

## Massachusetts Farmer's "Master Cell" Is Probed

Middleboro, Mass., July 20—(UP)—The A-men pattered about farmer John Brown's cellar laboratory today, determining whether his "master cell" really can make corn grow as high as an elephant's eye and cure animals of "most anything."

Down here to take the mystery out of the "master cell" were scientific sleuths—agents of the U. S. agriculture department.

They had company, agents from the federal department of pure foods and drugs. Ditto for a representative of the interstate commerce commission and a lanky, legal-minded gent from the state fertilizer registration bureau at Amherst.

Confronting the A-men were the baleful glares of Brown's neighbors—farmers who vow the roly-poly former pharmacist has discovered the fountain of youth.

The "master cell," they insisted, had doubled crop production. It had their critics bustling with vim and vigor and sporting coats that shimmered like polished glass.

Brown, sun-bronzed and blase, exuded confidence. Snoop away, he said. Pop the questions.

He explained his "master cell" was a secret, super-potent organism. He had wrapped the "cells" in handy cement discs, he said. Farmers were supposed to soak the discs in water and then spray it on crops and feed it to animals.

"Effective?" he chuckled. "Ask the men who've used 'em."

That's just what the A-men intended to do. They had decided to visit farmer Brown after Dr. Joseph Seiberlich, head of the University of New Hampshire's experimental station at Durham, N. H., said he had been studying the "master cell" for a month and had found nothing unusual.

"We are investigating with an open mind and presuming he may have discovered something," Dr. Seiberlich said. "If he has, though, we haven't any evidence of it."

"We considered it somewhat of a joke when it started," said Dr. Fred Sievers, head of the Amherst station. "But, with farmers shoveling out their money and attributing a miracle-a-minute to the 'master cell' we figured we better get busy."

Dr. John W. Kuzmeski, the Amherst station's chief chemist, was principally interested in a report the "cell" produced seeds with "built-in" fertilizer. If this were so, he said, he wanted to know why Brown hadn't registered the invention as required by state law.

All in all, it looked like a hot day for farmer Brown. But he had a whole well of drinking water handy—all charged to heat the band with "master cells."

## Chicago Railroad Fair Opens Today

### Commemorates 100 Years Of Progress

Chicago, July 20—(UP)—More than 100,000 Chicagoans were expected to turn out today for the opening of the Chicago railroad fair commemorating 100 years of progress by the industry which has made the city one of the greatest in the world.

The fair is one of the biggest shows held in the city since it marked its centennial with the Century of Progress exposition of 1933-34. The fair is being held on the site of the Century of Progress show on the shore of Lake Michigan.

Maj. Lenox R. Lohr, fair president, said more than 2,000,000 persons are expected to attend the show before it closes in mid-September. Hundreds of thousands are expected to come to Chicago from other sections of the country to tour the exhibits.

About 30 ancient locomotives with their tenders and some cars were assembled to show visitors how the nation's rail transportation has progressed to the steel monsters that carry passengers and freight back and forth across the nation today.

Other exhibits present replicas of scenes along the rights-of-way of the major roads.

The Chicago skyline, as a backdrop to the show, portrays dramatically how the railroad industry helped the city develop from a tiny frontier village to the transportation hub of the nation.

Among the old locomotives on display is the "Best Friend" of Charleston, the first built in America. When completed in 1829, it had a speed of 30 miles per hour on its own and 21 miles when hauling its four cars loaded with 50 passengers.

The famous Tom Thumb developed by Peter Cooper for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in 1829 is also on display along with such other old timers as the DeWitt Clinton, first locomotive to pull passenger trains in New York, the John Bull, the Atlantic, the Pioneer, and the Reuben Wells.

Besides them are the streamlined diesels which streak across the prairies and mountains today at speeds close to 100 miles an hour.

## Tax Evasion Case Under Advisement

### Three Men Charged With Tax Evasion

Danville, Ill., July 20—(UP)—Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley said today he would render a decision in Indianapolis in the case of a former Indiana state senator and two other men charged with evading \$365,487 in federal taxes during 1943.

Lindley took the case under advisement late yesterday after oral and final arguments. He said he would make a ruling at Indianapolis, but set no date.

Charged with tax evasion on liquor sales were Jacob Weiss, 47, Indianapolis attorney and former Marion county Democratic state senator; Max Stryk, 52, Gary, and Louis Rosenbloom, 50, Hammond, Ind.

