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Will The South Go Hungry?

Starvation will hardly grip our fair section, but hunger in the Southland is indeed possible. Depression periods have caused numbers of humans to wander behind the diggers in peanut fields during the past, and in the final analysis starvation can be balked by foraging in the fields and woods, but the outlook for anything like a complete and balanced diet is not any too bright. No, the situation is not alarming, but it is a recognized fact that the South is not producing enough beef to feed its own people.

J. R. Hawkins, of the South Carolina Extension Division, recently said, in part: "The hope that the South Atlantic Seaboard may one day produce enough livestock to feed its own people has been in the hearts of livestock extension workers in this and adjoining states for a long time. Statistical reports on the beef cattle and hog populations and productions have been watched anxiously for signs of encouragement. But while improvement has been registered, progress has been slow and we are still far short of our goal."

"Added to the fact that more meat produced here would provide better diets and release that from other sections for war needs and exports, we are confronted with the fact that meat shipped to this section taxes the facilities of processors and transportation concerns..."

There's something to be said in behalf of the free exchange of products and goods, for the specialized production in the most suitable places and under the most advantageous conditions, but just now the self-sufficing territory stands a better chance of weathering the storm than those sections where cash crops are produced and where cash is used to buy food from other sections.

Briefly stated, we have ample cash, not a great deal to be sure, and we can't eat the stuff. And it is quite possible that we can't buy all the articles of food we have been buying or all that we actually need.

The distribution of branded beef has already been upset by the war, and the replacement of staple foods is lagging apparently far behind current demands.

Martin County has about 50,000 hogs or more than an adequate supply, but it is short on so many other foods including beef, milk, eggs and butter and possibly a few others. The depression period called for a live-at-home program. Now, it would appear that actual want and hunger call for a marked advance toward a live-at-home plan, for in this period of uncertainty one acre of food stuffs and a few cows, beef cattle, poultry and eggs may mean more than a whole farm planted in tobacco.

It's Not All Bad

Aside from the horrors, suffering and death, all that's connected with the current war or all that growing out of the war is not bad.

Those whose business has been wiped out should remember the Civil War soldier who saw inflation wip out his last dollar and recognizing his freedom from worry over money he rolled over and over on the ground and shouted with sheer delight. Surely, we'd call a man who would do a thing like that in this day and age crazy. But that penniless soldier had something.

Those who have been burdened with time and luxury are now in line to live, to recognize the value of work, sweat and thrift, that character and position are founded on long hours of work and self-denial.

It is quite possible that the social way of life may be changed and instead of the youngster getting an automobile, a tuxedo and the liquor habit before he earned a penny, he'll have to reckon with basic economic virtues. And before the daughter has to have a manicure, a permanent, a sports roadster and so many evening gowns, she will have to learn to boil an egg.

It has been truthfully said, "We've made the round trip. For a long time to come it's going to be work, work, and save, save, save. The young people of this nation have hard years ahead of them, but we anticipate that they will get more solid enjoyment out of the struggle than they would out of an annuity that shielded them completely from the harsh aspects of life."

Dividends in Rationing

By Donald A. Laird in the Christian Science Monitor.

After Pearl Harbor I tried to prepare myself for the rigors of wartime restrictions and rationing. The more I thought about the things I would have to give up, the sorrier I felt for myself. I am afraid I was not as peeved at the Axis nations as I was sorry for myself.

Now that I have had a sample of restrictions, both in the United States and in Canada, where they are tighter, it does not seem that things have been taken away from me. What has happened is that other things have been given me.

There is the artist who lives in Whippoorwill Hollow, for instance. He always seemed to mind his own business so carefully that I thought he might have ice water in his veins—or that he had an objection to people with whiskers. Then came gas rationing.

"Do you want to go to Middletown?" he asked me when we met at the little country store. "I've got to go in, and would enjoy company. Makes your gas go farther, too."

So I save gas and rubber, and find a friendliness I had not suspected. For the first time I can really enjoy the scenery as we keep under forty miles an hour. And I am getting better acquainted with my neighbors.

There are the old-fashioned suppers at the rural churches for instance. Always a feast, and always good fellowship. But I had not got the most out of them until the restrictions came along on gasoline.

We had always driven the few miles to the suppers alone. We would visit a bit, and then drive back in solitary grandeur.

Now we have discovered that the best part of these occasions is the jolly fun of an automobile jammed with neighbors. How lonesome those rides used to be.

Recently I had to be in western Canada for a week of lecturing. It was an eighteen-hour trip by airplane—but priorities crowded me off the flight, and I had to spend three days and nights on a train. Foolishly, I thought of canceling the engagement.

The seventy-two hours on the train were a revelation. They were so enjoyable, after I got over my annoyance, that I am looking forward with real pleasure to another ride of sixty-eight hours next week. A year ago I imagined my time was so valuable that I would only go places reached by planes. How much I missed by that.

I missed getting acquainted with the half-breed Indian, returning as a casualty from overseas. Missed knowing the young naval officers being shifted to the Pacific scene. Missed the stimulation of knowing the wealthy Scot, now a regimental sergeant.

I am glad, too, that now I ride for hours on the busses. There is no other transportation in the world that equals a bus for enjoyable companionship. Personally, I'll trade you a dozen high-power executives working silently on an airplane for the stimulation of two talkative middle-aged women on a bus who are eager to tell about their sons now in training.

It was on a bus that I jotted down a recipe for molasses pecan pie—a sugar-saving delicacy; and sweet potato pie, made with rich, dark molasses. I would not have learned about these in a million miles by plane, but got the secrets from a white-haired southern woman who sat beside me on a bus ride.

It is not the sugar-saving aid that is important. My morale has been helped, my experience made richer, by the companionship. We are getting better acquainted all around. The Axis cannot take that away—and I want to keep it, after the war.

