BRUCE BARTON Says:

PLENTY OF AMERICAN VITALITY

Once I had an interview with Lloyd George, when he still was the Grand Old Man who had saved the Empire. A year or two later he was just a neglected ex-politician (great nations are not so grateful). He spoke of prohibition and said it never would succeed in England because the climate is so disagreeable that the English workman must have his daily grog to keep going. "But in your marvelous country, where the sun shines and there is so much sparkle in the air and such boundless vitality in the people—ah, there anything is possible."

Well, as it turned out, anything is not possible, even in our marvelous country. Prohibition was not possible and probably will not be until there has come a vast change in the make-up of human nature.

But what Lloyd George said about our almost boundless vitality is true. Into the making of America has been poured the best blood of the most adventurous members of all peoples. Any idea that the opportunities are over, the frontiers all crossed, is nonsense.

I write these brave words, having talked recently with a young Englishman, now in business among us, who tells me he never really knew the thrill of opportunity until he landed on these shores. I write also as a record and a reminder.

If we have another depression I want this piece to be around where I can read it and remember that in the darkest hours of 1932 I decided that a certain Great American industry was hopelessly over-built and never would come back. Being very wise and far-sighted, I sold out my stock at the bottom.

Every time I look at the current high quotations I think: "This is the price you paid, my lad, for your silly notion that the vitality of America was all used up."

SPEAK MAN, THE TRUTH

Maybe Mr. Kipling was unfair to an unknown contractor when he penned these lines:

The architect and builder kid
-ed Cheops on his pyramid
"Ready next week, sir, have no fears,"
And this went on for thirty years.

Contractors are not often dishonest. Their real fault is a certain excess of tender-heartedness. They hate to disappoint the man who is paying for the work.

A friend, now engaged in fixing over a house, spoke feelingly along these lines no later than yesterday. "We were held up for two weeks waiting for one particular piece of material," he exclaimed. "First they told us it had been shipped ten days before. Then they said it was coming down on a special truck. Day after day it was to be on the job tomorrow. Finally we discovered that it was lost somewhere in a freight yard.

"If they had given us the straight facts at the beginning we could have gone on with some other parts of the work. But workmen were idle, and my blood pressure was around 400, all because some one just didn't have the guts to tell me the truth."

Some politicians and statesmen act as if they were all ex-contractors. The first rule of statesmanship seems to be "never tell the voter anything unpleasant. Give him the old shampoo."

This kidding is old stuff, and with the younger generation it does not sit well. For these youngsters are a new thing under the sun—they tell the truth. Pleasant or unpleasant, they blurt it out.

When they take charge of the world, feelings may be more often ruffled. But there may be an end to the aggravation and nuisance of lies.

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Funeral Held for Mrs. Jessie Bradshaw

Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie Bradshaw were held at the Crabtree Baptist church in Haywood county Monday. Rev. Mr. Roberts, Methodist minister, and Rev. Mr. McCracken officiated.

Mrs. Bradshaw died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. McCracken, on Rabbit Creek, this county, Saturday night at 8 o'clock after a sudden attack of heart disease.

Mrs. Bradshaw was a member of the Methodist church. She had made her home in Macon county for four years.

A number of relatives and friends accompanied the body to Haywood for burial.

Surviving Mrs. Bradshaw are eight children.

Home Demonstration Club News

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CLUB WORK REVIEWED

The wives of demonstration and watershed farmers were invited to take part in the meeting called by the farm agents Saturday, Sept. 19. The meeting was held at Holly Springs. About one-half of those in attendance were women. The program was turned over to the women in the afternoon. Mrs. Ed. Byrd made a few remarks of welcome and introduced the speakers. Mrs. Robert Bennett told of the work of the women enrolled in home demonstration clubs. The following is a resume of the remarks made by Mrs. Bennett.

Home demonstration work started in Macon county in October of last year. At that time the home agent had two counties. Thanks to the people of Macon county and the commissioners, the agent has at the present time only one county. This means that more clubs can be organized. Work has started with the girls through 4-H clubs and more time can be given to help women with their special problems. There are now nine home demonstration clubs in the county with a membership of approximately 350 women. More clubs will be organized.

A county council has been organized for the purpose of directing the activities of the women's clubs in the county. The council consists of the presidents and vice presidents of the various clubs. Mrs. Ed. Byrd was elected president of the council; Mrs. Carl Slagle, vice president; Mrs. Wade Moody, secretary and treasurer.

