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**Playing With Fire**

The coal miners have agreed to work until next October with proviso that mines remain under government jurisdiction. They appear to feel that a state of socialism in the coal industry bereft of wage negotiations, is preferable to the bargaining processes between employer and employe inherent under the American system of free enterprise.

Commenting on such "arrangements," the Saturday Evening Post observes: "Up to now, the only means of enforcement considered available when a strike menaces war production, is to seize the factory or the mine in which a strike is threatened. In other words, we meet the situation, not by punishing the individual who refused to arbitrate or negotiate and ordered the strike, but by taking over the property of his employer who may have obeyed all 'directives', agreed to every proposal to negotiate and conduct himself in a generally responsible manner. The result, if logic guided all such transactions, would be that the communists, who want the government to seize industry, could attain their heart's desire simply by fomenting enough strikes!"

Blame for interrupted coal production rests on the Federal government. Until on-sided legislation such as the Wagner Act is corrected, giving both employer and employe equal rights; until the present administration abandons expediency and favoritism in labor matters; until top officials in the Federal government stop putting political careers ahead of country, injustice and the trend toward socialism will continue. And as socialism broadens its grip, labor unions march toward oblivion, as in dictator nations where state socialism has displaced both labor unions and private enterprise. The miners are playing with fire when they promote destruction of ownership and operation of private enterprise.

**LIFE'S BETTER WAY**  
WALTER E. ISENHOUR  
Hiddenite, N. C.

**LAZINESS**

Laziness is not godliness. People who profess Christianity, and really have the blessing, are up and doing. They are active, prayerful, wide-awake, studious, working people. When I see those who say they are following Christ, and that He is their Savior, sanctifier and keeper, who are trifling, lazy, and sometimes dirty and nasty, I know there is something tremendously wrong in their lives, and a deep need of Holy Ghost salvation. God never saves men for them to become drones. If they are drones when He saves them from their sins, they are likewise saved from laziness.

Lazy Christians? Just about as well look for truthful liars and honest rogues. God saves men from laziness just as He saves them from lying, drinking, cheating, cursing, committing adultery, etc. Christianity and laziness don't go together. Laziness belongs to sin and the devil. When men say they are Christians and are too lazy to go to church and Sunday school on Sunday morning, but lie around all day and neglect the assembling of themselves with the people of God, I know they are lacking in their souls. And when men profess to be Christians and are too lazy to build churches and parsonages; and too stingy to support the Gospel, and to send missionaries forth throughout the earth to win souls to Christ, and enlighten the heathen, but let churches rot down around them, even the church where they hold their membership; and are too lazy, careless and unconcerned to attend prayer meetings and revivals, and to speak to people about their lost souls, I know they need to repent before God, get forgiveness, get salvation, and then go forth as active workers for God and supporters of the blessed Gospel. Amen. Christianity puts a go in a man's soul instead of laziness and sluggishness. It wakes him up, cleans him up, and sends him forth as an honest, conscientious faithful worker for the Lord.

Great men, good men, benevolent men, noble, godly and worthwhile men are never lazy. Greatness, goodness and successfulness is never associated with laziness. Laziness is not in a Christian's program, neither it is in a successful business man's program. Laziness and failure go together. Work and success go together. Multitudes of people are absolutely too lazy to succeed. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." (Prov. 6:6). No one can afford to be lazy in a world where there is so much to be done that is good and worth while, and when millions are going to hell. Life's better way is that of work, labor, prayer and honest toil at things good and worth while.

**ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES**

By  
**DWIGHT NICHOLS**  
et al

**FIRST HAND REPORT**

Somewhere on the county home farm, Aug. 6 (delayed).—This column is coming to you dozen readers by remote facilities from the bottom of a hole in the road from the county home to the county T. B. hut.

For some time we had heard reports that the road was bad, but we like to investigate things first hand. No second hand reports for yours truly.

We had heard that there were holes in the road. Now we know. We are in one now.

And we expect to stay in this hole in the road. Our car, Calamity III, fell in while we were driving along the road to see if the road was bad.

This hole is so deep that we do not expect any searching party to find us. Already we have taken stock of emergency rations, and water in the car's radiator.

Why, this hole is so deep that we are nearer China than the United States. We are so close to China that we can hear exploding shells and cries of Chinese tortured by Japs.

Any minute we expect a shell to hit directly over us and open our way into the Orient.

Yes, this road is bad. But don't anybody try to make a political issue out of it.

The road couldn't have got this bad during the present county administration, or the one or two administrations which preceded it.

**SOLVE THIS PROBLEM**

As you very well know, this column has a capacity of twelve readers. That is all we can write for. When and if this number gets over 12, we have to shoot the extras to get the number back down to the limited capacity.

And as we have stated before, the readers will be shot in 1-2-3 order. The first reader is the writer, the second the linotype operator, the third the proofreader, and on down the line through the faithful 12.

But we had a new and perplexing problem. Yesterday a man said: "You now have 12½ readers... what are you going to do about that?"

