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What "Grade Labeling" Means to Farmers

CROPS grown for canning take up over 40 per cent of the truck crop farm acreage in the United States. Most of these crops are grown on contract under which the canner buys the crop at an agreed upon price. Thus the grower has a sure sale for what he raises at a price which is often more remunerative than he gets for crops subject to market hazards.

Anything that hurts the canner likewise hurts the grower. The two go up or down together.

The canner now faces a demand from certain government offices that he place a grade label on his product.

He knows that any attempt to put all canned foods in three general grades means that he will have to pack against a price—and that price will be for the lowest quality in each grade. Inevitably, the general quality of canned foods will go down, and when quality goes down consumption goes down with it. This means reduced sales of truck crops for canning and the reversion of truck acreage to staple crops already in the surplus class such as wheat and corn.

Canners have offered a better labeling plan—a plan that puts on the label the facts about the food stated in plain, everyday language, a plan that rewards the canner for keeping up quality, penalizes him for shortcomings, and in every way protects the consumer. Inevitably, under this plan of descriptive labeling, quality will go up and consumption will go up with it.

Interests of the grower and the canner in this matter of labeling are identical: They both want a larger market for their product.

As between a labeling plan that will certainly lower the general level of quality and lessen the demand for canned foods, and another plan that offers a real incentive to improve quality and thus bring about a bigger demand for canned products, there is no reason to hesitate.

The descriptive labeling plan for the canning industry combines protection for the consumer and aid to the grower in creating a larger market for his crops.

The General Welfare Supreme

IT MIGHT be well to point out to those of our readers who may be interested in our views that whenever the majority of the people of the United States begin looking to the government for a handout, whether it be in cash or in the form of legislative favors, the doom of our system of government is near at hand.

We have no idea that any such danger threatens us at this time but there exists some grounds for calling attention to the peril. With millions on relief, veterans, farmers, business men and laborers looking to the government to give them some edge over other classes of our population, it behooves those interested in a government concerned with the general welfare to take note of the spreading tendency and do what they can to correct it.

For example, let us consider agriculture. We do not think the government has done too much for the farmer or that he has been placed on a parity with labor or business in so far as government favor is concerned. However, there is a point where aid extended to farmers, at the expense of the public generally, would become a liability to the nation, although it might continue to be an asset to the agricultural class for a while.

Special groups, pleading their own causes in Congress and before state legislatures, should remember this. In the long run it will not pay any fragment of the social order to be hoggish and grab too big a share of the national income. When this happens the economic structure of the nation will be disrupted and inevitable disaster will eventually result.

An Old-Age Pension

THERE is not a chance in a thousand that Congress will pass an old-age pension bill embodying the Townsend plan or anything like it, says the *Minneapolis Journal*. The President, by recent allusion to welfare plans, visionary and impractical, indirectly showed his attitude. But the fact that the Townsend plan has stirred up country-wide interest and discussion makes it certain that some such legislation will be proposed.

Suggestions heard fall far below the \$200 a month for all persons over 60. They go as low as \$20, with no requirements for expenditure within a month and contemplate \$7 to be paid from the Federal Treasury, the remainder to be provided by the states. These suggestions are chiefly of value as showing how some legislators are thinking. When it comes to a showdown the ardent old-age pension advocates will scarcely be satisfied with so small a rate of payment.

The principle of old-age pensions is in no way new. In 23 states at this time there are such laws. Notably in Michigan and Ohio, a large percentage of persons within the range of the laws have availed themselves of the advantages offered.

It all means that after Congress gets going there will be an interesting debate, with likelihood that it will be repeated in state legislatures and that something will have to be done in view of the great public interest in the matter.

Keep Up With National Affairs

THE session of Congress, now beginning, will have to pass upon many important questions affecting the vital interests of almost every man, woman and child in this locality and yet there are those in our midst who say there is no reason for any of us to worry about Congress.

The popular idea that nothing can be done about legislative matters is unfortunate and seriously impairs the efficient operation of the American representative system of government. True enough, very few individuals have influence or power enough to affect legislation, but when combined in advocacy or opposition the average Americans become invincible.

