Less Gripe, More Grip Is Needed In United States

Nation Is Sitting On Top Of World, Babson Declares

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Babson Park, Mass., May 10—Compared with any other land on earth, we, the people of North America, now are sitting on top of the world. Relatively to any former period, we today have the greatest opportunity, both as to current conditions and future prospects. When you tune out the radio croaking long enough to attend to solid facts and figures, you sense the speed of recent reconversion. The outlook is much brighter than some of the soft-hearts.

Need Less Grine and More Grip.

During the recent dog-days there was an interval when a little gloom by me and others was perhaps excusable. It was a kind of Lost Monday morning, a natural let-down after the victories of 1945. The period of indulgence, however, has gone and I recommend that the time has come for all of us to cut out the crabbing and regime-bashing. Despite the actions of labor leaders here at home and of Russian leaders abroad, the situation, fundamentally, is cheerful. Today, the richest cause for complaint is the chronic complaining.

The time for growling and grumbling is when the goose hangs high, with everybody feeling smug, self-satisfied and over-complacent. Then crepe-draping and fault-finding may do some good. Crabbing can help to restore balance. Today calls for pressure of the opposite sign — for assurance, cheerfulness, good nature. The very disputes we deplore arise in part as a reaction of the widespread mood of dissatisfaction and lament. It is time to reverse these negative trends.

World Looks To U. S. For Morale.

This need for a more constructive spirit is doubly true in view of the new role of the United States in world affairs. UN leadership will not be won by formal diplomacy, but by the daily attitude when our people come in contact. What would our international affairs become if mockery by today's brand of self-confidence? Our global standing will not be helped if the United States becomes known throughout the world as Uncle Squawk instead of Uncle Sam.

No Devastation Here.

Particularly impressive are the reports of battlefield observers who have been surveying the economic ruins of Europe. One of these experts (or rather a group of them) described the devastation. Then he summed up his engineering data: "Blessed is the land that has known no bombs, where every one has plenty to eat and where people are not worn down by years of deprivation."

America came full force of combat, but we led the world in production. We have come to possess industrial facilities beyond anything the globe remembers. Our research and technique in a few years scored advances that in bygone days might have taken a generation century. Wherein is cause for great thankfulness. Yes, I am great brilliant on the United States.

New Highs Ahead.

After the V-days, Washington predicts increased time unemployment. They were wrong. Furthermore, despite pessimistic forecasts, retail trade has soared, back even in strike-ridden days. Everything the soaring of food prices, for instance, promptly supplied has dulled the grief of sugar. As the saying goes, this is all over but the shouting.

Besides the dozen nations of the world, there are key groups of our own people right here at home who should not be in their gloomy foreboding. A reversion to confidence will end wage workers to raise output and farmers to raise crops. A holiday on crabbing will put fresh vigor into postwar plans of employers and returning veterans, extra to the campaigns of salesmen.

Let's Blacken Those Blues.

This country has been chosen as the site of the future UN world capital. In the light of this honor, it is especially important that America should retain its ancestral virtues. In some inexplicable manner, it has appeared that America has shedded its national cheerful from its eagle to the crab. This must need must left. Instead, we should make the most of the unprecedented opportunities. To paraphrase, we have full our abundant material and spiritual resources, we need the active formula. Rather than crabbing about yesterday, let us count our manifold blessings for tomorrow.

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For the fourth consecutive night crowds from Henderson and surrounding sections of the county are now in progress at Finney's warehouse at last night's revival, it was reported today.

Rev. A. W. Laird, evangelist, spoke on the subject, "What Is On The Other Side?" He said "there are two roads, the broad gate and the narrow gate. We must be one or the other." Jesus said, "He that is not for me is against me and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." He will speak tonight on "The Falling in Hell".

At the service last night, singing led by J. Recie Robbins from Western North Carolina. The Bright Star trio of Greenville, S. C., also sang several numbers. Members of the trio are Misses Nadeen Brookshire, Frances Lazar and Doris Bailey. They are to sing each night throughout the revival. Pianists are Mrs. Juanita Holmes and Miss Brookshire.

WIENER ROAST HELD FOR SIDNEY FAUCETT

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Matthews entertained at their home on Maple street Thursday night at a wiener roast honoring Sidney Faucett, who is from Baltimore.

Games were enjoyed by about twenty-five guests. Refreshments consisted of iced drinks and wienies.

Both teams rushed to the aid of a referee attacked by a spectator at an English soccer football game. What's this—a publicity stunt.

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Has 83rd Birthday

MRS. SALLIE COX STUBBS

Mrs. Sallie Cox Stubbs celebrated her 83rd birthday Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alley B. Young, on Young street.

