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Richer Lands Our No. 1 Need

In spite of the fact that the prosperity of agriculture is a matter of vital concern to both town and country, it is doubtful whether many farmers or many business men could give an unhesitating answer to the question, "What is the first essential to the prosperity of agriculture?" Here is an answer given in the leading editorial of the current Progressive Farmer:

"Adjusting for a production to consumer demands at a fair price is a 'must' condition to the prosperity of agriculture. So is a cropping system that will give two or more important sources of farm income instead of depending on one cash crop. More efficient marketing—cooperatively; more and better labor-saving equipment; better financing with lower interest rates than have resulted from 'time prices'; greater cooperation in production to insure a more uniform and higher quality of farm products—all these are also essential to farm prosperity. But no one of these needed improvements, nor all of them combined, will solve the South's agricultural problem.

"No matter how good the preparation and cultivation of the soil, no matter how efficient the power and equipment used, no matter how pure and high in quality the seed planted, a maximum or profitable crop is not made from a poor soil. Unless abundant plant food elements are in the soil and available to the plant roots and unless the soil also contains those other characteristics such as good tith, rooting vegetable matter, and water-holding power—in short unless there is a fertile soil—the most profitable crops are not made.

"It is the duty of the farmer to take as much from the soil—as large crops—as he can, but he must put it all back in a less valuable or costly form. In fact, if he is to increase his soil fertility, he must put into the land more than he takes from it. He must not only replace what crops remove but also put back into the soil what is leached out by rains or allowed to wash away.

"The so-called worn-out or eroded soils of the South are not so hopeless as they are sometimes made to appear. Mostly they need nitrogen and humus. Legumes provide both. 'The hair of the dog is good for the bite' and the same warm climate that has made our soil fertility wash away easily will help us rebuild that fertility if we use that climate for maximum legume production. By sowing all possible cultivated land to lespedeza in February and March and setting kudzu in well-enriched spots around gullies and galled places, we can go a long way toward realizing Need No. 1 of Southern agriculture—'Richer Lands for Every Farm.'"

American Legion For Safety

The Americanism Commission of the American Legion, long active in the cause of traffic safety, has released two talking-slide-films dealing with that vital subject. Entitled "Inertia" and "The Other Fellow," they are an important contribution to promoting wider understanding of the cause and cure of the traffic accident problem.

"Inertia" is an interesting and unusual presentation of why it is necessary to exercise care at the wheel of a motor car. It describes the physical laws of motion and how they affect automobile driving. It emphasizes that we are so accustomed to the power plant we call the automobile that we consistently tend to undervalue the force it harbors.

The second film, "The Other Fellow," is a dramatic treatment of community responsibility for traffic accidents. Not the other fellow, alone, but all of us are responsible for the mounting toll of death and injury because of failure to discharge

responsibilities of enforcement, engineering, education, self-discipline. The film describes how a number of American cities are coping effectively with their traffic problems, and shows that any community, with intelligence and determination, can do the same.

The films were made possible by the financial support of trade groups within the automotive industry, and produced with the cooperation of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters. Six hundred copies of the productions are being distributed country-wide through state departments of the American Legion. The Legion is showing the films to its members and will arrange showings for other interested groups in the community.

It is peculiarly fitting that the great organization which grew out of a carnage should now be engaged actively in a war the primary purpose of which is to save lives.

The Ohio river flood washed the war in Spain off the front pages.

The depression has produced a new smile: As worthless as a second mortgage.

Wonder if the senators and representatives over 70 will vote to retire judges and justices over 70. If a man over 70 is not competent to pass on laws, is a man over 70 competent to make laws?

BRUCE BARTON Soap

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WORK MUST BE FOUND

America's most important task is to work out some economic system by which we can provide honest jobs for all the people all the time. Every man and woman is entitled to the glorious self-respect which comes from being able to say: "Thank God, I have a place, I am needed."

I say this because once I left my family in France and started back across the ocean alone. For a couple of days I was depressed. Everything I cared for was behind me. Then one day the wireless spoke.

"Have arranged three important appointments for you," my partner sent word. "Best wishes, please confirm."

Immediately came a feeling of relief and cheer. "I have work to go back to," I exclaimed. "Work is waiting to keep me alert, a little worried and on my toes."

I was relating the incident to the chairman of the board of a large corporation. "I know just how you felt," he said. "I've organized our company so well that I've almost organized myself out of a job. But every now and then a really big problem comes along, and the boys have to send for me. A hurry call came to my home recently, and I had to leave for Chicago on an hour's notice. All the way on the train my spirit was singing: 'Somebody wants me, I have work to do.'"

The book of Genesis presents work as a curse inflicted on humanity for its sins. We know in these times of unemployment how faulty that conception is. To wake up in the morning and wonder: "Where shall I go today? What shall I do?" That is the curse.

WORDS AND THEIR INFLUENCE

Words are mysterious and awe-inspiring. We shoot them into the air, either by tongue or pen, and most of them perish. But now and then some stray sentence drops into a mind that remembers it, and is influenced by it for many years. Many books, many sermons, many speeches have run in and out of my brain leaving little trace. Yet here are three quite casual remarks that I remember:

1. Said the late Talcott Williams, in a talk which I had with him immediately after my graduation from college:

"Never forget the old saying of the Jesuits, 'A great deal of good can be done in the world if one is not to careful who gets the credit.'"

