

'Price Support Loss On Spuds to Cause '50 Production Cut

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Farmers with a price support loss of \$60,000,000 on surplus potatoes this year, the government today asked growers to cut production further next year.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan announced a 1950 program providing for a reduction of about seven per cent in the planting allotment for commercial areas and a lower dollar-and-cents price support.

He set a 1950 production goal of about 335,000,000 bushels.

This year's crop is estimated at 387,000,000 while the 1948 crop totaled 445,000,000.

Support Cost
It cost the department about \$230-

U.S. Wife Aids Needy In Egypt

MEHALA, Egypt (AP)—A campus romance led one American girl into having a "family of 2500."

It resulted in her becoming one of the most successful women in the fabled kingdom of Egypt—and a pioneer in Middle East social welfare.

The woman is Mrs. Mona Francis Sidky of San Mateo and San Francisco, Calif.

She has the fancy title of "Technical adviser on social welfare" to the giant Mir Spinning and Weaving mills here and to the Farouk I Foundation for Child Welfare in Alexandria.

What it means is that she has a "family of 2500" to look after.

Overseer

She is the overseer for the model town built by the Mir firm. There 550 families totaling 1300 people, and 800 single men are living under clean, modern conditions never before known by the Egyptian working class.

In Alexandria she supervises 150 resident children, 150 more who live in private homes, and 100 illegitimate Egyptian babies.

The story of Mrs. Sidky's success in Egypt began with a real life romance halfway across the world on the University of California campus. There Mona Francis Smith fell in love with and married a fellow student—Dr. Sidky, an Egyptian.

When he returned to Egypt he brought his wife with him. Now Dr. Sidky is a professor of food technology at Farouk I university, Alexandria. But in this Moslem country where women usually stay in the background his American wife has become one of the best known and most respected women in Egypt.

First she learned to read and write Arabic fluently. Then she began to utilize the knowledge gained in her sociological studies.

Excited
Mrs. Sidky, who has three children of her own, is especially excited about her own job here in Mehala.

"It's the most revolutionary social development in the Middle East—a really exciting job," she said. "The management is kind, alert and far sighted. As a result of their social welfare program among the workmen, absenteeism is going down, health improving and productivity per man hour is shooting up. Everyone—worker and management—is happy."

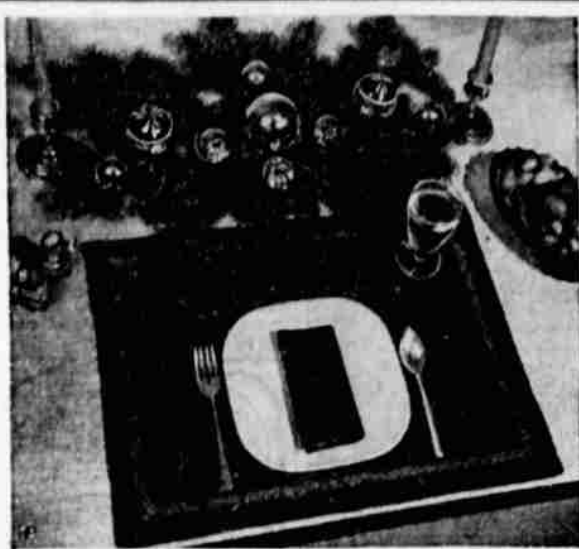
The development she looks after is one of the most modern in the world. It includes apartments, which rent for as little as \$1.20 monthly; community restaurants, which feed a worker three meals for a total of about 15 cents daily; bath houses; clubs, athletic associations, and a motion picture house.

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out in tail coats and floor-sweeping formal.

Gold and the new uranium gray were favored colors, and materials were rich and luxurious, with a predominance of heavy satins and changeable taffetas. Two-material combinations, such as satin skirts with chiffon drapery, and two-color combinations, usually two pastels, were frequent.

For a people who do not like cocktails, the French have taken with enthusiasm to cocktail frocks, or short evening dresses. A stand-

out at the ballet was one of gray lace, with many paneled layers of skirt ending in points just below the calf.

LOG DRIVES END

NEWPORT, Wash., Nov. 17 (AP)—There will be no more Priest river log drives. The colorful event, one of the last in the nation, has been abandoned as too costly. Robert W. Billings, forester for the Diamond Match company, said.

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West Coast Products Run Long, Short

Oregon and Pacific coast are short on chickens and eggs but long on turkeys, honey, and some other animal products, according to the Agricultural Outlook circular just issued by the Oregon State college extension service and now available from county extension agents.

A large part of the chicken meat and egg requirements of the greatly expanded Pacific coast population has been shipped in from the mid-west in recent years. Feed shortages prevented Oregon poultrymen from maintaining war-time increases in chicken numbers even when egg prices were quite favorable. Feed is more plentiful now but egg prices are expected to be lower and competition with producers from other areas will be keen, the report cautions.

Advantage
The recent market shift from east to west coast gives Oregon egg producers a new advantage over mid-west farmers. This is partly offset by loss of much former advantage

in rate of lay. During the last ten years, production per hen has increased faster in other states than in Oregon.

Midwest and eastern production is important in the outlook for turkeys. As long as the best market for surplus Oregon turkey meat is on the east coast, producers in this state will be in direct competition

with those in lower cost feed areas closer to eastern markets.

Good Markets
Yet the report says the number of turkeys raised in Oregon in 1949 looks about right for 1950. Turkey numbers in other states are expected to decrease somewhat. Western hatcheries, however, have proved good markets for high quality turkey and chicken eggs but demand in the season ahead is expected to be smaller than last spring.

Prices of two specialty animal products, mohair and honey, will be supported by the government for the first time in 1950.

This outlook report also points out that fur and game farming looks brighter and that horses and mules

are becoming scarce on Oregon farms. Copies of the report, Oregon Outlook Circular No. 6, are available from county extension offices or the college.

LAMP SHADES HURT HISTORY

READING. ENR. (AP)—Lampshades are playing havoc with British history. Lt. Col. G. E. C. Malet, registrar of the national register of archives, told Reading university students. He lamented the custom of using "old deeds, with interesting examples of old writing and historic signatures and seals, to make lampshades. Every one of them 'tears a rent, however small, in the history of our country,' he claimed.

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