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# Washington Scene Is Confused

by Joyce Robinson

In a confused situation caused by escalating grain prices, the president's energy demands, and the cabinet shakeup; and with congress scheduled to recess on August 2, it appears that one of three possibilities will determine the immediate future for farmers.

1: - HR 3398 - English - 7% target increase passed the rules committee July 17 and is ready for the House Floor at the determination of the Democrat majority. However, reliable sources now give it only a slim chance of reaching the floor. But should this happen, then on the basis of what was done in committee, we could expect our good friend, Congressman Richard Nolan (Minnesota), to attempt to amend HR 3398 to call for 90% of parity loans; and other friends, such as Congressman Ron Marlenee (Montana) to try for a \$4 target. Bergland has continued to say the administration is opposed to HR 3398.

2: - The administration will ask for an amendment to legislation currently scheduled for the floor (such as the Raisin bill of last year) giving the USDA authority to set target prices when setasides are not in effect, or to use the Normal Cropland Acres in place of a set aside. The target for wheat most frequently mentioned is the present \$3.40, with a possibility of \$3.50 to apply to the 1980

Bergland has the authority to raise the loan rate and it is expected he may do that, with \$2.50 on wheat considered possible for 1980. This would automatically raise the trigger and call prices, both of which are of concern because of reserve supply.

3: - In the absence of legislation, Bergland must, on or before August 15, 1979, announce the 1980 setaside program, if any, together with other information such as program acreage, etc.

It has been suggested that Bergland may announce a token set aside of 5% over the NCA to be used for ethyl alcohol production.

If no setaside is announced, the 1980 target will be reduced to about \$3.12 on wheat, for example, based on a complex formula tied to the cost of production. This is more built-in poverty for farmers.

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### Some Fuel Distributors Overcharging Farmers

Some fuel distributors are illegally passing on price increases to farmers before they, themselves, actually have to pay the higher prices, Virginia AAM has learned.

Every time fuel prices rise, farmers are charged the new price immediately, even though other wholesale purchasers, filling stations in particular, are not charged the higher price until the new higher priced dealer supplies have come into the distributor's tanks.

Distributors in some areas have been reaping a windfall Cont. Page 2

Because congress will not re-convene until after Labor Day in September, it is thought that the administration will, for obvious reasons, press for some kind of legislation before the August recess.

It seems advisable for AAM farmers to call their congressmen immediately asking for action on HR 3398, since that is our most favorable possibility. Farmers should also take advantage of inexpensive Mailgrams. Many thousands of contacts with congress should produce some positive results. Let's go to work on this!

### Bergland Thinks Of Himself As A Hero

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland says he has become something of "a hero," among farmers lately, and that he plans to put his image to work getting President Carter reelected, according to an AP news release.

"A year ago, people thought I was something of a drag, but now I'm kind of like a hero. I know it...I'm going all the way out" (to get Carter re-electec) Bergland was quoted as saying.

Former Ag Secretary Earl Butz said, however, that farmers won't vote for Carter despite how much farm income has improved and how high wheat prices go.

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# **Washington Notes**

From the Ag Bag:

Washington -- Wheat and Oil -- House Agriculture Chairman Thomas Foley criticized as "dangerous and simplistic" suggests that wheat prices should be raised to the level of oil prices as a weapon against OPEC nations. Agriculture Sec. Bob Bergland said it would be difficult to sell any wheat abroad at such prices. Rep. sponsor of a bill to set up a (Reuter 6/29) national grain board, said by

wheat and feedgrain target price levels may be attached to the bill. (Reuter 7/2)

Washington -- Farm Prices Average farm prices in June declined 1%, the third consecutive monthly drop, but were 12% above a year ago. A USDA official voiced "a little concern" that many grain prices rose while livestock declined. (Wall Street Journal 7/2) .. Farm costs rose 0.5% in June and James Weaver, D-Ore., were 13% above a year ago.

by Wayne Peterson What is the cost to the tax base of these cities? I main-Having just returned from tain the real cost is far greater than the savings.

a motor trip to the northeast as far as Boston, I feel com-Look closely at the pelled to try and express my position our nation finds itfeelings. In the past, I have self in. In terms of selffelt deeply about the empty sufficiency in the critical farm houses and rural towns areas, were we to be forced dying, but with this trip, I believe the picture is more

industrialized areas of labor-

In Boston, once a mecca of

intensive factories - now still.

labor-intensive industry, you

see factories still, with the

You pass row after row of

slum areas, which, like rural

America, were created by our

own government's quest to

help all nations except our

They say if we can buy it

welfare or unem-

cheaper overseas, then close

our factories, put our people

prospect of more to close!

★60% of all leather shoes are imported.

**Empty Farmhouses, Still** 

**Factories, and Dying America** 

★95% of radios are im-In New York, we drove ported. mile after mile of once highly ★98% of watches are im-

★55% of energy is impor-

Would we send our soldiers barefoot, without watches, without fuel?

Now we find congress ready to rubber stamp a MultiNational Agreement to open even wider our doors for cheap, or not-so-cheap,, foreign-made goods, many times with our raw material, and services this country could well have supplied.

