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MACHINES CAN'T DO IT ALL

On a park bench in Chicago, a few weeks ago, sat a young man. His hat was ringed with dust and sweat, the cuffs of his trousers were frayed. He stared at the skyline of skyscrapers, checker-boarded in the dusk by lighted windows.

"Yes... out of a job," he said. "Where did I work last? Over in Ohio, a box factory, ever since I got out of high school... A year ago they put in new machines... I don't blame them... but now one man can make as many boxes as three did before... and, well, I was let out..."

Those who make charts and graphs about such young men, call the reason for their dislocation "technological unemployment." Their statistics support Walter B. Fitch's challenging statement that: if everybody were to use the most efficient methods and machines and to give employment preference to older men, youths that have reached the working age since 1920 would be out of jobs.

Such facts are discouraging to unplaced or dislocated youths, whether in the home or on the park bench, yet they do not tell the whole story that should be told to young men today. Machines are here to stay, it is true, but no matter how they multiply in number or increase in perfection, nor no matter how ways of doing business may change, work always will remain for qualified men to do. Machines can't do it all. This point, obvious though it may seem, is one that should be made with vigor by the business or professional man to whom youth comes for counsel.

Adults may not generally sense it, but many boys in high school and college are today apprehensive, fearful that in the sun of tomorrow there will be no place for them. Understanding and sympathetic stress on the point that trained, hard-working men will always be needed can stir in youths the determination to acquire the requisite abilities, whereupon that very determination becomes the backing of "nerve" that may tide them over the weariness of long hours of study and the disappointments that come with seeking new jobs when old ones are taken by factors of economic change.

WORLD PEACE HAS ITS PRICE

We read about world peace which seems to be the common goal of mankind if one is able to judge from the speeches and writings of educators, statesmen and others who set out their thoughts for the public enlightenment. Undoubtedly there does exist a strong yearning for peace, almost amounting to a demand on the part of a somewhat disillusioned human race.

In the United States there is no exception. However, here as elsewhere, few seem to understand thoroughly that peace will not descend upon the world unless it is earned by the people of the world who must be ready to pay the price necessary to establish law and maintain order among the nations of the earth.

Without going into any argument about Italy's venture into Ethiopia, it is significant to notice that the League of Nations does not rely upon moral judgment or the pressure of public opinion. Of course, the value of these factors cannot be over-estimated but their potency in preventing the use of force may be doubted. Largely through the leadership of Great Britain, the League has adopted the policy of sanctions against Italy but there is no misunderstanding as to the eventual necessity for the use of force.

Speaking recently, Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of Great Britain, pointed out that sanctions will lead inevitably to a blockade, the brunt of which will fall on the British Navy. He spoke ominously of the test involved, pointing out frankly that he would not agree to the use of the British fleet in a blockade unless he was sure beforehand of the attitude of the United States of America.

While there may be many reasons why the United States should remain aloof from the quarrels of Europe, there seems to be none whatever why this country should not make plain its position in the event that the League of Nations institutes a blockade against an aggressor. Certainly, the United States should not blind itself in advance but in the present case the facts are apparent and there is no reason why this country should not frankly state its attitude towards a League blockade, if one is proposed against Italy.

By remaining silent or permitting its future course to be uncertain, this country would prevent any concerted action in support of the League's position. It would in effect encourage future aggression by a stubborn insistence upon its rights as a neutral trader. It is a matter of fact, we believe that human life takes precedence over property rights, there should be no hesitation as to our national policy. Moreover, there should be no secrecy about our attitude toward the present or any similar crisis in the future.

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Do you know the truth about the condition of the rural population in your part of the country?

We are prone to boast of our advantages and our success, but we soft pedal when we tell of our disadvantages and speak of surpluses of the poverty of large numbers of our people.

Eastern North Carolina is a great section agriculturally speaking, 1 of the most productive in the nation. Nature has done much for this region—opportunities for success, farming, are unlimited.

We constantly hear and read of the money value of our tobacco, cotton, corn, peanuts, soybeans, berries, cantaloupes, melons, vegetables, hogs, poultry, dairy and beef cattle, etc., but we shut our eyes and minds to the poverty of the thousands of farm families; hardy owners, tenants, and share croppers, who barely eke out an existence in this veritable "Garden of Eden."

The uninformed reader, if interested, no doubt will want to know why we have so many failures, so much poverty, in this land of great possibilities.

In explanation, we would suggest that the system of money-crop farming used on innumerable farms, and the exploitation of ignorant, indifferent, labor, may be partly responsible for the poverty of the masses.

This condition has existed for a long time. And it has not been greatly improved in spite of the valuable work accomplished and the efforts put forth, during a quarter of a century, by that splendid body of men and women engaged in farm demonstration and home economics work; and more recently under the intensive work carried on with boys, girls, and adults, by the teachers of vocational agriculture.

