

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

FREE SPEECH

THOMAS JEFFERSON, WHO WROTE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, SAID: "TO SPEAK HIS THOUGHTS IS EVERY FREEMAN'S RIGHT."

JEFFERSON'S PRINCIPLE IS THE KEYSTONE OF DEMOCRACY IN WHICH DIFFERENT OPINIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE ISSUES ARE DECIDED.

DICTATORS SMOTHER FREE SPEECH, SOMETIMES BY DEATH PENALTY — KEEP FROM THEIR PEOPLE THE INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO FORM OPINION.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Opinions of Tom Best In Greensboro Daily News

Nothing could have been done, even by the most elaborate planning, to give the religious sect, "Jehovah's Witnesses", importance, that will half-way match the Wallace mayor's effort at suppression.

Evidently the mayor does not know Jehovah's Witnesses, hasn't heard these yapping records of Judge Rutherford played from sound trucks, hasn't looked the "Witnesses" over, hasn't heard their screeching about the Second Coming of Jesus; in fact, Wallace's mayor doesn't appear to know Jehovah's Witnesses at all.

Anybody who does will come to doubt that the Great Jehovah Himself needs any such witnesses. If He does, religion in this country is as badly off as it is in Russia and Germany. Instead of putting these bugs in a jug, there should be opened each Sunday in this country the biggest stadium in each locality, loud speakers should be installed, Judge Rutherford should be imported to the biggest one and allowed to bellow under complete police protection.

Expression, not suppression, is what Jehovah's Witnesses need. And Uncle Sam needs it too. He needs every bit of testimony that can be gathered that here in America one nut, or one million nuts, can bellow his bull head off for any religious lunacy that may be used, even by smart rascals to get money from industrious fools. All that Jehovah's Witnesses need to do to destroy themselves, is to parade their putrid piety and their more putrescent patriotism. Let it be exposed to intelligence everywhere in the land. It will perish in 15 minutes.

But force these innocuous nitwits to propagate their gospel under darkness; make them sneak in to our towns between suns, then sneak out and even they will have sense enough to perceive that somebody regards them seriously. In the Monday Morning papers it is recorded one of the pamphlets proclaimed that the "Roman Catholic hierarchy is seeking to make the United States go totalitarian." Bless your soul, there are plenty of people in this country, outside the insane asylums who are saying things like that every day. One who reads the Christian Century religiously, finds in the highest-browed religious publication in the land sentiments very akin to these. And we pay preachers to write that for us. Jehovah's Witnesses think the Christian Century should be issued from hell, and probably is. But the Witnesses and some of the super intellectuals are pretty nearly together in the Roman Catholic phobias. The Christian Century just a few days ago wrote about some important American, calling him an "Anglophile". And somebody one of these days will write of that paper as an "Italophobe".

Anyway, what Jehovah's Witnesses are saying about all the rival religions, can be duplicated anywhere in the land. The campaign of 1928 was just about as full of that sort of solemn nonsense as anything that has happened in this country. But there are tens of thousands of men and women of high Christian character and intelligence, who still are proud of what they did that year in resistance to Al Smith's election. Jehovah's Witnesses, made up of the most unintelligent, the most poverty-ridden people in the land, might rate our pity and even our philanthropy, but public aggression, never.

The jabber of Jehovah's Witnesses is familiar to anybody who knows any theology. The Duplin deists cannot tolerate these Jehovistic jousts. Too bad: for one of these mornings you will awake and finding them quoting David for the proof, that "they have driven me out this day that I should not cleave unto the inheritance of Jehovah, saying, Go serve other gods."

Jehovah's Witnesses are the sanctified bunk, the pre-millennarian poppycock; but put policemen on their trail, and you have made them somebody, a feat that the Great Jehovah could not accomplish.

Shingles

If fully developed, the usage of cotton for a new cement-cotton roofing shingle might require one million bales annually, a U. S. Department of Agriculture official estimates.

Posts

Tests conducted at Oregon State College show that fence posts with the butts charred do not last as well as untreated posts, but green posts treated with a salt combination last almost indefinitely.

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Improvement Made IN Farm Program

An important improvement in the Agricultural Conservation Program, effective in 1941, has been announced by G. T. Scott, Johnston County farmer and chairman of the State AAA Committee. It provides for more emphasis on the conservation phases of the program, makes the AAA program more adaptable to all farms in the State, encourages the production of food and feed crops, and should greatly reduce the cost of compliance.

"General soil-depleting allotments will be discontinued with the 1941 program and payments will be based upon the amount of soil-building accomplished," Scott said. "The farmer who earns a soil-building unit will earn his maximum payments for planting within special allotments, such as tobacco, cotton, peanuts, and commercial wheat, potatoes, and vegetables in designated counties."

As an example of how the new plan works, Scott said: "Suppose Farmer Jones had set up for his farm a total farm payment of \$100 made up of \$50 for planting within special crop allotments and \$50 to be earned for carrying out practices, such as seeding legumes and grasses, winter cover crops and green manure crops, terracing, contour strip-cropping, forestry practices, home gardening, application of liming materials, and the like.

"If Farmer Jones only carries out enough soil-building practices to earn \$40 of his soil-building allowance, then he would only get \$40 of his special allotment payments, giving Farmer Jones a final total payment of \$80 instead of \$100. That's because he earned only 80 per cent of his soil-building goal. Of course, if he carried out enough practice to earn his entire \$50 in soil-building allowance, he would receive his full \$50 for planting within special crop allotments."

Market Offered For Walnut Products

Americans consume fifty million dollars worth of nuts each year, and about one-fifth of these are from wild trees in the forests. In other words, ten million dollars' worth of the ground, not including the nuts consumed by thousands of farm families who have their own.

