

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

Hoover Revives the 'Great Debate'; Association Reports on Farm Labor

GREAT DEBATE—Ex-President Herbert Hoover, in a major radio and television address, revived the "great debate" and possibly an important issue in the 1952 presidential campaign.

The 77-year-old former chief executive expressed alarm at the "dangerous overstraining of our economy by our gigantic expenditures" and urged reduction in our armies as a way to cut down on spending.

In explaining his viewpoint, he said: "The first purpose of this republic must be the defense of this final Gibraltar of freedom—that is, the Western Hemisphere."

For the home towners, who have been gravely concerned about the possibilities of war, the former president had a reassuring comment. There is a lack of alarm in Europe because of a number of reasons.

Hoover's last major speech was December 20, 1950. In it he criticized the administration's foreign policy and the handling of the Far East conflict.

The "great debate" has been revived and it will become a growing issue as this presidential year progresses.

EGYPT—King Farouk of Egypt, who is one of the most unpredictable rulers in the world, dismissed the nationalist government that had brought his country and Britain to the verge of war.

The new Premier, Maher Pasha, held the same position early in World War II and is believed to be a little less anti-British than the ousted Premier Mustapha Nahas Pasha.

Meanwhile, Cairo was put under strict military rule and martial law declared for all of Egypt.

FARM WASTE—The National Planning Association, a nonprofit, non-political organization of leaders in industry, agriculture, labor and the professions, reports the productive effort of 2,000,000 farm families in the nation is being wasted.

The association said these families are not producing for a number of reasons, including insufficient land, lack of capital, unsuitable methods, low educational standards, isolation from markets, and "static" community standards.

As for underemployment, the association reported it most pronounced in the cotton South—excluding highly mechanized areas, the southern Appalachian and Ozark mountains, the cut-over lands of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, the mountainous areas of northern New Mexico and Arizona, and the southern counties of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

CRISIS AHEAD—In a report on the government's year-old effort to hold prices and wages in line, government officials report moderate success, but warn of a crisis ahead.

Michael V. DiSalle, director of the office of price stabilization, said: "It is gratifying to realize that after a full year the cost of living has been held to a very moderate increase."

And Nathan P. Feinsinger, chairman of the wage stabilization board, said: "I believe it can fairly be said that the control of the movement of wage rates since the establishment of our program is as good if not better than hoped for by experienced and objective observers."

The latest consumer's price index by the Bureau of Labor was 189.1—or 89.1 per cent higher than the average for the 1935-1939 years.

UMT FIGHT—One of the great fights shaping up in the present congress is universal military training. Congress has approved UMT in principle, but has not authorized machinery to get it into operation.

One round of that fight took place at a house armed services committee hearing. Chairman Carl Vinson, striking back at critics of the program, denied charges that the program is un-American, anti-Christian, immoral and would lead us to financial chaos.

Said Vinson: "If it is un-American and anti-Christian to defend the greatest Christian nation in the world through a fair, effective and less costly system of military training, then I plead guilty."

He said congress must approve UMT or defeat it and explain to the taxpayers that they must maintain an armed force of millions of men for the next 20 years through operation of the draft.

Many observers believe that Congress may enact a temporary measure this session, delaying action on a permanent measure until the 83rd congress meets.

ASIA—There seemed to be a general feeling in Washington and Korea that truce talks between the Communists and United Nations' delegates is on the verge of collapse.

Meanwhile, the United States, Britain and France served plain notice they would call for United Nations action to meet any new Communist attack in southeast Asia.

Russia recently charged that the West has been building up strength along the Burmese and Indochinese frontiers for an attack on Communist China.

If nothing else, these charges and countercharges are an indication that trouble is building up in other parts of Asia.



A new experimental lightweight caliber .30 rifle has been developed by Army Ordnance. Weighing about eight pounds, the new rifle is capable of selective semi or full automatic fire from its 20-round magazine.

U. S. NEWSPAPERS

Use 60 Per Cent of World's Newsprint

According to the United Nations' 1951 yearbook, the United States used 60 per cent of the world's newsprint in 1950, but was only seventh in circulation.

The highest daily circulation in 1950, in proportion to the population, was recorded in the United Kingdom with 599 copies for each 1,000 inhabitants.

441; Denmark, 414; United States 357, and Switzerland 354.

