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Oil and The Farmer

The oil industry, strange as it may seem, is one of the farmer's best and most reliable customers.

You probably don't know it—but much of the grease that lubricates America's cars and other machines contains tallow oil, which, in turn, comes from sheep. About 107,000,000 pounds of tallow oil in one form or another are consumed annually by the petroleum industry. That requires 35,000,000 sheep.

This is just one item in the long list of supplies the oil industry buys each year directly from agriculture. To it must be added lard oil from pigs, stearine from cattle and horses, castor oil from the castor plant, neat's-foot oil made from horns and hooves, milk, fibreboard, hair felt, leather, cotton fabrics, wood products—and dozens of others.

The petroleum industry's consumption of farm products grows steadily, as production of oil and lubricants increases, and as new techniques and processes are developed. And millions of dollars thus find their way into the farmers' pockets.

So, in a very real sense, the corner service station is a distributor of farm crops! And the oil industry is one of agriculture's biggest cash customers. This is an example of how American industry spreads its economic benefits throughout the whole country.

Highway To Medical Progress

"Vivisection" is an unpleasant word. It brings with it to the uninformed only a picture of cruel and unnecessary surgical experiments upon living animals.

Those who fight vivisection are moved by humane ideals. Their error lies in a lack of knowledge of the facts—and in a misplaced sentimentalism in the approach to the solution of scientific problems of the highest importance.

If vivisection were not permitted on guinea pigs, rabbits and other lesser animals, the experimentation would have to be done on human beings. There is no other way out. The medical profession's most outstanding achievements have usually followed experimentation on animals. No theory is tenable until proved. And it can only be proved, definitely and for all time, by trying it on living beings.

Think back over medical history. Pasteur experimented with dogs, and the result was the discovery of a sure preventive for one of the most horrible and hitherto incurable diseases—rabies. Ross experimented with a cageful of larks—and a start was made toward conquering malaria. Roux and Behring killed thousands of guinea pigs—and diphtheria antitoxin was discovered, and one of the great scourges of mankind was brought under control.

So the story goes, down the record of medical progress. Vivisection and experimentation on animals, properly conducted by qualified men, have been the means of saving millions of human lives. Always—when animals are subjected to surgery, they are placed under anaesthesia. In truth, more suffering by far is caused by hunters than by the experimentation of medical men. However, these experiments lead to methods of control and cure of disease not only in human beings, but of other animals as well. Experiments have but one purpose—longer, happier, fuller lives for all the people.

Experimentation on animals should never be permitted by the untrained. And it should never be denied to men of science. It provides the great highway to medical progress.

With the mechanizing of armies, Hitler can make all of Napoleon's mistakes much faster, if he does, and we hope he does.—Charlotte News.

You can tell when a man doesn't know the facts. He uses more positive assertions, as a substitute.—Buffalo News.

A well-known millionaire sportsman confesses that he has never yet entered a night club. This, no doubt, explains why he is still a millionaire.—The Humorist.

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Lessons In Stories

There are three types of speakers; good, bad and indifferent. Dr. I. G. Greer, who addressed the Jaycees banquet, belongs in the first of the three types.

It has been our privilege, our duty, our job (sometimes unpleasant) to hear the principal speakers in North Carolina and many from other states. It is not work to hear speeches by some few speakers, including Dr. Greer.

HE WAS REGISTERED

We want to report on one story told by Dr. Greer for the benefit of the many who were not present.

It was many years ago while Prof. Greer was at A. S. T. C. in Boone that a young mountaineer in work clothes walked up to where the professor was helping register new students and asked to enter the college.

He had called for Greer because his mother had told him that Greer could help him. He asked the youth his name and the name of his mother, and learned that his mother was an old classmate of his who had lost all the property she had through an unfortunate marriage.

Greer asked the young man if he had any money and was informed that he had 15 cents, which he proceeded to display in his hand. Greer told the boy that he would have to have \$12.50 in order to register, that being the registration fee. The young man looked astonished and walked away hurriedly. Greer troubled about the matter and thought perhaps that he should have talked to the boy more diplomatically.

But a very few days later he was surprised to see the young man walk in again. This time he was wet with perspiration and showed signs of fatigue. Greer said he asked the young fellow a fool question: "Do you want to register?"

"Hell, yes!" was the prompt and indignant reply.

Greer was busy and a lady, a Sunday school teacher, was helping register the students. She quietly asked Greer if she should register a boy who talked like that and he instinctively and promptly said "Hell, yes, register him."

Greer then asked the boy where he had been and if he had any money. The husky youngster said he had been in the Shulls Mills community cutting cordwood by day and cording it by moonlight. He had fifteen dollars. A job was found for the boy and he made a good record in college and since he graduated.

That, said Greer, is a striking example of self-reliance, the kind needed by America today.

Not so long ago the man who said years ago that he wanted to register called on Dr. Greer at Thomasville and apologized for the language used on that day at Boone. We don't think any apology is needed by either party.

It is superfluous to say that the young man grew into a good and successful citizen. Any person with such a degree of self-reliance will make his own way.

American vacationists, perplexed over where to go, are fortunate nevertheless. Consider the poor nazi "tourist," who must pack his uniform and submachine gun and go where he's told.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A micrometer has been perfected by a Schenectady laboratory which measures to one 5,000,000th of an inch. A few years from now, we have no doubt, automobiles will carry it as standard parking equipment.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Astronomers are one in thinking that life like ours would be as impracticable on other planets as it is becoming here.—Detroit News.