Before I left Washington July 2, I had received a copy of Mr. Bergland's speech to the Chicago Chapter of the Council of Foreign Relations concerning SALT II - the

### ficial Has ws - Wheat paces Supply

In plain tall, that means there will be more world demand for w leat than sup-

World wheat demand is expected to completely deplete reserves in Russia and China by next year, and world reserves are expected to shrink to a new low, according to the USDA ofMTN agreements, and how they fit together. This was his closing paragraph:

"With the congressional support, and with attention and thought to these complicated issues by groups like the council, we will have come a long way toward building the just and peaceful world order that is the ultimate end of this administration's

The uppermost thought that we must keep in mind is that we hold the key to American prosperity. Certainly fair prices to us won't solve all the ills, but by any logic, it is the first step. Once we reinstate the economic balance of the American economy, we can look forward to changing other oppressive measures also.

It couldn't help but stick in my mind as I traveled, and I only wonder how long the people of America will stand back and not fight. I only become further impressed with the thought left by Benjamin Franklin:

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.

### **Kennedy Says Family Farms Endangered Species**

Senator Edward Kennedy told the annual conference of Rural America that "the family farmer is an endangered species" because federal tax and price-support policies favor conglomerates and larger farms.

Kennedy said "It is time to stay the hand of the takeover artists" by increasing the power of individuals and

# 35 Rail Cars For **Cup of Coffee**

by Glenda Riddle Noble County, Oklahoma

Red Rock is a small town

During the heat of harvest, Red Rock Co-op manager Glendon Howard, like all small elevator managers, was experiencing a shortage of rail cars. He could see that with the best harvest in years, ms elevator would be full within twenty-four hours and

he would be putting wheat on the ground. He had been promised box cars for days, but none ever arrived. Trucks were also hard to come by due to the truckers strike.

Anyone with experience in north central Oklahoma and was experiencing heavy with or information about traffic due to a detour route the illegal overcharges is through town. The only asked to contact the Virginia place in town to get a cup of State AAM office, Box 171, coffee was the local co-op. A The Plains, Virginia 22171. reporter from the Tulsa

While enjoying a muchneeded cup of coffee, the reporter began to visit with Manager Howard. Being asked how things were, Glendon quickly responded with information about the lack of box cars. He explained how he was to have had 100 cars and had been delivered mly two, and tomorrow would be put-

During the course of this

The reporter saw a story here and decided to write about the plight of the Red

# Mailbag

#### **Bergland Woos Little Farmers**

"Bergland Seeks Solutions for 'Little Farmer' " was the title of a lengthy AP article in the St. Paul Pioneer Press of June 24, 1979. Ag Secretary Bergland continues to echo the same theme since the tractorcade of last winter:

High farm commodity prices are bad for all farmers because they enrich the large farmer and cause high land prices which the small farmer

His premise of high commodity prices causing high land prices is historically incorrect, and it has been brought to his attention repeatedly. The truth is that land prices advanced the least during the 20 year period of 1934 to 1953 when

prices averaged 98.6% of parity. Land prices have skyrocketed the most during the years 1974 to 1978 when most farm commodity prices were at 50% of parity or

His "national dialogue", as he calls it, is to make yet another study and to change government programs to favor the small farmer. He wants to win the support of the 11/2 million small farmers. If Bergland is the "friend" of us small farmers, we don't need any A year ago Bergland posed

as the livestock farmer's friend by holding down grain farmers' prices, but his "divide and conquer" technique didn't work. He is now launching his "national dialogue" as a ploy to destroy the unity which now exists between all farmers, large and small, within the ranks of the American Agriculture Movement.

Riley D. Konerza Silver Lake, Minnesota

### **Gasohol Helps Grain Prices**

Congratulations to the farmers who promoted Your actions Gasohol. probably worried the oil controlling members of the Trilateral Commission. So the Trilateralists, or who else could, dramatically raised world grain prices in an attempt to make gasohol economically unfeasible. Thanks to your efforts, we now have \$4 wheat.

If we are to keep our grain prices tied to the world oil price, then we need everyone on the "Gasohol Bandwagon.'

The Consumers Ethanol Production Organization, CEPO, which is OPEC spelled backwards, is now planning to build a potential of fifty small solar powered plants in the Goessel, Kansas area. Groundbreaking for Goesseline Number 1 July 4 at Goessel.

Harvest time is when we should consider what really makes the good prices, and it's NOT telling everyone about the big yields. But do tell about that quarter that only made 17 bushels because of hail, greenbugs, or grasshoppers. It probably is OK to occasionally admit a personal mistake like wrong planting date or kind of seed. How about weather? You know how well the shortage story works with the oil

> Richard J. Stucky Partridge Milling Co. Partridge, Kansas

July 25-31 has been proclaimed Farm Safety Week by President Carter. Protect yourself -American Agriculture.

### **Large Corporation Gets 4 Million But No FmHA Money for Farmers**

received some explanation of why large corporations have been getting large Farmers Home Administration loans while farmers themselves loans. Specifically, the Rochester opportunities Rope Corporation received an FHA loan.

Virginia Congressman Kenneth J. Robinson wrote AAM that "While the extent to which the Farmers Home Administration should engage in lending, or loan guarantees, not directly related to agriculture is a ment.

Virginia AAM has proper matter for discussion the rationale for the FmHA Business and Industry Loan Program is that it can help to maintain a viable, balanced economy in small communities by providing job outside agriculture and cushioning the area against economic collapse in years of particular distress for agribusiness."

The guaranteed loan to the Rochester Rope Corporation was for \$4 million, for the purpose of expansion and to buy machinery and equip-

In hard times, rats have a solution: they eat one another. Only the strongest survive, becoming ever more difficult

#### **Energy Plants**, **Not Stills**

Thank you and the American Agriculture Movement for a good and honest farm paper. They are hard to find that are not clouded, slanted, or just plain lied in. The national news media, press, radio, and TV are a disgrace to the world and much worse to this Now that I have you away

up on a ladder, I will try to shake it a little bit. I feel you are making a big mistake in using the words "still," "spirits" or any word pertaining to liquor in the American Agriculture News. I have built a farm energy plant, not a still. As long as we keep talking still, spirits and the like, we will just keep pulling that old stuff down on our heads, and we sure do not need the BATF in the farm fuel business.

