

SUCH IS LIFE—For Digging Purposes



By CHARLES SUGHROE

100,000 Drouth Victims Are Now Nomads in West

25,000 Farms in Great Plains Are Abandoned.

Washington, D. C.—More than 25,000 deserted farm homes dotting the Great Plains are reminders of drouth years which made nomads of more than 100,000 Americans.

The Department of Agriculture estimated that at least 100,000 persons have moved out of the Middle West in the last year. Most of them packed their few personal belongings and headed westward.

Three crop failures had impoverished them. Lands among the most fertile in the world had suddenly become barren because of lack of water. Cattle died of starvation and thirst. Crops withered under a burning sun.

Most of these families packed their household goods on trucks, old motor cars and a few into covered wagons. Few of them had more than \$100 in cash. Many had nothing. All had hopes of making new homes in the West.

Called Last Migration.

The resettlement administration described the exodus as "probably the last great migration of settlers to the far West." Western highways, it said, were "choked with cars, trucks and trailers carrying thousands of farm families with all their worldly goods."

The exodus began after the 1934

drouth. Many counties lost half of their population. Most of those who moved were farm owners and tenants. Despite federal efforts to check the westward drift, the resettlement administration said "the end of the migration is not yet in sight."

These families, mostly too poor to buy farm equipment and start anew in the northwestern states of Oregon and Washington and in California, have become a serious problem to relief agencies. They continue to drift, seeking part-time work in harvest fields.

"These new settlers, for the most part thrifty and hard-working farm families from the Middle West, found an altogether different farm west than did the early pioneers," a resettlement report said. "Free land was gone with the closing of all public lands to homestead entry. Good, developed farms were scarce.

Robbed by Agents.
"Unscrupulous real-estate agents were ready to rob them of their meager savings by selling them worthless farms in the vast cutover areas where firewood and water were their only assets. They found employers of cheap labor ready to exploit their destitution.

"Residence requirements made them ineligible to WPA assistance, and state relief laws in at least one state made railroad fare back to their devastated homes the only aid available.

"The small percentage of families with capital managed for the most part to locate on productive farms. Those with small savings were forced to locate on once-abandoned farms in the cheap land areas, doomed to failure before they began."

Of the problem created by the migration of these families the report said:

"It is not a state problem but definitely a part of the national drouth problem that has migrated to the Pacific Northwest and to California, and should be considered as such.

"They cannot be returned to the states of their origin. Yet, they cannot become permanent indigents and transient agricultural workers supported most of the year by the state or federal government."

Motorists to Detour at "Bouncing Bridge"

Clinton, Mass. — Motorists have taken the "bumps" for the last time over this town's famous "Bouncing Bridge."

The bridge shudders and humps as machines pass over it and has actually tossed cars into a nearby meadow.

Selectmen have closed the overpass until they can find someone to finance a new one.

University Trailer Camp

Kent, O.—A camp for automobile trailers is being built on the campus of Kent State university for the use of summer session students.

The Progress of Personality

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

Our thoughtful observation of plant and animal life convinces us that the secret of all organic development is assimilation. But in order that there may be proper assimilation there must be present in nature elements which have an affinity for the plant or animal. The law that like attracts like proves true even on the lowest plane of organic life. In other words, plants and animals grow to their best advantage in the absence of obstructions. "A pebble in a scanty brook may change the course of many a river; a dewdrop in a scanty brook may dwarf a giant forever." Storms annually lay bare a large acreage of wheat and other grains. They also tear down trees and destroy the produce of the soil. The absence of rain may play havoc with summer crops, or its untimely fall ruin many a harvest. The intense heat of the sun, beyond the power of the plant to assimilate, causes it to wither and die. Parasites abound. Every owner of an orchard knows that it is necessary to spray his trees. We must destroy the enemies of organic life. We must kill the parasites if we would have a beautiful garden. Thus, in the organic world, the law seems to be



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HE'S A BUSY BEE



Lou Fette, brilliant freshman right-hander of the Boston Bees, is the top twirler of the club.

that calamities check development and opposing forces destroy even into death.

The human race is also dependent upon affinities from which it assimilates elements essential for growth. But in the development of personality, the law works the other way. Opposing forces weaken and perhaps destroy the plant; but they are a valuable and constructive contribution to the development of personality. There is no other way to release the deep reservoirs of spiritual and mental strength than by contact with competition, opposition, and even oppression. The enduring growth of personality depends upon the degree in which each person stores up and uses the reserve power that rightly belongs to human life, as oxygen belongs to pure air. With conscious reserve power, no calamity can break down poise, nor destroy human purpose. The progress of personality depends not upon an external weapon of resistance but upon internal reason. Contrast the life of one who has never suffered with that of one who has drunk deeply from its cup. The truth is evident; fighting the good fight against opposing forces has given strength to both character and soul. "Nothing grows, unless it has a central core of identity which does not change." The central core of personality is its identity with the spiritual laws of human life.