Government attorneys charged that the three men "deliberately conspired" to defraud the government through two "dummy" companies. The government alleged the men recorded liquor sales at OPA ceiling prices, but sold the liquor at above-ceiling prices. Their combined income for 1943 was estimated at \$586,178 by the government.

Defense attorneys replied there was no offense because the men made no profit. All profits were offset by "allowable expenses," the attorneys said. They said the liquor transactions "actually involved" a loss.

The defense said the three men filed an amended tax return before the charges were pressed by the government, paying \$109,000 in taxes.

Government attorneys were allowed 10 days by Lindley to file reply briefs at the close of yesterday's hearing.

## Local Couple's Niece Awarded Fellowship

Miss June F. Zimmerman of Milwaukee, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zimmerman of 611 Jefferson street, Decatur, has been awarded a fellowship to continue advanced chemical research at Oxford university in England.

The fellowship was awarded by the American association of university women, and Miss Zimmerman was the only such winner in Wisconsin. Miss Zimmerman attended Illinois institute of technology and Columbia university and taught at Hood college before undertaking her present research at Bryn Mawr college, Pa.

## King Donates Embroidery

Worcester, Mass.—(UP)—The green silk damask cloth which covers the altar at Trinity Lutheran Church here was embroidered by King Gustav of Sweden. It was a gift to this city's largest Swedish-American population.

## HEART OF CAIRO

(Cont. From Page One) shy Pasha told the press. Nokrashy and King Farouk visited the scene of the blast but the government withheld full details. No figures on casualties were announced.

There appeared to be some doubt about the exact cause of the explosion. Bomb experts announced, however, that a mine falling from the air hit the front wall of the Metropole theater, spreading damage over an area 500 yards square.

The explosion was followed by the wall of air raid sirens and the roar of anti-aircraft guns. A cabinet member said an enemy plane was sighted over the Ajmaza airdrome area outside Cairo.

The blast came more than 24 hours after the United Nations ultimatum for a cease-fire in Palestine went into effect. An air raid on Cairo was not expected in view of the truce.

The blast caused fires and snapped electric wires, authorities said, but the flames were soon extinguished.

Dispatches from Tel Aviv at

almost the same time said that hostile planes appeared over the Jewish capital last night. Sirens sounded and residents rushed to shelters, but the planes disappeared without dropping bombs.

An unconfirmed report from Tulkarm, in the Arab-held triangle northeast of Tel Aviv, said 25 persons were killed and forty wounded in a Jewish bombing raid at dawn yesterday. The raid reportedly was carried out by four-engined heavy bombers.

## AMERICAN

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were withheld. The army reported that the ambush occurred at an outpost 400 yards south of the 38th parallel, near Kaesong. The Koreans, garbed in civilian clothes, escaped even though the Americans returned their fire.

"The attackers used grenades and small arms after hiding in a

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cornfield approximately 10 yards from the soldiers," the army said. Dr. Syngman Rhee, American-educated Nationalist leader, was elected the first president of the new republic of Korea today.

## MORE POLIO

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epidemic area. A ban against public gathering of children has been in effect in Wilmington, New Hanover county seat, for 12 days.

## SCHUMAN FALL

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tary aid to western Europe. On the Berlin question, British foreign secretary Ernest Bevin heard appeals from the other four foreign ministers against any show-

down with the Russians. French foreign minister Bidault and the Benelux states especially were opposed to a spectacular attempt to break Berlin blockade by force. They ed that everything possible to resume four-power negotia-

Don't miss the bargains on children's clothing at Rosemary Shop, 270 N. street.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Youth For Christ

A county-wide Youth for Christ rally will be held at the First Menonite church at Berne Friday evening, July 20, with Dr. Harry W. von Bruch of Long Beach, Cal., as the guest speaker. Dr. von Bruch is an author, song-writer

and forceful speaker of the gospel. He has spoken for Christ rallies across the nation and comes with a tremendous challenge to youth.

Other special features will be given making this an evening of inspiration and profit to everyone who will attend this rally. The public is invited.

## YUGOSLAVIA

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conomic boycott by the rest of the Soviet bloc. If Soviet satellites refuse to sell Tito needed goods, he may use the gold to shop in the west.

The settlement closed out the books on the famous "plane incidents" of August, 1946, when an American transport was shot down over Yugoslavia, killing five American airmen. A second transport was forced down and its occupants interned.