If I found someone using it to drink or selling it for drink, I would be the first to report them. Then it should be the BATF's duty to step in and enforce the law. But in no way should they be allowed to have any control over a farm renewable energy equipment business.

It is the nature of any Bureau to assume more authority than they legally have, so let's fight this thing while we can in any way we

> Max Harman Norton, Kansas

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Bergland said the government already owned 1/3 of the wheat he wants, and the rest should be bought when the price drops back closer to support-price levels.

Bergland said the reserve is needed so the US can ship wheat to other countries in times of wheat shortages.

The reserve would be owned and tightly held by the government.

The Agriculture Department now owns about 1.4 million tons of wheat from forfeited price-support loans. It is already committed by treaty to ship at least 4.47 million tons of grain as regular food aid each year.

> **Photographs** Welcome

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### Coming Up

August 3 - District II Texas meeting and barbecue, 7 p.m. at Seagraves Community Building, Seagraves, Texas. Tickets, \$4. For help with motel reservations or trailer hookups, call AAM in situation. Seagraves at 806-546-2065.

David Senter will speak. August 4 - Colorado state meeting, 10 a.m. at the Freddy Hillman farm north of Yuma, Colorado. Beef bar-

August 5 - Nebraska state meeting, DeBoer cabin at Johnson Lake south of Lexington, Nebraska.

August 8 - Atlanta, Georgia, 10 a.m., Room 201 Agricultural Meeting regarding changing the laws that control agricultural commissions. Urgent for Georgia farmers to attend.

becue lunch.

### Who Said That?

R. B. Smith, Fresno, California, says Truth Decay.'

#### **Save Energy**

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### **House Ag Hearings**

July 24 - 10 a.m. Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee, hearing, 1302 Longworth. To consider HR 230 by Mr. Baldus and Mr. Jeffords concerning an assessment by the Secretary of Agriculture of the whey

July 25 - 10 a.m., Conservation and Credit Subcommittee, and Science, Research and Technology Subcommittee, and Natural Resources subcommittee., Joint public hearings, 2325 Russel building on July 25, 2318 Russel building on July 26. Subject - Agricultural productivity and environmental quality.

July 26 - 10 a.m., Family Farms, Rural Development and Special Studies Subcommittee, public hearing, 1302 Longworth building, to consider administration of the Foreign Investment Disclosure Act.

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came to America with the hay brought to feed the horses of Gen. John Burgoyne's army during the



Grasshoppers - dozens per stalk, invaded crop fields east of Dumas, Texas and a massive aerial spraying effort was moun-

nitie. The article starts out with a quote from an International Harvester Dealer, "Give a farmer a nickel and

he'll spend a dime." Forbes says Russian wheat buying is good and bad news. mers.

### Amway Chairman Also U.S. C of C Chairman

of the board of Amway Cor- terest of the American family poration, has just been installed as Chairman of the Board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He took office May 1.

Although VanAndel has been a strong spokesman for free enterprise and the right to make a profit, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has almost consistently ad-

Jay VanAndel, chairman vocated actions not in the in-

tinue to rub their hands in

anticipation of selling lots of

"big ticket items" to far-



Peanuts contain more protein per pound than a pound of

smaner roou price mereases reports Don Patterson. And meanwhile the implement manufacturers con-

Virginia AAM started an inquiry with members of Congress and the Department of Energy. As a result, DOE is asking for names of distributors who have prac-

ticed this. While it is known the practice has been common in Virginia, it is not known how widespread it has been in other areas.

"These fuel pricing practices constitute a substantial illegal rip-off of farmers, and we are intent on seeing that distributors understand that farmers are watching to make sure that they do not continue," said Patterson.

phone 703-253-5232.

World, forced through town by the detour, was directed to the co-op for a cup of cof-

ting wheat on the ground.

conversation, two long trains pulling empty cars north passed them up one more

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### Solar Stills

Simple solar stills have been used for years to purify salt water for drinking. Solar stills are used in dry areas to provide up to 10 gallons of drinking water per day at very little cost. The technology is at least 100 years old.

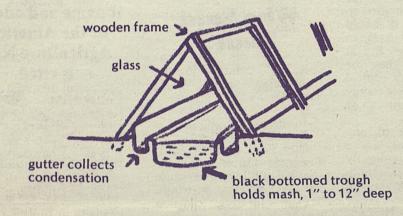
Simple stills are said to be about 35% efficient. With higher initial costs, 60% efficiency can be reached. The biggest loss is from

Plastic stills are cheaper than glass, are lighter and tougher, but are not as good as glass because the liquid tends to form drops and fall back into the undistilled portion, instead of forming a sheet as on glass and running into the collection reservoir.

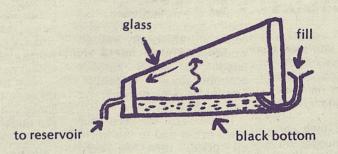
To separate alcohol from water in a solar still, the temperature must be maintained above the vaporization point of alcohol but below the vaporization point of water. This is done by increasing or decreasing the flow of mash into the still.

Two or three small solar stills can be hooked together so that after alcohol vaporizes and is collected, it runs into the next still to repeat the process and be purified further.