Only thing we know to do is to have one of the readers half shot.

And since we begin with number one, which is the writer, that means we are going to get half-shot.

But don't tell John Walker.

**PERHAPS**

Englishman: "I say, what are they doing?"

American: "They're dancing."

Englishman: "They get married later, don't they?"

**MORE POETRY**

Father Hubbard went to the cupboard

To get himself a drink;

But when he got there

The cupboard was bare

So he took a drink in the sink.

**WUSSER**

Lawyer: "You mean to imply that Mandy then cut his acquaintance?"

Witness: "Wusser dan dat sub! She cut his throat."

**FAST WORK**

"Bill shouldn't have married Irene. In six months' time she's made him a pruper."

"Wow! Is it a boy or girl?"

**THEY'RE BITING**

An asylum inmate sat with his fishing pole dangling over a flower bed. A visitor, filled with sympathy and wishing to be pleasant, asked: "How many have you already caught?"

"You're the tenth today," was the answer.

**ONE WAY**

A dignified Briton was taking home a pair of his wife's shoes which he had gotten from the shoemaker after they had been repaired. No box or paper was, of course, supplied, so he, slightly embarrassed, was carrying them loose. A man opposite him in the bus watched him closely and said as he got out, "Not going to let her gad about, eh, guv'nor?"

**THAT CLEARS IT UP**

Small Boy (in druggist's shop): "Please, I want some powder for my sister."

Chemist (jokingly): "Something that goes off with a bang?"

Small Boy: "No, something that goes on with a puff."

**GOT WRONG ARTICLE**

Sunday School Teacher: "Why Robert, I am surprised to hear you say that you don't believe our prayers are answered."

Robert: "Well, the angels brought a new baby to our house last week and all the time I had been praying for a girl!"—Ex.

**U. S. FALLS OFF IN POPULATION**

Washington.—Despite a record birth rate, the civilian population of the United States declined 3,100,000 between April 1, 1942, and the last March 1, the Census bureau reports.

The 3.1 per cent drop—from 133,800,000 to 129,700,000—reflects the growth of the armed services at a rate far outstripping natural increase, the bureau said.

Discussing population shifts occasioned by the war, it noted that of the four geographical areas, only the West showed a gain during the 35-month period; although 12 states and the District of Columbia reported increases.

Northeastern, north central and southern states lost an aggregate of more than 6,000,000 persons to the West and to the armed services, the bureau said, although their net loss in civilian population was only 2,700,000.

The District of Columbia reported the largest population increase 27.5 per cent, while Nevada led the states showing gains with 22.4 per cent. Other percentage increases were Arizona 15.5; Florida and Maryland 8.8 each; California 7.7; Washington 7.2; Utah 6.2; Oregon 4.9; Virginia 4.7; Connecticut 2.7; Delaware 2.4; and Michigan 0.4 per cent.

New York was the heaviest loser, the bureau reported, with a drop of 650,000, or 4.9 per cent, of its civilian population, although South Dakota's 105,000 decline represented the largest percentage, 16.4.

**Grow Turnips For Good Dairy Feed**

Dairymen who have no silos can produce from six to eight tons of turnips per acre to take the place of silage in the winter feeding of their cows, says John A. Arey, Extension Dairymen at State College.

According to Arey, the feeding of 20 to 30 pounds of turnips per head daily will materially increase the milk production of dairy animals.

He recommends that the turnips be seeded early in August on low, fertile land which has received a good coating of manure and 600 to 800 pounds of a complete, high grade fertilizer. The purple top or Pommernian white globe are two good varieties to plant.

Turnips and other root crops are slightly laxative and tend to keep the cow's digestive tract in good condition, thereby enabling her to get more out of the other feeds which she consumes.

The tops of the turnips should be removed in harvesting and the crop stored in a cellar or hilled as with sweet potatoes. Before feeding them, the turnips should be cut into small pieces with a spade to prevent the cows from choking on the whole root. The turnips should be fed after milking and not before. If they are fed before milking, a flavor of the turnips will be found in the milk.

**Feed Cull Potatoes To Fattening Hogs**

Cull Irish potatoes should be fed to hogs because four pounds of potatoes are equal to a pound of corn and they can be used to good advantage to help offset the rationing (and shortage) says H. H. Vestal, Extension Swine Specialist at State College.

He advises that the potatoes should be cooked before they are fed to the hogs and that they should compose about half the ration, with the other half of the ration being the usual grain, protein supplement, and mineral mixture. Not only should potatoes be fed but also all other waste farm residues like peanuts and soybeans left in the field.

Vestal warned that decaying or musty soybeans and peanuts can cause digestive troubles and that hogs should be removed from the fields in the late fall when the winter rains set in.

...the use of cull sweet potatoes in hog feeding. He gave the following feeding mixture for a 100 pound fattening hog: 6 pounds of sweet potatoes, 3 pounds of grain, and one-third pound of either cottonseed, soybean, or peanut meal. He also pointed out that the mineral mixture should be kept before the hog at all times.

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