

Traveling Around America



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A VALUABLE PRODUCER

HERE is one of the winged workers in Nature's premier fertilizer factory. It belongs to a colony of several millions of birds making their homes on the arid, rainless islands off the coast of Peru, and considered the most valuable feathered creatures in the world. Fish is the exclusive diet of the birds and their droppings form the basis of Peru's vast guano industry.

These winged workers travel in immense flocks and gorge themselves on the unlimited supply of fish which swim in the waters surrounding their island homes. Flying like huge speckled clouds above the water, they are one of the most beautiful sights enjoyed by voyagers on the weekly cruises from New York to South America's west coast.

They have an amazing capacity for food—as many as seventy-five fish, from four to five inches in length, have been found in the stomach and gullet of a bird killed upon its return from the fishing waters. It has been estimated by a scientist well acquainted with bird life on the islands that one colony of over six million birds consumes nearly one thousand tons of fish daily. The value of fish as fertilizer was recognized as far back as the eleventh century in Peru, when the Indians of the Inca Empire, whose magnificent agricultural civilization is still regarded with wonder, used as fertilizer fish in the form of guano as produced in Nature's fertilizer factory.

Franklin News

(Received too late for last week) Mrs. Hattie Gobble entertained

Kept Taking Cardui Until She Got Rid of the Severe Pains

When Mrs. Ida Hege, of Edinburg, Ind., was in a painful, run-down condition, she took Cardui, with the results she describes below: "I had just been what one might say dragging around, feeling miserable and all out of sorts. I remembered how Cardui helped my aunt. I sent for six bottles of Cardui and when I had taken them, I was much better and stronger. I did not suffer so much pain. I continued taking Cardui until I had taken nine bottles. I do not have the severe pains. . . Thousands of women testify Cardui benefited them. If it does not benefit YOU, consult a physician."

her Sunday school class of Bethel church at her home in Salisbury Friday evening. The home was decorated with beautiful fall flowers. Contests were won by Mrs. Swicegood and Mrs. Simpson. Delicious refreshments were served to Mrs. Carl Shuping, Mrs. Charlie Yarbrough, Mrs. W. C. Walker, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. Wayne Gullett, Mrs. L. A. Swicegood, Mrs. Ruth Simpson, Mrs. H. F. Zimmerman, Miss Lillian Click, and Miss Rosa Barrier.

Friends of Miss Fleta Miller will be glad to know that she is able to be out after being in with asthma.

Mr. J. A. Click is sick at this writing. We hope he will be out soon.

Tuesday being children's day at Rowan county fair was well attended by hundreds of children as well as grown-ups. The free acts and fire works were very good. We hope the fair will be a success.

—Buy in Salisbury—

Depression Puts Man In Business

Broel Is Now Nation's Biggest Producer Of Frog Legs

New Orleans.—Albert Broel's mother persistently ding-donged him into learning how to raise frogs and now he is the nation's largest individual producer of frog legs and now he has a profitable business in place of the job depression took away from him.

Yes, says the frog magnate, it was mother who brought me to this. A sweep of the hand indicates a vista of newly erected buildings and areas of rapidly expanding, fenced, foliated ponds from which resounds the bassoon strumming of giant bullfrogs. He explains.

"When my mother who is now 80 years of age, became ill, her physician struck meat from her diet. However, experimentally, she was permitted to eat a little frog meat to test its reaction. It proved beneficial, becoming a part of a diet which aided her to restored health and strength.

"Frog meat, as you know has been eaten in Europe for centuries and was introduced here as a table delicacy by the early French settlers.

"With frogs on the daily menu, the matter of supply became of acute interest, with the result of causing the family to learn how to keep them in the yard. As the supply was not necessarily constant, attempts were made—which proved successful—to raise frogs to supplant outside supply.

That was the start. Five years ago—in that year, 1929, in which many a glowing picture of investments faded—Broel had cause to consider the future. The incessant advice of his mother stressing the high quality of frog meat as a food and the comparatively ease of raising the jumpers finally sank in. The market he found had never even had an adequate supply much less an over-stock. Many first class dining places did not place them on menus because a supply to serve all corners on one day could not be obtained and waiters, instead, whispered to favored customers that delicious frog legs could be ordered.

Broel was then near Toledo, O. He launched into a first hand study of breeding and growing of bullfrogs which over a five-year period has made him a fountain of knowledge on the subject, a first in hand producer and the source of supply of breeder frogs to others, notably another large bullfrog farm near Tampa, Fla. During the five years he experimented with canning methods and developed his process for packing frog meat.

Broel revealed some information on bullfrog temperament for Central Press. He said: "Bullfrogs are so good, that everything wants to eat them, otherwise the swamps would be overrun with them. All manner of fish like to eat tadpoles (the first stage of bullfrogs) and even the bullfrogs themselves will devour tadpoles. We have to maintain a separate pond for tadpoles. "Snakes are the greatest consumers of the frogs and birds will stand around for hours waiting to take a crack at the jumpers. "The breeders produce 10,000 to 20,000 eggs annually a pair which hatch into tadpoles in five days. The percentage that hatch out runs from 60 to 70. "The eggs are taken from the breeding pond and placed in a separate inclosure to hatch out and tadpole around until they change to jumpers. "There are a lot of tricks about frogs. They are fond of fish and fish are fond of them. We have to provide fish for the jumpers to eat, but must prevent the tables from being turned. "Fish eggs are hatched in separate ponds and the young swimmers transferred to the frog ponds. A few varieties such as buffalo and carp are used. Additionally the famed Louisiana crawfish is well liked by the frog and these are raised in an adjoining pond. "Marine and land plants must be growing in the frog ponds to replace air in the water and provide frog food. Frogs like English sparrows. Just trim the wings and pitch them into the pond. One splash suffices."