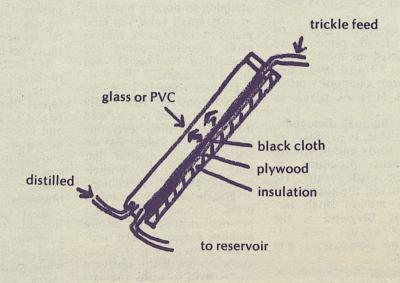
#### **Common Still**



#### Simple Permanent Still



#### **Portable Still**



### Maine, NH, RI **Get Gasohol**

Two service stations in Maine have started selling gasohol. Stations in New Hampshire and Rhode Island are also selling gasohol.

"My customers are just delighted, whether they drive new cars or old ones," a station manager said. "Gasohol is giving them better mileage and better performance than they had

#### **Gasohol Tractors Outperform Others**

Gasohol-powered tractors turned in superior perfor- Island nuclear plant can mance at recent tractor pulls at Bealeton, Virginia. At the last pull on July 7, a 50/50 mix of alcohol/gasoline was incur in the next 18 months. used. Engine performance Any costs left over can be and power were improved so much that even the spectators noticed the difference.

Warrenton farmer Earl Frazier reports that he has 85% is \$69.9 million, or 11% run his gasoline tractor on 100% alcohol.

### **Distillery Makes** Gasohol

The oldest family-owned bourbon distillery in the country, A. Smith Bowman, has now begun manufacturing gasohol in Virginia. Rent-a-car of Washington has begun using gasohol in its rentals in and out of the Washington air-

### **Customers Will Pay** For Three Mile Island

The Public Utility Commission has ruled that owners of the Three Mile charge customers for 85% of the replacement power costs the companies think they will recovered after December, 1980, if the commission thinks they are reasonable. Cost to consumers for the above what is now paid by residential customers.

### Makin' It On The Farm

Alcohol Fuel is the Road to Independence

A 96 page booklet with pictures, descriptions of farm alcohol plants, mash recipe, explanation of tests, glossary of terms, table of alcohol potentials, lists of suppliers, informative books and knowledgeable people. Also how to apply for

and addresses Price printed on booklet is \$2.95. All AAM offices may order a minimum of 25 for

a permit from BATF

60¢ each. All others - 1-4 booklets, \$2.95 each; 5-10, \$1.50; 11-25, \$1.00; 26-100, 75¢; 101 up, 60¢ each. We pay 4th class postage. Texans only: Sorry but we must add 5% sales tax to your orders!

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# **Pesticide Report Was Leaked to Press**

The GAO report saying that imported foods contain harmful pesticides which are banned in the United States was leaked to the press before the report was officially released, a source in the General Accounting Of-

The facts released are correct. The only reason the report had not been officially released was that no one had requested it.

Two people who worked on the report on a contract basis apparently released its contents.

It is anticipated that now at least one congressman will make a formal request for

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## **Texas Ag Commissioner Says** He Doesn't Need Farmers Votes, **Insults Blacks**

delegates and alternates were in Austin, Texas July 10 for a delegate meeting. Since they were in town, they asked for a meeting with Agricultural Reagan Brown. The farmers immediately brought up the proposed producers board, which Brown opposes.

"As soon as we mentioned the Agriculture Producers Board, he became just violently opposed. We were just shocked. It seems he has taken offense at this planned producers board," said Jerome Friemel, an AAM delegate.

Brown burst into a torrent of abuse and curse words.

One of Brown's remarks was reconstructed by the Austin American-Statesman after talking with three sources. They reported Brown said "There are more niggers on a Houston street than there are farmers in Texas. You didn't put me here and you can't get me out."

He called Texas Farm Bureau President Carrol Chaloupka a "G-- D--Bohemian.'

It is not known who released the information to the press. By all accounts it American Agriculture, although supporters were questioned by reporters after the leak.

Some of Brown's remarks were repeated to Governor Bill Clements in a meeting the farmers had with him the next day. Governor Clements told the press "I couldn't believe he said that." The governor said Brown's later apology indicated "that he thought he had (shown) an attitude contrary to the responsibilities of his of-

Amid rumors that a tape recording existed of the meeting, Brown did not deny the remarks. Two days later, he issued a 5 paragraph general apology, saying his angry remarks did not represent his true feelings about individuals or groups.

Brown said he was being planned pressure and harassment from American Agriculture. Jerome Friemel, however,

said Brown was "in error what is best. when he said we were using pressure tactics. We were very, very cordial in the Agriculture Producer's Admeeting with the commissioner...We were not refused to tell us what harassing him. The meeting was not previously planned. Since we were there, we just says that he was elected to wanted to visit with him - it run the Texas Department of was a spur of the moment meeting.

Friemel said Brown came apart when the producers board was mentioned.

this producers board would be able to come in and uncover some things he wouldn't want to see uncovered," said Marvin Meek. "I think the man's got something to hide or he wouldn't feel so intimidated over something so simple as a producers board."

# Response

by Mike McCathern

On Tuesday, July 10, the American Agriculture American Movement delegates and their alternates met with Commissioner of Agriculture Reagan V. Brown at the Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas, for the purpose of discussing the Family Farms Security Act and the Agricultural Producer's Advisory Com-

Mr. Brown has sharp differences with the family farmers of this state over this commission. We can not understand why Mr. Brown opposes a commission that would have advisory capacity only. We can not understand why this would pressure and harass him

In this meeting, he lost his composure completely, and made remarks about the farmers and Black citizens of this state that are totally unacceptable to our views. We accept Mr. Brown's apology to the general public, but we feel that he owes a public apology specifically to the Black citizens and family farmers of this state.