We urge our readers to keep up with present day trends at the nation's capital because, more than ever before, the interests of individuals are concerned with Federal legislation. If the average citizen will act intelligently to make his or her voice heard the rights of the individual will be respected. The fact that big business, in the past, has been able to get so many government favors proves that being interested helps, if you let your representative know you are alive to what is going on.

Nationalization of Railroads

NATIONALIZATION of the railroads, in the opinion of Winthrop M. Daniels, former chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is by no means impossible in the near future. Writing in *Current History* for January, he declares that while self-regulation by the railroads may avoid government ownership, the roads tend to act so slowly that "in the meantime the whole mechanism of transport may be nationalized."

Those who believe nationalization a possibility, continues Mr. Daniels, can cite abundant reasons. In the first place, "in January, 1934, about one-sixth of the total railroads' mileage in the United States was in receivership or subjected to court control under the Bankruptcy Act."

Winters To Be Colder

PEOPLE have long argued over climatic changes, with some insisting that our winters are not as cold as those our parents experienced. The records of the Weather Bureau for the past 25 years indicate that the temperature of this country has been growing warmer, rising about one degree every four years.

However, scientists are now inclined to believe that heat and drought reached their peaks in the summer of 1934 and that the swing toward decreasing temperature is about to begin. Apparently, the cycles last for about 25 years and the turn is due.

MERIDIAN

John Keetch returned to Syracuse Sunday after passing the week with his parents here.

Mrs. Affa Hawker and Mrs. Beattie Payne of Auburn were in town on business Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loveless entertained Mr. and Mrs. Martin Halstead and family Sunday.

Earl Eldridge is able to be out again after being confined to his home with a lame back.

Jasper Wanda called on Millard Hawk, who is recovering from an operation on his arm in the Crouse-Irving Hospital, Syracuse, last Thursday afternoon.

Ed. Johnson broke a bone in his left hand in a recent fall on the ice. Dr. H. C. Rothschild reduced the fracture.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Young and son Bruce of Syracuse spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Young and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Norstrand of Conquest were calling in town Friday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Sayles returned to her duties as teacher at Casenovia Sunday.

Several of the village men began work in Cusick's tobacco assorting room at Weedsport Monday morning.

Frank Munday passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Garland Hayes, last Tuesday afternoon. He had been ill for several weeks. Besides Mrs. Hayes those who survive are a son, Lear Munday of Durham, N. H., and two brothers who reside in the West. Funeral services in charge of Undertaker Dickinson of Weedsport were held Friday afternoon. Rev. Charles Harding officiating. Burial was in Weedsport Rural cemetery.

MERIDIAN 35 YEARS AGO

Jessie Ferris left Tuesday for Albany.

Wm. Van Wie secured a position at nightwatchman at the tobacco warehouses in Baldwinsville.

Lewis Hornburg moved to his place near his brother, Charles Hornburg.

30 Years Ago

Ned Davis and Harvey Ferris of Fairmount spent a few days with their parents.

Ralph Lawrence, of Syracuse spent a few days with his parents.

25 Years Ago

A. C. Lawrence died very suddenly in New York and was brought here for burial.

20 Years Ago

The death of Mrs. Nett Tabor, wife of Ernest G. Tabor, clerk of the board of supervisors, occurred at her home.

Mrs. Mary Van Doren passed away at her home. She was survived by a son and daughter, Miss Edith and Isaac Van Doren.

The death of David Scofield, a highly esteemed resident of the town of Cato, occurred at his home New Year's Day.

15 Years Ago

Smith & Hunt were building up a good business in the furnace line, having installed 47 last season.

James Drinnan sold his farm to a man from Canastota.

The first installation of officers of the Hollister Lodge, No. 443, I. O. O. F., was held on Tuesday evening.

10 Years Ago

Miss Marguerite Dudley entertained company from Syracuse.

The Sunday school classes of Rev. and Mrs. Jones met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard. All had a very enjoyable time.

