

DON'T BLAME THE FARMER

An Editorial

As everyone knows, the U. S. farmer is the most productive on earth. One farmer now produces enough to feed 45 persons as compared with 15 in 1948. The American farmer has increased his productiveness through the use of new techniques, hybridization of plants and animals and other advances that are products of agricultural research.

Logically, people wonder why, if output per farmer has increased so dramatically, food prices are so high. The truth is, as Mr. Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, points out that the U. S. farmer, to achieve his efficiency, "— has had to increase his purchased inputs such as fertilizers, chemicals, machinery, and other equipment. These inputs make up more than half of the total resources that are used in farming and explain why farmers are so hard hit by spiraling inflation —".

Food costs as a percentage of our disposable income have declined from 23 per cent in 1951 to 17 per cent in 1968. If anything, the farmer deserves a higher reward for his efforts than he has been receiving. Individually, his productivity has been rising in relation to his earnings, while of late, the productivity relative to wages of those in many other lines of activity has been declining.

NO LIMIT TAX PLAN!

An Editorial

In a humorous vein, columnist Mike Royko asks, "What'll Uncle Sam do when taxes reach 100 per cent?" His rhetorical question, though facetious, has a hard grain of seriousness considering the spending philosophy that the nation has lived with for several decades. The idea has been that government helps people by raising their taxes. So why shouldn't taxes eventually reach the 100 per cent level? Theoretically, the government could then give away more than ever before, and people would receive the ultimate in help.

The point Mr. Royko makes is that after taxes reach 100 per cent, how does the government then continue to help people after they are flat broke. Mr. Royko quotes hypothetical economists of the future who suggest ways out of the dilemma. These mythical economists believe we could sell off or pawn the Air Force or the Navy at a good price. Another of Mr. Royko's imaginary economists believes our government could help run some other countries — do a little moonlighting on the side. To the question, "Do you think anybody would hire us?", this economist answered, "Are you kidding? With our experience?" Nothing is too fanciful in a nation that sets no limit on taxation to help people.

RETURN TO FIRST PRINCIPLE

An Editorial

Not long ago, Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York urged scrapping of the present welfare system. In its place, Mr. Lindsay recommends a system "— which rewards families who work/and encourages them to work." He warns that the present system encourages welfare recipients to avoid employment.

Thus, it is recognized that the all-important factor — incentive, is as essential to a successful welfare system as it is in any other human endeavor. Incentive — the profit motive — is what makes industries, as well as individuals progress. Where there is no incentive or profit, there is failure. Those who criticize profits are advocates of failure. The incentive of profit is as important to business and to American workers as it is to a successful welfare system. Mayor Lindsay's idea of rewarding families who work is but a return to a first principle of human existence — a principle too often derided by vote seekers and militants of every stripe.

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50 YEARS AGO

August 18, 1918

J. H. Backus, Publisher. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker and Carol Tucker left Thursday morning in company with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilcox of Hornell, Tonawanda, N. H., where they will enjoy a six weeks vacation among the Old-New Hampshire Hills.

A company of friends made Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones a surprise visit Tuesday, July 24th. The occasion being their thirtieth wedding anniversary, Mrs. Jones was presented a finger ring with a pearl setting and Mr. Jones with a pearl handled pocket knife.

Miss Estelle Richardson received word Monday of the death of her only brother, Arthur B. Lewis of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Nellie Leahy and Michael Casey were united in marriage Monday by Rev. J. J. Sheehy.

Henry Eggert returned last week to his home in Hoboken, N. J., after a visit at the home of his son, Henry Eggert, Jr., of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Alfred Station are visiting at the home of their son, Will Green and family of Elm Valley.

Misses Evelyn and Elizabeth Pardon and Miss Margaret Padden visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hyland near Independence from Tuesday until Wednesday evening.

Miss Nellie Brown of Canisteo is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. S. Scribner this week.

