

'Grass Roots' Boom Sprouts Cash Deals For Small Buyers

NEW YORK—(AP)—A "grass roots" boom in small businesses throughout the United States is reported by a national real estate firm. G.I.s, former war workers and others are buying small businesses, including small farms, at a rate exceeding any similar movement in history, says the E. A. Strout Realty Agency.

Eighty-five per cent of all buyers are reported to be paying from 50 per cent to all cash for business properties averaging

around \$7000 on the west coast and \$6000 east of the Rockies. Western sales are listed as 66 1/2 per cent greater than 1945 sales and higher prices of west coast properties seem to be no deterrent.

V. A. Miehl, vice-president of the Strout Agency, said the firm's volume of business since V-J Day had exceeded 45 million dollars, which was 500 per cent higher than the volume for any similar period in the past.

The total included 8000 small businesses and farms.

"The decentralization of cities is proceeding at a faster rate than at any time since the automobile became cheaply available," Miehl explains. "The spreading out of big industries, and the increasing network of airlines is aiding the process."

At no other time, Miehl said, have there been such good opportunities for a man to make a living in the country.

Citing the success of some recent buyers, he said that renewed interest in tourist travel had become a profitable source of income to country hotel and auto court owners, and that the present prosperous condition of the farmer has brought thousands of independent grocery store owners, dealers in hardware and farm equipment and other hard and soft goods lines to country districts.

1915 CAR STILL GOING
GUTHRIE, Okla. — (AP) — This city's oldest car still is chugging along. S. A. Douglas, a retired painter, paid the license tag tax for the 32nd consecutive year on his 1915 Model T Ford touring car.



(NEA Telephone)
Jacqueline Maxwell, 11-year-old Malden, Mass., girl who was found slain under heap of boards in an empty lot a block from her home. Police have taken into custody a 17-year-old boy, Robert L. Coombs, who according to police, has served a term in reform school for sex attacks on local girls.

Poultrymen to Relate Federal Help Views

Representatives of all parts of Oregon's poultry industry will give their views on production adjustments and government price supports at a state meeting in Portland Thursday, March 20.

Individual producers, hatcherymen, and representatives of poultry associations, farm organizations and public agencies have been invited to attend, according to E. H. Miller, chairman of the state FMA committee, who called the meeting at the request of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Miller said that those attending will be asked for recommendations on government price support programs and how they can be used to help bring about postwar adjustments in egg production.

He pointed out that egg production for the past two years has been one-sixth greater than domestic consumption, with the extra production absorbed largely by exports. The USDA, he said, wants to find out what poultrymen want to do to prepare for the time when the export market will be cut down or eliminated.

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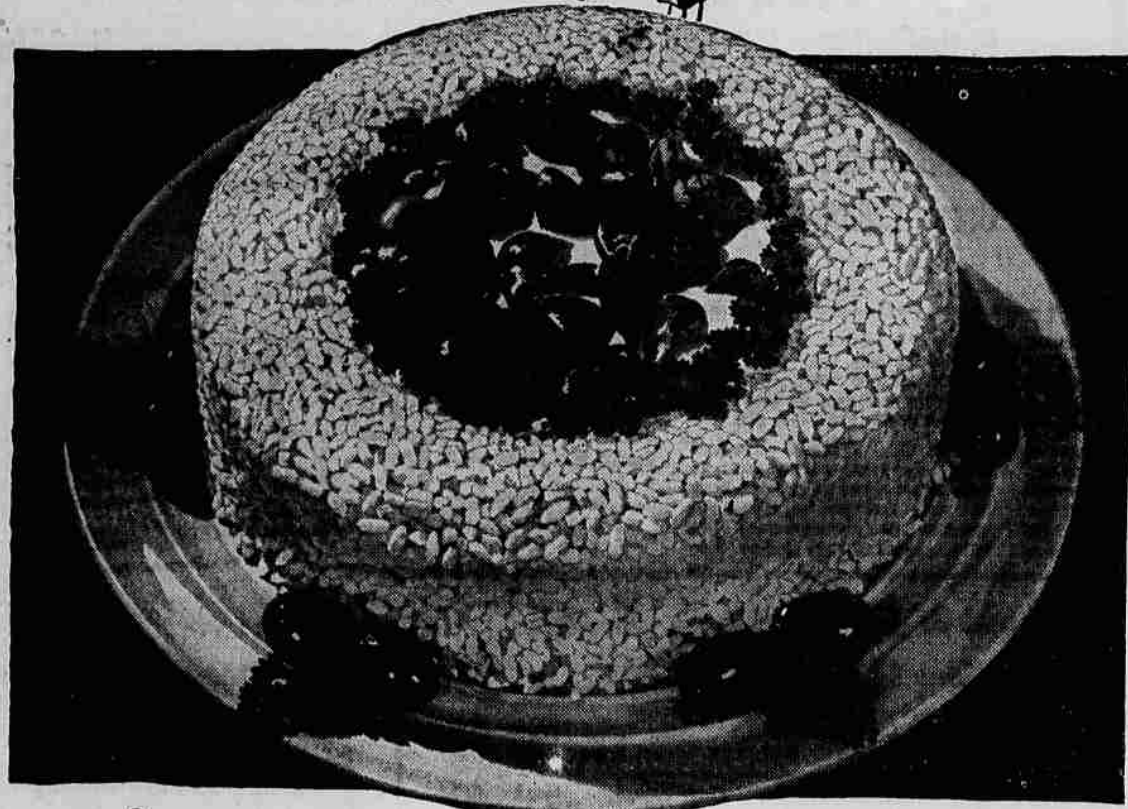
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