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"BACK TO THE FARM" JUNK

We regret to report that our contributor, Roger Babson, nationally known writer on financial affairs, is off again!

Some weeks ago he advised investing in Japanese bonds, which advice we didn't take, for more than one reason.

In a recent article he averts to the "back to the farm" idea, yelling loudly for men with "a will."

This is just about as absurd as anything we have seen in print in a long time. If the government would provide free transportation for the unemployed in the industrial areas and give them forty acres and a mule they would, for the most part, strive to death.

As a matter of fact if Brother Babson was thrown on a piece of farm land today, without funds, and nothing but "a will" he would go back to writing in a hurry.

Agricultural conditions, throughout the United States are in no condition to encourage anybody to go back to the farm unless thoroughly familiar with the job awaiting him. It will take more than a will and the desire to eat to make farming pay, regardless of what some columnists think.

U. S. HAS NO IDEA OF FIGHTING

Giovanni Ansaldo, editor of an Italian newspaper, says that Great Britain and France desire to broaden the war front because it would compel Germany to invade the smaller neutral nations and obtain for the Allies the supreme objective of their diplomacy—the intervention of the United States on their side.

No doubt, the Allies would welcome the United States if this country went into the war against Germany, but, so far, there is little indication on this side of the Atlantic that the invasion of a neutral nation by Germany would be followed by active intervention of the United States.

In this country, the determination to remain at peace with the world is strong. About the only development which could bring the United States into the present war would be the conviction that without active help from this country, the Allied nations faced defeat. Even this might not bring about American intervention.

It is possible that the people of the United States might prefer to risk a future world, dominated so far as Europe is concerned by Germany, Italy and Russia and so far as the Far East is concerned by Russia or Japan, rather than take part in the war now going on.

VARIED AND VAST RESOURCES

At the National Conference of Progressive Education Association, held in Chicago recently, Charles W. Elliot, 2nd, director of the National Resources Planning Board, challenged educators to help the adults of tomorrow to do intelligent planning in the use of America's vast resources through educating the children of today.

Mr. Elliot stressed the meaning, importance and possibility of American resources and described them as a richly illustrated textbook for all modern schools to use. No school is too small or too poor to make good use of the textbook because Government bulletins and University research are immediately available. City children begin with city problems and work outward through consumer and distribution to agricultural sources. The rural schools can begin with the problems of soil erosion in its own school yard, making the connection with the larger national problem and ways of stemming their flood of poverty and immigration. Conservation of resources will be reached and eventually the problem of long-term planning.

Mr. Elliot listed four kinds of resources that make up a textbook which educators have only just opened. He lists:

(1) Human resources, including questions brought up by the changing age group, the youth problem, health, education, recreation facilities, housing, etc.

(2) Material resources, including questions relating to land, water and minerals, and the problems brought up by their use.

(4) Inherited resources, including customs, laws, freedom of speech and the press, religious tolerance, democratic processes, systems of production and distribution, taxes and certain intangible things as what business people call "confidence."

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Is it important to have grazing crops for poultry?

ANSWER: Yes. But one of the most important points in growing grazing crops is to maintain a constant supply of tender succulent growth. To secure this, the crop must make a rapid growth, and continue to grow over a long period. Aids in securing this are a fertile moist soil, commercial fertilizer, a well-prepared seed bed, plenty of rainfall and the choice of the right crop. Grazing crops planted on poor land should be well-fertilized the first year or two, after that fertilization may be lighter or less frequent, as very little fertility is removed by grazing.

QUESTION: How can I produce a high quality of cream?

ANSWER: The production of good cream starts with the cow. Clean milk cannot be secured from dirty cows; therefore, keep the cows clean. Before milking, wash and dry the udder. The milking should be done in clean, well-lighted stalls. The lounging shed or place where the cows stay, except at milking time, should be kept well bedded and dry. Ample bedding serves the double purpose of providing comfort for the cows and increasing volume of manure, a valuable product.

QUESTION: Is the AAA making payments to North Carolina farmers this year for growing a home garden?

ANSWER: Yes. A payment of \$1.50 will be made to any farmer for planting a home garden. However, he must plant at least one-tenth acre of vegetables for each member of the family and must protect the garden from livestock and poultry. Of course, he must use good cultural practices. Not more than one acre of vegetables will be required of any farmer for payment.

'SLAUGHTER'

Chicago, Feb. 28. — The United States, "aghast at human slaughter in war-torn Europe," had a "peacetime traffic toll" of 2,730 lives last month, the National Safety Council stated tonight.

January was the fourth successive month to show an increase in the number of motor vehicle deaths. The upward trend thus extended into the New Year after 32,600 fatalities were reported in 1939.

"America is shocked to read of enemy attacks on Europe's defenseless women and children," asserted Col. John Stilwell, president of the council. "Yet, it accepts with apparent resignation that fact that thousands of equally defenseless persons have been struck down and killed just as tragically in our own country."

January deaths increased six per cent in comparison with the same month last year. Fatalities in cities decreased slightly—less than one cent—but rural fatalities gained approximately eight per cent.

