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TEST YEAR

The year 1940 will be a test year for agricultural marketing cooperation, according to a survey of farmer opinion gathered by the Dairymen's League News of New York.

Prices and markets will be more stable the consensus held, if there is continued and closer producer cooperation; if farmers keep continually on the alert to resist attacks against cooperative marketing.

If that is true, it's up to the farmer now. And certainly, in the light of the vast progress achieved by marketing cooperation in the past few decades, he will support the movement wholeheartedly. No farmer ever had a better ally than a good producer marketing cooperative. And, so far as anyone can see now, he never will.

LIBERTY AND LICENSE

Your greatest inheritance as an American is freedom—freedom from tyranny, freedom to live your own life.

We in America must stand continually to protect this birthright. If we relax our watchfulness, liberty may be abused and then put to destructive purposes.

In every community, we have a homely analogy to the destructive power of dictators, of liberty gone to license. Fire, with its tremendous usefulness to man, is a good element while kept in its role of servant. But when misused and permitted to break out of bounds, it becomes a raging demon of destruction, a tyrannical master—a dictator!

America is not at war but it has its heartrending casualty lists. Our citizens need fortitude to face the facts of fire losses. Each year 10,000 persons lose their lives in fires, and 10,000 more are seriously injured. The direct property loss amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Dictators maintain their power by keeping their countrymen uninformed. When the truth becomes known, the dictator soon loses his ability to sway the masses.

Again, an analogy can be drawn to fire, for this element is best controlled and kept in its place as a servant through knowledge and watchfulness. People who take the trouble to inform themselves about common fire hazards and safe building methods, rarely suffer the catastrophe of fire. For such people there are a number of sources of information: their local fire chief, the state inspection bureau and their insurance agent.

THE STATE OF THE NATION

The President has submitted a budget for the coming fiscal year showing substantial economies. Nearly every major item, excepting the national defense, was cut. Total savings, if the budget were adhered to, would amount to \$675,000,000.

Everybody agrees that there is drastic need for economy in government. Undoubtedly editorial pages from Maine to California will ring with praise—and hope. Business men and civic bodies galore will laud the President's action. Women's clubs and chambers of commerce have been busy for years resolving that there should be economy, and damning the spending politicians. They, too, are quick to praise even the faintest sign of economy.

But what does it all add up to? Apparently nothing! Within

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

BY TOPPS



a few weeks the folks back home will learn that real economy is not just for the other fellow after all. They will learn that the "free money" they have been promised for manifold local projects is not forthcoming. Then the stampede will begin to get noses back in the public trough. Tales of woe and hardship will descend on Washington in an increasing avalanche. Merchants, doctors, lawyers and thieves will form committees. The committees will have their pictures printed in the local paper. They will be off to Washington for more money. The rest of the folks stay at home and cuss the spending politicians. The slide to financial and economic purgatory will continue. Who will care if individual liberty and savings are left behind?

This is not a pretty picture. It is the state of the nation.

THE JOB THE FARMER FACES

In his message to the state legislature, Governor Lehman of New York praised the results achieved by marketing cooperation among dairymen in the great New York milk shed. He then warned them against three dangers which could upset all the progress made during 1939 and previous years—"dissension among farmers; short-sighted and unwise action by dealers; over-production by dairymen."

That statement, observes the Dairymen's League News of New York, "points pretty clearly to the job that faces producers in 1940." And what is true in that state is true everywhere else. Successful marketing cooperation requires the loyal support of the farmers. And it also involves wise voluntary control of production to the end that it will balance potential consumption so far as possible.

Still greater achievements for marketing cooperation lie in the future.

FIGHTING THE HONEST WORKER

A strike of shipping clerks on the San Francisco waterfront as just ended. The strike went on for 53 days and cost the clerks and their fellow workers some \$1,400,000 in lost wages.

Just how necessary or justified the strike was is aptly illustrated by a statement made shortly before it was called by Dean Wayne L. Morse, the labor mediator and arbiter, who has gained the almost universal respect of both workers and employers for fairness and lack of prejudice. Dean Morse said: "There is not a single issue now pending between the unions and the ship owners that cannot be settled without resorting to strike or lockout." But extremists in union officialdom thought otherwise, and called the strike.

Commenting on the strike, the San Francisco News said

this: "It did the cause of labor and the commerce and reputation of San Francisco incalculable harm..."

"The men on the waterfront their wives and their children, must be fed up on strikes that get them nowhere..."

"What San Francisco's waterfront and maritime labor needs is the kind of intelligent management that is enjoyed...by many unions throughout the country under seasoned and wise leaders, who know how to get maximum benefits for their members without crippling the industries which provide their livelihood and without damage to the communities in which they live."

