A. A. A. Officials Hiding From Farmers Danger to Them in Loss of Foreign Markets Through Crop Restriction and Artificially Higher Prices

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Since the A. A. A. has gone into effect the exports of American wheat have dropped from 21,000,000 bushels in the twelve months beginning July, 1933, to 3,000,000 bushels in the twelve months beginning July, 1934. The exports of lard fell from 566,000,000 lbs. to 223,000,000 lbs. in the same period. The exports of cotton declined from 8,350 bales to 5,028,000 bales.

But this does not tell the whole story. During the period beginning about the first of January of this present year we have begun to import in large quantities articles which we formerly exported in large quantities. For example, during the first four months of this calendar year we imported one hundred times more wheat than we exported, and eleven times more corn than we exported.

Two questions naturally suggest themselves: (1) How did this happen? and (2) What does this mean to the American farmer?

This appalling change, making the world's greatest food producing nation and importer of foodstuffs, came about through the two A. A. A. policies of crop restriction and artificially raising prices. Crop restriction created an actual shortage of wheat and corn. The pegging of prices above the world markers—by the loan policy in the case of cotton, and by the processing tax in the case of other commodities—discouraged foreigners from buying American farm products for the very simple reason that they could buy them elsewhere more cheaply.

It is regrettable that well-meaning and honest men have tried to make out that the reason for this decline in the purchase of American farm goods abroad by foreigners is because America's high tariffs on imports from abroad make it hard for foreigners to pay for what they buy from us. It is true, of course, that our high tariffs tend to reduce, to a certain extent, the volume of foreign goods which we buy, but the volume of what we sell abroad is determined largely by the prices at which we are willing to sell. So long as these prices are far above world prices foreigners will buy elsewhere. Conversely, so long as our prices are cheaper than world prices they will buy from us, regardless of our tariffs.

The effect on the American farmers is obvious—they are losing their market to foreign farmers.

Brazil and other foreign nations are selling abroad the cotton which American farmers are not producing or which they are giving to the government as securiity for loans at higher than the world market price for cotton. Mexican and Argentinian corn growers are being paid for the corn which we import because the A. A. A.'s crop restriction program was badly "guessed." Canadian wheat growers are being paid for the wheat that American wheat growers should have produced.

Unfortunately the A. A. A. officials alarmed by these trends, are trying stubbornly to hide from the farmers the true implications of these developments. They stress repeatedly the benefits which the farmers have derived from higher prices and ignore the effects of permanently losing the markets for a large part of our farm products.

The ugly truth is that the A. A. A. policy has not solved the farm problem. It has merely created a new series of problems, some of which promise to be disastrous in their effects upon the American farmers.

These evil consequences are still obscured by the fact that the combination of crop restrictions, drought and general world improvement have increased prices materially, with the result that the average farmer sees only that since the A. A. A. came into effect, he is getting more for his crops.

The more thoughtful among the cotton people, however, are alarmed at the prospects ahead of them. They see their foreign markets permanently lost, with resultant unhappy consequences throughout the whole South.

It is not without significance that one of the leading buyers of investment securities in this country has recently been selling the bonds of southern railroads, convinced that the losses due to the cotton policy will impoverish the whole South for years to come.

For the Republicans the problem of finding a solution is complicated by the difficulty of making clear the future dangers of the A. A. A. to people who are pleased with its momentary benefits. As already indicated in previous articles the farm problem is one of the knottiest which the Republicans have to face. But they will get nowhere by dodging it. Rather it is their obvious duty to evolve, during the coming months, a constructive farm program to take the place of the destructive A. A. A.

The main lines of such a program should include some sort of provisions for a form of export bounty; the gradual removal of all devices which hold American prices artificially above world prices; define proposals for the restoration of world trade of all kinds and for the gradual reduction of tariffs as well as the removal of all super-tariff barriers such as quotas, exchange restrictions and other devices put into effect since 1931 for the purpose of making nations economically self-sufficient.

The alternative — the present course of the A. A. A.—means that America must prepare to lose what is left of its foreign markets and in the process to lower its general standards of living. The entire philosophy of reduced production is wrong.

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Mr. Marion Vansant, of Galena, was a Sunday visitor with friend at Cliffs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Deford has had their guest Mrs. Fred C. Numbers, of Millington.