MANY CHANGES IN STATE GOVERNMENT IS PROMISED

During the present session of the state legislature many governmental changes will take place.

First the Department of Farms and Markets, which has been juggled into a political hothouse during the past few years. The Republicans have hung on to the agriculture department and its patronage by making its head appointive by the legislature named council of agriculture and markets, instead of by the governor like other department heads.

One of the chief department units in which the Democrats are expected to clean house as soon as possible is the division of the state fair, of which K. Dan Ackerman of Syracuse is director.

Another department may have a housecleaning—the Conservation Department. In years past state divisions were in cl forests, fish and game.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and family of Weedsport Sunday. The occasion was in honor of Junior Smith's birthday.

Ernest Hubbard was the Sunday dinner guest of John Keetch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oshiki. Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Rothschild and daughter Jean were in Syracuse Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Eldridge and Mrs. Prudence Eldridge had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gumaer and Mr. and Mrs. Merton Snyder of East Syracuse.

Mrs. Rose Fletcher is suffering with infection in her face.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ostrander of Fairmount arrived Sunday evening to spend a few days' furlough at their home here.

Rev. Charles Harding spent Monday in Auburn.

Danny Clements is working for Walter Robertson.

Mrs. Rose Fletcher was in Auburn on business Monday.

Mrs. Mary Neabitt enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner sent by one of her neighbors New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson motored to Delhi Tuesday and visited Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. Dible.

The household furnishings of the late Myrtilla Lawrence will be sold at auction Saturday, January 12.

William Ostrander has a severe cold.

Claire J. Tabor spent a few days this week in Albany on business.

Mrs. Effie Walls and family have moved from the Dallas home near Cato to the residence of Mrs. Alice Poosum.

Mrs. Howard Lawrence will entertain the Ladies' Auxiliary at her home Tuesday afternoon, January 15.

SODUS FIRM IN BANKRUPTCY

Oscar Malcolm and his son, Kenneth, as partners and individuals, of Sodus have filed papers in bankruptcy.

Their liabilities are listed as \$8,177.41 with assets of \$35 in clothing. Since the mortgage on their farm two miles south of the village was foreclosed, they have been living in Sodus, engaged in the produce business and trucking.

SETTLE STERLING ESTATE

A decree was granted in Surrogate's Court Tuesday judicially settling the accounts of Raymond B. McIntyre of Ithaca and Sylvester B. McIntyre of Sterling as executors of the \$12,381.42 estate of the late Frank McIntyre of Sterling.

MERIDIAN FEDERATED CHURCH

Charles O. Harding, Pastor

Church school at 11 a. m.

Morning worship at 11:30 a. m.

Uncle Ab says he would not mind being the oldest inhabitant if he could be the youngest in spirit.

DOGS

OWNERS AND HARBORERS OF DOGS TAKE NOTICE:

1934 Dog Licenses Expire on December 31, 1934

The 1935 License Fee is Due January 1, 1935

Every dog must be licensed for the current year, and must wear the metal tag issued for such dog, when at large; otherwise the dog is not protected under the law.

An unlicensed dog may be seized and killed, and the fact that a dog is without a tag is presumptive evidence that the dog is unlicensed.

Dog licenses must be obtained from the clerk of the city or town where the dog is harbored or kept.

License fees are as follows:

Male Dog \$2.25

Female Dog 5.25

Spayed Female Dog 2.25

These amounts include tag fee. No license will be issued for less than the full license fee.

The owner of a dog who fails or refuses to obtain a license for the dog as required by law incurs a penalty of \$10.00 and costs.

The enumerators of towns and the police departments of cities are required to prepare in January of each year a list of dog owners. The omission of the name of an owner from the enumerators' or police list will not excuse the owner from obtaining a license.

If you owned a dog last year and do not own one now, so advise the clerk of your town or city.

See licenses in the town of Ira, used by

RALPH HULL, Town Clerk.

