

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
About 100 miles west of Tucson, traveling east on Highway 80, one runs into the western edge of the Arizona-New Mexico cotton belt.

Thereby hangs a tale. It is a tale of what happens when supply and demand agriculture is abandoned and political agriculture is substituted therefore. All in all, it is a sad tale.

**THIS** desert cotton country, judged on visible evidence, is a highly prosperous country. Its soil is deep and rich, and it is beautifully hand. Every few miles there are fertilizer warehouses, offering their testimony as to heavy use of fertilizer. The machinery in use is obviously the very last word. The farmsteads are modern in appearance—although uniformly far apart, thus bearing witness to the fact that corporation farming, rather than individual family farming, is the rule here.

**THE** towns, without exception, are prosperous. Their business districts are clean and well kept. The streets are parked full of glittering new automobiles. The used car lots are stocked with recent models, indicating that people trade in their cars on new ones every two or three years. Cadillacs and Lincolns and Chrysler Imperials are by no means the rule, but they are by no means the exception. The windows are full of new and modern merchandise.

The school buildings are new, indicating large recent growth in the population, with a consequent need for new schools. There is every possible sign that this desert cotton country is well-to-do and up and coming.

**WHY** is that bad? Well, it is a long story. I can sketch only the rough outlines of it here.

To begin with, this beautiful long-staple desert cotton, perhaps the finest in the world, doesn't depend primarily upon DEMAND FOR USE. It isn't sold basically on open bid and take market, where users of cotton vie with each other in their offerings.

Its primary customer is the federal government of the United States, which buys it NOT for use in industry but for STORAGE IN GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSES. The government guarantees a price that is attractive enough to keep people growing cotton, regardless of the state of the cotton market.

Let's take it bluntly. This high guaranteed price isn't offered to stimulate the production of more cotton to meet the consumptive demands of the United States and the world for cotton fiber. It is offered to induce cotton farmers to VOTE RIGHT.

That is the long and the short of it.

**LET'S** take a look here at two tragic facts:

1. The American cotton industry is a slowly dying industry.

**SUCH** are the consequences of POLITICAL farming.

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**The Abernathy Kids**  
To the Editor: One of the most heroic deeds accomplished by two young brothers named Abernathy, one twelve, the other nine years old, chose to ride horses to Oyster Bay, N. Y., from their ranch home near Tulsa, Okla., to meet their famous hero, Teddy Roosevelt, then President. Not being dismayed from their long trek, it was after returning to their home, they outfitted two saddle horses and faced west to Los Angeles in 1911.

This journey ended safe, yet was filled with horror and sleepless night under the shining stars. After several months on horse back they reached their city of dreams—Hollywood. After a short rest the two youngsters appeared on a movie theater stage. It was one of the most interesting talks of adventure ever listened to, from two young scouts riding along the old Santa Fe Trail. The younger one was more realistic, telling how the wolves howled around their camp at night where the two were in their sleeping bags on

the ground near their horses to assure their safety and protection. It was a regular routine at night for the wildcats, coyotes and wolves roaming the moonlit planes to howl their shrill chorus for many weeks in the wide open spaces.

The two young travelers never did get reconciled to a band of ravenous varmints that followed them so closely for weeks on end.

We have wondered if the two brothers are still living, and retelling today's youth about their exploits on their trip far from their old home and across the vast prairies that spanned the west two score and five years ago. The spirit of adventure in their young lives then was a dare, to do, and avoid danger was a marvel.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman, Medford, Ore.

Synthetic fibers in 1950 accounted for more than one out of every five pounds of textile fibers used in the U.S., a new high mark at that time.

## As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

### Possessive Men Are Not Good Husband Material

Most women of today resent being told what to do and how to do it. For such women, the possessive type of man makes poor husband material.

(Q) "My father died when I was still in high school, and my mother felt she could not afford to send me to college because I have two younger brothers. So, when I graduated from high school, I got a job and helped support the family. As my mother has not been well lately, I have had most of the responsibility of the home and my brothers on my shoulders as well as my work."

"Now, my problem is this. I have been going with a man who has wants to marry me. He is kind, considerate, and will be a good provider. But he is very possessive. He wants me all to himself and has said my family will have to get along the best they can after we are married as he won't share me with them. He talks that way about my girl friends, also. Lately, he has been telling me what to do and how to do it, as if I hadn't had to make decisions and carry them out by myself for years. Do you think this is just his way of showing me he loves me and wants to take care of me, or does it mean he is a jealous person?"

B. R.  
(A) I am sure this man loves you or he would not have asked you to marry him. And, he doubtless feels sorry for such a young person having such heavy responsibilities. But, I am afraid there is more to his possessiveness than just that.

