

Operation Bootstrap Aid To Communities

CARBONDALE, Ill. (UP) — A big area of 31 counties south and east of St. Louis has been suffering for years from a chronic depression in the midst of national prosperity.

It was marked by severe layoffs in the coal mines, dropping farm income, industries moving away and no new ones coming in, stamping population, deterioration of shopping areas, schools and homes.

Then three years ago Southern Illinois University came right out and told civic leaders that no one was going to end their troubles but themselves. It offered them an economic blueprint which it called "Operation Bootstrap."

It proved so effective it is now the basis for intensive do-it-yourself programs in 12 communities, ranging from the grim railroad and industrial city of East St. Louis to Elizabethtown, an Ohio River settlement of 600.

Eldorado, population 4,300, was the first Illinois town to seek the university's aid. It has come a long way since 1953. Here is what happened:

Citizens banded together and agreed how to approach their problems. Hundreds of volunteer workers themselves rebuilt the city hall, tore down unsightly buildings and turned a vacant lot into a park. Merchants remodeled store fronts on the main street.

Committees brought pressure which got funds for a new bridge, a new high school and new factory.

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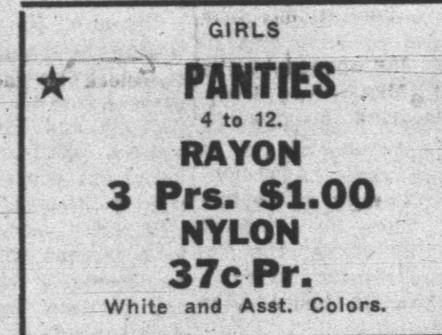
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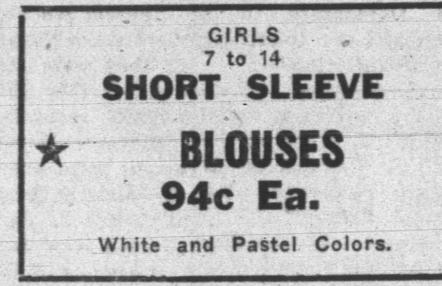
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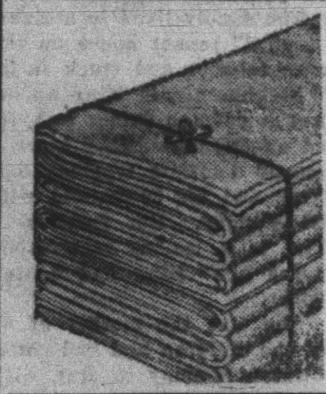
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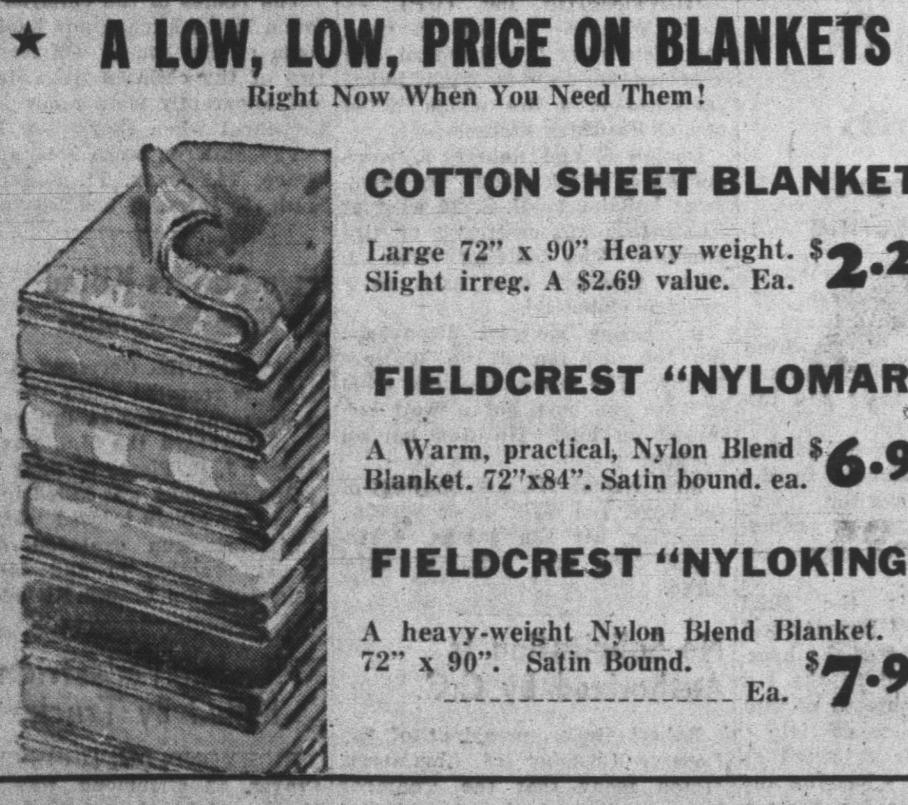
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Sees Big Boost In Farmer Production

