

EXTENSION SCENE

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This is a continuation of our reports about a farm tour by Earl Parnell, Lycourus Perry, William Dial, and myself took to England in May of this year. I surely trust that you have read this column in the past several weeks, and have been able to gain insight into the intensive agricultural production programs which the English have demonstrated. As I wrap up the tour, there are a number of broad observations which we found very interesting.

In all, we found the English people very gracious and who were quite proud of their achievements, and yet not haughty or egotistical at any of their successes. One drove through the country side, very few signs present and there were absolutely no advertising signs



anywhere in the country. This care for the esthetic beauty of the country and the ease with which the English approach their daily tasks, seemed most commendable.

than the traditional hour which we observe in the States. All of these factors from the English pubs, to the lack of advertising, to the old buildings, and to the ease with which the English people conduct their daily lives, it seemed to us that while they are most ambitious they always seem to have the time to realize that living life itself is a most important function. Amen!

As we traveled from David Cahill's farm, which was our last farm visit, we then began to head south again towards London. In our movements south, we traveled directly through the small forest area of Sherwood Forest, and spent one night in Nottingham. Following our visit in this beautiful area of the country, we then moved back to London to spend the last couple of nights looking at the many historic sites in that city.

Naturally, since we were still concerned with agriculture we asked the tax driver if any farmers markets were available or anywhere nearby. He immediately took us to an extremely large area which

was only one block from our hotel. In this area, sweet vendors were on hand selling every type of farm produce that could be imagined. Also along the street there were numerous bakery shops, butcher shops, and other food out-let-type businesses. We had just had an opportunity to see the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace and to view Big Ben, but seeing the tremendous activity and excellent presentation of farm goods in this extensive street market was probably as exciting as viewing these other points of interest.

We visited a Safeway store just down the street from the Metropole Hotel in London, and we noted that hamburger cost well over \$2.00 per pound, pork chop cost over \$5.50 per pound, and even low quality beef was selling for \$6 to \$7 per pound. It was interesting to note in this Safeway store that the people did not utilize large grocery carts as we are familiar with here. The grocery store made available a small hand basket which was seldom filled to capacity as the patrons filed past the cash register. Upon observation, it

was easy to see that most people were shopping for one or two days at a time, certainly not for a week or two. The cost of practically everything in England versus the U.S. helps to explain why that their lifestyles are somewhat different and why that they would not be in a position to buy practically anything they might would like to have at the grocery store or any where else.

Each person that we encountered on the entire trip was most gracious and friendly, except one individual that we saw at the end of our trip who made the snide comment in asking us if we southerners could find our way around. You may have already guessed that the person who made that comment was an American from New York City. We didn't like the comment at all and we thought that it was most interesting though that everyone everywhere, both in the U.S. and in England, had been extremely gracious to us except for one wise person from New York City.

In the event that you may have questions regarding any

of our comments relating to the English, trip or to their agricultural production procedures, I shall certainly be happy to discuss them with you. If you would like to call the Extension office at 738-8111.

TODAY'S LOGIC

By **JAMES W. PHELPS**



Allocate Your Taxes

A lot of people frequently object to the use of their taxes for specific purposes. For example, many people objected to the use of their taxes to support the war in Vietnam.

I would like to propose a change in our tax system as follows. As a first step I would like for the government to list on each federal income tax form a breakdown of how the government spent its income during the previous year.

To begin with the breakdown would be just large categories, such as military, health, education, welfare, debt interest, debt retirement, administrative expenses, etc. The percent of each expenditure compared to total expenditures would be shown.

The taxpayer would then be asked to indicate which expenditures he approved and which he disapproved. The extent of his approval or disapproval would be shown by entering a percentage figure.

For instance, if the government had spent 34% of its total budget on the military, the taxpayer might enter 17% indicating he thought the expenditures should be cut in half. Or he might enter zero to indicate he felt the government should completely disband the military. Or he might enter 100% to indicate that the protection of our country is the only legitimate function of government.

Statisticians could then determine the extent to which the taxpayers approved of the military, welfare, and other governmental expenditures.

The second step I would recommend would be to allocate a person's taxes to those categories that he approved. In the many cases where the taxpayers did not indicate their preferences, their money could go into a general fund. This would be used at the discretion of the legislators.

The third step would be to limit the discretion of the legislators. This might not be necessary. But, if the people indicated that they wanted only 10% of the budget to be spent on welfare and the legislators were spending 40%, it might be necessary to impose limits.

For instance, the legislators might be limited to an increase of 50% or 100% over the amounts allocated by the taxpayers.

Perhaps no limits would be necessary. Legislators voting for much larger outlays for specific items than the taxpayers (voters) had allocated might find themselves voted out of office at the next election.

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SCRAPBOOK FAVORITES

by **Anne St. John**

Now that the old year is almost gone, it is a good time to do some planning. Remembering Janus, the god of doors and gates in Roman mythology, we should take a look at the past as well as a look to the future. Janus is usually represented with two faces, one looking backward and one looking forward.

Since January gets its name from Janus, maybe it is a challenge to all to try to assess our deeds for the past year and plan to make amends for any mistakes in the new year. Alfred Lord Tennyson, in a favorite verse said, "Ring out the old, ring in the new... Ring out the false, ring in the true."

The enriching discovery of kindness, A winged and wonderful thing The depth of its meaning with music All this, I would reverently bring.

May the road ever lead you to happiness, And God's love give you nothing to fear. May the sun shine warmly upon you If I could... THESE WOULD I GIVE YOU THIS YEAR.

I would like to share this formula for the New Year with you. Someone gave it to me some years ago, but it is just as good now as it was then.

"Take 2 ounces plain, old fashioned worth--add 1 ounce confidence. Flavor all through with common sense. Color with tincture of dreams of greater and better things. Eliminate waste and worry. Speak according to conscience. Mix well and take morning, noon and night year round. Sipped from silver-lined spoon of optimism, held firmly in steady hand, concoction guaranteed to work."

It has been a joy to contribute some of my favorite thoughts; as well as many of my collections, with you the last six months. I hope that some of the things printed proved to be helpful to you. As we come to the end of another year, I trust that each of us will resolve to make it better than the old. Let's remember the President who will be our leader, and also the one who has tried to do his best for the last four years. Hind sight is better than fore sight many times; maybe more good will be seen in the years to come of his Presidency than we are able to know at this time. After all, who is without mistakes?

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