

Farmers Advised To Plan For Labor Needs

U. S. Farm Workers Decline 2,000,000 In Past 15 Years

Tar Heel farmers can help avoid local labor problems by planning for their labor needs ahead of time and letting their local State Employment Service office know what types and how much labor they will need for any particular period.

This is the suggestion of C. W. Overman, County Agent, who also cites good housing, continuous employment and other attractive employment conditions as important factors in attracting good farm labor. Willingness on the part of farmers to employ and train inexperienced workers will also ease recruitment problems, Mr. Overman adds.

Prospective farm workers themselves can help, too, Mr. Overman emphasizes by registering with the local State Employment Service and being specific about the periods during which they expect to be available for farm employment. Workers should keep in constant touch with the local employment office for guidance in finding work and locating areas where help is needed, he says.

Mr. Overman pointed out that the number of farm workers in the United States has declined by nearly 2,000,000 in the past 15 years (according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture). Yet, despite this fact, total farm output in 1952 was 44 per cent more than in 1935-39 average.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

Someone has said there are four things you may do with your life.

First, you may run away from life. When a problem comes along that presents a challenge, you may back down, retreat. Emerson has said that each of us must choose between truth and comfort. The man who runs away from life, from its problems, its challenges, prefers comfort to truth, and he is a coward.

(2) But some of you may say, "No, I'll not run away from life; I'll just run along with it." The vast majority of folk choose this course. This is the "when in Rome, do as the Romans do," attitude. If you do this, you desire more the applause of your fellow men than the approval of God, and of your own conscience. Dr. Harry Ironside, when a boy, turned a deaf ear to his mother's plea that he become a Christian, saying, "Mother, if I become a Christian, all the other boys will laugh at me." "Remember, Harry," she answered, "they may laugh you into hell, but they can never laugh you out of it."

(3) There are some who cherish higher motives than these; they seek to dedicate their lives to some great cause. I have a vivid recollection of a snow-covered battlefield in Belgium,



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and a young German soldier lying there wounded, near death, soon to cross the threshold of eternity. A G. I. who spoke German, seeking to comfort the last, few, fleeting moments he was to spend on earth, asked him, "Wie heissen Sie?"

The boy answered, "Karl."

"Wie alt?"

"Fünfzehn." Do you know how old he was? Fifteen! Just think of that, only fifteen years old. Why, a boy of fifteen shouldn't be subjected to anything more ferocious than a jilted girl friend, and there he lay, poor kid, on an alien soil, dying. And as he lay there in the snow, the American soldier said to the lad, "When the war has come to an end, Karl, I'm going to visit your home town, and I'll look up your parents, and tell them they would have been proud of you could they have seen you in your last hour. I'll tell them, Karl, and I'll tell them truthfully, that you died like a man." And Karl bit his lip, but he could not keep from crying, for he realized he had thrown away his precious young life for a lost and hopeless cause, and when he closed his eyes that wintry afternoon not too many years ago, he closed them never to open them again on his beloved homeland.

"Some of you may say, 'Well, I'm giving my life to a cause far more worthy than Nazism.' That may be so, but whatever cause that is, it is a lost cause, a temporary cause, a hopeless cause, unless you (4) dedicate it to the cause of Christ. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid," says the Bible, "which is Jesus Christ." Paul of Tarsus, who wrote these words, has left us his clear, ringing testimony, "For to me to live is Christ."

What is your decision? Will you run away from life? Will you run along with it? Do you choose to dedicate your life to some fleeting cause? Or will you now present your life to the only One who can make something of it, Jesus Christ.

O Jesus, Lord and Saviour,
I give my life to thee;
For thou in thy atonement
Didst give thy life for me.
I own no other Master,
My heart shall be thy throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for thee alone.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Services at the Presbyterian Church are announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. James MacKenzie, who extends a cordial invitation to all to attend all services:

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Sunday morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor on the first chapter of the book of Romans. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Studies of the great doctrines of the Bible will be continued.

Every day after school, and on Saturdays and Sundays, the back door of the church is open to all local teen-agers who wish to use the ping-pong and game room.

Vets Question Box

Q—What is the deadline for getting a GI loan?

A—For World War II veterans, the deadline is July 25, 1957. For veterans eligible under the Korean GI Bill, the deadline is 10 years after the end of the current emergency period—a date not yet set.

Q—Are there any charges made for obtaining a GI home loan?

A—VA makes no charge for guaranteeing the loan. No commission or brokerage fees may be charged, either. The lender, however, may

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Poem

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den panic tore at me! Suppose Hannah would leave and forget all about me? What would my existence be then? Just lying there with no sweet mistress to hold me and whisper her secrets in my ear! Then suddenly I was carried out, cradle and all. I was taken on a short journey to what I learned to be The Iredell House. The house is located on what is now called Church Street. I was carried upstairs and placed in a strange bedroom. I lay there for hours before the door opened again and in walked Hannah and a kind looking gentleman. I knew immediately that this was James Iredell and all of a sudden I didn't mind my mistress being mar-

ried because I knew that this man would love her completely and make her happy all the days of her life.

She came over and picked me up and said, "James, I want you to meet Tabby. I don't know what I'd do without her." Mr. Iredell laughed, not unkindly, and looked me over. "Well Hannah, I hope this is the only other rival I'll ever have!" They both laughed and I was gently laid back in my cradle.

Today as I lie in this case to be gazed upon by people of all sorts, I miss my mistress and the little cradle, but I'm not entirely unhappy. I saw my mistress live and die and all dur-

ing her life she was loved by her husband, her children, and her friends.

I have heard since that Sir Nathaniel Dukenfield eventually married a woman named Kitty and lived in England. I suppose he eventually overcame his deep love for Hannah but I think that perhaps she still lived in his memory. She does in mine.

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