Families are not broken when a member is taken thousands of miles away on active service. Our own experience with this greatest war restriction of all is that the separation actually draws the family closer together. My son was in that stage of development when youth sometimes feels its wings have been clipped too long.

But a few weeks in the Royal Canadian Air Force brought new attitudes. As the parcel of his favorite home-made brownies arrived every week, at the sacrifice of sugar rations by the home folks (and some of their neighbors, bless them), his outlook on the world and his family changed.

It is the present-day miracle, duplicated in thousands of homes: Families are not broken up by war service; they are drawn closer together.

War restrictions? Already they have brought me things worth a fortune which I was missing. I daresay the restrictions are doing the same for everyone who will only pause to think about what he is getting in exchange for the few things he is giving up.

Fits The Crime

The execution of six saboteurs and the long imprisonment for two others clearly indicates, despite Christian tenements, that the world struggle is one of survival, that drastic measures must be employed if Christianity and its supporting ideals are to retain a vestige on this old planet.

Death penalty is harsh treatment, but in the case of the six German saboteurs it fits the crime.

War is like other evils, it must be met when it is unavoidable, and such gain as can be got from it, must be won.—W. G. Sumner, "War" (1903).

CHURCH NEWS

RIDDICK'S GROVE

Regular service at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Members please be present, and the public is invited.

Piney Grove Baptist

Regular service at Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock. This will close our regular Bible study of the book of John. Come and let's make the closing lesson the most interesting of all. The public is invited.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Lesson topic: "Realizing the Presence of God." Morning worship, 11 a. m. Rev. R. H. Lucas, of Plymouth, will be our guest minister.

Training Union, 7:30 p. m. Discussion topic: "Making Decisions." Evening worship, 8:30 p. m. Union service at the Christian Church, and Pastor Hurley will preach.

CHRISTIAN

Bible School, 9:45 a. m. Communion service to follow the Bible school hour.

Union services will be held with us at 8:30 p. m. with Rev. B. T. Hurley preaching on the subject, "God Waiting for Man." Public is cordially invited to attend.

Prayer service Thursday, 8:15 p. m. Subject, "The Breaking of Day." The Youth Conference of Disciples of Christ in North Carolina convenes at Atlantic Christian College Friday August 21, and concludes the 26th. Frances Jarman, John L. Goff and Jane Johnson Goff will accompany Mr. Goff from the Williamston church. Mr. Goff will serve as Dean of Men and Director of Recreation. Gas and tire shortage made it necessary to change the place of meeting.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. A special feature of the opening service of the church school will be a brief history of the Methodist Church in Williamston by Alberta Knox.

Morning worship and sermon, 11 a. m. Subject of sermon, "Faith's Supreme Test."

The Union Evening service will be at the Christian Church at 8:30 p. m. The pastor of the Methodist Church will bring the message. Subject, "God Waiting for Man." Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:30 p. m. Notice the change from Thursday evening to Wednesday evening. Choir rehearsal will follow this service.

'All-Out' Production Is Behind Schedule

This new accenting of the supremacy of the armed forces over civilian claims in all matter of competition for materials and machines came on the heels of the OWI report which made official the news that war production, despite the magnificent pace that has been set, still has lagged behind schedule because of "faulty control of materials." And it underlined, grimly, the fact that our production will have to go faster and more "all-out" than it has yet. For example, viewing the new

record of 71 cargo ships and tankers delivered into service in July, the OWI said that even if our shipbuilding pace continues to rise and sinkings to decrease "we shall probably be well into 1943 before we again have as much shipping as we had on December 7, 1941."

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.

S. E. Sprague vs. Helena S. Sprague. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce based upon two years separation; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County within thirty (30) days 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.

This the 28th day of July, 1942. L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Whereas, on the 26th day of September, 1939, G. H. Manning and wife, Helen Manning, executed and

delivered to H. C. Leaman, Trustee for the Land Bank Commissioner, a certain deed of trust which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County, North Carolina, in Book N-3, at page 591; and the undersigned W. O. McGibony has been duly substituted as the Trustee therein under the provisions thereof, by an instrument in writing dated July 19, 1941, and duly recorded in Book Y-3, page 592, Martin County Registry; and

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured as therein provided, and the substitute trustee has been requested by the owner and holder thereof to exercise the power of sale therein contained;

Now, Therefore, under and by virtue of the authority conferred by the said deed of trust the undersigned Substitute Trustee will on the 14 day of September, 1942, at the court house door of Martin County, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock noon offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, containing One Hundred Twenty-three (123) acres, more or less, lying and being in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, North Carolina, and being on the Public Road leading from Hamilton to Oak City, about one-half (1-2) mile east of

the town of Oak City, and now owned by and in the possession of G. H. Manning and wife, Helen Manning, adjoining the lands of J. T. Daniel on the north and west, the lands of N. M. Worsley on the south and the lands of L. T. Chesson on the east, and more particularly described according to map thereof made by A. Corey, Surveyor, dated March 22, 1939, a copy of which is now on file with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia. The property is more fully described by metes and bounds in the deed of trust above mentioned, to which reference is made.

This property is being sold subject to an outstanding deed of trust executed by G. H. Manning and wife, Helen Manning, to H. C. Leaman, Trustee for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, recorded in Book N-3, page 589, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Martin County, North Carolina.

A deposit of 10 per cent of any bid not exceeding \$500 and 5 per cent of any bid in excess thereof will be required. If said deposit is not made at the close of the bidding, the property will be resold at two o'clock P. M. of the same day.

This the 13th day of August, 1942. W. O. MCGIBONY, Substitute Trustee. B. A. Critcher, Agent and Atty For Substituted Trustee. a14-4t

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