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1931 WILL SEE MOVEMENT OF BACK TO THE FARM, SAYS EVANS

By George E. Evans, in the Farmers Federation News

The year 1931 will be a banner year for back to the farm movement. With all business depressed and factories running at their lowest ebb, no public works to speak of, bank failures all over the country and thousands of men out of work, it is now time for people to wake up and realize that they can't all live in towns and cities. History repeats itself, and the thousands of farms that have been deserted and turned out to waste during the past twenty years all over the country must go back into cultivation.

People who live on the farm, and honest-to-goodness farm, these farms are doing very well these hard times. The farmer that has his grainaries filled with wheat to make his flour, his cribs full of corn, meat in his smokehouse, sows in his barn, pigs in the pen, chickens in the barnyard with plenty of grain and hay to feed them, potatoes and vegetables in his basement and cords of wood piled up in his woodyard, can live at home these hard times and have very little to worry about. If he needs a little ready cash, let him grow a few acres of good burley tobacco and this will supply the ready cash for taxes, etc. The trouble with most farmers these days, is they do too much guess work and do not plan their crops as they should. They use a mere of a hit-and-miss method—and generally miss more than they hit. But the farmer who plans his crops well and diversifies his crops and tries to see how much he can produce per acre, instead of to see how many acres he can cultivate, is the man that is making a success at farming, and these hard times are not troubling him very much.

We were very much impressed with the information gathered from the records of the farmers in Henderson County who grow tomatoes and beans for the W. N. C. Cannery at Hendersonville this year. The Cannery records show that there were 80 farmers growing on contract and some of them produced as high as \$195.00 per acre on beans at 3 cents per pound, while others run as low as \$30.00 per acre. One farmer produced 16 tons of No. 1 tomatoes per acre, which brought him at the rate of \$320.00 per acre at the contract price of one cent per pound. Some of the other contractors produced from five to eight tons per acre. All these farmers lived and farmed in the same county, and this great variation in production was not caused so much by soil or weather conditions, but can be attributed mostly to methods used. But it is encouraging to know that the farmers of Henderson county are wideawake to the possibilities of growing vegetables for the Western North Carolina Cannery. We already have our entire acreage signed up for the year 1931, and instead of using 80 farmers, for this acreage, 25 took the entire acreage. These men are ones who have been growing for the cannery for the past three years and they have a vision of its possibilities. We predict that in the next few years we will see canneries all over North Carolina and then farmers will have a ready cash market for their vegetables, fruits and berries which will pay them a nice margin of profit per acre. This will be one of the ways we can bring back prosperity to our country, and wherever you find prosperity on the farms you will find prosperous towns and cities, for they are just as prosperous as the country that back them up.

The burley tobacco market that opened at Asheville a few days ago will prove a great help to Asheville and all of Western North Carolina. It will turn thousands of dollars of new money into circulation, produced out of the soil. The farmer who has a good grade of burley tobacco and it well graded is receiving a good price this year, but it is sad to see the thousands of pounds that are being sacrificed on account of poor grading. We saw one pile of 450 pounds last week that only sold for four cents per pound, and had this pile of tobacco been properly graded it would have brought more than twice that amount.

We find one of the greatest troubles with farmers is they do not properly grade and prepare their crops for the markets. A good merchant must make an attractive display of his merchandise and show it to the best advantage possible; if he does not, he soon goes out of business. And that is one great trouble with our farmers, they are not

A Letter To Hiwahi From Martin's Creek School and the Reply

Murphy, N. C.,
Oct. 14, 1930.

Miss Frances A. Lemmon,
Kamehameha Girl's School,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear Miss Lemmon:
We are mailing to you under separate cover a leaf booklet made by some of our seventh grade pupils as a project in nature study. These are not half the variety of leaves we have here, but some of the more common ones. This is a beautiful section of country, especially in the autumn when the mountains don their gay colors.

Our school is situated on Highway No. 10 about halfway between Atlanta, Ga., and Asheville, N. C.

There are 155 pupils in school Mrs. E. G. White is our principal. We have a nice modern brick building with modern equipment.

We should like very much to know something of the life and schools in Hawaii. We learn something about your islands from our text-books. It must be lovely there all the year around.

Think of it! Not a pupil in our school has ever seen a Hawaiian, but we like to hear the Hawaiian records. We are strictly "hill-billies" and have never seen other types of people except the negro and a few Indians.

A letter from you about your work would be very interesting to us.

Sincerely,
The Seventh Grade,
Per Wilma Coleman.

Kamehameha School For Girls
Honolulu, H.

November 21, 1930.

Dear Children of the Seventh Grade:
Miss Lemmon, to whom you wrote last month, is now in the main hospital in Honolulu, and she asked me to take care of your letter and the splendid note-books and nuts which you so kindly sent.

My pupils who are in our seventh grade will be delighted to reply. You would be surprised if you knew how many requests we have to write to Mainland children. Sometimes these Hiwahi lassie are quite disappointed for they write and write and receive no reply.