The following aims were selected for the clubs for the year: 100 per cent of members improving nutrition, 100 per cent of clubs holding community meetings, 100 per cent of members planting new vegetables, 50 per cent of members improving homes, 25 per cent of members planting new fruits, 50 per cent of members improving poultry flocks, 50 per cent of members canning according to a budget, the establishment of a curb market, a personal goal for each member. It is too early to report on the accomplishment of these aims, as the club year will not be over until November. A curb market has been established and is governed by a committee consisting of one member from each club with Mrs. Wade Moody as chairman. Mrs. Moody has worked hard to make the market a success. According to information from Raleigh, the market is doing as well, in proportion to the number selling, as many older and larger markets. Community meetings have been held in most of the communities.

A great deal has been done in the way of home improvement. Homes have been painted, yards improved and better equipment purchased. Thirty-two pressure cookers have been bought by women, saving time, fuel and insuring a greater degree of safety in keeping canned products.

All club members have entered the Ball canning contest. Cash prizes will be given at a date to be set.

4-H club work is an important part of home demonstration work. It is to our young people that we will soon have to look for leadership. Through 4-H clubs these young people have an opportunity to develop themselves into the leading citizens of the community. Six 4-H clubs have been organized. The club members are studying personality development. In view of the fact that it is estimated that 85 per cent of a person's success is due to personality, this would seem to be important. Picnic grounds have been started in many communities.

Home demonstration clubs have sponsored the following activities; better school lunches, pre-school clinics, community playgrounds and recreation programs.

The home demonstration club should be the outstanding organization in each community, standing for anything which will benefit the children and citizens of that community. It is not just the demonstrations which are carried on in meetings which are important. It is the outcome of these activities and the way they are carried out in the community which counts.

Mrs. Bennett concluded by saying that we are proud of our home demonstration clubs and of our home demonstration agent.

Mrs. Carl Slagle made an important talk on the value of recreation, bringing out the fact that recreation trains for leadership and good sportsmanship and thus for success in the future. Mrs. Slagle also mentioned the fact that proper recreation is not a waste of time, but an activity necessary to every normar human being.

Dalton-Shepherd Reunion Well Attended

The Dalton-Shepherd reunion was attended by 220 relatives and invited friends Sunday at the home of Mrs. John Shepherd at Leatherman.

On September 16 Mrs. Shepherd celebrated her 86th birthday anniversary, and this reunion is held annually in her honor, she being the oldest living member of the two families.

The speakers of the day were the Rev. Paul Shepherd, a grandson of Mrs. Shep... Rev. J. F. Burrell, of ... John E. Rickman, of Fran... John H. Dalton. The Dal... tet rendered several num...

Officers elected for the year are John H. Dalton, p... Walter Dalton, vice-presid... Mrs. E. O. Rickman, sec...

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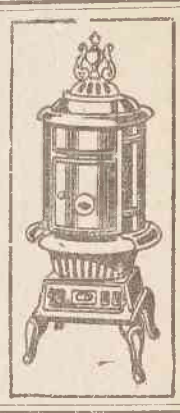

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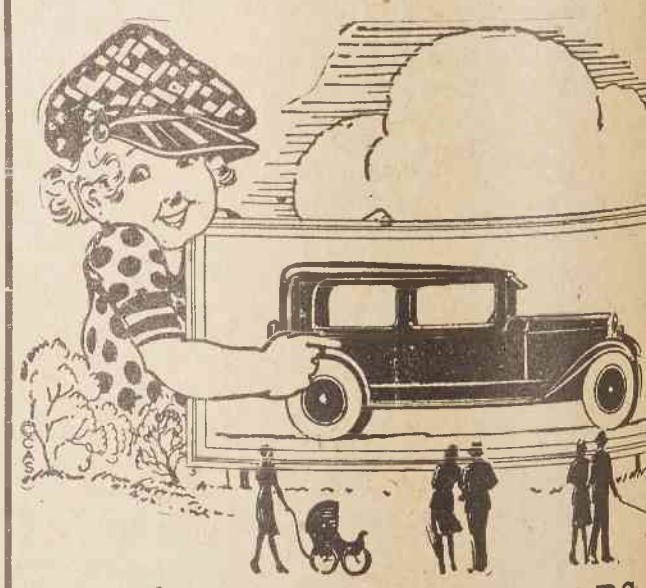

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