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Farm Ownership

The report by the Resettlement administration and the department of agriculture recently released showed that 77 per cent of the farms in Wilkes county are operated by owners, which shows up well in comparison with the state average and there are a very few counties with a larger percentage of home owners among the rural people.

It is true that many of the places of abode are not so valuable or attractive but there is much consolation in the fact that the occupants can call them their homes.

Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, makes the following comment on home ownership.

"We seem really to have come to a new era in Southern upbuilding—the third since Appomattox, as will be seen from this analysis:—

"1. For 35 years from 1865 to 1900, or about one generation, the South was fighting for just two things—to recover the material losses of the war and to establish the supremacy of the white race.

"2. Then for 35 years from 1900 to 1935, or a second generation, leaders of Southern progress concentrated on two more things—universal education and universally improved highways.

"3. Now in the new 35-year period (1935-1970) on which we have just entered it looks as if we may have two other goals of Southern economic progress—universal home ownership (so far as it is practicable to achieve it) and the conservation of natural resources, especially soils and forests. And it is significant that both these programs—both that for soil conservation and that for home ownership—are getting 'full steam ahead' at practically the same time: 1936 saw a new beginning of a national program for soil conservation and 1937 will see the beginning of an effective national program for home ownership."

One Ounce of Radium

The Governor General and the Prime Minister of Canada have just ceremonialized a "notable increase" in the production of radium in Canada during the past three years. Total production: one ounce. Market value: \$1,400,000.

With this addition, the world's supply of radium is now about twenty-five ounces, not enough to make up a two-inch cube. It is scattered widely, but the whereabouts, the ownership and the pedigree of almost every particle are on record. There is a possible secret store in the hands of the Belgians, who held a world monopoly until 1929, when Gilbert LaBine discovered the Eldorado mine on Great Bear Lake.

Radium is a pure element in a violent state of disintegration. Its atoms are constantly exploding with frightful force, but their number is so great that scientists compute it will take 19,000 years before every atom of any given particle of radium has exploded.

A millionth of an ounce of radium injected into a human body is enough to cause death by the disintegration of the tissues. Yet it is this ability to destroy living tissues which makes radium valuable in fighting cancer. If radium can be focussed upon malignant growths, the cancer is demolished.

The Farm Signup

During the past several years farmers have been educated to the need of soil improvement and soil conservation but many were unable to carry out the proper practices because of lack of finances.

The soil conservation act which replaced the triple A partially removes this obstacle in the way of agricultural progress by paying farmers for growing soil improving and soil conserving crops in lieu of cash crops. It also pays cash for terracing and other approved practices.

Without attempting to argue the complicated subject of government crop control, we would suggest that participation in the soil program is the proper course, regardless of how a man's mind may run toward the principle of "rugged individualism."

There is nothing compulsory about the plan and a farmer promises nothing by signing a work sheet, which merely sets out the plan of farming he has been doing and establishes a base for calculations as to what he may do to earn payment. After signing the work sheet he may go ahead and manage his farm as he sees fit. However, it must be understood that he must comply with certain provisions in order to receive a cash benefit payment.

Early action is necessary in order that a farmer may plan well ahead—as to what practices he will carry out. In fact the time is here for seeding some of the legumes for which payment is made. Worksheets should be signed during the remainder of this month.

FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY

By G. M. DICKSON

Big headlines are given if a crime is committed; if a score of people are saved, it may be mentioned on "stock market" page.

Many who would shudder at the thought of suicide will jump in their cars and, apparently, not only commit suicide, but probably kill their whole family.

Though a man be slow to start work, if he is quick to stop, he can be with himself more.

Right-of-way on the highway of life is always given to the man who knows where he is going.

No wise man will leave a good road and follow a by-path. A fool can make a dollar now and then by chance.

To the eyes of the world, it takes great occasions to help un-avail other cowards or heroes.

If, as the common adage says, "The deeper the well the cooler the water, and the higher one soars the brighter the sun," common sense would say: "Dig deep, and fly high."

If heaven is what we say it is, why should we try to miss it?

Strong minds may reason and arrive at great conclusions, but no one can reason himself into immortality.

Every civic unit should be governed by laws peculiarly befitting this unit.

The reason that you and I are not occupying higher positions is the fact that we cannot get pay for what the other fellow knows.

There's just one consolation for a person who marries an "eccentric", and that is to be too ignorant to notice it.

If now is taken care of, the "by and by" will take care of itself.