Your note-books are very well done. The leaves are all familiar to me as I happen to be a New Englander. I came to Honolulu two years ago from Hartford, Conn. Instead of traveling here in a direct route I came by way of the Great Lakes, Jasper National Park in Canada, Prince Rupert and then I went away north to Alaska. The Yukon was fascinating, and I had many surprises in that great "Land of the Midnight Sun." I picked the largest and most beautiful American Beauty Roses in Skagway which I have ever seen. Did you ever associate gorgeous flowers with Alaska? Can some pupil in your class trace my route from Connecticut to Dawson, from there to Seattle, to Vancouver and then to Hawaii? The peculiar loops in my journey were made in order that I might visit several friends before I left the mainland.

I am planning to have each girl take a separate topic, to be written especially for your class. Perhaps some of these questions may arouse your curiosity concerning Hawaiian customs:

Do you know what "poi" is?

Have you seen the Hawaiian Official Seal?

Can you pronounce "Aloha oe" correctly?

Do you know how these Islands are governed?

How many nationalities live here?
Margaret M. Saunders

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tillett and little daughter, Bettie Anna, Mrs. C. D. Dorsey, Mrs. A. B. Chandler and Miss Julia Warriner motored to Murphy on Wednesday of last week.

good merchandisers and do not understand how to grade their crops so as to make the best possible display, which is always necessary if they expect to get the top price.

Thousands of people who are now out of jobs and none in sight should turn their minds back to the old home stead and think of the good old boyhood days on the farm, and resolve to return in the year 1931 and start life anew and make an honest-to-goodness living for himself and family and help bring prosperity to our much beloved Western North Carolina.

Harve Carringer's Home Destroyed By Fire Dec. 27th

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the home of Harve Carringer in the McCall section of town early last Saturday morning, December 27th.

The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock in the morning by Hadley Carringer, brother of Harve, who was spending the night there. Harve was sleeping in the upper story, and was awakened when he was strangled by the smoke which had filled the room in which he was sleeping. He rushed out of the blazing building and succeeded in waking up his brother's family just in time for them to escape from the flames.

Only a chair and a typewriter were saved from the flames, which had gained such headway before the fire was discovered that the entire building was enveloped in flames before the alarm was given. The fire department was on the scene as soon as possible, and could do nothing more than prevent other buildings close by from catching fire.

None of the family was hurt, except Mr. Carringer, who cut his arm when he took his fist and broke the window glass on his car in order to get it away from the burning building.

The loss was partly covered by insurance, although none of the furnishings were insured.

Mr. Carringer has moved his family into the house on the high bank beside the Southern Depot.

The Fidelis Class held their Business meeting in the Ladies Parlor of the First Baptist church Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd. After the business session, Mrs. Henry Logan read an interesting Christmas story, followed by Miss Pauline Martin. Each member of the class was presented with a beautiful handkerchief given by their teacher, Mrs. J. W. Davidson.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of our darling little daughter and sister, Jaunita.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson
and family.

A TRIP TO PALESTINE

By Rev. Howard P. Powell

Soon after leaving Bethlehem for Hebron you reach the Pools of Solomon. These pools are enormous cisterns of masonry. The lower pool measures 582 feet long, with a breadth, at the east end, of 207 feet, at the west end 148 feet, the depth at the east end is 50 feet. The other two pools are smaller, measuring a little over 300 feet in length. It is believed that these pools are the ones referred to in Ecclesiastes 2:6. These pools were repaired by Pontius Pilate during his time. In 1902 the Turks laid a four inch pipe reaching from these pools to Jerusalem to supply water for the Holy City. The supply of water has been a serious problem for Jerusalem for many years. Jerusalem possesses only one small spring, and depends entirely for its annual supply of water on the rain which falls in the winter season, and collected and stored in rock-cut cisterns under the houses. It is an announcement of international concern that these pools of Solomon are being brought again into full use and will take care of the water supply for Jerusalem for the years to come.

The road over which one travels from Bethlehem to Hebron is built over an ancient Roman road of 2,000 years ago. By the side of the road on the left is an abundant spring issuing out of the ruins of some ancient buildings. This spring is said to be the one from which Phillip took water in order to baptize the eunuch of Queen Candace of Ethiopia (Acts 8:26-40.) Just before reaching this spring there is a point of more than 3,000 feet in height. At the summit of this hill, on both sides of the road, are the reservoirs into which water is pumped by engines from the pools of 'Ain 'Aroub at the bottom of the next valley. From these reservoirs the water flows through pipes by gravitation to Jerusalem fifteen miles away. This system was in use at the time of the visit made by the writer.

It was to Hebron, already an ancient city, that Abraham came from Bethel and built an altar. In Hebron Sarah died and Abraham bought the Cave of Macpelah for a burying-place. (Please read Genesis 23:1-20) Abra-

Crowds Attend The Christmas Play At Folk School Wed.