Only after the U. S. sent a heated 48-hour "ultimatum" did Yugoslavia release the Americans and apologize. Later, it paid \$150,000 in indemnities to the families of the five slain airmen.

### New Assignment

Hongkong.—(UP)—Between 25 and 30 former officers of the British Palestine police will be recruited for Hongkong's police force. The Palestine police was disbanded when the British mandate came to an end.

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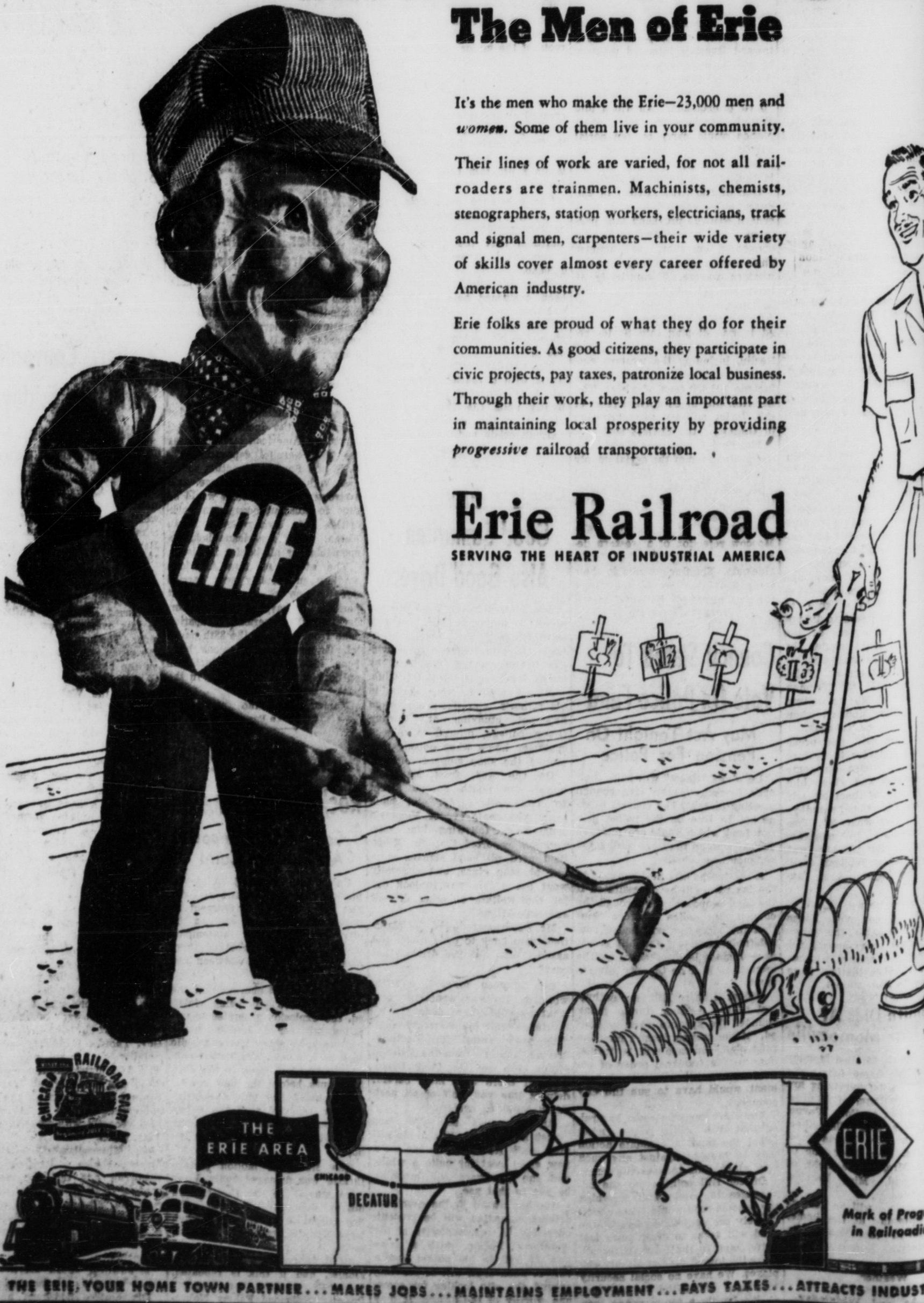
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