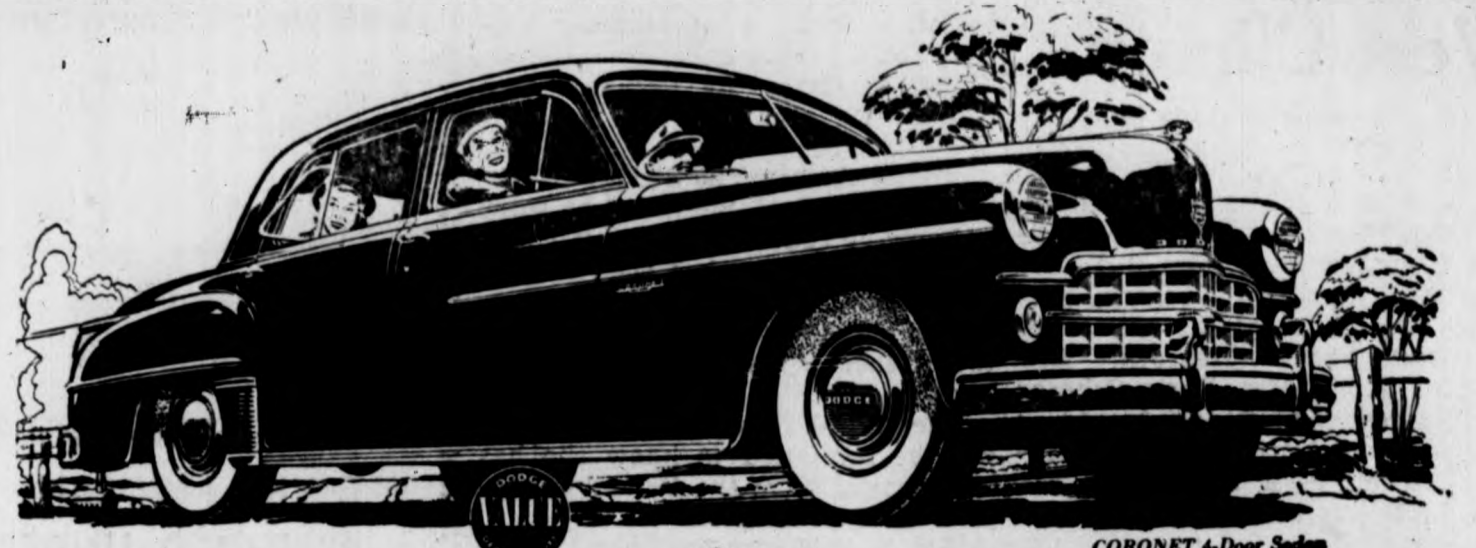


**Mills Bros. Circus  
In Laurens Nov. 4th  
For Two Performances**

Animals, Acrobats and arena artists join forces with the Laurens Exchange club for a real sawdust and spangles day on Friday, Nov. 4. That's the day the Exchange club three ring circus, featuring the 1949 edition of Mills Bros. Circus, Menagerie and Horse Show will appear at the Laurens recreation park for two performances in its tented city. It is America's largest motorized circus, and only one never showing on Sundays to Laurens, to help raise money

for development of the recreation grounds.  
The Mills Bros. circus now in its 10th jubilee tour, features a two-hour, three ring performance of American and imported European stars in its canvas city. "Champions of All Nations," and assemblage including four foreign troupes on their first American tours, tops the bill of the Exchange club Circus. These are the celebrated Wallabies, English acrobatic beauties, Les Rosettis, French aerial thrill team; the Valenciano Family, Spanish-descent high perch experts, and the Niklaus, soaring Swiss trampolinists, featuring Mille, Urzala Niklaus, Somersaulting tight wire walker Ray Goody, a congress

of clowns, trained animals, aerialists, jugglers, three rings of dancing horses, and Virginia Noel, the only girl in the world to place her head completely unprotected into the jaws of a giant elephant and be carried pendulum fashion are other features.  
Members of the Exchange club have advance tickets on sale now and derive heaviest benefits from these advance tickets to help the fund for development of the recreation grounds for which they are raising money. The circus is in Laurens one day only, Fri., Nov. 4, afternoon and night, in its own tented metropol.



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**DROPS IN PRICES OF FOOD UNLIKELY WITH REVISED BILL**

Washington — Congressional passage of the compromise farm-price support bill will doom prospects for lower food prices in the United States "indefinitely". This is the warning of Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) ranking minority member of the Senate agriculture committee.

"We cannot look for lower prices now. There's no doubt that under this 'compromise', the general price level will remain high," he observed emphatically.

Aiken's warning came after Senate and House conferees agreed on extending farm supports for another two years at 80 or 90 percent of parity before tapering them off gradually to 75 percent.

The agreement dissipated prospects of a deadlock on farm legislation in this session which would automatically have put into effect the Aiken law scaling price supports downward to 60 percent of parity.

However, Senator Aiken, who lists himself as a farmer in the congressional director, says that the new parity compromise will be hard on the nation's farmers:

"If strict controls over production contemplated in the bill are enforced it probably won't be too hard on the taxpayers. It will be harder on the farmers. They will have to buckle down under the controls."

Aiken said that he could not estimate how much the continued high supports will cost taxpayers next year, but he added that it didn't matter because "the money is almost gone, anyway."

The \$4,37,000,000 which the Commodity Credit corporation was given by Congress will all be obligated on price supports by the end of the year, he explained.

"It is this crop year that is going to be hard on farmers," Aiken stressed. The Vermont senator, who authorized the Aiken law last year when he was agriculture committee chairman, said the new bill from his standpoint had but one great redeeming feature.

"In that way it discourages other farmers from growing basic commodities—such as corn and wheat—which we already have too much of," Aiken pointed out.

Agriculture department officials agreed with Aiken that the basic grain crops are coming into such abundance now that the government is accumulating a vast surplus under the support program.

**State Highway System Includes 20,462 Miles**

Special to The Chronicle.

Columbia, Oct. 26.—Roads in the state under maintenance of the S. C. State Highway Department at the end of September totaled 20,462 miles, as compared to 20,369 miles at the end of August, according to a highway department report.

Of the 20,462 miles in the state highway system, 8,411 are in the primary system of state highways, which connect principal towns, and 12,050 are in the secondary system.

In Laurens county, a total of 530 miles were under state maintenance at the first of October, of which 232 miles of highways are in the primary state system and 298 miles of highways are in the state secondary system.

The roadway making up the state primary system in Laurens county consists of 74 miles of high type pavement, 150 miles of bituminous surfacing, 0.8 mile of improved earth roads, and seven miles of unimproved earth roads.

Laurens county roads in the state secondary system are as follows: 125 miles of bituminous surfacing and 173 miles of unimproved earth roads. No improved earth roads or high type pavement roads are in the secondary system in the county.

**\$62,524 Paid In Vehicle Licenses By County Owners**

Special to The Chronicle.

Columbia, Oct. 26.—A total of \$62,534 was collected in Laurens county from the 1949 issue of motor vehicle licenses, according to a report by the motor vehicle division of the South Carolina State Highway Department. Between September 13, 1948 and September 1, 1949, \$61,740 was collected in the county in license fees, and during the month of September, 1949, an additional \$784 was collected in Laurens county from license fees for the 1949 license issue.

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