There are some exceptions, but usually, the fellows who are

"down and out" just would not "stand up" and "stay in."

One may be a master of today, but a subject of tomorrow.

A sorry excuse can neither be cashed in at a bank nor used in character building.

A lie fluctuates—upward, but the truth remains stable.

If the tail is heavier, why shouldn't it wag the dog?

No habit is probably more dangerous than the one that "creeps" on a fellow.

DAMPING OFF DISEASE LOWERS COTTON YIELD

Damping off disease is considered one of the major causes of poor stands and low cotton yields in North Carolina.

Failure to get a good stand robs farmers in the State of some 150,000,000 pounds of seed cotton every year, said Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College.

The fungi and bacteria causing the disease are present in nearly all soils, and are often carried on the seed, he continued.

The germs may destroy the germinating power of the seed, or they may attack the young seedlings and either stunt their growth or kill them outright.

Treating the seed with two per cent Corosan (two per cent ethyl mercury chloride dust) will give the best control now known, Dr. Shaw went on.

Demonstrations on 67 farms last season showed that the average yield from untreated seed was 1,295 pounds of seed cotton to the acre, while treated seed produced 1,548 pounds.

The treatment cost 27 cents

per acre, and the increased value of the cotton lint and seed produced averaged \$18.08 per acre.

Dr. Shaw recommends three ounces of dust for each bushel of seed. Place the seed and dust in a barrel mixer or a mixing machine and agitate them violently for about five minutes, he said.

A barrel mixer can be made easily at home, he continued. Full directions for making a mixer and treating seed have been published in the January plant disease notes prepared by Dr. Shaw.

Free copies may be obtained by writing Dr. Luther Shaw at State College, Raleigh.

MAN LOSES BOTH LEGS IN FALL UNDER TRAIN

Gastonia, March 15.—C. V. Price, 40, of Hickory, freight conductor for the Carolina and Northwestern railway, suffered the loss of both legs below the knee when he slipped and fell beneath a C. and N. W. train on south Gastonia side track about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

OPENING SERVICE FRIENDS MISSION

Rev. Gurney Laws, pastor, has announced reopening of services of Friends Mission Sunday afternoon, two o'clock, in the Girl Scout house on the corner of D and 5th streets. Prayer services will be held on Thursday nights. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

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BRUCE BARTON Says

THERE ARE NO LITTLE THINGS

"One day I summoned up courage to ask the head of our firm how he ever happened to make me an offer to join his firm on so short an acquaintanceship," a very successful lawyer told me.

His answer was surprising. He said that for years he had been able to secure more business than he could properly handle. As a business getter he was a star; as an organizer of an efficient force he was a failure. He had hired brilliant young chaps out of law school, but somehow they never developed as he hoped. Being brilliant, they expected to get results easily, and if they were whipped a couple of times in court it broke their spirit.

"One night he went home and sat down before the fire to analyze his situation. He decided to look for an entirely different type of man; he listed the qualifications:

"1. The man must not be too smart. He must have the habit of working hard for his results.

"2. He must have been in college athletics, trained to fight for victory, and to keep up his chin in defeat.

"Having made this list, the lawyer asked his friends to recommend men who met the qualifications. One of them named me.

"So you see," my friend concluded, "it was that one little thing, to which I never attached the slightest importance, that made my whole career."

When you hear stories like this, and I have heard many of them, it makes you think that there are no little things. No operation is so insignificant that man can refuse to give it less than his best.

DESERVE AND ELIMINATE

A certain manufacturer, whose products already covered the field, announced his intention of still another item to the line. His banker was skeptical. "What excuse is there for it?" he demanded. "Does it meet any real need? Has it any special qualities that make it deserve to succeed?"

The manufacturer replied rather testily that he could not see what deserving had to do with it. There was an opportunity to get more business from a competitor, and he proposed to do so.

The banker protested. "That seems a poor foundation on which to build," he said. He was right. After an expensive and unsuccessful campaign the new product was abandoned.

Another company, whose volume had grown rapidly during the months of prosperity, came into dull times and began to examine its expenses. It discovered that nearly half its overhead could be cut without reducing profits. While things were rolling it had entirely neglected elimination.

The words apply with equal force to individual lives. How many useless habits we loaded in good times. Apparently hard times are necessary once in a while to compel us to eliminate.

As for the word deserve, who has not experienced the increased sense of power which comes when one knows in his heart that his plans and purposes are wholly right? Under the spell of such conviction we astonish ourselves by an unexpected capacity.



Bruce Barton

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