With this in view, R. W. Graeber Extension forester at N. C. State College, suggests that North Carolina farm families, especially 4-H Club boys and girls, add the growing of black walnut trees as a sideline to their agricultural enterprises.

"No less than \$150,000 worth of nuts are sold in North Carolina each year," he declared, "and the possibilities for growing black walnut, both for nuts and lumber, are good. The market is far from saturated." This is only one of the angles of "tree farming" stressed by Graeber in his forestry educational program. Continuing, he says "each year eight hundred million dollars are brought into the American bank account through the sale of forest products, making this one of the chief sources of our income. Six million people are directly or indirectly employed in our forests; and if it was not for wood, another 122 million or more would have a hard time making a satisfactory living.

"The house we live in is usually made of wood, as well as the bed we sleep in, the chair we relax in, the table we eat at; and the stove we cook with consumes a lot of wood. Even when the newspaper arrives, it is printed on paper made of wood. Our shoes would be so stiff we couldn't bend them if they were not treated with tannic acid, which is extracted from chestnut, hemlock or oak bark.

"There are more than 4,500 different uses of wood. This counts plastic as one use and paper as one use, but there are thousands for each of these."

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Answers To Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: How much wheat per acre may I expect under normal conditions?

ANSWER: When properly grown, on good land, wheat should yield at least 20 bushels per acre, says E. C. Blair, Extension agronomist of N. C. State College. In view of conditions caused by the European war, he advises that three acres of wheat be planted for every farm family this fall, or ten acres for every farm, whichever is larger.

QUESTION: When should spring-flowering bulbs be planted?

ANSWER: The sooner they can be planted, the better they will bloom, says J. G. Weaver, State College floriculturist. They should be planted in October, at least. Prepare the soil well before planting any bulbs. The soil should be pulverized and worked to a depth of at least 10 inches. Commercial fertilizer at a rate of three pounds per 100-square feet may be used if mixed well with the soil. A complete fertilizer high in potash is recommended. A two-inch layer of well-rotted manure may be used if it is worked thoroughly into the soil. Cover each bulb with twice its own depth of soil.

QUESTION: How can I obtain circulars, bulletins and other publications on farming and rural homemaking subjects?

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ANSWER: Address a request to the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh, N. C., and state the subject in which you are interested. All publications issued by the Agricultural Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station of N. C. State College are free to citizens of North Carolina. Use a postal card where possible in making the request and do not ask for additional information on the card. Use another card or letter for questions regarding specific phases of work. All available publications are listed in Extension Folder No. 35 which will be sent free upon request.

Eleven 4-H Club boys are trying out for the livestock judging team which will represent Johnston County at fairs, says M. E. Aycock, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Boar Season Opened Sunday

Western North Carolina's hunting season shifted into high gear Sunday, October 20, when the boar season opened. A good season is predicted, especially for the counties adjoining the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Mt. Mitchell, Sherwood Forest and Daniel Boone areas.

Marsh Hens Pentiful

Southport.—An estimated 69 marsh hens were bagged by hunters in the immediate vicinity of Southport in one day last week. An unusually high tide forced the birds up in droves, and of the 17 hunting parties making reports, none had bagged less than his limit of 15 birds.

Advertisement for Duo-Therm heater with illustration of a woman and child, text: 'LOOK! A HEATER THAT WOULD KEEP YOU COOLER AT THE EQUATOR...!', 'YES... AND WARMER AT THE NORTH POLE TOO!'

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Milk For the first eight months of this year, the sale of milk has been the largest single source of farm income, according to the latest Milk Industry Foundation reports.

Wheat The current Canadian wheat crop, estimated at 561,000,000 bushels, probably exceeds domestic requirements by 275,000,000 bushels, reports U. S. Department of Agriculture foreign experts.

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ADVERTISING PROMOTED FOLKS FROM TH' HOSS-AND-BUGGY, GOT TH' CAT OUT OF TH' CRACKER BARREL, 'N BROUGHT TH' LUXURIES OF LIFE WITHIN TH' REACH OF TH' COMMON PEOPLE



This Guy's Idea Is Not A New One

Raleigh, Oct. 21.—Malcolm McDermott, member of the Duke university law faculty, told building and loan officials here tonight that the construction of bomb shelters in every dwelling had become essential.

Speaking at a meeting of the officials from the central portion of North Carolina, McDermott said: "The name of your institutions may be changed from building and loan to excavating and loan associations. It is a sad commentary on modern civilization that man is thus driving himself under ground, but such seems to be the case. "Our general type of architecture must change. It must go down instead of up. What I am saying is not so fanciful as it sounds. Think what it would mean to the British today if every home and building were provided with adequate quarters under ground.

"It is no exaggeration to say that modern warfare changes our building designs. "I know you are thinking all of this rather absurd. My reply is that man has made it so."

Stamps

During August 84,500,000 worth of blue surplus food stamps were distributed through the Food Stamp Plan in the 125 areas throughout the United States where the plan is in operation.

A new body type in the 1941 Ford line is the Super DeLuxe sedan coupe. It combines the advantage of a compact coupe with seat room for six passengers.

Advertisement for Philco radio: 'Sensational 1941 PHILCO brings you amazing NEW INVENTIONS!', 'We Will Allow \$10 For Your Old RADIO ON ANY MODEL IN STOCK Over \$55.00 OR \$5.00 ON Models From \$30 to \$55 Also FREE', 'A \$7.50 Sessions CLOCK With Every Console Model.', 'Until October 31st. Eastman Furniture Co. BEAUFORT'

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