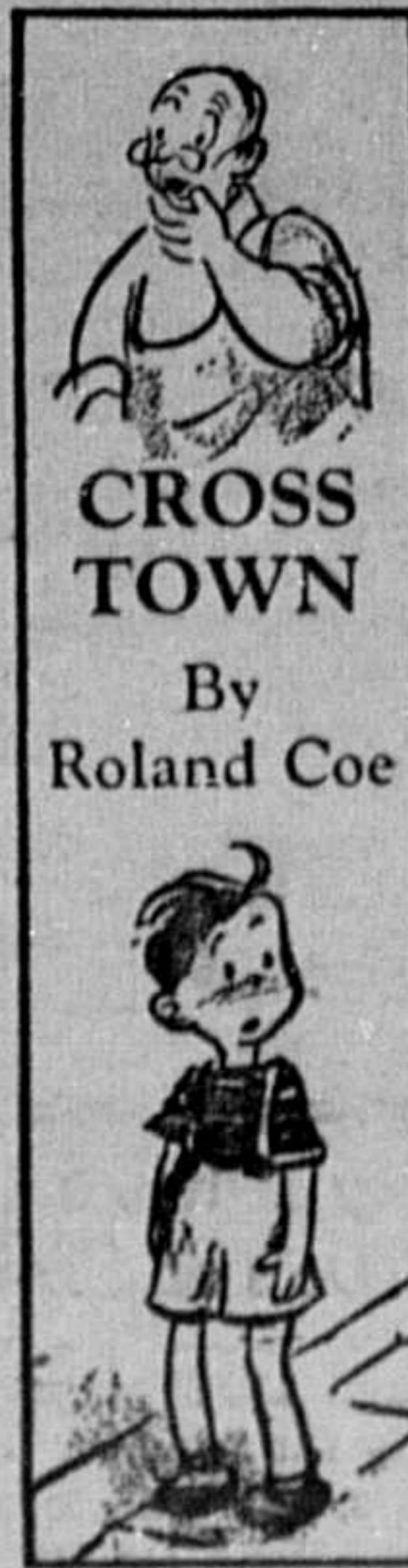




BOBBY SOX
By Marty Links



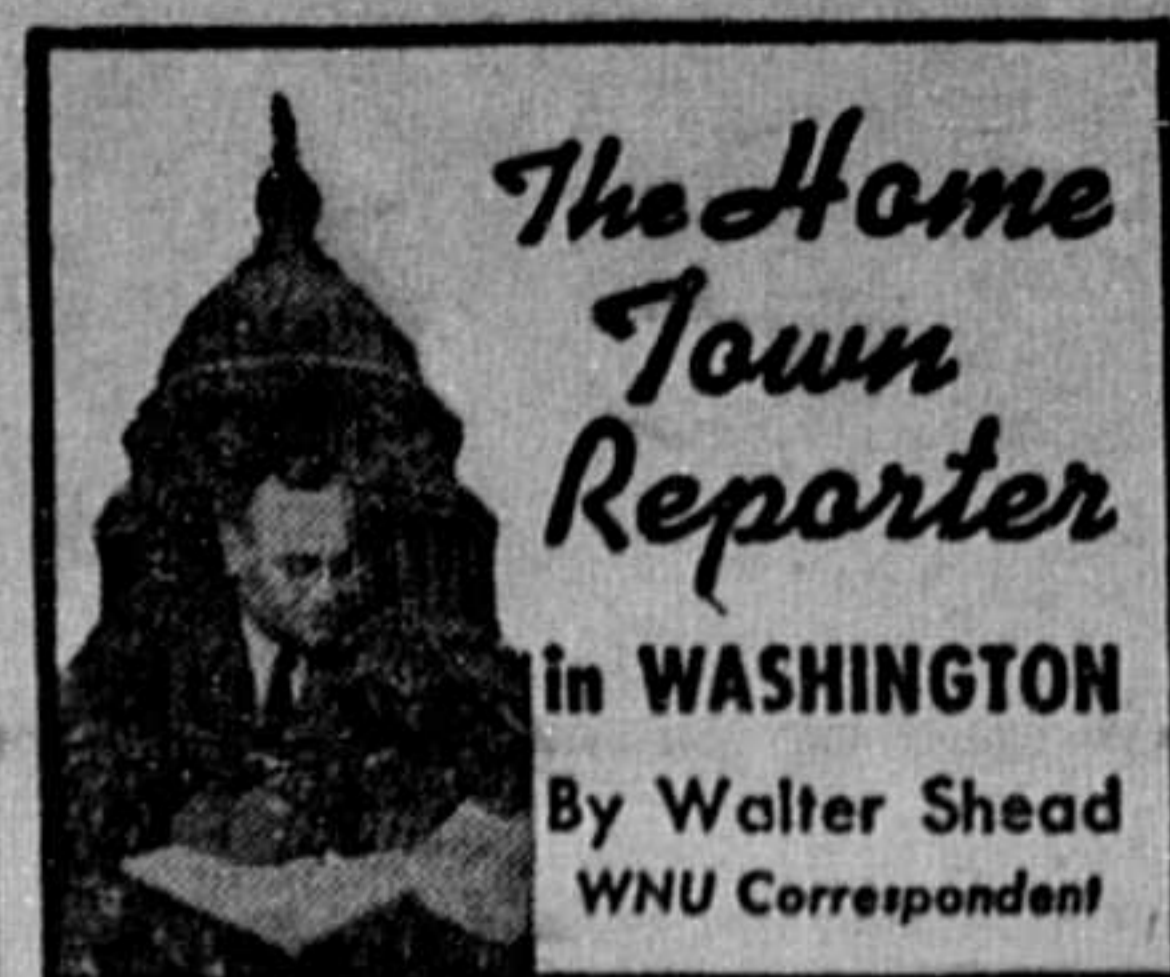
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CROSS TOWN
By Roland Coe