By use of reason, man has found the laws of the cosmic world and has used them in building up the civilization of a great scientific age. By concentration of that same reason upon the laws of personality, man will discover greater worlds of human achievement than hitherto known.

As man enters into the quest of

Household Hints

By BETTY WELLS

LETA M. turned a deaf ear to everybody's ideas about her house . . . all her friends and relations were advocating white. But that wasn't what Leta had in mind at all.

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We saw Leta's point. Though white houses are nice, they're pretty usual, and so it's fun to be a little different. Brown has a comfortable air about it, a pleasantly withdrawn satisfied manner that makes a brown house nestle back in its trees complacently, oblivious to the world going by.

We don't really have anything against white. In fact other things being equal, it's the best color of all, so starched and fresh it looks. And there are ways of giving it distinction; white with red shutters, or even red window shades, Venetian blinds or awnings pep up a house. And here's pink again bobbing up for shutters at a white house. Robins' egg blue is another nice shutter-color for a white house.

It's fun to stray a little from the straight and narrow path of convention when it comes to color if it's for an informal house, or a house of nondescript design. We can even imagine places and people who could go Bavarian with fancy designs painted on the front of the house.

But for the more formal dignified house, better stick to tradition and be very white and austere if that's its traditional color.

Smart and Welcoming
"Before" and "after" pictures always fascinate us. We love to see those photographs of mountainous women suddenly grown smartly sylph-like, those wrinkled worried faces miraculously smooth and untroubled. And particularly, do we like those pictures of dull, drab uninteresting rooms made over into pleasant, smart and welcoming interiors. We should have liked a "before" and "after" picture of a bedroom we saw recently.

Before it had been a typical bedroom—a suite of mahogany furniture, tie-back curtains and roses-and-leaves draperies, a rather nondescript paper on the walls and loads of family pictures trying to

his own spirit and establishes his identity with the spiritual laws, so shall come the progress of personality. So shall come the meaning and the merit of human life.

Soaking bacon in water for a few minutes before frying will prevent the fat from running.

When making fruit pies dampen the edge of the pastry with milk instead of water. It holds better and the juice is not so liable to boil over.

A thick cherry sauce makes a delicious topping for mint, lime, orange, pineapple or lemon sherbet. It is very tasty, too, served with vanilla or fruit ice cream.

If a mixture of powdered arsenate of lead or paris green (poison) with ten parts of slaked lime be dusted on the cabbages in the morning while they are covered with dew, you can keep cabbage worms under control. It is perfectly safe to use poison on cabbages when the heads are small.

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It's No Cat and Dog Life They Lead



Pally as a couple of lovebirds are this seven-year-old tiger and mongrel dog in the tiger's cage at the Detroit zoo. The tiger grew up in company with the dog and everything seems harmonious, but keeps thinking it time to break up the unusual friendship, pointing out that the tiger no longer is a kitten and some day the pangs of hunger might possibly outweigh friendship.

'Way Back When

By JEANNE

WALT DISNEY WAS A MAIL CARRIER

WHAT are the secret ambitions of those who serve us, particularly those whose occupations are mechanical or lonesome enough to allow their minds to drift often into the realms of fantasy? Walt Disney is an example. Born in Chicago in 1901 his first job was as a mail carrier there, at the age of sixteen. As a little boy he liked to draw and he liked to draw animals; but the famous creator of Mickey Mouse had to make a living delivering mail. He had no chance to express his creative genius until after the World War, when he obtained a job as a commercial artist in Kansas City in his garage. He experimented with animated newsreels called "Local Happenings" which he sold to Kansas City



moving picture theaters. He followed these with a series of fairy tales for local clubs and church gatherings.

This modest success prompted him to try Hollywood, where he started in an unpretentious little building far from the big studios. There he created "Oswald, the Rabbit," but after making 26 subjects, he and his backer separated. The backer owned the rights to "Oswald, the Rabbit" which is still being shown in the theaters, and Disney was left without his most promising character. Out of this adversity was born "Mickey Mouse" and the "Silly Symphonies."

Today, Walt Disney employs a staff of artists to draw his characters but he is, himself, the voice of Mickey Mouse.

PICTURE MAGNATE WAS A PEDDLER

IT'S fun for the young man who was born to be president of his rich father's company: a month in the shop, a month clerking, and then general manager. But consider the discouragement and heartaches of the boy too poor for an adequate education, too poor for nourishing food or decent clothing, too poor to meet people with influence. That such boys, possessing only courage, ambition and brains, can still rise in America is this country's strongest defense against fascism and communism.