SWITZER-HULL

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Edna Jane Hull of Hannibal and Lawrence Joseph Switzer of Memphis at Hannibal January 7. The ceremony was performed by Elwin L. Gardner, justice of the peace. They were attended by William H. Hull and Mrs. Agnes M. Hull. The couple will make their home at Memphis.

Father—That young man of yours stays very late. Doesn't he know how to say good-night?

Daughter—Oh, yes, dad; better than any other boy I ever knew.—Boston Transcript.

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Dog licenses in the town of Victory, N. Y., are issued by

LENA HOUGHTALING, Town Clerk.

Charter No. 9857 Reserve Dist. No. 2

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

The First National Bank of Cato

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1934.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$106,146.94
United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	68,096.64
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	153,144.03
Banking house, \$6,332.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$780.00	7,122.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	2,177.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve bank	31,016.78
Cash in vault and balances with other banks	61,730.42
Outside checks and other cash items	433.05
Redemption fund with United States Treasurer and due from United States Treasurer	1,250.00
Other assets	927.88
Total Assets	\$481,044.75

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits, except United States Government deposits, public funds, and deposits of other banks	\$100,936.86
Time deposits, except postal savings, public funds, and deposits of other banks	231,505.18
Public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	9,827.76
United States Government and postal savings deposits	20,439.81
Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	199.51
Total deposits:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	\$ 20,487.00
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	842,432.12
(c) Total Deposits	862,919.12
Circulating notes outstanding	25,000.00
Other liabilities	.34
Capital account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$50 per share	\$25,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided profits—net	2,125.89
Reserves for contingencies	1,000.00
Total Capital Account	43,125.89
Total Liabilities	\$481,044.75

Memorandum: Loans and Investments Fledged to Secure Liabilities	
United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	\$ 45,000.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	4,000.00
Total Pledged (excluding rediscounts)	49,000.00

Pledged:	
(a) Against circulating notes outstanding	25,000.00
(b) Against United States Government and postal savings deposits	20,000.00
(c) Against public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	4,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 49,000.00

State of New York, County of Cayuga, ss: I, E. A. Clarke, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. A. Clarke, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January, 1935.

[SEAL] 1935.

Ralph F. Smith, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
LLOYD C. MERRITT,
FRANK BRIGGS,
G. C. GUMMAE, Directors.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

By virtue of an Order granted by the Surrogate of Cayuga County, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the estate of Myrtilla M. Lawrence, late of Village of Meridian, Cayuga County, N. Y., deceased, are required to present the same with vouchers in support thereof to the undersigned, the Attorney for the Executor or the Executor of, &c. of said deceased, at office of Ira J. Kingsley in the village of Cato, County of Cayuga, on or before the 25th day of June, 1935. Dated December 18, 1934.

PALMER TITUS, Executor.

Ira J. Kingsley, Attorney for Executor, Cato, New York. 26w

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an Order of Hon. T. Joseph Caffey, Acting Surrogate of the County of Cayuga, New York, notice is hereby given according to law to all persons having claims or demands against George F. Scofield, late of the Town of Cato in said County, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, Barton L. Bush, Administrator, etc., of the estate of said deceased, at his place for the transaction of business as such administrator at Jordan, in the County of Onondaga, N. Y., on or before the 1st day of April, 1935. Dated September 14, 1934.

BARTON L. BUSH, Administrator.

Charles M. Bramley, Attorney for Administrator, Syracuse, N. Y. 45w26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

By virtue of an Order granted by the Surrogate of Cayuga County, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the estate of Agnes F. Ogilvie and Phoebe Ogilvie, late of the Town of Cato, Cayuga County, N. Y., deceased, are required to present the same with vouchers in support thereof to the undersigned, the executor and administrators, respectively, of, &c. of said deceased, at his home in the village of Jordan, County of Onondaga, on or before the 15th day of February, 1935.

Dated August 1st, 1934.

FLOYD D. OGILSBIE, Executor of estate of Agnes F. Ogilvie, and as administrator of estate of Phoebe Ogilvie.

Charles M. Bramley, Attorney for said Floyd D. Ogilvie, Syracuse, N. Y. 8-9-1-31