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EGGS AND OTHER THINGS

One tenth of all the farm products in the United States last year was raised on the poultry farms of the country. The lowly hen, for years disdained and disregarded by the average farmer, now cackles with glee at this discomfiture of those farmers who snubbed her.

There is no more attractive sideline for any farmer than poultry raising. It is the one thing on the farm that even the children can attend to. The scraps of the table form a large part of a chicken's diet and the balance of the feed can be raised by a progressive farmer.

Eggs, fryers and roasters are in demand the year around. Halifax County farmers should give this a thought and plan a brood for 1930-31.

Which leads us on to the idea that Roanoke Rapids should have a central market with two main purposes. First that there might be a central place where the country people could bring their poultry and vegetables for retail sale instead of hawking them around the streets of the Twin Cities. Secondly, that this might be made a central place for bringing farm products to be shipped in bulk to the cities.

If a certain day were set, we will say, when the country people could bring their eggs to town and receive the market price for them at this City Market, then the eggs could be crated and shipped to distant cities at a very reasonable cost. Commission merchants, we believe they call them. Why not let the city itself go into business as a commission merchant?

INDUSTRY AND THE CHURCH

A study of the church census of North Carolina for 1928 shows that less than half of the people of the state are church members.

It is surprising how widely the counties vary in the ratio of the population belonging to the 67 religious denominations of the state.

The range is from 75 per cent in Hertford County to 28 per cent in Stokes County. Geographical positions means little as the best ranking group—the northeastern counties—adjoin the lowest ranking group—the nearby cotton-tobacco counties centering around Wilson.

As a general rule it appears the live-at-home rural counties rank high in church membership; combination cotton-tobacco and mountain counties rank low; industrial counties rank just below the state average of 49 per cent.

Halifax County, cotton-tobacco-industrial, has 23,175 church members, a percentage of 47 or just below the state average. Northampton, purely agricultural, ranks high with 53 per cent church membership. It is claimed the same is true members. But to the South of us, Nash shows only 37 per cent and Edgecombe has 29 per cent, the latter being next to last in the counties of the State.

Observers say the low rank of the cotton-tobacco counties is due to the system of tenant farming; that tenants are prone to disregard church membership. It is claimed the same is true of school attendance. All of which is another black eye at the tenant system of farming.

It is gratifying to know that industrial counties rank average in church membership as some of the "blue-bloods" would make it appear that mill workers are just about the lowest in the scale of human life. As a matter of fact, industrial counties all over the state rank high, not only in church membership, but also in school attendance.

Snubbing aristocracy would well remember that North Carolina mill workers are recruited from the farms of the State and from those counties ranking highest in church membership. With

greater stabilization of industry, we predict the industrial sections of the state would lead in church membership.

PROSPERITY AND PROHIBITION

It is now generally admitted that the 1932 Presidential campaign will be fought out on two lines: prosperity and prohibition.

The alignment may be very much as follows: The Republican party still claiming that things would be worse under opposition rule; and mobilizing the dry forces of the Nation to its banner. The Democratic party assailing the foe for the failure to fulfill prosperity claims, the "Grundy" bluff; and a possibility that a wet plank may be found in the Democratic national platform.

Prohibition has produced a peculiar political phenomenon. The major parties face splits in their strongholds over the question. The Republican East and Middle West show decided trends against prohibition. The Democratic South is today the only outright dry section of the country.

Almost every Democratic Senatorial nomination in the Nation, except in the solid South, this year has been a wet. Wet Democrats won Senatorial nominations in Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Nebraska, and even Ohio, Prohibition's birthplace. While dry Senator Walsh was renominated in Montana, it is well known that Montana is as wet as any state in the Nation and the Senator will follow the party platform. Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Delaware are still to hold Democratic primaries. It is agreed that all nominees from these States will be wets.

Looming as the most formidable candidate for Democracy is Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York. His reelection in November as Governor will practically assure him the nomination for President. He is feared by the Republicans and the mighty machine of State and Nation will be harnessed against him in November to prevent his reelection.

Herculean efforts will be made by the present administration in Washington to stimulate business in 1931 in order that the average voter may forget the horrors of 1929 and 1930. Mr. Hoover will again be the nominee in 1932, but it will be a different story.

It is our belief that if the elections were to be held this year, Al Smith, Rum, Romanism, Tammany Hall and all, would sweep the country. Those forces which were so powerful in 1928 have lost their Samsonian hair and would avail little against the popular wave which would today disregard the issues which loomed so large two years ago.

However, is it doubtful if Smith will even consider the nomination. He is a good friend of Franklin Roosevelt, who is wet and popular, but who is Protestant and of one of the first families of the land.

Of course, there will be other issues. Many of them will be raised to obscure main issues and to confuse the voter. But glaring through the fog like powerful search lights will be the two supreme issues of the hour: Prosperity and Prohibition; or might we say, the lack of both.

SUPPORT OR CONTROL

State supported public schools has a mighty good sound to many taxpayers who feel that they are carrying too heavy a load of local taxation for the aid of public education. But state controlled public schools might not appeal so favorably to those who feel that they would like the several communities to retain some voice in the matter of who controls their schools.

In a measure we now have state controlled public schools, but this control has its limits and there are not a few people who feel that these limits should be still more restricted. The present system of control does in a measure prescribe the amount of school tax that each community or county shall levy. But in the final analysis each community or county has the right to say what provisions it shall order for schools, the kind of buildings and equipment it shall have and to a large extent the sort of teachers it will employ. The state has not yet ordered any community to erect a better school building or levy a special district tax. It does say that each child must have a constitutional six months term. The people themselves voted that into the constitution. We dare say the majority of them would not care to take it out. And when this compulsion was written into our fundamental law the people took it up

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



on themselves the obligation to maintain it. But a large measure of freedom of operation is still left to the localities. There have been encroachments by the state from time to time. But if the entire duty of support were turned over to the state it would be difficult to see how any local self-control of schools could be retained. In no other instance where the state provides for the full support of a public institution is the matter of control left to local agencies.

It is entirely possible that some arrangements might be made for even more financial aid from state sources for the public schools. But there is room for grave doubt as to the advisability of surrendering the last vestige of local authority in school matters. The present measure of state control is probably mainly designed to secure uniformity of opportunity for all children of the state. But uniformity and centralization of control are entirely different propositions. Under the present system we do retain the right to kick, under a state supported and controlled system we would probably have to surrender even that privilege. We'd merely be dependencies and not stockholders. Directly or indirectly, we would still be paying. No system is possible that would relieve the three million North Carolinians from paying the bills. We could merely change collectors and paymasters—as well as taskmasters.—(Lexington Dispatch.)

ber 12, 1927, as appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 381, at page 506, default having been made in the payment of the notes thereby secured, and the holder of said notes having requested me so to do, I will at 11:30 o'clock a. m., on Monday, September 22nd, 1930, on the premises sell to the highest bidder for cash those eight certain lots of land situated near Roanoke Junction, in Halifax County, shown as lots Nos. 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, and 116 on map of record in the office aforesaid, in Map Book 3, at page 66. This the 21st day of August, 1930.

T. W. M. LONG, Trustee
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