Those countries which have suffered serious curtailment in newsprint supplies, especially England, have maintained circumstances by a drastic reduction in size.

In Burma, India and Iraq there was only a circulation of six copies of daily newspapers per thousand population, the book reported.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round BY DREW PEARSON

Military Training

IT'S a safe bet that congress will not legislate a universal military training program for 18-year-olds during the present session.

The proposed UMT bill now before congress would provide for 18 months of service, including six months of basic training, for all 18½-year-old youths in peacetime after the present selective service law has expired.

Thus, the UMT program could not be initiated in the foreseeable future, since the present selective service or draft law will not be allowed to expire during the Korean War or during any threatening crisis thereafter.

At a closed-door session of the house armed services committee recently, Chairman Carl Vinson of Georgia tried to put over a Pentagon-approved compromise whereby UMT would be launched on a trial basis with an initial force of 80,000 volunteers.

However, the Georgia congressman pulled in his ears and abandoned the scheme when he couldn't get a single solid backer among his Democratic and Republican colleagues.

Congressmen James Patterson (Conn.), Arthur Winstead (Miss.), Walter Norblad (Ore.), Clyde Doyle of California, and others pointed out that it would be impractical and costly to have a token UMT and the draft program operating simultaneously.

Eisenhower Smears

The smear which President Truman predicted for his friend Dwight Eisenhower have already started—in Maine and California. In the latter state, the so-called "Partisan Republicans," who do not otherwise identify themselves, are circulating copies of a scurrilous sheet accusing Eisenhower of being a stooge for Stalin.

Here are some typical smear quotes:

"The Communist party did not officially support Eisenhower for the presidency, but gave him a great ovation and boost at his convention in New York on May 20, 1944. Communists unanimously greeted 'three great men,' who were: Joseph Stalin, Marshal Tito and Dwight Eisenhower."

"The Soviet gangsters decorated Eisenhower with the Order of Suvorov which is given to those who serve the Soviet cause. What service did Eisenhower perform to warrant this great (?) honor? We remember that Roosevelt selected Eisenhower over 335 senior officers. Roosevelt knew that other generals would refuse to perform the pro-Soviet role which Eisenhower so obediently played."

"In the last stages of his career as president of Columbia University, Eisenhower again revealed his peculiar pro-Soviet bias. The case in point is the acceptance of \$30,000 subsidy from the Communist government of Poland by Columbia university. This subsidy was donated to further Communism."

Later Maine's Sen. Owen Brewster, a member of the Taft inner circle, got hold of the above smear sheet and helped to have it circulated in Maine.

Grain Disappears

Next scandal to explode into headlines will result from a team of government investigators now trying to trace \$3,800,000 worth of government grain that has mysteriously vanished from southwestern storage bins.

So far the investigators report: 1. Warehousemen have been peddling the taxpayers' grain for their own private profit. 2. Other warehousemen have negligently allowed grain to spoil. 3. At least 43 instances of missing grain still haven't been accounted for.

These findings have been reported to congress by Lindsay Warren's general accounting office, which checked the books of the Dallas Commodity office covering the states of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. A copy of this confidential report has been obtained by this column.

"From our examination to date," the report declares, "it appears obvious that even a conservative estimate of shortages, in grain alone, would exceed \$3,800,000."

Forced Action

Though "shortages were known to have existed in early 1951," the report complains that "action in regard to the known irregularities has had to be literally forced on the commodity office. Even after the situation had deteriorated to the extent where prominent grain operators in this area were demanding corrective action to protect the trade, the responsible administrative officials contended action on their part was unnecessary."

Farm Topics

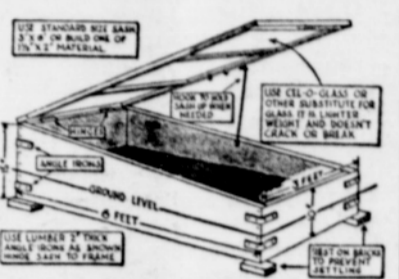
Cold Frame Is Still Best Garden Helper Most Valuable Space In Any Garden Area

The most valuable 18 square feet in any garden area is that which is covered with a cold frame. And the smaller the garden, the more rewarding will be this ancient device.

It began as a pit, some thousands of years ago. Today it is an enclosure, partly below ground, with a protective covering which admits daylight.