Mowbray Chapel Sunday School continues to be largely attended. Mrs. Bessie Vansant, of Cliffs, held a get-together meeting on Friday night last to urge more teachers for the classes to come out. They are badly needed. Sunday School 2 P. M. Preaching 3 P. M. During Winter months. Rev. L. V. Pratt.

Mrs. Rudy Lucht and family, of Baltimore, have moved in one of Mr. B. E. Wallace's houses opposite the Cliff's school.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Vansant and family delightfully entertained friends on Friday of last week to 6 o'clock dinner.

Miss Edith Dickerson has been the guest of her sister in Hyattsville, Md.

Quite a few friends from Quaker Neck attended the funeral of Mrs. Ada Lambert, of Philadelphia, who was buried at Crumpton last Tuesday.

Mr. W. R. Startt is having a new barn built on his farm. Mr. Philips from Sudlersville is the contractor.

Quaker Neck Neighborhood Club elected the following officers at a meeting of Mrs. Hallie Vansant on Wednesday last: President, Mrs. Olive Greenwood; Vice-President, Mrs. Hallie Vansant; Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Burris; Secretary, Mrs. Vickers Walbert; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Dickerson and daughter Helen, attended the dinner party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Dickerson in Ruthbury, Queen Anne's county.

Miss Eugenia Hendrickson, daughter of the late Percy V. Hendrickson, of Quaker Neck, and Mr. James E. Clarke, were married on Friday A. M. The bride is a telephone operator at Chestertown, while Mr. Clarke is employed with the Rawleigh Co., After a brief honeymoon they will reside in the Baldwin apartments on Maple Avenue.

An operation was performed on Mrs. Lulu E. Startt's finger October 25th at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital by Dr. Frank Hines.

Mrs. Arthur Burris, who has been a patient at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, suffering from an abcess, is now convalescing at her home.

Announcement of the marriage were received by relatives and friends of Samuel Hines Crouch and Vera H. Hesson, of Baltimore. Mr. Crouch has been employed on the Tolchester boat for some time.

Mrs. T. R. Starr is in bed suffering from a very bad ankle. We hope she will soon be out again.

The Quaker Neck Pleasure Club boys have been busy painting and fixing the interior of the Community House and have purchased a player piano. The boys deserves great credit, also the ones donating toward the same.

Worton Events

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Williams last Thursday afternoon, the following officers were elected:

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Vice-President—Mrs. R. P. Williams.
Secretary—Mrs. Barney Cooper.
Treasurer—Mrs. C. H. Clayville.
Pianist—Mrs. Harrison Cornelius.
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Correspondent—Mrs. H. T. Williams.
Reception Committee—Mrs. B. F. Rash, Mrs. Sara Williams, Mrs. Mary Dodson.

The Aid dispensed with the Fall Supper this year and members contributed money instead. $58.00 has been donated so far. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter, January 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dodson, Jr., entertained Mrs. Annie Boyer and daughter Mrs. Charles Harrison, of Rock Hall, last week.

The Christmas entertainment will be held at the Church Thursday evening, December 26th.

Mrs. Harry T. Williams, a Maryland delegate at the American Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago will return home the last of the week.

Quite a crowd from here attended the coon hunt and turkey supper in Queen Anne's last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Williams entertained a few friends at cards last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Julian Crew and son Julian Lee, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee.

Mrs. H. S. Startt and Mrs. S. J. Lee were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, of near Still Pond Thursday.

Mr. Marvin Williams and Miss Alice Cruickshank, of Galena, spent Sunday with relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Edward Hepbron, of Still Pond, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee last Monday.

Mr. W. A. Wood is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Carter this week.

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By RAYMOND PITCAIRN
National Chairman Sentinels of the Republic

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The newspapers knew—and know today—that an enslaved Press means an enslaved populace. They realize that so long as the Press remains free, and its editors courageous, America can never fall under the iron hand of despotism or dictatorship.

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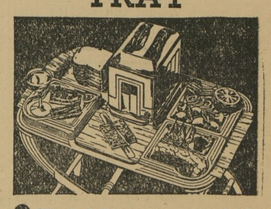

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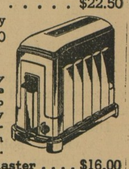

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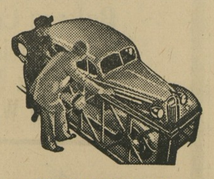

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