Mr. Brown has forgotten that the people are the government, and not the other way around. To slur the Blacks and belittle the farmers is beyond our comprehension.

It is a sad day when an elected official not only slurs the people he is elected to serve, but tells them they have no right to question his actions; that he alone knows

Mr. Brown evidently has great opposition to the visory Commission. He has specific problems he has with this commission. He only Agriculture. We call upon him to make known to the public and to the farmers of Texas why he is so violently opposed to this commission.

Mr. Brown administers a department that enforces our grades, weights and standards that we have to sell our products under, and which regulates the products going to the consumers.

Something is wrong with the system when farmers are going broke producing and consumers can not buy. We ask "Why?"

We are concerned when bread prices go up because wheat prices are up. But when wheat prices go down, bread prices do not go down. The public is told that wheat prices are up, but are they told about the dockage imposed on the farmer so that he does not get that price? This is a dockage that the giant grain trade will give no reason for. We can find out nothing from our Texas Department of Agriculture either. Mr. Brown is certainly fearful of a citizens advisory commission for agriculture.

The public has the right to

### **USDA** Will Study Organic Farming

The USDA, after ignoring organic farming for years, now has started a full-scale review to see if farmers can produce enough crops without chemical fertilizers pesticides and weedkillers. The review may be complete by the end of this year.

USDA traditionally urged farmers to use chemicals, fertilizers and antibiotics.

Team leader is Robert Panendick, soil scientist in USDA's Land Management and Water Conservation Research Laboratory in Pullman, Washington. The research will be done at the USDA's Beltsville, Maryland research facility. Farms now intense organic methods will be included in the study.

#### 35 Rail Cars continued from 2

Rock Co-op and do what he could to help.

The article was published in the Tulsa World and picked up on the wire and also published in the Daily Oklahoman. As a result, Nigh Governor telegrams to Santa Fe urging them to get the cars to the elevators.

Within 2 days, Glendon Howard had 35 box cars and many calls from truckers offering assistance.

After a check in the area, it was learned that only Red Rock and Marland, a nearby town, were issued cars in a sufficient number to help.

Manager Howard has another cup of coffee he is willing to trade for 34 more cars. The pressure is off now as harvest is about complete in this area.

# The Chaplain's Corner

Ezekial 38 from the Living Tarshish with whom she

Here is another message to me from the Lord: "Son of dust, face north-

ward toward the land of Magog, (could this be Russia?) and prophesy against Gog, king of Mesheck and Tubal. Tell him that the Lord God says: I am against you, Gog. I will put hooks into your jaws and pull you to your doom. I will mobilize your troops and armored cavalry, and make you a mighty host, all fully armed. Peras, Cush and Put shall join you too with all their weaponry, and so shall Gomer and all his hordes and the armies of Togarmah from the distant north, as well as many others. Be prepared! Stay mobilized. You are their leader, Gog!

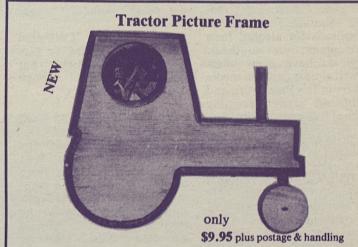
"A long time from now you will be called to action. In distant years you will swoop down onto the land of Israel, that will be lying in peace after the return of its people from many lands. You and all your allies - a vast and awesome army will roll down upon them like a storm and cover the land like a cloud. For at that time an evil thought will have come to your mind. You will have said, 'Israel is an unprotected land of unwalled villages! I will go to those once-desolate cities that are now filled with people again - those who have returned from all the nations - and I will capture vast booty and many slaves. For the people are rich with cattle now, and the whole earth revolves around

"But Sheba and Dedan and the merchant princes of trades will ask, 'Who are you to rob them of silver and gold and drive away their cattle and seize their goods and make them poor?

"The Lord God says to Gog: When my people are living in peace in their land, then you will rouse yourself. You will come from all over the north with your vast host of cavalry and cover the land like a cloud. This will happen in the distant future - in the latter years of history. I will bring you against my land, and my holiness will be vindicated in your terrible destruction before their eyes, so that all the nations will know that I am God.

"The Lord God says: You are the one I spoke of long ago through the prophets of Israel, saying that after many years had passed, I would bring you against my people. But when you come to destroy the land of Israel, my fury will rise! For in my jealousy and blazing wrath, I promise a mighty shaking in the land of Israel on that day. All living things shall quake in terror at my presence; mountains shall be thrown down; cliffs shall tumble: walls shall crumble to the earth. I will summon every kind of terror against you, says the Lord God, and you will fight against yourselves in mortal combat! will fight you with sword, disease, torrential floods, great hailstones, fire and brimstone! Thus will I show my greatness and bring honor upon my name, and all the nations of the world will hear what I have done, and know that I am God!

> In God We Trust The Chaplain



This tractor picture frame is made out of Black Hills Pine in Spearfish, SD. It is 9" tall, 11" long, and there is a 2½" circle with glass in it in the cab area that allows you to display your favorite picture. It is stained to a medium brown color. The frame is made out of wood so each frame will have a unique grain pattern.

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evening to find out what this

For the trip, they had the

Washington artist Michael

McEwan. The design was

based on the song, "America the Beautiful," including

spacious skies, which were

clouds on the roof, amber

waves of grain, wheat scenes

on the side, purple moun-

tains majesty, and a surprise

entrance from the fourth ver-

se, a gleaming alabaster city,

which was depicted by a

Capitol on the rear. There

was a cow painted on the

hood.

other world was all about."