Anyone who can drive a nail, and operate a saw, can build a cold frame. The boards can be cut in the basement or garage, and put together in a short time as soon as possible to work outdoors.

The above illustration is a practical working-drawing of a standard one-sash cold frame. Standard glazed sash is 3 by 6 feet; but a frame can be made of any convenient dimensions, if sash of a



suitable size is available. Sash covered with transparent plastic materials will be much lighter than glazed-sash, and also will allow ultra-violet rays to pass through to the plants.

The usual practice is to sink the frame into the ground about six inches, and to pile earth around it outside, for insulation. Inside it may be filled to ground level with the best top soil available, or the floor may be covered with two or three inches of cinders or gravel, on which shallow seed boxes (flats) are placed.

Higher Production Is Goal of U.S. Farmers

Again American farmers are being called on to turn out high yields of food, feeds and fibers. The production goals recently announced by the Department of Agriculture for 1952 anticipate a total production of 4 per cent higher than the record production of 1951 and 50 per cent more than the prewar average from 1935 to 1939.

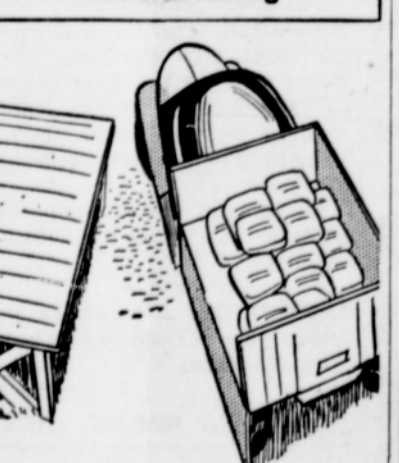
This production is being asked although farmers will have about 200,000 fewer farm workers available in 1952. During 1951, 400,000 workers left the farms. About 80 per cent went to work in other industries. Armed forces took the other 20 per cent.

Production at the goal level will require increased yields per acre in all major crops, and selective acreage expansion in those most needed to insure our economic stability in these pressing times.

The task for farmers is made more difficult because their need for fertilizers will be far greater than the supply. At the same time farm machinery production in 1952 will be considerably less than farmers desire.

The Department of Agriculture will do all it can to offset these shortages, but such scarcities are a warning signal to the American farmer.

Easier Loading



A farmer handy with tools can make a drop-side to his wagon or truck as illustrated above with a few pieces of scrap iron and a length of pipe. It will save considerable trouble loading and unloading, especially when the truck is pulled close to a loading platform.

Essentials for Ideal Farm Life Are Listed

An Oregon rural life committee, after a statewide survey, came up with the following nine essentials for the "ideal" farm home: (1) Adequate income, (2) time to enjoy life, (3) a family goal, (4) family love and understanding, (5) religious education and spiritual values, (6) parental recognition of opportunity, (7) ability to build character in children, (8) evaluation of ideals, and (8) belief in family.

SPORTSCOPE By Joe MAHONEY

TOD SLOAN SENSATIONAL CENTER OF THE TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS, REACHED THE VAUNTED 30-GOAL MARK IN HIS FIRST FULL ROOKIE SEASON. IN 1950-51 HE BANGED HOME 31 GOALS, BECOMING THE FOURTH PLAYER IN LEAF HISTORY TO HIT THAT SCORING PEAK.

SPORTLIGHT

Selecting the Top Football Coach

By GRANTLAND RICE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal.—Who should be named as the top football coach of all time? I have a hunch that if this query should ever be put to a national vote the winner would be Knute Rockne. The Rock was one of the greatest.

"That would be on account of Rockne's rare personality," a veteran coach out this way said, "not because of his coaching ability, which was not abnormal."

They have two candidates out this way along the Pacific's placid rim. The two are Glen (Pop) Warner and Alonzo Stagg. "Warner and Stagg," an old-timer of considerable repute says, "were great inventors as well as great coaches."

Between them they gave the game something beyond all others—the single wing, the double wing, the direct pass to the ball carrier, the spiral pass from center, early use of the "forward pass as a real offensive weapon, these and many other things that all other coaches used later.

Both Warner and Stagg had new and baffling formations they alone devised and used. Knute Rockne was a great all-around coach, where his personality counted immensely, but he never gave anything to football to be compared with Pop and Lonnie. Think what these two gave to great teams as well as to all teams."