From what you have said, it sounds very much as if he were unsure of himself and his ability to hold your love. This feeling is being expressed in his jealousy of your family and friends. That is why he wants to keep you all to himself.

Are you sure you could be happy with such a possessive man? You are disturbed by his possessiveness now, but I can assure you it will not get better

should you marry him. Think seriously whether you want to cut yourself off from your family and friends and be at the beck and call of one person before you say "yes."

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**Terry Moore Weds Insurance Broker**  
Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Terry Moore was married secretly last New Year's day in Las Vegas, Nev., to Eugene C. McGrath, 33-year-old insurance broker of Panama City, Panama, her mother said today.

Mrs. Lamar Koford, mother of the 26-year-old actress, said the marriage was kept secret until now because "my new son-in-law is not used to Hollywood publicity." She said the newlyweds are now honeymooning in Caracas, Venezuela.

Miss Moore reportedly pulled off "the big surprise" by signing her real name, Helen Luella Koford, in obtaining her marriage license in Nevada. The brief ceremony was performed by Las Vegas Judge A. S. Henderson at his home.

Mrs. Koford said her daughter met McGrath, a Navy lieutenant commander in World War II, when he was here on business three months ago.

**Two U of O Professors Edit Source Materials**  
Eugene — Two books of primary source material for freshman English published recently were edited by Roland Bartel and Edwin R. Bingham, University of Oregon faculty members.

Bartel and Bingham were co-editors of "America Through Foreign Eyes 1827-1842." Bartel edited "Johnson's London." Both books are intended to provide research material for freshman composition papers.

Portland — (U.P.) — Jan Harman, Vancouver, Wash., school teacher, won the women's title here yesterday in the annual Rose City bowling classic with a score of 1128. Pocatello, Ida., won the team trophy with a score of 2878.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

## Morse To Seek Restoration of 90 Per Cent Parity

Salem — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), has promised to fight for a restoration of 90 per cent parity on farm commodities when he returns to Washington, D.C.

Morse told the Oregon State Farmers Union convention Saturday that the policy of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson of lowering support prices had led to a "depression" among a large segment of the farm population.

He said the "difficulties that you face as farmers are not yours alone. It would be serious enough if they were but your perplexities are of vital importance to every businessman, every working man and woman and every consumer in the country."

Delegates returned Harley Libby, Jefferson, as president with Dewey Cummins, Dallas, reelected vice-president. Darrel Shepherd of Scio won a place on the executive board as did Joe Bern of Mt. Angel.

The delegates debated for near an hour on whether to endorse Morse as a candidate for reelection. A motion to that effect was once passed then recalled for reconsideration.

A substitute motion endorsing the senator's "action on our farm policies" finally was adopted. Other resolutions passed by the session included: Recommendation of a lieutenant governor for Oregon, reiterated the organization's objection to a sales tax and approved the building of a federal dam at Hells canyon.

Cairo, Egypt — (U.P.) — Twenty-two school children drowned Sunday when a ferry boat capsized in a canal near Mansoura on the Damietta branch of the Nile. The victims included 12 boys and 10 girls, who took the ferry because an old bridge spanning the canal was closed for repairs.

## Explosion Rips Packing Plant

Toledo, O. — (U.P.) — An explosion and fire ripped a mid-town meat packing plant today, destroying four buildings.

Police said one man was known dead and that two others were missing and presumed dead. Officers said all others involved in the blast had been accounted for.

The body of Paul Borchering, 54, was recovered from the heaped rubble that once was the three story Beagle meat packing plant. He was a plant employee.

James Libhart, 41, and Melvin Kegelman, was missing and presumed dead. They also were employees of the company.

Stanley Damschroeder, 40, was blown clear of the collapsing building by the blast. He said he lit a cigarette at the door of a refrigerator and "everything went haywire."

Fire Chief Arnold Papenhagen estimated total damage at more than \$1,000,000.

Also leveled, besides the packing plant, were the St. Louis restaurant, the Lutheran Book shop and the unoccupied Stanley J. Brown building.

There are about 15,000 banks in the U. S. today as compared with about 30,000 during the early 1920's.

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## Chinese Girl Joins Foster Mother in US

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — A 21-year-old Chinese girl has joined her foster mother after a five-year effort to bring her to this country.

The foster mother, Miss Charlotte Cobb of Milwaukee, reared Young Lotus Blossom in China's Kwang Tun Province while Miss Cobb was doing Baptist missionary work there. The child, whose English name is Jessie Mae, abandoned by her parents, was given to Miss Cobb's care one day after her birth.

When Miss Cobb returned to this country five years ago, Jessie Mae was left in Hong Kong in a Baptist school. The Chinese girl was finally allowed to enter the United States through efforts by Miss Cobb and her friends.

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