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places where two five cent eggs and three thin slices of bacon can be converted into a seventy-five cent item.

I'll grant that some money is made in farming, but the owner usually works eighty or ninety hours a week on dairy farms, instead of the forty-hour week that most non-farm workers put in.

But the food price and farm controversy could be quickly and permanently settled if everyone would just quit eating.

Food is the most important item in our life and we should be thankful that we have plenty of it instead of having to subsist on a starvation diet, which many countries have to do, especially in times of drought.

In my own mind, farm products for export are the best solution for our balance of payments deficit because they are the only product that we have to sell that can compete with foreign production price-wise. All of our other exports are priced so high, thanks to the labor unions, that they cannot compete in the world market and instead we have a reverse trend of imports that are taking the jobs away from our working force.

After the landowner has reconciled all of the basic questions and is ready to order his planting stock.

To do this complete a tree order application which is obtainable from the Lowville Office of the Department of Environmental Conservation. Applications are also available from ASCS, SCS, or Extension Offices, all on N. State Street, Lowville. Trees cost \$20.00 per 1,000 (in minimum lots of 1,000). Shrubs cost \$20.00 per 1,000 in lots of 250, provided that 500 or more are ordered. The price for 250 only is \$7.50. Special wildlife habitat improvement packets cost \$3.00 or \$6.00, and contain 50 or 100 mixed trees and shrubs. At present most species are still in good supply, 1,000 trees or shrubs will plant approximately one acre. All orders are prepaid and reserved for spring shipment on a first-come, first-served basis. At least for 1973 tree and shrub orders may be picked up at the Lowville Nursery. The situation for future years is still in doubt.

Financial cost sharing, providing for approximately 80% of the total cost of seedlings plus planting, may be applied for at the local ASCS Office, N. State Street, Lowville.

It is still not too late to make plans and order trees for 1973. Even in Lewis County, "if winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Now that the "why", "what", and "where" questions have been resolved we arrive at "when" to plant. Technically, on Tug Hill only, where snow depths are deep and constant throughout winter, either fall or spring planting would be equally satisfactory. For all other areas, only spring planting is recommended. However, State Nurseries are geared for shipping in the spring, but not in the fall. When all frost crystals have melted in the upper soil layer - plant! The longer the delay after frost leaves, the less is the insurance that optimum survival will be attained. As a general rule, subject to annual weather variations, Tug Hill should not be planted after May 25, nor lower elevations after May 15.

The next step is the "how" to plant. Completely different methods are employed depending on whether coniferous trees or hardwood shrubs are being planted. Soil quality also influences the planting method. Planting is an operation involving considerable shock to the plant. To skip on planting techniques for the sake of expediency is poor economy. Follow all recommended steps religiously. The non-forester can employ a planting contractor.

For most laymen and even many experienced farmers, tree and shrub planting can be a new experience. To aid the landowner in orienting his thinking along the proper "why", "what", "where", "when", and "how" lines, excellent literature is available. Better still, a free field reconnaissance with a professional forester can be arranged. Best observations can be obtained when the ground is bare, but even with some snow a field analysis is possible. The source of such technical help is the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Box 31, Lowville, N.Y.

We are sending so many dollars abroad to pay for imported items, which are manufactured so much cheaper and sometimes better in other countries, that our dollar has become a drug on the market and these countries don't know what to do with it. It has just taken a ten per cent drop in value and the only possible way to stabilize our currency is to export something to get our money back, and farm products, such as corn, wheat, and soy beans, that price-wise seem to be acceptable to the foreign markets, are about the only choice left.

It might just happen that the farmer will be the one to rescue our government from a very embarrassing dollar situation abroad. - Otis Munn

Karen

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Democratic Presidential nominee.

The subpoenas are so broad, in fact, that if they are honored, they could place in the hand of Nixon campaign aids, the name of every confidential source, details of every interview, every tip and bit of information encountered by newsmen as they investigated the buggings and sabotages.

If this were to become a precedent, investigative reporting by the press would be drastically curtailed. Until recently reporters did not imagine that anyone would try to force them to break what they regard as virtually sacred pledges of anonymity to sources. Last June, however, the Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that Earl Caldwell, a NEW YORK TIMES reporter, and two other newsmen, had no right to shield their sources when questioned by a grand jury in a criminal case.

Since the court's ruling, several reporters have been jailed and others threatened with jail for refusing to testify on criminal matters.

As the subpoenas were being served, Congress was continuing hearings on the question of whether it should pass legislation limiting the ability to subpoena newsmen. Despite the wide support for such legislation, the outcome is uncertain.

Analysis

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Long March to Yenan."

In addition to his work at the center, Chen is conducting seminars on China at Columbia, Rochester and Cornell. He has a number of speeches lined up and has written articles for such important American publications as ESQUIRE and the New York TIMES. His major work at the moment, however, appears to be educating New York students, partly through the courtesy of the American taxpayer.

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