Toyota painted

# Around The Countryside

### Nebraska

Farmers in Nebraska are worried about their water rights because of strange happenings in the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

Nebraska AAM advises all farmers to first register their rights to the ground surface water on their property, then attend any meeting in their area on water in order to foil any attempt to steal the water rights from the farmers.

Farmers may call or write the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, ask for Section 208 on Water Quality Management Plan for the State of Nebraska, then ask for a list of public meetings that are being held across the state.

The address is: Gayle Lewis, Natural Resources Commission, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509. Or call 402-471-2081.

Farmers staged a tractorcade protest parade through Aliance in support of striking

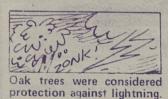
A Nebraska state meeting will be held August 5 at the DeBoer cabin at Johnson Lake south of Lexington. Camp grounds and grocery store are available.

### Virginia

Virginia AAM farmers served barbecue to D. C. residents at a Friendship Fair June 23. Information, bushel for barrel bumper stickers and pins were also dispensed along with the food.

Chester Carter and Granville Maitland, acting as spearheads for alcohol fuels development in southside Virginia, have been interviewed almost daily on media outlets in the Petersburg and Richmond areas discussing alcohol fuel production.

Partly as a result of AAM lobbying, Governor Dalton has taken a step toward Virginia joining the National Gasohol Commission. He has also told the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to prepare backyard stills. Hearings studies related to the feasibility of grain alcohol production in Virginia. Don Airport has been experimen-Patterson, speaking as a state ting with methanol-gasoline senate candidate, warned the blends in airport vehicles. Governor against delaying There are no restrictions on further when the studies have manufacture or purchase of already been done, some 50 years ago.



### Georgia

Changes are about to be made in Georgia laws that control and regulate all of the agriculture commodity

Georgia farmers are urged to attend a hearing in Atlanta on August 8 at 10 a.m., Room 201 in the Agricultural Building near the Capitol, to make their voices heard. Some thoughts from far-

mers are that Board members should be elected by popular vote of farmers only; that no one should serve on the boards except farmers, and advisers asked for expertise needed; nominations be made by farmers only; that Com-missions should be allowed to lobby; that farmers must derive a substantial part of their income from the commodity he wishes to represent; and that farmers should totally manage and direct all activities of these organizations since they are

totally financed by farmers! Georgia farmers are urged to call their state senators and representatives, as well as attend the meeting in

### Utah

U and I closed its last sugar factory the last weekend of June when it shut the doors at the Moses Lake, Washington plant. U & I had already closed plants at Garland, Utah, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Toppenish, Washington. U & I decided to get out of the sugar business because of conlosses due to depressed domestic sugar

A group of Columbia Basin farmers tried to buy the sugar factory, but couldn't secure enough

Kenneth F. Wynn, Utah director of the Liquor Control Commission, told the press that current liquor laws forbid Utah residents from distilling alcohol. The commission, however, is conrevising its regulations to permit

were scheduled in July. Salt Lake International methanol, since is is

poisonous. The airport has been buying methanol in 55 gallon drums for 90 cents a gallon, owner agree that prices are unemployment were the but plan to start buying in not being pushed up by tankloads at 60 cents a gallon, which would make the mixture cheaper than straight gasoline.

## Michigan

Louie Saunders reports corporations in Michigan will build 20 million gallon per year alcohol plants. They will be located in Lenawee County, Branch or Hillsdale County, and in St. Louis, Michigan.

The St. Louis plant is already under construction. The city of St. Louis sold Michigan Agrifuels a beet processing plant that had been idle for 24 years for the sum of \$1. Twenty farmers put up \$1 million, and borrowed the rest. Jim Reynolds, a skilled distiller, was hired away from Archer Daniels.

The plant should be producing next spring.

Saunders said one feasability study has been obtained from Chemapec of New York. Their plant would be bonded and warranted to produce from 1 bushel of corn the following: 1.75 pounds of corn oil; 3.95 pounds of edible 62% protein meal; 10.2 pounds of animal protein meal; 1.1 pounds of dry yeast fodder; 0.08 pounds of fusel oil; 13 pounds of CO2, 2.5 gallons of 199.5 proof ethanol; and 37,000 BTU methane gas. The total energy plant would use 20,000 BTU to produce the anhydrous alcohol for 65 to 75¢ a gallon.

Branch County expects to build immediately a 1 to 2 million gallon plant. They have a prospective site, a willing engineer, and think they can get funding. This small plant will be an interim project as they work toward a 20 million gallon plant

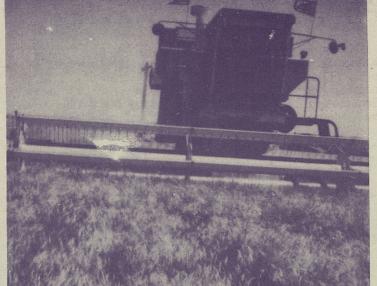
Alcohol interest at the state level is high and Michigan had perhaps the first Gasohol Day in the US. The legislators are also en-

## Washington

Because Washington has lost a half million acres of farmland in the last decade, some are advocating public purchase of development rights similar to public ownership of coal and mineral rights.

Wheat growers in Washington are reported still holding for higher prices. AAM spokesman Sam Kim- marketing sources for farble and a local elevator mers crops, and reduced area anything congress or the administration did for farmers, but simply by supply and

demand.



