budget balancing. To do so would be virtually the same as if a bank would take funds from an escrow account and use them to pay its own expenses and thus balance its own budget.

The president has taken another great stride toward re-establishing the confidence of our people in their federal government by making it clear through his statement of budgetary facts, in his state of the union message, that his administration will not indulge in any such political chicanery.

## AN EXCELLENT MESSAGE—

The state of the union address given before Congress last Thursday is being heralded across the nation as the finest and most clear-cut exposition of the affairs presented by any president for many years. The president met all issues head-on and made it clear that he has a program to meet each one of them.

President Eisenhower did not attempt to confuse either congress or the nation by offering any single panacea to meet the problems of the day or by attempting to present specific programs to meet each of them as a part of the state of the union message. Rather, he announced the broad outlines and objectives of his program and named specific dates on which each of them would be presented to congress.

It would be impossible to discuss all of the items presented by the president in a single issue of this column but we will attempt from time to time to comment on a number of them as they are being considered by congress.

One of the notable facts about the message was the manner in which it has been acclaimed for its modesty, sincerity and most of all for the actions it recommends in fulfillment of the campaign promises made by President Eisenhower in advance of the 1952 election. Newspapers of Democratic party leanings in their editorial policies have joined in that acclamation.

Many of the proposals made by President Eisenhower will meet considerable opposition in congress, but his message will do much to develop strong backing for his program both in congress and from the people of the nation.

**FISH AS FUTURE FARM CROP**  
Forest Grove News-Times: Our first introduction to fish farming was a number of years ago during a trip through the South. We learned that pond for growing fish was on the then approved list for farm improvement projects receiving benefit payments. Contrary to the idea that fish just naturally grew we learned that the production of fish could be increased by fertilization of the ponds so that more food would be produced upon which the fish fed. We also learned that a pond might be as productive per acre as land in a cultivated crop or pasture.

We have not heard much about farm fish ponds in Oregon until recently Don Coin Walrod, Columbia county extension agent, reported on inspection of five farm fish ponds in his county. As farm fish ponds are usually rather shallow, the water temperature is apt to go as high as 70 to 90 degrees in summer. This limits them to bass or bluegill combination and catfish. Only where the water stays at 70 degrees or less can rainbow trout be raised successfully. Also fish pond farming is like other farming in that weeds can be a problem. Perhaps the sportsman will look down his nose at the farm fish pond but as the years go along perhaps there will be more Oregon farmers following the example of other parts of the nation where farm fish ponds are popular as well as productive of tasty food.

## Don't Let Maze of Limbs Discourage Pruning; Work on One Branch at Time

Fruit tree pruning is a relatively simple operation which is performed during the winter on dormant trees. When standing off at a distance, most trees in need of pruning appear to be a maze of branches, but when individual branches are examined, pruning is greatly simplified, says Leon Garolan, Clackamas county extension agent.

Fruit trees are pruned to modify tree form, to get a well-shaped tree for convenience in harvesting and spraying and to distribute the fruiting well over the tree. Pruning helps secure fruit of good size and quality, and helps modify fruit bearing, which insures annual fruit production, according to Garolan.

All dead and diseased wood, undesirable sucker growth and overlapping branches which exclude sunlight should be removed as the first step in pruning. Following this with a thinning of weak, spindly twigs aids in better fruit development and helps to open the tree to more air and light. Branches on the underside, which will be shaded out, may be removed to the advantage of the tree, states Garolan.

It is easier to take one branch at a time and prune off excess wood, than to take a hit and miss attitude by working over the entire tree in a disorderly manner. For trees which have become overly high, such as apple or pear trees, topping back to a side lateral will help bring trees closer to the ground. Pruning cuts should be made flush, without leaving a stub. Cuts over 2 inches in diameter can be treated, after drying, with Bordeaux paste to prevent development of rot.

Fruit trees in home orchards utilize valuable space and require pruning and spraying to insure production of good fruit, says Garolan.

