

LABOR DAY THOUGHTS

Babson Says We All Must Work or Fight

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass., Sept. 4.—We approach the celebration of Labor Day. There will be a lot of well-deserved Efficiency Awards. But there is still too much dissension in labor's ranks to get optimistic. In at least one instance workers have already refused to participate in an Efficiency Award ceremony. Why? Because a management happened to be cited. Certainly, I hope that this year Labor Day may mean something more to all workers and to management than a day off or more overtime. These are strenuous days. Of necessity, there can be but little rest from our labors.



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TOO MANY STRIKES

On the whole the average worker and union member wants to do his full share in winning the war. However, in spite of pledges given by labor leaders immediately after Pearl Harbor, it is discouraging to read of more wage disputes and to see strikes continue. For the last month of record these numbered 160. They are down substantially compared with the same period of a year ago; but the point is that there should not be even a single strike to record. Wages for all classes of workers are at peak levels and all should be content.

Unless the war effort is to be seriously curtailed, Washington must adopt a tougher attitude toward both the demands of labor and the activities of the farm bloc. One thing is certain, namely, some day the New Deal crowd will be thrown out. The voters will be tired and sick of rationing, price fixing, etc., — even though they are now necessary. Then we will continue to have a War Labor Board but — unless labor leaders now behave — the Board will crack down on labor as it is now persecuting employers. The law of action and reaction continues to rule.

MY POSITION

Let me say that in normal times I believe that labor leaders are both useful and necessary. In these critical wartimes, however, labor leaders should show a more cooperative spirit. They should remember the millions of our boys in the armed services who are working for \$50 a month under great hardships and at the risk of being killed or wounded. This is no time for selfishness by any group.

Washington has favored labor since the beginning of the New Deal. Workers should realize, however, that there is a limit even to the Administration's patience. Already the President has ordered the department heads to stop bickering and devote their time and energy to fighting the enemy. The day may not be far distant when he will crack down on labor leaders. Labor controversies that plague the war effort are certainly against the public interest.

CONGRESS AT FAULT

In and out of session, Congressmen are customarily fair game for criticism. On the whole their lot is not an easy one and I sympathize with them. Their personal expenses in Washington are high. They have a certain position to maintain and probably feel the effects of rising living costs as much as, if not more than, any other group. Like everyone else, they want to hang on to their jobs. Being friendly toward labor has, in the past, been one way of keeping these jobs. How long this will continue is a question. If pensions for Congressmen were available we might well see members develop a more independent spirit and act differently on many important matters.

I trust after the November elections that Congress will pass some real legislation dealing with wartime strikes and boycotts. The President should not stand for any group of workers or employers challenging the War Labor Board's ruling that wage in-

FARM QUESTION BOX

by ED W. MITCHELL

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Q. Is the rotenone dust, which you have spoken of as good for bean bugs and corn borers, poisonous to humans or animals?

A. Rotenone, derris or cube powder is the ground root of a tropical plant that is deadly to insects but does not harm people or animals. This is why it is such a popular material for protecting crops. It will not kill the insect eggs, but should be applied just before of as the eggs hatch so that it will kill the tiny larvae at their first breakfast.

Q. My house is full of little brown, hard-shell beetles. What are they and what can I do to get rid of them?

A. Open the windows and doors, and they will all fly away. I wish all our insect control problems were as simple. Those are elm leaf beetles that hibernate in your nice, warm house over winter; now they want to get back to your elm trees. You should spray or dust your elms with arsenate of lead in June when their larvae first appear and begin to feed. They do no damage in the house but are a nuisance.

Q. Should three-year-old peach trees be sprayed?

A. They should be sprayed about April 1st for peach leaf curl, and before and after bloom for brown rot, and every two or three weeks all summer. I will send you a page on the subject.

Q. Is it true that maple syrup will not keep well in glass jars?

A. Yes and no. When a gallon can is opened, it is custom-

arily to can three quarts in glass so that one quart may be used at a time. The remainder keeps perfectly, except that it looks so tempting we cannot resist eating it. To can maple syrup, heat and can it like fruit, then seal the jars.

Q. Where could I get vaccine for my chickens?

A. Get it from your veterinarian or through your county farm bureau agent. As a rule, the farm bureau agent has a qualified expert come to the county once or twice a year to vaccinate all the flocks applying for the service. That is the best way to get it done unless you become proficient in doing the work yourself.

Q. What can I do to prevent worms or bugs from eating my potatoes?

A. Feed them poison. Apply arsenate of lead or mercuric chloride to the soil before planting to poison the white grubs, wire worms, click beetles, and such insects that live on grass roots and your potatoes. Put calcium arsenate on the tops when potato bugs start to feed there.

Q. How many cubic feet are there in a ton of ice after it has been packed in an ice house?

A. That depends on how well the ice is stored. In theory, one cubic foot of ice weighs 57.2 pounds; so it would take 34.96 cubic feet to make a ton. Allow about 10 per cent more cubic feet for loss of space in storage.

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VICTORY ON THE FARM FRONT

NEWS from the Agricultural Extension Service

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Have prospects for more nitrate fertilizer improved recently?

ANSWER: Apparently not. It is estimated now that farmers will be able to get only four-fifths as much nitrogen in 1943 as they received this year. For

this reason, agricultural leaders are asking farm people to seed their wheat and other fall grains without nitrogen fertilizer, so as to stretch the remaining supply to meet the needs of crops more dependent on this element. Fruits and vegetables, as well as certain other crops, should get first call.

QUESTION: Should Victory gardeners attempt to save seed?

ANSWER: Since the production of high grade vegetable seed, relatively free from disease, is really one of the most highly specialized phases of agriculture, the home gardener might be wise to buy all of his seed from dealers. Those who do save seed from their garden are likely to have mixed varieties and

not too good a quality in their 1943 gardens if they are not very careful.

QUESTION: When should kudzu be mowed for hay?

ANSWER: This is one plant that cannot be mowed anytime the sun shines. If kudzu is mowed in August or September, it makes new growth before frost. This new growth takes the starchy material out of the roots. Then, when cold weather comes along the plants are exhausted and often die out. Well-established stands may provide two cuttings of hay a year, if the first cutting is made in June or July and the second just before frost. Experiments have proved this to be true.

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Always known as a "high price market," Henderson warehousemen are preparing for their greatest season in about 25 years, surely the biggest since 1919. They feel that the reputation for fine leaf will bring the pick of the crop to Henderson since Henderson has always been known as an excellent market for quality leaf.

The Vance county crop this year has been generally recognized as excellent, although in some more distant sections the bulk of the crop has been low grade weed.

Seven big warehouses will be open for the 1942 crop. As usual two sets of buyers will work the market, with four full half-day sales each day straight through from opening day, Monday, Sept. 14.

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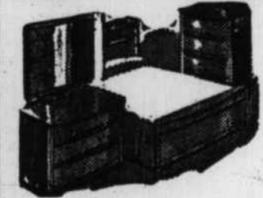
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