40 YEARS AGO

August 9, 1928

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers. Miss Doris Austin and Herman Snyder of Elm Valley, were united in marriage Monday, August 5th by Rev. A. Clyde Ehret.

At the Annual School Meeting held Tuesday evening, Mrs. Floyd Farwell was elected trustee in place of Mrs. Floye Lever, who resigned.

Al Brown died at his home on Chestnut Street Wednesday, August 7.

The Gee reunion was held at Island Park, Wellsville, Sunday, August 4th, with 105 in attendance.

Charles Robinson left Monday with a party of eight by auto, to visit his son, Harland and family at Midwest, Wyoming.

Mrs. L. Roy Davis has returned to her home on Davis Hill after a visit with her sister, Mrs. James Gibson of Nile.

Mrs. Carrie Slade came from Newark, N. J., to spend a few days with her son, Clarke and wife. She expects to return to Newark, Saturday.

Miss Helen Clarke of Little Genesee and George Burdick of Iowa, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence.

Mrs. Tom Vernon and three children of Middletown, N. Y., were guests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Clarke of Independence.

Miss Mary Etta Spicer of Independence, spent Wednesday until Friday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Spicer of Whitesville.

30 YEARS AGO

August 11, 1938

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers. The Misses Winifred Wentworth Louise Rogers and Edna Joyce spent last week at Cuba Lake. Mrs. Carl Childs was their guest over the week-end.

The new hall of the C and M. A. Church in the Vars block on Main Street was dedicated Sunday. Rev. H. E. Wilson, pastor, was in charge.

Miss Eleanor DeRogier left Saturday for New York City enroute to Turkey after spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRogier and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monroe are parents of a son, Francis Charles, born Thursday, August 3rd. Village workmen are busy this

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

The West Jasper Wesleyan Church Sunday School are holding Bible School for two weeks starting August 11th.

Redmond Goodno spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Blanche Goodno.

Mrs. Margaret Fehl of Hornell, has resigned her position as social studies teacher in Greenwood Central School to go with her husband, Rev. Samuel Fehl to his new college at Amsterdam.

Mrs. George Rollins entertained Mrs. Florence Korn of Canisteo, Mrs. Ruth Daley of Hornell, Mrs. Marion Eckert of Arkport, at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Louann Salen of Lyndonville and friends were calling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rogers and Jerome, Sunday.

The Murray apartment which is being remodeled is progressing very well under the management of the owner Stanley Murray. It will be ready for occupancy September 1st. It is rented to a family from New Jersey, who will be working at Scott's Star Dairy in Canisteo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gosnell of Pittsburgh, Pa., spent the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murray on their way to Rochester. Mrs. Gosnell was a college classmate of Mrs. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Teribury celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday night between 5 o'clock and 9 o'clock. Fur-

ther details next week.

The Voluntary Firemen went to Arkport Saturday night for the convention and parade. It was raining very hard but it did not dampen their spirit. They went through the parade just the same. Greenwood Company received three trophies. Miss Charlene Holt was chosen Queen by the Greenwood Company. Sunday the contest team went to Arkport for the water display.

Clarence Webster spent a couple of days in Rochester last week.

Robert and Joey Murray, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray of Andover, spent a few days this week visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murray.

Howard Banks is reported better at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Freda Allen is visiting at the Banks home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Banks of Whitesboro, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hober Banks, Sunday.

Mrs. Stanley Holt and daughter, Laura, Mary Streeter, Mrs. Louise Cobb and Miss Sorey Stephens went shopping at the Mall near Elmira, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hussey and daughter, Sheryl are vacationing in Maine.

Mrs. Daniel Redmond and Mrs. Blanche Goodno called on Mrs. Redmond's mother, Mrs. Mable Stewart of Howard, Sunday afternoon.

week: installing more new lights on Main Street. The new lights will give fine light on both sides of the street.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley McCoubrey of Rutherford, N. J., are passing

their vacation at the cabin in Elm Valley.

Miss Sylvia Hardy, RN, of New York City, is visiting her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy and family.

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