

### CONGRESS URGED TO COMPROMISE ON FARM BOARD

By Frank I. Weller (Associated Press Farm Editor)

WASHINGTON (AP)—Those who believe deletion of the export debit plan will remove the last obstacle to rapid enactment of farm relief legislation expect congress to compromise on the question of farm board membership.

The house bill calls for six members and the senate bill for 12.

There is little sentiment one way or the other among farm groups. They suggest congress make it eight or nine and hurry the measure to the President for his signature.

Odds favor a board of six members including the chairman, with the secretary of agriculture an ex-officio member. That is the house plan, which has the support of the administration and which has made more progress than the senate bill.

President Hoover is represented as favoring a minimum number. Fewer members would make fewer \$12,000-a-year salaries to pay and add to the mobility of the board.

It is understood the President wants a compact, swift-moving organization at the head of farm relief structure. A multitude of momentous problems are expected to be before the board constantly.

All-powerful and holding the success or failure of farm relief in its hand, the board, it is argued, can operate more efficiently if its mechanism is less complicated.

The senate bill provided there shall be on the board one member from each of the 12 federal land bank districts.

Agricultural organizations express no choice in the matter other than that the members, whether six or 12, be men who have been prominently connected with farm affairs from a producing or marketing standpoint.

They are chiefly concerned about the chairman, whose genius is depended upon to guide the board and whose salary is to be fixed by the President.

There has been considerable negotiation for the President, with the advice and consent of the senate, to select an outstanding marketing specialist and pay him any reasonable salary he may demand. Farm groups favor a specialist, provided he be a specialist in marketing farm produce, but believe his salary should not exceed \$15,000 a year.

The President has declined to discuss farm board personnel or applicants until he signs a farm relief bill.

### TO BROADCAST SCHOOL CONTEST

WASHINGTON (AP)—Speeches of the eight regional competitors in the contest here for the high school oratorical championship of the United States will be broadcast over the Columbia network May 25.

In addition to the radio transmission, the speech of the national champion will be recorded in talking motion pictures, according to Randolph Leigh, director general of the contest. Arrangements have been made to release the film to theaters in every English speaking nation.

Similar full-length pictures and vocal records will be made of each of the 24 national champions who will compete for the right to enter the international finals here next October, Mr. Leigh says.

The foreign speeches will be released in the nations in which their languages are spoken.

The international contest probably will be broadcast throughout the United States and to many other nations by short wave relay.

**Goldfish**

There are two facts that owners of live goldfish need to know. One is that fish, in general, live where there is plenty of shade and their eyelids are entirely absent. Therefore, when fish are put into transparent globes which admit all the light there is, and from all directions at once, fish cannot cover their eyes and cannot find a shady place in which to hide. Small objects, such as water plants, floating pieces of wood, and stones, or "castles" sold by stores, can be put into the globes to make shadows.

The other is that there is air in the water where fish live in nature. Aerated water is a necessity for life for fish. Water in globes is still and free from air and needs aerating by means of water plants and fresh-poured water. The use of a syringe forcing bubbles into the water is still better. Growing water plants are most desirable.

The water must be changed regularly. Fish in still water in globes swim around with gaping mouths, gasping for breath, and may soon actually smother for lack of air.

People who enjoy seeing fish in globes and who allow children to enjoy watching them, will do well to consider the virtue of kindness to animals, even toward goldfish. They may, on second thoughts, decide that the possible injury to children when amused by the sight of live animals in confinement in unnatural conditions, is of even more importance than consideration of fish.

These statements of fact have been verified by one of the highest authorities on fish.—Western Press Committee.

### MICHIGAN'S QUEEN OF BLOSSOMS



Miss Lillian Shepherd, of Battle Creek, Mich., will be crowned Michigan queen at the picturesque Michigan festival at Benton Harbor.

### NEW STYLES ONLY FOR VERY SLENDER

PARIS (AP)—One of two things is surely going to happen in the fashion world. Normal waisted tuck-in blouses are going to be the fancy of the few and ultra slender, or boned corsets which assist the wearer to the fashionable flat front are going to come back.

Cries of horror can be heard in dress shops when Mrs. Average Client starts to try on one of the new tuck-in blouse suits with belted skirt. Those suits look so slim and nonchalant on the mannequins.

But on the average woman bulges and rolls where lines should be smooth and straight decide her very quickly to stick to one piece costumes with belts at the modified waistline. There still are plenty of hip lined belted frocks left in fashionable showings.

The old fashioned word embonpoint is revived for obscurity in saleswomen's vocabularies. With tactful references to fannegans who now appear to be stomachless as well as hipless, they manage to convey the idea that skirts with normal waistlines should not be attempted without preliminary work with a massage roller.

WELLINGTON, N. Z. (AP)—Borings for oil in New Zealand continue, but without striking petroleum in commercial quantities except at Moturoa, where a steady flow has been found. There is a theory that New Zealand is in an oil belt passing through Burma, the East Indies and New Guinea.

BERLIN (AP)—The first German attempt at American standardization in men's clothing caused a 20 per cent reduction in retail prices here.