Joe Schwertner, combining wheat near Dumas, Texas on the 4th of July, flew both the American and AAM flags.

### Colorado

There will be a Colorado State meeting August 4, 10 a.m., at the Freddy Hillman farm north of Yuma, Colorado. Mr. Hillman will provide a beef barbecue for lunch. Directions from Yuma will be posted along the road. Everyone is urged

Laurie Schroder reported to the Springfield office about the latest visitors to the Scroder alcohol plant located near Campo. Representatives of the Department of Energy and a Presidential aide, escorted by Marvin Oerke, visited during the weekend. Technical assistance and the possibility of a grant were dicussed. Several television film crews have also been at the plant.

Virginia Bitner, of the Colorado State Office, Walsh, askes that all Colorado AAM Offices send any news to the Springfield AAM office each week. The newsletter previously printed by the State Office will be discontinued with the issue recently mailed out. Colorado news will be printed in the AAM News in the future until further notice.

### **Ethanol Production Set for Campo**

Alcohol fuel, ethanol, production will be the chief product of the newly organized Baca Food and Fuel Co-op of Campo, Colorado, although the byproducts will be marketed as cattle feed and dog food.

A solution to the fuel crisis facing the nation, increased reasons for the information of the cooperative.

The plant, which will manufacture approximately 3,000 gallons per day of

ethanol, will be located near southeastern Colorado.

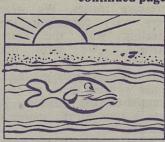
Shares in the Baca Food and Fuel Co-op may be purchased at the cost of \$1,000 per share. Pledges are now being taken for these shares. Anyone interested in investing should mail notice of the number of shares they wish to purchase to Box 99, Campo, Colorado 81028 There will be an election of a Board of Directors July 26, 8 p.m., at the Campo School, also in Campo.

"There is no deadline for submission of pledges," said Alvin Jenkins, "But it is important to send your notice as soon as possible because there will only be 1,000 shares sold."

Estimated cost of production and establishing the business has been set at \$1 million. The money raised from purchase of the shares will fund these costs and no additional shares will be

Eugene Schroder and Alvin Jenkins, leaders of the American Agriculture Movement, have offered their support of the Baca Food and Fuel Co-op saying, 'We predict a return of three times on per share investment and the initial investment will be repaid in three

The nation and agriculture will reap the benefits of alternative fuel production. "Farmers can and will lead the way toward alleviating the energy crunch by producing alcohol fuel which will on imported oil," said Gene Schroder. continued page 7



In some parts of the Sahara Desert, fish live in underground streams.

### continued from page 6 Kansas

**Around the Countryside** 

#### Foreigners are buying Kansas farmland at a rate of nearly 13,500 acres a year, according to a report of the Senate Agriculture Committee. This is only an estimate, since neither the federal or state government has ac-

Foreign buyers get income tax breaks not extended to Americans. They can pay more per acre. When they sell, they pay no taxes on the

curate records of foreign

Kansas survey seismologist Don Steeples got an \$86,000 DOE grant to study the geothermal energy sources of

Steeples says that water from 140 to 200 degrees F can be used for space heating. He says southeast Kansas has a lot of warm, shallow water, within a thousand feet of the surface, that could be used for space

Texas

Several Texas AAM mem-

David Senter, former

bers met with Governor Bill

AAM delegate, was hired for

the Office of Federal-State

Relations in Washington

D.C. and ordered to report

for work July 16. This ap-

pointment had been in the

offing for several months but

Governor Clements said he

would try to find \$150,000 to

go for small alcohol plants to

research funds he vetoed for

Texas A&M for alcohol

AAM farmers also spoke

with the Governor about the

proposed producers' board

that Ralph Roming has been

hired to put together. They

got a chance to state the

reasons why a producer board was vital. The Gover-

nor seemed to listen with an

away from the meeting

feeling they had accom-

plished a lot, and were

pleased with the results.

Name

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AAM supporters came

had not materialized.

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open mind.

Clements July 11.

Ag Department employees are angry at the administration's shuffling of agencies and responsibilities related to extension fun-

make up for the \$220,000

Organization of Professional Employees of the Department of Agriculture is behind the protest.



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### Idaho

A group of Preston residents are planning on building an alcohol plant in early 1980. The group, headed by Mark Checketts, has several small stills ready to operate as soon as BATF permits are granted.

Logan biochemist. Bruce Burnham, has provided testing equipment and warehouses for the stills. Burnham says whey will probably be the raw material

Taiwan will buy \$35 million worth of Idaho grain, including 152,000 metric tons of wheat for \$30,862,080, and 52,000 metric tons of barley for \$4,082,000. The grain will be delivered from December, 1979 through June of 1980.

The sale price averages about \$5.60 a bushel. The farmers will probably be paid just over \$5.

# Ag Employees Are Angry

ctions, AP reports.

Employees started a letterwriting campaign to state officials and congressmen.

They say the Carter administration has mounted a threat to the whole extension service structure by reorganization to the point that research and education have been lost.



Freelance reporters Barbara Levering and Frances Riddle visited Marvin and Peggy Arensman for several days. Barbara Levering was a public relations person for the Senate Budget Committee. Frances Riddle vas a management analyst for

HEW The two are gathering background for several articles. They left their jobs, cleaned out their savings, squeezed their belongings into a 1974 Toyota, and began the adventure of a lifetime.

This all came about because of a Colorado farmer and the axles of his trac-

Levering and Riddle planned for 6 weeks for the four month trip, which will take them through Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississip-Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware.

The trip began April 23 and will see them back home in D.C. August 29.