## At Lusted— Aunt Is Visitor At Roberts Home

LUSTED—Mrs. Bessie Coolidge of Sun Valley, Calif., arrived Tuesday for a short visit at the home of her niece, Mrs. Russell Roberts, whom she had not seen for over 20 years. Mrs. Coolidge is a sister of Emmett Holt. She is en route to Sun Valley following a visit with her daughter at Oak Harbor, Whidbey Island, Wash.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Roberts gave a family dinner party honoring Mrs. Coolidge. Besides the Roberts family and the guest of honor, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holt, Mrs. Mabel Egnew and Emmett Holt. Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Neale and their 2 daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fisher, Portland, were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gudge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dollowitch and Francis La Palm were Tuesday evening callers at the William Dollowitch home on Epperston road, where they watched TV. Carl Milne celebrated his 5th birthday anniversary Jan. 11 at a party at the Portland home of his aunt, Mrs. Bill Wright. Besides the Wright family and the guest of honor, those present were Mrs. John Milne and son, Tommy, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ernest Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan were recent dinner guests at the Portland home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morgan entertained Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schoepfer of Portland and Mrs. Fred Morgan Jr., at dinner last week. Mrs. Daisy Adams of Longview recently spent a week visiting at the home of Mrs. Jess L. Shriver.

er. On Thursday Mrs. Glen Harris was a guest of Mrs. Shriver and on Sunday, the Shriver's visited their daughter and family, the Stan Raney's, at Molalla.

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## Barker's Bugle

### Howdy Folks:

No one should try to do two things at once. This includes women who put on weight and slacks at the same time.

Mike: "I always call a spade a spade."  
Ike: "Did you every hit your toe with one?"

A couple of the boys were wobbling home the other evening after hoisting a few, and one said, "I sure always have trouble getting to sleep."  
Said his pal: "Thsh funny, I go to sleep as soon as my head hits the bed."  
First tippler: "Oh, so do I, but its sure hard to hit the bed."

Nellie: "Do you like falsies?"  
Helen: "No I don't. I never know when to scream, blush, siap or say ouch."

'Hey! Helen what this stuff?'  
'Why, Med, that's bean soup.'  
Med: "I don't care what its been, but what is it now?"

A sign in a beauty parlor window: "We can give you that new look if you have all the old parts."

Doc: "Did you drink the two pitchers of water and stay in bed like I told you?"  
Patient: "I drank the water."

Do you know that man is the only animal that can blush?  
Well, if you stop to think of it, man is the only animal that needs to blush.

"You know it's getting colder when the girls put on two sweaters for comfort instead of one for looks."

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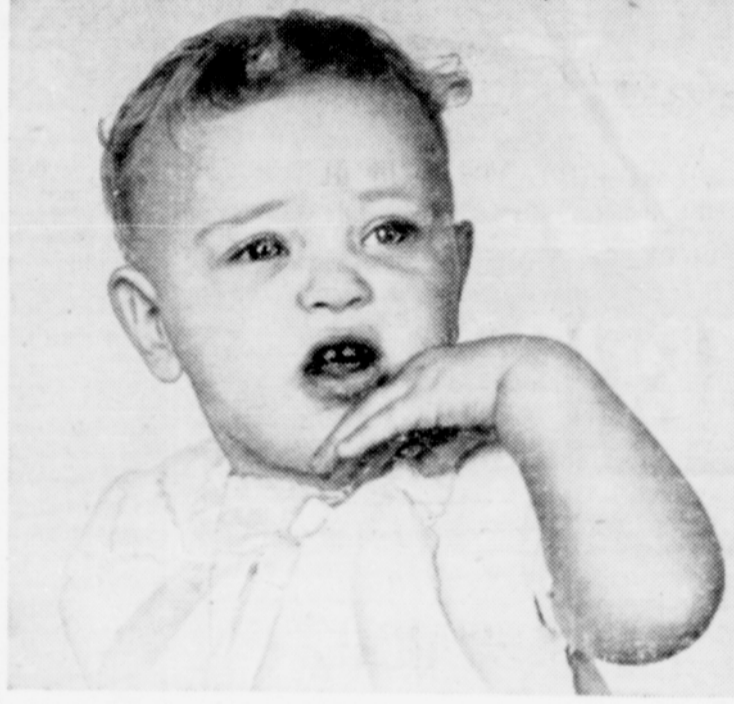
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