The publisher of several newspapers in one of the outstanding tobacco growing counties in this State, was so impressed, on a recent visit to Castle Hayne, St. Helena, and Fenderlea Homesteads, in New Hanover and Fender Counties, with the good work there accomplished in farming and colonizing that he not only spread the news about these rural settlements to his readers, but he also addressed a letter to fellow editors in Eastern North Carolina, from which I am quoting:

"On a recent visit to 'Castle Hayne', 'St. Helena', and 'Fenderlea Homesteads' located near Wilmington, sponsored and developed by Mr. Hugh MacRae of that city, we were so impressed with the fine work in farming and colonization accomplished by him, it occurred to us that it would be a fine thing for the Editors of Eastern North Carolina to become acquainted with this work, and the work of rural rehabilitation now going on in this state.

We feel that Eastern North Carolina with its wonderful soil and climate is on the eve of a very prosperous development, and that the newspaper men of this section can play a most important part in first selling our section to themselves and then to our people.

If we can get our farmers to produce their living, and thus aid in continuing the splendid results accomplished under AAA, we will make a fine contribution to the prosperity of Eastern North Carolina."

Since the circulation of this letter a movement has been started by a group of newspaper editors, cooperating with Mr. MacRae, to arouse interest, among business men and farmers in Eastern North Carolina, sufficient to warrant an appeal to the National Government to provide funds to finance a private corporate enterprise in quickly preparing a number of farm homesteads, in Eastern North Carolina, for sale or lease, on long-time terms, to experienced farm families having ambition and a desire to improve their present status.

B. F. Grady News

Friends of Mrs. Carl H. Walker are pleased to learn that she has returned home from Kingston hospital. She is recovering nicely. Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Shoulers spent last week-end in Rich Square.



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in the home of Mr. Shoulers. Miss Elsie Trighman received a New Year card Sunday. She spent the week end at her home in Kingston.

The Home Demonstration Club of this community met last Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. K. Smith. A Christmas program was carried out. Everyone enjoyed the exchange of Christmas gifts after the regular program.

Miss Sarah Carr spent last week end at her home in Burgaw.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cook spent last week end in Calypso.

Mrs. C. L. Guy and Mr. R. C. Grigg of Angler visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Walker last Sunday.

On Friday and Saturday of this week the "Bauhinia Players" will present a series of 5 plays in the B. F. Grady auditorium. They are "Huckleberry Finn" on Friday afternoon at 7:30.

These players gave several good entertainments here last year. It is hoped that the community will attend these plays.

The boys and girls of B. F. Grady School will present "Miss Blue Bonnet" on Wednesday night, December 11th at seven thirty. It is a very good play, and it is hoped that everyone in the community will come out and see its amateur players.

(To late for last week.)

On last Tuesday night the girls and boys of B. F. Grady High School played basket ball with the girls and boys of Moss Hill High School in the Grady gymnasium.

Both teams played a very good game. True sportsmanship was shown. The girls score was 25-20 in favor of Moss Hill and the boys score was 20-15 in favor of Moss Hill.

Miss Katherine Whitehurst spent last week end at her home in South Mills.

Miss Alice Averett visited friends and relatives in Norfolk last week end.

Friends of Mrs. Carl H. Walker

are glad to hear that she is recovering. It is hoped that she will soon be able to return home from the General Memorial Hospital in Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Griggs, parents of Mrs. Carl H. Walker, spent a few hours in Kingston last Sunday, visiting Mrs. Walker.

Miss Martha Griggs spent last week end in Kennesville with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dickson.

Miss Elsie Trighman spent last week end at her home in Kingston.

Miss Sarah Carr visited friends in Washington and Bath last week end.

A National Beta Club, the purpose of which is to promote scholarship, was organized at B. F. Grady High School last Thursday. The eleven members of this club have been chosen by the teachers from the tenth and eleventh grades. Each member must make an average of eighty-five on all of his studies.

The sole purpose of the Beta Club is to cooperate with the school authorities to encourage the students to do well the jobs which the superintendents and school officials lay down for them and to reward students for so doing. It is primarily a scholarship club, and the students should feel it an honor to be a member.

Those who have been honored by being asked to become a member of the Beta Club at B. F. Grady High School are: Misses Lydia Howard, Pauline Outlaw, Annie Catherine Rhodes, Mildred Turner, Hazel Outlaw, Cella Mercer, and Doris Smith and Messrs. J. D. Simmons, David Grady, Albert Stroud and Letha Wiggins.

It is hoped that these young honor students will profit very much by being a member of the National Beta Club.

LYMAN NEWS

Miss Letha Brinson spent Sunday with Miss Margaret Wilson.

Miss Ageline Hunter spent Sunday with Miss Pauline Raynor.

Miss Margaret Hayes Wood spent Sunday with Miss Josephine Thigpen.

Miss Letha Brinson spent Thursday night with Miss Margaret Hayes Wood.

Miss Ageline Hunter spent

Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thigpen.

Miss Letha Brinson spent Thursday with Miss Lila Lee Arneson.

Mrs. Julia Brinson is spending the week with Miss Hattie Jackson of near Kennesville.

Mrs. James Albertson spent Tuesday with Mrs. Inez Wilson.

Mrs. Annie Pickett and Mrs. Inez Wilcox spent Friday with Mrs. Roland Cottle.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lanier and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. William Lanier of near Beulaville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brinson took dinner Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thigpen.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tompkins of near Beulaville were visitors in Kennesville Monday and Tuesday of last week.

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