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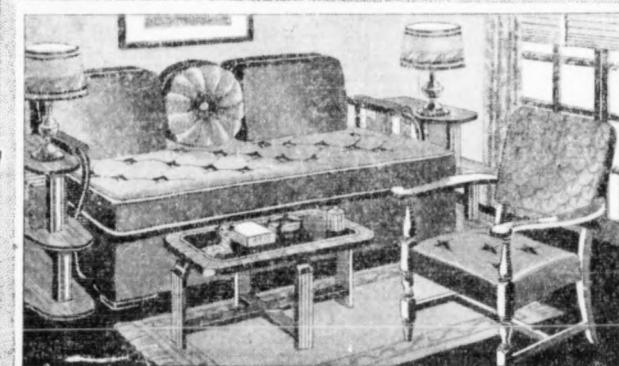
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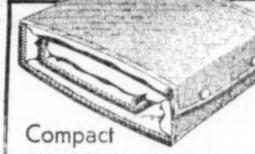
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Reg. 50c	<b>29c</b>
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**Conscription**

Americans are to get a touch of life in the dictator and old monarchistic countries should Congress enact a law for universal conscription of all males between the ages of 18 and 64 years, and it is altogether likely the bill will pass.

Only those persons between the ages of 18 and 25 years will be subject to military service.

As soon as Congress enacts the law, Pennsylvania is prepared to make its registration and have its quota in uniform by October 1.

No one doubts every citizen owes something to his country but there are many who doubt the wisdom of universal conscription, even for the present preparedness program.

The American people recognize the necessity for an adequate defense but there are differences of opinion as to the need for a great army at this time when we are at peace with the world and full equipment has not been provided for a great army.

There should be a study made of better means of supplying trained men to the nation than by conscription. The study should be made by a commission comprised of military men and persons in civil life. It is dangerous to give military men full control.

**Out of Politics**

The Federal Hatch act placing restrictions on political activity of Federal employees and local and state employees working on projects financed in any part by Federal funds, will bring about different methods in the Fall elections.

Postmasters, Federal district attorneys, court appointees, PWA, WPA and all other workers being paid in full or in part with Federal funds are prohibited from taking an active part in politics.

There will be no more soliciting of votes by workers, who in the past have been ordered to campaign for votes, using the plea their jobs depended upon their political activity.

The practice was unfair to the worker and to the citizen, as many persons voted against their best judgment in order to aid some one to retain a job. Both major political parties have been guilty of the practice and without giving a thought of how it was restricting the freedom and independence of the worker and undermining our form of democracy by building great political machines of job holders.

The Hatch act is a great forward step in freeing Federal workers from political domination and the citizens from being compelled to help finance political machines which they believe are working against the public interest and welfare.

Wendell Willkie, Republican candidate for President, is supplementing the Hatch act by ordering that no payment be made political speakers in his campaign.

The Hatch act also limits contributions to campaign committees of not more than \$5000 from a single source. The act also prevents the macing of holders of government contracts through solicitation for advertisements in campaign books and other money raising devices which serve no useful purpose other than to the political party.

Americans, in these critical times, must be free to give their thoughts and attention to the preservation of their freedom and liberty and strengthening the nation and destroy political machines that operate to control and subject the people.

**Accept Responsibility of Citizenship**

There are thousands of American citizens residing in Montgomery county and in every county throughout the nation who refuse to accept the responsibility of citizenship in that they refuse to qualify as electors.

Many indifferent citizens excuse their shirking of duty with the statement: politics is rotten. My vote does not mean anything.

When politics become rotten, those most responsible for the condition are the citizens who refuse to exercise their right of franchise and permit political gangs to take control of the public business. The great group of unregistered voters, were they to exercise their right and vote for candidates they believe would best serve the people, would soon eliminate gang control and the kind of politics that sustains gangs.

Citizens eligible in this area may register for the Fall elections on August 28, 29, at the local high school. After these dates, until and including September 30, it will be necessary to register at the Registration Office in the court house.

Every one knows the attacks being made against the Democracies of the world and the position the United States is in as the outstanding democracy. The nation will not endure under our present form of free government when the citizens become neglectful of their rights and privileges.

It is the patriotic duty of every American citizen, eligible for the right of franchise to exercise that right. The right to vote and have a voice in selecting the persons to fill public office is a privilege obtained after great sacrifice of blood and wealth. It is the privilege that if exercised will save democracy and if neglected may be the means of destroying democracy.

**THE CONSHOHOCKEN RECORDER, CONSHOHOCKEN, PA.****Better Times on Farms**

Babson Says Domestic Demand More Important Than War Factors

By Roger W. Babson



Chicago, July 25.—American farmers are lucky this year. Harvests in the United States and Canada will be good while crops in most parts of the world will be under par.