40 Per Cent Boost Necessary By 1957

HUNTLEY, Ill. (UP) — A leading agricultural educator said today a 40 percent increase in farm production will be needed to feed the population of the United States by 1975.

Prof. Roy Bainer, chairman of the department of agricultural engineering at the University of California, spoke at the opening of the Thor research center for better farm living here. He said "the key" to the problem of feeding an increased population lies in the heightened efficiency of mechanized farming.

Bainer said expanding urban areas and the development of super highways will keep available croplands at a constantly dwindling level. He said to combat the crowding-out trend, farmers must turn to mechanization.

The California professor was one of seven speakers scheduled to address the seminar on power farming marking the opening of the Thor research center. Dedication of the center was planned for Wednesday when agriculture secretary Ezra T. Benson will speak before farmers from Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana.

Indianapolis Man Killed In Brawl

INDIANAPOLIS (UP) — Willis Burks, 35, Indianapolis, was shot fatally today in what police said was a street corner brawl.

Burks' slayer disappeared.

Witnesses said an automobile occupied by two men and a woman stalled at a street intersection. They said the men got out and started fighting. One of them ran and the other drew a gun and began firing.

Compassion Shown For Broken Man

Tried Bank Holdup With Lemon Squeezer

NEW YORK (UP) — Justice smiled compassionately Monday on a broken man who tried to rob a bank with a lemon squeezer.

A young assistant district attorney pleaded that charges be dropped against Edward J. Monkenmeyer, 65, who feebly tried to hold up a bank of 1,000 last Aug. 31 after he was fired from his job and evicted from his apartment.

Monkenmeyer, once a prosperous attorney who had been unable to recover from the depression, "had just a little more than his share" of heartache, the prosecutor said.

The half-strayed man, whose wife and children left him, had just been discharged from his job as an elevator operator when he decided to rob the bank.

He held a lemon squeezer in his pocket, indicating he had a gun, and told a teller to give him the money.

The teller refused and Monkenmeyer waited patiently for the police to come. He surrendered al-most thankfully.

Asst. Dist. attorney Burt Kohler told Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick that the people of the state of New York did not want to press charges.

"A man can endure just so much pain and frustration in a lifetime, it seemed to us that Ed Monkenmeyer had just a little more than his share," Kohler said.

Kohler said Monkenmeyer is suffering from bleeding ulcers, his spirit is gone and his mind has faded. He staged the robbery as much to get a bed and food in jail as to get money, Kohler said.

Monkenmeyer, who has been assigned to a state hospital, said he was happy now "because I will be fed regularly for the rest of my life."

Many persons who never saw the pitiful little man contributed several hundred dollars for him.

Monkenmeyer said the one letter he has been looking for in the mail has never arrived—a letter from his wife or children.

Wall New Deputy Attorney General

INDIANAPOLIS (UP) — Indiana attorney general Edwin Steers today announced the appointment of Merle M. Wall, Wabash, as deputy attorney general.

Wall formerly served as deputy attorney general 1929-33. He is also a former Cass county prosecuting attorney and county attorney in Wabash county.



IS THIS an Oriental beauty arriving in New York for some kind of "queen" or "miss" contest? No, she's Miss Renee Sui-yun Liu, a schoolteacher from Taipei, Formosa, but a beauty all the same. She came to the U. S. to attend the International Recreation congress in Philadelphia. (International)

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