When asked why they did what they did, Levering said, "Our adventure began on a spring like Sunday as we were strolling on the mall watching the tractorcade farmers prepare to pull out of town. Like everyone else raised in an urban environment, we were awed by the enormity of the tractors and were puzzled by the different lengths of the axles. Succumbing to curiosity, we finally asked. We received not only a pleasant answer, but a ride on a tractor as well. Our host, we discovered, was a wheat farmer and cattle rancher with a wife and 12 kids at home. As we talked the rest of the afternoon, we realized how entirely different his life was

#### by Peggy Arensman Kinsley, Kansas from ours and from our preand vegetables. They plan conceived notion of farm visits to cattle and tobacco life. Already weary of our producers on the latter half government jobs and with

of the trip. While in the Trousedale Larned, Kinsley and Dodge City, Kansas area, they talked to bankers, commodity brokers, feedlot managers, wheat farmers, and cattle buyers, as well as seeing the many tourist attractions.

Levering said she was amazed by the hours the farmers put in. Riddle said while in D.C. she had thought the farmer was working a few hours a day and coming to D.C. to gripe. Since her on-farm visit, she could not understand how the farmer could stand the pace the year round.

Levering and Riddle The Arensman family visited producers whose wants to thank all those who took the time to educate and crops were rice, potatoes, grapes, chicken, corn, wheat entertain these two friends.



Merrill, Oregon AAM sent the Toffel brothers to Washington last winter. Signs were painted by Link Elgner, Malin,



This sign decorated the Oregon-California tractor in the tractorcade last winter. Uncle Sam carries the farmer's pitchfork, a useful tool to force the producer to the marketplace.

1980 Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats Programs and Special Wheat Grazing and Hay Programs (AAM News 7-3-79) comment period has been moved back to July 16 realizing 60 day comment period must be circumvented as in this case where it is not possible and contrary to public interest. (neither is the Federal Register, but what the hay - maybe they'll take some backdated comments.)

USDA proposed rules of practice published hereafter to review cooperative marketing activities, and conduct of cease and desist proceedings, un-der Section 2 of the Capper-Volstead Act. Rules were prepared in response to, and in conformance with a report entitled "Undue Price Enhancement Agricultural Cooperatives." Copies may be obtained from Information Staff, ESC Service, Rm. 448, 500 12th St. SW, Wash. D.C. 20250. Ruling signed by Bob Bergland. Comment by 9-7-79, to Hearing Clerk, USDA,

Wash. D.C. 20250.

DES (Diethylstilbestrol) is being withdrawn as an additive to animal feed and as a subcutaneous implant and information about these applications will no longer be available. Action effective to manufacture and shipment on July 13, 1979, as drug in manufacture, shipment, and use of feed containing DES on July 20, 1979. After with-drawal becomes effective, the continued introduction, delivery for introduction, preoffered delivery, or receipt in interstate commerce of animal drugs, feed and food from animals treated with such drugs will violate the law. Petitions for stay of effective date to Hearing Clerk (HFA-305) FDA, Rm. 4-56, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD. 20857.

Nitrites in Bacon - Color Additive Status - FDA issued letter of denial in response to citizen petition requesting that nitrites in bacon be declared a color additive. Letter of denial issued June 29, 1979.

Ice Cream Sandwich Wafers from Canada - notice to advise the public it appears above no longer being sold to the US at less than fair value. Dumping finding first appeared in FR 3-14-72, but since 1974, it appears the sole shipper will not sell at less than fair value. U. S. Treasury Dept. FR Vol. 44, No. 131, 7-6-79. Book 1 of 2.

Peanuts, 1979 Warehouse Loan and Purchase Program, CCC final rule set Purchase \$420/ton for quota peanuts and \$300/ton for additional peanuts, effective 7-9-79. Further Info: Dalton Ustynik (202) 447-6761.

USDA proposes to enhance, protect, and manage cultural resources by complying with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, by implementing Executive Order 11592 "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment' which gives the Federal Gov't (who else) responsibility for stewar-dship of our Nation's heritage resources, etc, by implementing Presidential Memoramdum of July 12, "Environmental Quality and Water Resource Management", by implementing ACHP "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" regulations and Land use policy of USDA (Sec's Memoramdum No. 1827) which established a commitment by the Department to preserve farms, rural communities and landscapes. Just in case they overlooked something, the office of Environmental Quality will implement procedures not covered by the above. (With all this protection we can't possibly lose - so why does America appear to be gasping her last?) FR Vol. 44, No. 132, 7-

> Carol Ebert, St. George, Ks.

#### **Columnist Wants to** Call Back Family **Farmers**

Sylvia Porter of Field Enterprises news syndicate, wrote a column recently expressing a wish to call back the family farmers thrown off the land decades ago. She says though this is impossible, we should do all we can to save the few family farms left.

The column was slanted against the large scale use of pesticides by huge agribusinesses, and the killing off of useful wildlife.

### **Short Snorts**

Australia, stopped in 1977 due to bluetongue disease, may now be resumed, says the USDA. Sheep will be flown in to Honolulu and held for 30 days before coming to the mainland.

The Farmers Home Administration has awarded a \$250,000 contract to the National Academy of Sciences to study the gathering of statistics on rural conditions.

FmHA administrator Gordon Cavanaugh said the produce study should recommendations for improving skimpy information

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### **FGIS Moves**

The Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) will move from Washington D.C. to Kansas City, Missouri this summer.

The FGIS standardization, board of appeals and review, and safety offices will move. The training branch has been in Kansas City since 1978.

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