Prices will be only moderately higher, but farm income this Fall may be the biggest since 1930. Goods that farmers must buy will not go up much so that profits should be reasonably good. Moreover, record government benefit checks will help many a farmer over the rough spots. Only a dark cloud in the outlook is the tax threat.

As we swing by the mid-Summer mark it is time to estimate how big crops will be, how prices will trend, how much money will find its way into farmers' pockets. Despite the fact that acreage planted this year was the fourth smallest since 1919, harvested totals will probably top the ten-year average of most important farm products. Winter and spring wheat harvests will just about hit the ten-year level, but America's major crop—corn—although smaller than in 1939, will be bigger than the average corn harvest of the past decade. The export prospects for these grain crops is pretty bleak and I cannot see any sharp increase in prices—particularly of wheat.

**Tobacco War Casualty**  
Indications point to larger oats, barley, flaxseed, hay and potato crops than either in 1939 or in the average year since 1930. In fact, the only sharp reduction will be in tobacco. Acreage planted to tobacco was only 70 per cent of the 1939 figure. This crop is one of our first war casualties—our big tobacco markets in Europe being virtually closed. Rice is benefiting from war, however, with this year's crop promising to hit a new record. Reports from Canada indicate a big crop here, although bad weather from now on could change the Dominion picture radically.

The grain crops contribute only a small portion of total farm income. Dairy, poultry and livestock are all more important in dollars and cents. For the balance of 1940,

the outlook is moderately hopeful. Milk production registered a new all-time high in June, but even so prices are running above the 1939 figures. War is helping our prices for these commodities because the important dairy countries of Denmark, Holland and Belgium are cut off from world trade. Big price factors, however, are consumer demand due to better business, more jobs, and higher payrolls right here in the good old USA. This will be the strongest support for better farm produce prices of all kinds this Fall.

**Feeds and Meats Up**  
Eggs have not had an easy time in recent months. Prices have been running a bit higher than in 1939, but feed costs have also been higher. The outlook is for smaller egg production this year than last. Feed costs will be lower than in the first half, consumer buying power will be higher—hence, moderately better profits for egg "ranchers." Poultry prospects are a mixie rooster, too, with a smaller hatch and with fatter pay envelopes on Saturday nights. The cotton outlook is not favorable. The crop will be small, but the carry-over is terrific and our exports are practically shut off.

Cattle, sheep and hogs are recently not faring so well as other types of farmers. Heavy slaughter of hogs, loss of foreign markets for hog products, bigger shipments of lambs have all been keeping prices of meat animals lower than a year ago. Conditions should reverse themselves before snow falls. However, as consumer demand increases and supplies—particularly of hogs—taper off. Vegetable prices have been running higher than a year ago, but they are now working lower as the new crops come to market. Supply of fruit will be smaller and prices in this particular group should continue to strengthen.

**Government Checks Equal 15 Per Cent**  
Farm income this Fall will consist to be heavily burdened with government benefit payments. The percentage of total farm income from government payments has jumped from 5 per cent in 1938 to nearly 15 per cent so far this year. Altogether Secretary Wallace has spent more than \$3,000,000,000 since 1932 to put farm prices back to where they ought to be. Prices are higher, but they are still far below the parity figure. Meanwhile, prices

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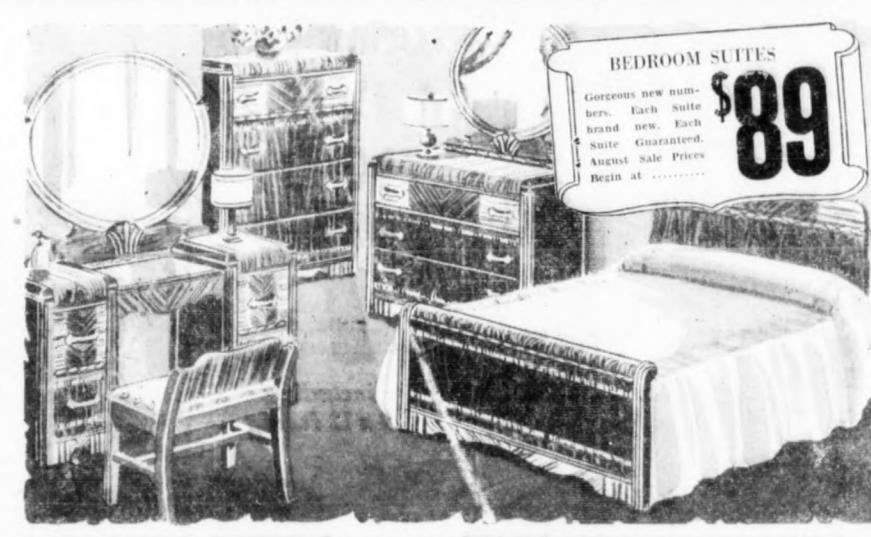
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