Pop Warner had star teams at Carlisle, Pittsburgh, Stanford and Temple. Stagg worked at Chicago until he was 70, when the retirement rule sent him to the College of the Pacific. Stagg has been a coach for over 60 years and is still on a working job. Pop Warner retired after a career that began in 1895 and ended only a few years ago. Certainly Pop's single- and double-wing attack has been the most famous in football—far overshadowing the loud heralded T. Nearly all of the top teams used the single and double wing this season. Princeton, Tennessee, Maryland (plus other varieties), UCLA (the strongest November team on the West Coast), Michigan State, etc.

"I would be delighted," Pop told me, "to have two squads practiced even in playing strength. Let any other coach use the T on one squad while I used the single and double wing. I think it would be a slaughter—against the T."

If ever such a contest was staged, I would love to be on hand to take it in.

The Amateur Angle Devereux Milburn, the famous polo player, never believed in amateur sport. He always liked the polo method of rating all alike. I agreed with Dev Milburn on most of his slants, but not quite all.

There should be a place for an amateur sport, where those who have to work for a living and play games for fun can compete on even terms. The amateur isn't supposed to compete evenly with the professional.

They'll all tell you a football player, above everything else, must love the game. This is a number one must. Then why must he get paid to play it?

I'll say one thing in behalf of the paid college athlete. It costs at least five times—maybe ten times—as much to go through college today as it once cost.

How to Fix It BY HAROLD ARNETT



A MITTEN FASTENED WITH SAFETY PINS INSIDE THE JACKET MAKES AN EXCELLENT TEMPORARY POCKET. THIS CAN BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL WHILE HUNTING OR FISHING.

Car Comfort Is Aim of Americans

Americans cheerfully spend about two-billion dollars a year to give their cars "the comforts of home," says Carol Lane, the noted feminine authority on car comfort.

Today's passenger car can be converted into a home-on-wheels with every convenience except indoor plumbing, she points out.

Miss Lane covers 56,000 miles a year as women's travel director of an oil company, ferreting out ideas and testing gadgets that add to the family's driving enjoyment.

Without leaving the driver's seat, the motorist can reach into a portable refrigerator for a cold snack, tuck baby into an inflatable crib, write memos on a desk attached to the steering column, or make a phone call. There are collapsible pots, cutlery, stoves, tables and chairs that nestle compactly in the trunk. Or an expandable "bedroom" for three that perches securely on the car roof, to mention a few of the conveniences available.

The average new car owner spends about \$230 on such standard motoring comforts as a radio, heater, seat-covers, automatic window-washer and extra mirrors, Miss Lane says. Owners of older cars invest from \$50 to \$100 on a variety of gadgets ranging from a plug-in baby bottle warmer to a heated steering wheel for winter-thaws.

And in some states, where it's legal, the motoring family can enjoy TV in their cars too!



Night Coughing Quickly Relieved by Home Mixture

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This splendid recipe is used by millions because it makes such an effective medicine for coughs due to colds. It's so easy to mix—a child could do it.

From any drugstore get 2½ ounces of Pinex, a special compound of proven ingredients, in concentrated form, well-known for its soothing effect on throat and bronchial irritations.

Then make a syrup with two cups of granulated sugar and one cup of water. No cooking needed. Or you can use corn syrup or liquid honey, instead of sugar syrup.

Put the Pinex into a pint bottle and fill up with your syrup. This makes a full pint of cough medicine, very effective and quick-acting, and you get about four times as much for your money. It never spoils, and children love its pleasant taste.

This cough syrup takes hold of coughs, giving quick relief. It loosens phlegm, soothes irritated membranes, helps clear air passages. Money refunded if Pinex doesn't please.

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"For thirty years, I took so many kinds of pills and laxatives to relieve constipation. Since I started eating ALL-BRAN every day, those troubles are over," says busy Bethany, Mo., woman. If you, too, suffer from irregularity due to lack of dietary bulk, try toasty ALL-BRAN. It's helped thousands to regain youthful regularity. Rich in iron, high in cereal protein, provides essential B and D vitamins. Not habit-forming. It's the only type ready-to-eat cereal that supplies all the bulk you may need. Eat ½ cup every day; drink plenty of liquids. If you're not completely satisfied after 10 days, send empty carton to Kellogg's, Battle Creek, Mich., and get DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK!

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