Some folks say their children can't go to school because they lack sufficient clothes. If this rule was applied to everybody, many of the girls would have had to stay at home the past summer. The common idea of how to satisfy the complaint about high taxes, is to make them higher still.

Helen Keller Home



NEW YORK . . . Helen Keller (above), famous blind intellect, is home after an extended stay abroad, bringing her lifetime teacher, Mrs. Anne S. Macy, who recently became blind. Miss Keller now plans to work only for her friend . . . in a struggle to regain sight.

Flour Mills In N. C. Are Busy

Washington.—The 32 flour mills of North Carolina poured 400,290 bushels of wheat into their hoppers during August and turned out 84,952 bushels of flour as their contribution to the 8,654,462 bushels ground in the United States for baking the staff of life. Of the production in North Carolina, 7,296,152 official pounds were reported. The daily 24-hour capacity in wheat flour of the mills is 7,470 barrels of flour, while the average pounds of wheat per barrel of flour was 285.8.

North Carolina ranked along in the same class with Virginia and Colorado in production during the month. The report issued by the Bureau of Census showed that for August over 1,000 mills were idle and that the total output of flour per annum in the United States averages 115,364,274 barrels, with Kansas and New York each turning out about 13 per cent of the flour of the country.

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Bailey May Ask Anti-War Move

Senator Tells Delegation He May Sponsor Resolution

Raleigh.—Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina may sponsor a joint resolution in congress during the next session which would serve definitely to keep the United States out of war, he told a peace delegation of about 50 members from a half dozen towns in this state.

The policy to be included in his proposed resolution, the senator explained, would forbid citizens of the United States from participating in wars between other countries, and also would forbid them to sell, trade or otherwise dispose of food, supplies and other goods to warring nations.

The delegation which was formed by Mrs. Sherman Barnes, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom representative came from Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Chapel Hill, Goldsboro, and Raleigh. The interview followed a series of addresses in this state by Mrs. Barnes.

The Senator was asked to seek a reduction in armaments and to oppose further expenditures of PWA funds for increasing the navy. He also was requested to support the Nye resolution and investigation into the activities of munition makers. The hope was expressed that he would support measures to bring about government control of this industry.

Bailey declared that he was "not willing to expose the nation to attack, and would stand for an adequate defense," in answer to the armament inquiry.

"There is no likelihood that the United States will declare war on any nation for 30 or 40 years at least," the senator said. "There are still too many things that must be forgotten from the last war. But, the United States will not have its mainland invaded.

"We might conceivably allow someone to take the Philippines, and an Alaskan invasion might not be taken too seriously, but our mainland must be protected. The only question is the extent of an adequate defense," he said.

Bailey expressed the opinion that the Nye investigation would result in legislation that will remove the profit from the manufacture of munitions, thus minimizing the profits from war.

Farm Wages In N. C. Are Less Than Average

Farm wages in North Carolina are far lower than the average for the country but are higher than those of almost any southern state, it is revealed in figures announced by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture.

The figures show that the average farm pay per day with board for the entire country was \$1 on October 1.

As compared with 97 cents of July 1, 92 cents a year ago and 82 cents two years ago. However, the average for the parity 1910-14 was \$1.10.

On October 1, the average farm pay per day with board in North Carolina was 80 cents. The lowest was 55 cents in South Carolina and the highest \$1.95 in Rhode Island. States where the average farm laborer received less than in North Carolina were Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

In North Carolina the average daily pay without board was \$1.05 and the average for the country \$1.34. The monthly pay in North Carolina with and without board, respectively, was \$1,550 and \$23.25.

The supply of farm labor in North Carolina is now 95 per cent of normal and the demand 81 per cent of normal, making the supply 127 per cent of the demand. For the country as a whole the supply is 152.9 per cent of the demand.

After complaining that they are robbed by the corporations, many people buy stocks of Get Rich Quick salesmen.

A newspaper headline reads, "Internal condition growing serious." The boy who has eaten too many green apples will say so.

People are said to be becoming soft but their heads appear fairly hard when you try to put a new idea into them.



Williams Assailed By Organized Labor

San Francisco.—S. Clay Williams, a member of the new NRA board, was criticized by the American Federation of Labor for what it is said his "biased, unfair and inconsiderate" position. The federation convention, after shouting down attempts of alleged communists to put a series of proposals before the floor, adopted unanimously and without discussion a resolution condemning Williams' attitude toward labor and asking President Roosevelt to investigate his record.

Deans Pitch; Earn \$5,000

Chicago.—The Dean boys—Dizzy and Daffy—collected \$5,000 for pitching two innings each for the Mills semi-pro team against the barnstorming Kansas City Monarchs before a crowd of 20,000 at Mills stadium. That's more than Paul, called Daffy, collected for pitching all season for the St. Louis Cardinals. Mills won the game, 13-3. Paul allowed 3 hits, and had one strikeout during his two innings. Dizzy allowed 3 hits and fanned three during his 2-inning tenure. Two of the three runs scored off the famous brothers were unearned.

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