William Fox was born 1879 in Tulchva, Hungary, son of a small shopkeeper who extracted teeth as a side-line. The family moved to America when William was nine months old, and settled in an East Side tenement district of New York city. His first job was at the age of nine, when his father, who was out of work, made stove blacking in their small tenement and William peddled it from door to door in the

neighborhood. Later he sold candy lozenges at the Third Street dock and at Central park on Sundays. At the age of fourteen, he was forced by poverty to quit school. He obtained a job in a clothing firm and rose to be foreman in charge of lining cutting, at the magnificent salary of \$8 per week. To augment his earnings, he bought umbrellas and peddled them in front of theaters on rainy nights. With \$1,600 savings accumulated through many privations, he started a cloth examining and shrinking business, when he was twenty-one, and at the end of the second year invested his profits in a nickelodeon or five-cent motion picture house. Twenty-five years later he headed the great \$200,000,000 corporation which bore his name, including a picture producing company, distributing agencies, and thousands of theaters throughout the United States.

Who knows for what high position that peddler who calls at your door may be preparing. William Fox rose from the same start.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for August 1

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 13:17-22; 14:15.

GOLDEN TEXT—And the Lord shall guide thee continually.—Isaiah 58:11.
PRIMARY TOPIC—A Shining Cloud.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Forward March!
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How God Leads Today.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—A Nation Following God's Leadership.

The destinies of the nations are in the hands of God. Mighty are the warriors, learned are the advisors, clever are the diplomats, and when they have exercised all their human ingenuity and their nations to "Wits' End Corner," God must lay hold and bring order out of chaos. Happy is that people where rulers recognize God and seek his guidance.

Israel through the human instrumentality of Moses was ruled by God. He had prepared for them a leader and had prepared the people to follow that leader. Now he brings them forth out of their bondage.

I. "God Led Them" (Exod. 13:17-22).

It is significant that he did not lead them by the easy way to Canaan, by the short route through Philistia but rather led them south into the wilderness.

How often it seems to us that we could improve on God's ways. Suffering, sorrow, affliction, we would shun and would go the quick easy road, where all is bright and happy. But God's way is the best way, even though it leads through the wilderness.

His purpose for Israel was that they might not be disheartened by the warlike Philistines (v. 17). Thus it was really his loving-kindness that sent them the long way. See Prov. 14:12, and Prov. 10:29.

Another and equally important purpose of God was that the undisciplined multitude might in the trials and responsibilities of their journey through the wilderness be prepared to enter the promised land. The miraculous pillar of cloud and fire was God's constant assurance of his presence with them.

Hardly had Israel withdrawn, and the wall over the death of the first-born in Egypt ceased when Pharaoh regretted that he had permitted his slaves to escape, and set out in pursuit. He represents the world, the flesh, and the Devil in their relentless efforts to hold back those who would follow the Lord. Making a decision for Christ, and experiencing his redemptive power does not mean that the enemy has given up. Temptations, doubts, trials, will come. When you come up out of Egypt do not be surprised if Pharaoh pursues you.

The situation could not have been more difficult. Hemmed in by the flower of Egypt's army, with the Red sea before them—a group of men not trained in warfare—with women and children to care for, and God forgotten in their disbelief and discouragement.

Moses, who was their great leader in the hour of triumph, tastes the bitterness of their hatred and unbelief in the hour of trial. A leader of men for God must know that God has called him and have faith in his almighty power, for in the time of crises he will find those whom he leads ready to condemn him. What is the solution?

III. "Stand Still" (vv. 13,14).

Sublime in his confidence in God, Moses bids the people to cease their petty complaining, to abandon their plans for saving themselves. "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord" (v. 13).

Perhaps these lines will be read by some Christian who is fretting and fussing, bearing all the burdens of the universe on his shoulders. Be still, my friend. God is able to care for you, and for all the burdens which you are needlessly trying to bear. Trusting God will result in real spiritual progress.

IV. "Go Forward" (v. 15).

Humanly it was impossible, but "with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27). When every circumstance says "Stop," when the counsel of men is against attempting anything, when human leadership seems to be lacking—just at that hour God may say, "go forward."

If every true Christian who reads these words will respond to the Lord's command, "Go forward," hundreds of locked church doors will be opened, new Sunday schools will gather children to hear God's Word, men and women will be won for Christ. Let us "go forward." The God who brought Israel dryshod through the Red sea is just the same today!

Enjoyments and Troubles

I make the most of my enjoyments. As for my troubles, I pack them in as little compass as I can for myself and never let them annoy others.—Southery.

Faith

Given a man of faith, and the heavenly powers behind him, and you have untold possibilities.

Right Kind of Growth

All growth that is not toward God, is growing to decay.

FOR TORRID DAYS



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