A chain of stores under a central management uses "American style" quantity production and sells ready-made suits at rates substantially lower than those of any of the Berlin tailors. The standardized suits are finding a ready market.

Sunflowers for Bean Poles

How one thinking farmer has solved the bean-pole problem is amusingly told in The Farm Journal. He no longer scours his own premises and the countryside for a sufficient number of slender sticks, but uses the simple expedient of planting sunflowers along with the beans. He finds that the sunflower stalks not only provide excellent poles for the beans to climb, but that their seed makes good chicken feed. And after the bean crop is gathered the sunflower stalks can be plowed under into the soil.

PRAGUE (AP)—The film censorship of the ministry of the interior of Czechoslovakia in 1928 viewed 200 motion pictures and cut out 6,000,000 feet of film. Political as well as immoral grounds actuated the judgments, and 29 German films were banned altogether.

### Zeppelin Passenger



Baroness Lili Hatvany of Hungary, playwright and short story writer, is coming to the United States in May on the second transatlantic voyage of the Graf Zeppelin to see Ethel Barrymore act in "The Love Duel," the baroness' first play to reach Broadway.

### Press Comment

**Increase On the Air**

Wisely, we are convinced, the federal radio commission declined to refuse the programs of the cigarette manufacturers access to the radio. The idea that cigarettes are instruments of the devil has been pretty well exploded. Many saintly persons, together with great numbers of statesmen, engineers, editors, jurists and even fundamentalists, use them habitually or occasionally, and the vital statistics do not indicate that they die before their time or are impaired morally by the habit. Sir Walter Raleigh, who introduced the use of tobacco into England, died, it is true, before his time, but he died of a sharper medicine than nicotine poisoning. As great a literary favorite as Robert Louis Stevenson, in one of his travel stories, spoke of "deifying tobacco," meaning cigarettes. General Grant did not smoke cigarettes, it is true, but he was a habitual cigar smoker. And dire as have been the predictions as to what would happen to women if they persisted in cigarette smoking, there has been no well authenticated case of any of their number going to perdition because of the practice. It is only, we believe, a bigot who would listen with alarm to a radio program which, after providing an entertaining concert, closed with the announcement that it was sponsored and paid for by a leading cigarette manufacturer.—New York Herald.

**Why Four Pigs in Nine Die**

Four pigs out of every nine die before they reach a marketable age, according to C. D. Lowe, department of agriculture expert. The chief cause of the loss, he says, is poor judgment in selecting the sow that gives them birth, and in seeing that she gets the proper exercise and diet. Unclean quarters after the litter is born is a secondary, but important, cause of additional losses.

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### New Inventions

To warn the driver when his tires need inflating, a metal tickler has been introduced. It operates on the same principle as the toy noise makers that produce a loud sound when they are bent and straightened. The metal piece is inserted under the rim and extends down over the outside of the casing. When the tire becomes deflated and sags to the danger point, the bulge causes the signal to give a loud clicking sound with each revolution of the wheel. —Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Easily attached to the brim of the hat, an adjustable shade is intended to shield the wearer's eyes from the glare of automobile headlights.

Clearing a wider area, an improved type of windshield wiper operates with a sweeping action and cleans nearly the entire top of the glass. This is said to cause less interference with the vision.

Fitted with eight water-tight compartments, a non-sinkable life boat introduced in England will hold 150 persons. The craft has performed satisfactorily in tests.

For sharpening threading dies, a grinding wheel run by a high-speed motor, has been introduced. It turns at more than 400 revolutions per second, the fast rate being attained by the special motor and frequency changer, which converts 60-cycle current into 420 cycles.

Flares that will burn for 20 minutes and produce a bright glow have been introduced to fill the need of better emergency illumination on intermediate landing fields and to warn and flag aviators.

### On Friendship

By William Penn

1. A true friend unbosoms freely, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously, and continues a friend unchangeably.

2. Those being the qualities of a friend, we are to find them before we choose one.

3. If short, choose a friend as thou dost a wife, till death separate you.

4. If we find not friendship at home, or have no home to find it in, we may seek it abroad. It is a union of spirits, a marriage of hearts, and the bond thereof is virtue.

5. There can be no friendship where there is no freedom. Friendship loves a free air, and will not be penned up in straight and narrow enclosures. It will speak freely, and act so, too; and taking nothing ill, where no ill is meant; nay, where it is, it will easily forgive, and forget, too.

6. Friends are true twins in soul; they sympathize in everything, and have the same love and aversion.

7. One is not happy without the other; nor can either of them be miserable alone. As if they could change bodies, they take their turns in pain as well as in pleasure, relieving one another in their most adverse conditions.

8. What one enjoys, the other cannot want. Like the primitive Christians, they have all things in common, and no property, but in one another.

Quebec Mines Gold

NEW YORK (AP) Future shipments of gold from Canada may contain some freshly mined metal from the new gold mine in Quebec province 45 miles up the Huron river from Amos. Operations were started early this year and the first shipment, valued at \$25,000, has just reached the mint in Ottawa.