The evening before Christmas Day at two o'clock, the big community room at the John C. Campbell Folk School was filled with a large audience who had come from Brasstown and the surrounding section to see the student Christmas play. Before their eyes walked Joseph and Mary, kings and shepherds. Angels also appeared, and little children with gifts for the Christ child. The stage was lovely with pines and other evergreens, and at one end there was a most realistic stable, over which there gleamed the Star. A chorus of six—Mrs. Campbell, Miss Butler, Lucille Scroggs, Annie Mae Henley, George Bidstrup, and Edward Freas, sang many beautiful old Christmas carols, appropriate to the different scenes in the play. The final one was "Come All Ye Faithful."

The characters were represented by the following: Mary, Stella Wilson; Joseph, Ronald Straus; Prophet Isaiah, Ruth Young; Herod, Hollis Penland; Priest, Louverne Inman; Elizabeth, Martha Voyle; Angels, Blanche Scroggs, Bulah Cantrell, Viola Moody; Kings, Haden Hensley, Tom Wilson, Frank Bendie; Shepherds, Nell Young, Bonnie Logan, Frankie Penland; children, M. recer Scroggs, Fay Scroggs, Dimple Clayton, Kenneth Caldwell, Roe Deal; accompanying the children were Lillie Mae Penland Barnard, and Jaunita Barnard.

When the play was over, Santa Claus appeared, and after playing with the children, took from the community tree stockings filled with candy for young and old. Members of the Women's Community Club of Brasstown helped in the distribution. The Club members made the stockings, filled them, and trimmed the tree, as has been their custom for a number of years.

MARRIED

At the Manse December 20th, 1930, by Dr. J. P. Anderson, Mr. William McIlvany, of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Miss Sue Byrd Williams, of Florence, Ga.

The ceremony took place in the presence of several witnesses, and the happy young couple departed to spend their honeymoon with friends in their native state of Georgia.

JOHNSON'S BABY LAID TO REST ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The Christmas season was saddened in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson, when the grim reaper called and carried away the lovely spirit of their little daughter, Jaunita who was two years and nine months old.

Little Jaunita died December 23, about five o'clock in the afternoon. She had been sick for more than a week with yellow jaundice. Everything was done that loving hands could do, but the Giver of all good gifts saw fit to take little Jaunita to adorn His Christmas tree in Heaven.

On Christmas eve, as the world was preparing to give tokens of love, one to another, friends and relatives of the Johnson family gathered in the little home in Beantown and offered love and sympathy in the dark hour as Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and the brothers and sister gave back to God little Jaunita, the bright and shining star of the home, who had been with them but a short season. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Howard P. Powell, from the home, at one thirty o'clock, and interment was in the Beal family burial grounds.

Little Jaunita is survived by her father and mother, three brothers, Neal, Charles and Richard Johnson, and one sister, Emogene Johnson, all of Murphy.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family in their deep bereavement.

Many Xmas Messages Sent By Western Union

Although more than 2,000,000 Christmas greetings Telegrams, or 1 to each fifty of the nation's population, are now sent over Western Union wires each year, Murphy, N. C., is abreast of the popular trend toward telegraphic Yuletide Greetings, it was revealed this week by Mr. Rogers, manager of the Murphy Western Union office.

Use of Christmas Greeting Telegrams by Murphy residents has grown about 90 per cent in the past five years, and last Christmas showed an increase of 89 per cent over the record established during the Christmas Holidays in 1928.

When the total of Christmas Greeting Messages ran above 2,000,000 last year, the record established was nearly twenty per cent above the 1928 figure of 1,000,000 messages.

The 1928 figure, itself, was an increase of twenty per cent over 1927. In addition Christmas Cable messages already above the 100,000 mark, showed an increase of thirty-six per cent in 1929 over 1928, influenced in part by reduced cable rates.

The local office made all necessary preparations for handling the volume of Christmas messages without delay. Mr. Rogers, manager said: "The entire Western Union network was ready for the task."

The number of decorative telegram and cablegram blanks used by the American public, laid end to end, would form a path of paper extending hundreds of miles.

"Santa Claus who is supposed to be everywhere at once, has nothing on the army of Western Union messengers, who rang doorbells throughout the country Christmas morning and handed in the messages of loved ones who could not be there in person. An out-pouring of Christmas spirit, as great as in any other year, was sent by telegraph, by the American public."

ANDREWS BRIEFS

Andrews ministers will hold services at the Cherokee county home on the first and third Sunday afternoons in January. These services have been arranged by the Cherokee Ministerial Association and will be alternated between the ministers of Murphy and Andrews. The Murphy ministers will hold the services during February.

The Student Night services at the Baptist church Sunday night was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all. Students taking part on the program were David Mashburn, of Mars Hill, who discussed "Christ in the Students Intellectual problems", Henry Bellamy of Wake Forest talked on "Student Life and Activities at Wake Forest", Daisy Battle of W. C. T. C. who discussed "Christ in the Student's Social Life", and Mabel Jones of (Continued on page 8)

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