2. Said a prominent business man when I was blue and discouraged because the first concern for which I worked had gone busted:

"You are very fortunate to have had a severe disappointment while you are still young. The men to be pitied are those whose disappointments come in middle life, when it is too late for them to start over again. A disappointment in youth is merely part of the hardening process."

3. Said my friend Robert Undergraff:

"Never grumble about your problems. They are responsible for the greater part of your income."

Of the three bits of wisdom this last has done me the most good. Whenever I think I am having a tough time I remember that jobs with no worries carry small pay. It's because I have larger troubles that I draw a larger income.

None of these three friends probably gave his remark a second thought. But I have never forgotten them. And I now pass them along. Ninety-nine out of every hundred readers will pay no attention. But some day, fifteen years from now, somebody may say: "I read something of yours a long time ago, and it gave me a fresh idea." That's the marvelous thing about working with words.

Farm Manure Is Valuable Asset As a Fertilizer

An estimated \$12,000,000 worth of plant food is contained in the 8,000,000 tons of farm manure in North Carolina every year.

Yet much of this plant food goes to waste because the manure is not cared for and utilized properly, said W. W. Woodhouse, Jr.

Basing his estimate on the value of plant food in commercial fertilizer, Woodhouse said the manure produced annually on the average farm in this State is worth \$43.

But by valuing the manure according to the increased crop yields it could produce, he added, it is worth more than three times that amount. On this basis, the total manure production of the State is worth about \$40,000,000.

Properly cared for and utilized, enough manure would be available to apply three tons on every acre of corn grown in the State, he said.

The experiment station has found that in a corn, wheat, and clover rotation, an application of three tons of manure every three years produces an increased crop valuation valued at \$4.78 for each ton that was applied.

A large part of the nitrogen and potash in manure is water soluble, Woodhouse pointed out, and it is easily lost through leaching. When manure is allowed to decompose in storage, large amounts of nitrogen are given off and lost as ammonia.

He suggested that to get the best results, barns and lots should be cleaned often, and the manure should be spread on the fields as soon as possible.

Sufficient bedding should be provided in stables to absorb all liquids, as the liquids contain most of the nitrogen.

Although manure is valuable, Woodhouse added, it is not in itself a complete fertilizer, and it should be supplemented by other fertilizing materials.

Lenoir Boy Wins a 4-Year Scholarship

Given recognition as the best all-around 4-H club member in North Carolina, Marvin Foyles, of Lenoir county, has been awarded a four-year scholarship to State College.

Foyles was selected on a basis of his record in club projects, his leadership activities, and his record as a high school student, said L. R. Harrill, 4-H club leader at State College.

The scholarship was awarded by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda educational bureau to the North Carolina 4-H club member making the best record over a period of three years or more.

Joining a 4-H club at the age of 12, Foyles has been an active member for eight years. In that time he has completed six corn projects, three tobacco projects, and one forestry project.

His average corn yield for the six years was 44.5 bushels per acre. Last year he made a profit of \$322.41 from his tobacco project.

Foyles has represented his club at county camps and 4-H short courses at State College. Three years he was a member of the Lenoir county seed-judging team that won third, second, and then first place at the annual seed-judging contests at State Fair.

He has been vice-president and president of the Wacat Swamp 4-H club, and has held official positions with the Grange in his community.

A one-year scholarship to State College was awarded Foyles in 1935 for his record in growing corn, and in 1936 he was awarded the State leader's medal for the best individual record submitted at the 4-H short course.

Harrill also stated that in addition to Foyles' four-year college scholarship, the Chilean Nitrate of Soda educational bureau has awarded scholarships to the 4-H short course next summer to the club members who had the best records in their respective counties last year.

Places Blame For Drunken Driving

Blame for much of the drunken driving since repeal was laid at the door of the state for permitting the sale of liquor and gasoline at the same location, declared speakers at the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Threshermen and Farmers' Protective Association in session in Pennsylvania recently.

"Far too many judges impose sentences for the effect of today's newspapers, and then parole the offender for tomorrow's political effect," declared H. L. E. Anderson, past president of the Threshermen in a smashing indictment of the drunken driving menace.

Wallace Proposes the Granary Plan

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace called on farm leaders to support a three-pronged "ever normal granary" plan to insure agricultural prosperity.

He said the Administration would propose revival of the rigid crop control of the outlawed Agricultural Adjustment Administration as a "last ditch" measure if others failed.

The preferred program would entail:

One—Continuance of existing payments for diversion from grain to soil conserving forage crops to insure normal abundance in good-weather years and lessen the hazard of droughts.

Two—Government loans on stored farm products when super-abundant yields pile up unwieldily supplies. Wallace called this a "plank to hold up falling prices."

Three—Bonus benefit payments to restrict acreage if the soil conserving and loan policies prove inadequate.

Newlywed Robber Gets Long Term

New York.—Michael Keller, 26, will have to wait a long time to resume his married life. Arrested less than an hour after his marriage, he was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison for a butcher store holdup in which a man was slugged.

C. M. Jenkins, of Stanfield, route 2, Caharrus county, reports 8,010 eggs from his flock of 500 white leghorns for the past month. He says this is a profit of \$18.72 over feed costs.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of the powers contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 15, 1936, made by Leonard Martin to the undersigned, Trustee, to secure a sum of money, now past due and unpaid, I will, on the 8th day of March, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, expose for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property:

Locate in the Town of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and being described as Lot No. 8, in Block 110. For further description see Book 173, page 252 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wilkes county. This February 6, 1937.

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