St. Thomas Church Oldest Religion Edifice in State

St. Thomas Church in Bath, built in 1734, of English brick, with Flemish-Bond workmanship, is the oldest religious edifice in the State. It has many valuable relics, among which are: The Queen Anne bell, cast in London in 1732, making it eighteen years older than the Liberty Bell, and doubtless the oldest in the United States; a Bible in a glass case, printed in England in 1703, was used in the services here before the church was built, and was long preserved by the Ashe family whose ancestors lived at Bath in the early 1700's; lovely three-branched candlesticks of Sheffield silver, presented to the church by King George II, of England; a large hand-wrought silver chalice from the Bishop of London to the Rev. John Garzia, first rector of the church; a book from the first public library in the province, it being bound in leather and stamped in gold letters, "Belonging to Ye Library of St. Thomas Parish, Pamlico." So far as is known it is the only remaining book from the collection of over a thousand volumes printed in England and sent to the parish in 1699, by the Rev. Thomas Bray.

The church was built by our worthy ancestors, of whom we are just proud, who in spite of hardships and privations dedicated a temple to the Lord. Their descendants are members of all churches. For more than two centuries this little temple on the Pamlico has been a religious shrine and regardless of denominational affiliation thousands have come here for worship and for a revival of their faith, on the sacred spot where their fathers put "first things first."

St. Thomas is now being restored to its former state, to be preserved for the present and future generations. It is fitting that the work be done by North Carolinians as a memorial of those brave pioneers who laid firm foundations for us. It is not a work for one person, or a small group, but for every man, woman and child now living in the state, and all with a North Carolina background residing without our borders.

The operating committee at Bath has worked out a plan whereby every person may have a part in the program—"The Penny Parade," details of which are as follows: Each person, in the State can send to their schools, or civic organizations the amount they wish to give, and it will be forwarded to the "St. Thomas Restoration Fund" at Bath, North Carolina. The organizations in each place are asked to appoint one chairman for the community to receive and transmit funds. Beaufort, Pitt, and New Hanover counties have been organized and funds are already coming in. This method of campaign is being used in order to save the expense of going from county to county organizing units, and to make a concerted and speedy campaign possible. Every individual giving a dollar will be listed as giving 100 pennies; \$10, a thousand pennies, and \$100, ten thousand pennies. Monday morning a Pyramid of Pennies was started on the church lawn, and the big 1800 penny found while excavating at the church, was used as a foundation.

Mrs. T. A. Brooks, president of the Bath Garden Club and Mrs. G. W. Marsh, president of the Colonial Book Club, representatives of their organizations, and of local churches, were among the first contributors to the pile, the Rev. E. N. Harrison, pastor of the Bath Methodist Church, casting the first penny. Within an hour 2,000 pennies had joined the parade. Reports Monday night registered 5,000 from Washington and 3,000 from Bath and 5,000 from Wilmington.

Tuesday, local school children began a pilgrimage to the pyramid to cast their offering.

The immediate restoration program will include the church, the Williams house as a rectory, a ballast-rock wall around the property and a colonial garden. Much of this work has been done. Some property has been acquired, about a thousand tons of ballast-rock fished from the creek and placed on the grounds, and work on the church has been in progress since September, accomplishments so far include: pulling a six-inch bulge out of the side walls, concrete foundation under the church, a reinforced concrete boom around the upper interior wall of the church, removing plastering, ceiling, floor, etc., in preparation for the work of architects and archaeologists, and placed beams for gable gallery.

Bath, the state's oldest town, was incorporated in 1705, and a number of the early governors and prominent statesmen, planters and business men John Lawson, the first historian; Christopher Gale, the first chief justice; Lionel Redding, the Moore, Ashe, Forter, Swann, Daw, Alderson, Moseley, Rowan, Maule and Martin families. It had the first public library, the first free school (for Indians and negroes) was one of the first ports of Entry, and was the home of the notorious pirate, Blackbeard.

Bath was formerly the Indian village of Pamlico, and was settled by French Huguenots from the James river section of Virginia in 1609. The English residents from the Albemarle, New England and Virginia began to settle here in 1697 and the good port facilities and fertility of the soil. When John Lawson came in 1700 he spoke of the English plantations here. Bath soon became a religious, social and political center of a wealthy plantation country, with a radius of about thirty miles. In this area which includes Washington,

Galhaven, Pantego, Aurora, Chocowilly and Yemassee. Many of the old homes are still standing, and foundations and historic sites attest the prominence of the former residents.

CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Buford B. Fordham, Pastor. 9:45 A. M.—Sunday School. G. W. Davis, Superintendent. 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship. 6:30 P. M.—Baptist Training Union. 7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship. 7:30 P. M.—Wednesday Prayer Meeting.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Pastor. 9:45 A. M.—Sunday School. J. O. Pollard, Superintendent. 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship. 6:30 P. M.—Junior and Senior Endeavor. 7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship. 7:30 P. M.—Wednesday Prayer Meeting.

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Jack E. Bountree, Rector. 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School. J. W. Joyner, Superintendent. 11:00 A. M.—First Sundays—Holy Communion and sermon. 11:00 A. M.—Third Sundays—Morning Prayer and sermon. 7:30 P. M.—Tuesdays—Special Lenten service.

THE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. D. A. Clarke, Minister. 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School. John T. Thorne, Superintendent. 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship. 6:45 P. M.—Young Peoples' Group. 7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rev. H. M. Wilson, Pastor. 9:30 A. M.—Junior Choir. 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School. J. H. Paylor, Superintendent. 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship. 7:30 P. M.—Wednesday Prayer Meeting.

CATHOLIC CHURCH Rev. Francis McCourt, Pastor. Holy Mass. 10:00 A. M.—Every Sunday. 7:30 P. M.—Sunday Evenings during Lent, Lenten devotion and Benediction.



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