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The Home Town Reporter
in WASHINGTON
By Walter Shead
WNU Correspondent

Future of Farm Loan Agencies in Doubt

FARM leaders here, governmental and private, are split wide open over the question of whether or not farm credit agencies should be combined under one head within the department of agriculture, or separated from the department and operated as an independent agency.

On the one hand, there is the Farm Bureau federation, the National Council of Farm Co-operatives and the National Grange who are backing the bill introduced by Con. John W. Flannagan Jr., (D., Va.) which would separate the farm credit agencies from the department of agriculture and place them under the jurisdiction of a bi-partisan board to be named by the President, of which the secretary of agriculture would be an ex-officio member.

On the other hand, the progressive National Farmers union, the secretary of agriculture and a group of farm-minded congressmen are seeking to retain the farm credit agencies within the department of agriculture under direct control of the secretary, but with the appointment of an advisory board and an assistant secretary of agriculture, who would be the executive administrator of the agencies.

And aside from these two schools of thought, there is another group headed by Rep. Harold Cooley, (D., N. C.) and Reid F. Murray, (R., Wis.) who are seeking to set up an entirely new corporation to be known as the Farmers' Home corporation, which would operate upon a plan similar to the Federal Housing administration insofar as farm loans are concerned and which would assume many of the functions of the existing farm loan agencies, within the D. of A.

Struggle for Control

Thus, there is a three-way fight for control of the multi-billion-dollar farm lending agencies, which since their inception in May, 1933, have made various types of farm loans through June 30, 1945, totaling \$16,868,539,301 under the head of the Farm Credit administration, and an additional billion dollars under the Farm Security administration.

The various lending agencies, which have been established under the Farm Credit administration, include the Federal Land banks, the Production Credit corporation, the Federal Intermediate Credit banks, the Federal Farm Mortgage corporation, the 13 Banks for Co-operatives, Emergency Crop and Feed loans and the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation, all of which, as of June 30, 1945 had loans outstanding amounting to \$2,249,826,252.

Combine FSA With FCA

Sec. of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson believes the Farm Security administration should be combined with the FCA, but by retaining all agencies within the department of agriculture. He believes that farm loans are inter-related with all the other functions of the department, and that persons who have a voice in making credit available to farmers should have a voice in the formulation of other farm programs to the welfare of the farmer.

"Because of the prevailing view that agencies of the federal government should be grouped under cabinet officers responsible directly to the president," Mr. Anderson said, "I believe that for the long run, the question is not whether the farm credit and the farm security programs should be set up within an independent agency of the federal government. To me, the question rather seems to be whether it is more appropriate for these agencies to be in the department of agriculture, or in some other executive department of government. Since these are farmers' programs, it seems obvious to me that they belong in that department which is engaged primarily with the problems of the farmers."

This writer believes that since Mr. Flannagan is chairman of the house agricultural committee and his measure has been reported out for passage, it is likely it will stand a good chance to pass the house in spite of the opposition of the agricultural secretary. Whether it will get by the senate, however, is another question.

The Farmers union believes the Flannagan bill will definitely kill the FSA and they are standing alongside the secretary in the fight to keep the credit agencies within the department of agriculture.

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