When an unjustified strike is called, the working man is the principal loser. Every facility has been provided by governmental and private agencies for arbitrating legitimate industrial disputes. But that doesn't seem to please the labor racketeers, who will go to any ends to keep themselves in power—and their names in the headlines. How long will it be before the working man will realize that the fight of the radicals against employing industry is in reality a fight against his own livelihood and security?

ABERDEEN

Mrs. H. W. Doub entertained the Walter Hines Page Book Club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Huntley gave an interesting talk on "Women Columnist." Mrs. William Carter on "Russia" and Mrs. E. M. Medlin read an article on the "Irish Inauguration."

Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Maxwell, Miss Mary Page, Mrs. T. C. Bobbitt, Medreth Burns attended the "Advance Day" program in Raleigh Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Gwyn are in Mt. Airy.

Mrs. S. P. Swearingen and children Sue, and Sam, Jr., spent several days in town last week with Mrs. Swearingen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pleasants.

Miss Lida Duke Blue returned Monday from Washington, D. C., where she spent several days with friends.

Ralph Leach spent the week-end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Seymour spent Tuesday in Raleigh attending the "Advance Day" program.

Mrs. W. A. Blue was quite sick the first of the week, but is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Windham and family have moved to Southern Pines.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowman left Thursday for a weeks stay in Florida.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer for Missions will be observed by the women of the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Church of Wide Fellowship and Baptist churches at a service in the Baptist Church Friday, February 9, at 2:00 p. m.

THE PASSING YEARS

Second Week in February

BY CHARLES MACAULEY

1939

"Bonds Delivered For Purchase of Harrington Site."

"Noted Pianist To Give Recital at Mid-Pines Club. Mark Hoffman of Greensboro on Program of Southern Pines Civic Club Tuesday."

Miss Katherine Wiley has returned from a business trip to New York.

1935

"Colorful Career Ends in Death of Dr. E. M. Poate."

"Re-routing of U. S. 15 Stirs Storm of Protest."

"Committee for Spring Blossom Festival named."

1930

"Mrs. Hunter Eckert will entertain Friday afternoon three tables of bridge honoring the birthdays of Mrs. Arthur Newcomb and Mrs. Millard H. Turner at her residence on Indiana avenue."

"Friends of C. H. Durgin will be glad to know that he is rapidly improving after an operation at the Charlotte hospital."

1925

"Arbutus in bloom."

"Elmer E. Davis has returned from a trip to Pittsburgh, Pa."

"Magnolia Chapter, O. E. S. will hold a food sale at Lewis' on Friday morning."

1920

"Henry N. Goodman of May street has been presented by his admiring golfing friends with a new and unique style of brassie."

"Jack's Lunch—We Will Cook Your Roast. Bake Your Cake, Phone Us."—Adv.

1915

"Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Patch went to Florida Tuesday night for a two weeks visit to Tampa and other leading resorts. At Tampa Mr. Patch will talk over old times with his long time friend H. C. Flint."

1910

"Sh—Keep it Dark. Final rehearsal for 'Keeping It Dark,' the new comedy which is to be played by home talent next Tuesday evening at King's Daughters Hall. The cast: J. H. Tilghman, T. T. McGuire, Will J. Irvin, John E. Crain, Misses Bernice Malonzo, Ida Herman and Mrs. Will J. Irvin."

1905

"A New Bank Assured. Leading citizens effect organization. C. B. Grout was elected chairman and P. H. Beck, C. T. Patch and C. D. Tarbell committee to complete soliciting for stock."

"Keep It Till We Get The Fence. The total valuation in Sand Hill and McNeill's townships for the years 1889 and 1904 tell their own story:—1889, \$348,089. 1904—\$704,111. Note the increase—\$356,022."

1900

"Roll a string of candle or tenpins in Stringer's Bowling Alley. Wednesday is ladies day. S. Stringer."—Adv.

1894

"Fred K. Dixon Grower of Cacti. Many rare varieties. Greenhouse corner of New York avenue and Leak street. Southern Pines."—Adv.

BENSALEM TO GET NEW 14-ROOM SCHOOL BUILDING

The Moore County School Board, at its monthly meeting, ordered that plans be drawn for a 14-room school building for the Bensalem district and that application for financial assistance be filed with the WPA.

Delegations from the Bensalem Church community, Eagle Springs and Big Oak appeared before the Board with suggestions, but no action was taken as to the definite location for the proposed school building.

REGULAR MEETING OF LEGION POST HELD THURSDAY NIGHT

The regular February meeting of the Sandhill Post, American Legion was held Thursday night in the Legion Hut, Southern Pines. An out-of-town speaker gave an address on "National Defense" followed by a musical program which included several songs by Miss Lenora Smith. A goodly number attended.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEET

The Woman's Society of Church of Wide Fellowship, will meet in the parlor of the church on Wednesday, February 14th at 3:30. Group 2 in charge.

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