

Across the Years -

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I wonder what you'd say to me today
If we could only talk across the years.
I wonder if you'd care to stop your play
To let me tell you of my hopes and fears.
Would you be pleased to know what I have won,
What progress I have made, or would you see
So many other things I should have done?
Would you be just a bit ashamed of me?

I wonder if you'd find your boyhood dreams
Through my endeavors now are coming true.
Or would you say my present station seems
Far short of what ambition promised you?
Have I accomplished in a manly way
Those tasks you set for me so long ago?
If we could talk across the years today
Would you be proud of me and tell me so?

I'd like to let you know how much I prize
The opportunities I see from here.
I wonder if you fully realize
How kind you were in choosing my career.
I wish that I could call you and confess,
My boyhood, just how much I owe to you;
Yours were the wistful dreams of happiness,
Mine is the joy of making them come true!



TO RID WORLD OF TUBERCULOSIS, "START WITH THE CHILD," SAYS EXPERT



That little round copper piece we call a cent has come to have a new significance to me since I discovered the marvelous work against tuberculosis that your pennies and mine, combined with millions of other Christmas Seal contributions, are supporting.

If Chicago's impressive Wrigley building is striking evidence of the possibilities of a penny, what a monument to its power is the unceasing campaign to make health for all a reality!

This new and growing respect for the one-cent piece is the result of my assignment to write a series of articles on the Christmas Seal work. This article is devoted to just one phase of the Christmas Seal educational campaign - work in the schools.

"If we are ever to get very far in our efforts to prevent tuberculosis, the most promising place is to start with the school child." With these words the state association's executive secretary launched into an enthusiastic description of school activities.

He told me of the Modern Health Crusade, which the association is conducting. The Crusade is a plan for teaching health by doing. Titles are awarded children for

successfully carrying out eleven health chores daily. Millions of health chore folders have been distributed to North Carolina school children. In many schools the plan forms a part of their year-round health instruction, and regular school credit is given.

"Here is a book we have sent to thousands of schools as an aid to the teacher and as a stimulus to her to have health instruction correlated with other subjects."

The book is entitled "Health Training in Schools," by Miss Theresa Danasfil, State Director Health Education, North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, and, as I glanced through the chapters on games, plays and other interesting health projects, in which children would delight, my mind went back to the dull, stereotyped physiology and hygiene instruction of my school days, which happily are no more. I mean, of course, the stereotyped physiology and so-called hygiene.

The most vivid and painful recollection was that of an effort to memorize step by step the circulation of the blood through the system. It was all theory and no practice in those days, and, if the pupils could accurately trace the circulation, it mattered little whether a desire for pure, red blood, or knowledge of how to build it, was obtained.

That thousands of pieces of health literature and posters are sent to the schools each year was further information I obtained. These included weight and height measuring charts, correct posture and teeth folders, health chore pictures and other material.

Supplementing this general educational work, many counties have special school activities financed by Christmas Seals. These include nutrition classes with lectures, medical examinations, dental clinics and school in-

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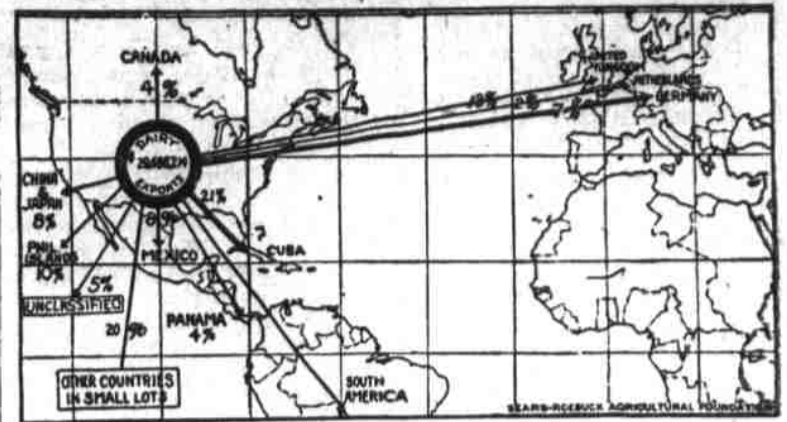
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Dairy products and eggs valued at \$29,686,214 were exported from the United States in the year ending June 30, 1926, according to a statement on the export situation issued by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. Canned milk topped the list, with eggs second, cheese third and butter fourth. The principal export market for these products proved to be Cuba, which took two-fifths of the eggs shipped abroad and was next to the United Kingdom as a buyer of canned milk. Great Britain was the second largest customer for these products, with the Philippine Islands in third position. Mexico, Germany, China and Japan, Panama and Canada were the other markets which bought the surpluses of these products.

52 Billion Loaves in U. S. Wheat



ENOUGH wheat will be produced in the United States this year to make 52,018,000,000 loaves of bread, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The latest official estimates indicate that 830,000,000 bushels of wheat will be produced this year, and it is figured that 62 one-pound loaves of bread can be obtained from every bushel of wheat. Of the total estimated output 623,000,000 bushels were produced by winter wheat growers and 212,000,000 bushels by spring wheat growers in the Northwest. Last year the winter wheat production was 398,000,000 bushels and spring wheat 271,000,000. The present crop is above the five-year average of 802,000,000 bushels. The acreage devoted to the crop this year is put at 57,584,000 and the latest estimates place the production at 14.6 bushels per acre, the Foundation states. Winter wheat will run over 17 bushels per acre and spring wheat 10.2 per acre. Domestic needs are estimated at 640,000,000 bushels, so there will be more than 250,000,000 bushels for export. Prices are not as high as a year ago, but the crop probably will bring growers more than a billion dollars.

Another Big U. S. Cotton Crop



ANOTHER big cotton crop this year totaling 15,810,000 bales, will supply not only all American needs for clothing, but will provide a surplus to send enough abroad for those who depend on the American farmer for cotton, says the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. This large crop comes on the top of the large crop of last year, amounting to 10,104,000 bales and a carry-over of 3,500,000 bales. Cotton will be picked from 47,153,000 acres this year, according to the Foundation, and will make around 154 pounds of lint per acre. When used for export the cotton goes to the compress, where it is reduced to a smaller bale. A large percentage of the American crop normally is exported to help clothe nations that cannot raise cotton. Prosperity in the cotton belt is thus directly related to the foreign demand.

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