Abnormal Absurdities
By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

SURPRISE

The farmer's wife had been pestering him for a long time to buy some new clothes. So one day, when he drove to market, he decided to surprise her. He purchased an entire new outfit, which was packed and placed under the buggy seat. Driving home, he had to ford a river and here he paused, took off his clothes, bathed in the river and then tied all his old garments to a rock and threw them into the stream. Reaching under the seat for his new clothes, he was horrified to discover that they weren't there. After a frantic but unavailing search came a pause for meditation. Then he climbed briskly into the buggy, touched up the old horse with the whip, and said, "Giddap, Mariah, we'll surprise her anyway."

GRABBED WRONG THING

They're picking up the pieces With a dustpan and a rake, Because he grabbed a silken knee When he should have grabbed the brake.

THEN AND NOW

One broiling July day an aged "cullard gemman" who was pushing a barrow of bricks paused to dash the sweat from his dusky brow; then, shaking his fist at the sun, he apotrophized it thus: "Fo' the Lawd's sake, whar wuz yuh last Janoary?"

ON DOING YOUR JOB

Dr. I. G. Greer illustrated with a good yarn the importance of doing whatever we are fitted by talents to do. He told the story of two negroes.

A big negro six and one-half feet tall and big in proportion was leaning lazily against a picnic table. His muscles fairly bulged under his tawny skin.

A little dried up negro of less than a hundred pounds walked up as discoursed thus: "Mister Big Nigger: You know what I'd do if I wuz as big and strong as you? I'd go out into these woods. I'd hunt the biggest and meanest bear in them thar woods. I'd kill him with my bare hands. I'd tear him limb from limb. I would tear his muscles apart and stomp them. I'd tear his teeth out one by one and throw 'em down. That's what I'd do, Mister Big Nigger."

The big negro stared blankly into the wizened face of the little negro and replied: "Mister Little Nigger: Dere is little bears in them thar woods."

ON STORM DAMAGE

Some people in these parts tried to ridicule newspaper reports of damage by the storm and cloud-burst Saturday afternoon. Because no bridges were washed away and nothing happened that affected them directly, they thought that nothing was hurt. But damage to crops was heavy along the small streams more than in the Yadkin valley and the damage will be felt keenly by those affected because they lost all last year. The newspaper reports were not exaggerated.

DISCUSSION OF TIME

Next time: Daylight saving time—and how.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Wilkes County.
In The Superior Court
EDITH BREWER
vs.
HERMAN BREWER

The defendant Herman Brewer will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes County, North Carolina, for the purpose of an absolute divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Wilkes County on the 20 day of Aug. 1941 and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

Dated this 30th day of June 1941.
C. C. HAYES,
Clerk of Superior Court
7-21-41 (m)

Jaycees To Mark FDR Puts Ban On
Towns In the State Export Materials
To Latin America

Gastonla.—"It will soon be as hard to lose your way in North Carolina as it is difficult to find your way in other states."

That is the statement of Basil L. Whitener, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, whose organization is working with agencies of the Federal and State governments in sponsoring a state-wide air-marking project which will make the Old North State stand out on the map.

The air-marking endeavor ties in with Uncle Sam's national defense effort, and officials predict that it will be a boon both to commercial and to military aviation.

Working hand in hand with the Junior Chamber of Commerce on the project are the State Department of Conservation and Development and Works Progress Administration. R. W. Andrews of Raleigh is supervising the work in North Carolina.

The markings are intended as an aid to aviators who might lose their direction from one cause or another. In case of inclement conditions or faulty instruments, even a novice will have no trouble in following the correct route to his destination when the markings are completed.

The work will be carried on with funds supplied by the Works Progress Administration in every city, village and hamlet in the State. Where there are airports, the hangers will be marked on top with the name of the city or town in 12-foot letters. Where there are no airports, high water tanks and buildings will be used. It is estimated that the markings will be visible at a height of 3,000 feet.

Jaycee President Basil L. Whitener said today that no village would be considered too small for the project and that in time the crew of workers would visit all communities.

State Superintendent Andrews is at present working out of the Charlotte district, covering a territory of 17 western North Carolina counties.

ELECTRIFIED

The growing shortage of farm labor can be checked if electrified farms are equipped with a washing machine, refrigerator, and electric water pump, says the Rural Electrification Administration.

List of Banned Firms Covers Those Believed Acting For Germany and Italy

Washington, July 17.—In a drastic move to tighten the economic blockade against Germany and Italy, President Roosevelt today banned the export of vital materials to more than 1,800 firms and individuals in Latin America named on a "blacklist."

Coincident with issuance of what was called "the proclaimed list of certain blocked nationals" deemed to be acting for the benefit of Germany or Italy, the President set up virtually an economic warfare committee to supervise the plugging of trade leaks through Latin American countries to the Axis.

On this committee are the secretaries of state, commerce and treasury, the attorney general, the administrator of export control and the co-ordinator of commercial and cultural relations between the American republics.

At the same time Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, announced to the inter-American financial and economic advisory committee the establishment of new government procedure designed to facilitate legitimate exports to other American countries with special consideration of their general cooperation with the United States.

COTTON

It appears likely that the domestic carryover of American cotton at the end of the current season will total about 12,300,000 bales, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Inexpensive substitutes for novocain, antiseptics, and possibly sulfanilamide and its derivatives may soon be made from corn cobs, oat hulls, and other farm waste materials.

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