The house was tastefully decorated with peonies, roses, pansies and other spring flowers. A pink and white motif was carried out in the dining room where the table was covered with a lace cloth. A birthday cake with burning candles was placed in the center of the table, with lighted tapers placed at each end.

Guests sang, "Happy Birthday" as Mrs. Stubbs blew out the candles. Mrs. Stubbs wore a corsage of white carnations, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bridgers and Mrs. Minnie Lee Bridgers. She received a number of gifts.

Cake, punch, nuts and mints were served the following guests: Mrs. Ray Holder, Mrs. Nettie G. Moore, Mrs. I. W. Hughes, Mrs. C. O. King, Mrs. Kenneth King, Mrs. W. B. Whitenton, Mrs. O. L. Wright, Miss Mary E. Young, Mrs. Alley B. Young, Mrs. M. W. Uzzell, of Durham, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Gaither, Durham, Mrs. Annabel Thorne, Mrs. H. B. Puttrell, Mrs. J. J. Taylor, Mrs. R. W. Robertson, Mrs. H. H. Harper, Mrs. S. J. Lane, Mrs. U. H. Gilliland, Mrs. Virginia King, Mrs. J. Fetzenburg, Va., Mrs. Elbo Coffey, Mrs. L. O. Frazier, Mrs. H. M. Robertson, Billy Whitenton and Carolanne King.

Veterans Seeking FSA Loans To Aid In Work of Farm

Requests from veterans accounted for 24 per cent of the 1,597 applications for Farm Security Administration rural rehabilitation loans received from farm families during March in FSA Region IV, comprising Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, and in North Carolina there were 385 applications, with 92 or 24 per cent from veterans, Ivey W. Day, FSA supervisor for Vance county, said today.

Day said many veterans returning to farms find rural rehabilitation loans useful for operating expenses and purchases of livestock and equipment. Loans are repayable in one to five years and bear five per cent interest. About 1,000 loans averaging $846 have been made to veterans in this region.

Also Long-Term Loans.

Applications in hand in this region for farm ownership loans total over 10,000, of which about eight per cent are from veterans. In North Carolina there are 1,725 of which 114 per cent are veteran applications, Mr. Day stated. Farm ownership loans may run 40 years at three per cent interest on unpaid principal. To date 39 loans averaging $5,810 have been made to veterans in this region.

Irrigation is the answer to the problem of increased production in many North Carolina truck crop farms.

The Beaufort Fisheries at Beaufort is the only plant manufacturing fish meal now operating in the state.

Pitching In

LOSS AND DAMAGE supervisor of the American Railway Express Company in Detroit, Benjamin Harrison Elzey is shown helping in the company's baggage room. The walkout was prompted by an all-day strike meeting of 1,100 express employes that tied up the city's railroad terminals and docks. Strikers announced that the "membership meeting" would remain in session until a 16-cents hourly pay rise was met. *(International)*

No Halt In Industries Here So Far

Rail Shipments Reduced, However, On Order Of CDT

While railroads have curtailed acceptance of shipments, no brownout or stoppage of industry has occurred as yet, though a prolonged coal shortage might in the not distant future cause a slackening of production.

Heavy offerings of shipments were experienced by railroad freight agencies Wednesday and Thursday by way of getting in under the Thursday midnight deadline on certain commodities. Efforts were made to clear all such offerings before the restrictions became effective.

It is expected, however, that traffic will continue rather heavy for several days as receipt of shipments with local destinations and which were delivered to carriers prior to the deadline.

Perishables, livestock and other cargoes may still be received and handled by the railroads, these constituting the exemptions permitted under the Office of Defense Transportation orders. In addition, any railroad may accept any type of shipment for destinations on its own lines and which are handled all the way by diesel or electric locomotives, in the case of the Seaboard, this will permit some movement of commodities still.

The Seaboard cut its passenger service last week-end by merging some through trains, and by withdrawals in other instances. Schedules of trains still running have not been greatly disrupted as a result, though most of them are running late. There has also been a noticeable falling off of passenger traffic, supposition being that travelers are hesitant about getting away from home and facing the possibility of not being able to return promptly. Where standing room was at a premium only a few months ago, there are plenty of seats on most passenger trains now.

DISCHARGED

WILLIAM E. WOOD.

William E. Wood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wood of 231 Harrell street, Henderson and husband of Mrs. W. E. Wood, Jr., of the same address, was discharged from the Navy Wednesday at Charleston, S. C.

Wood, who was in service 25 months, 16 of which were overseas, is entitled to wear four battle stars and the following ribbons: Philippines Liberation, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific and Victory Medal.

Final foot-note on this spring house cleaning business: It's the season when from cellar to attic sweeping changes are made.

"Skinner" Turner On Sanford Team

John Russell "Skinner" Turner, of Lowry street, North Henderson, and former Henderson High school star athlete, has been making good with the Sanford Spinners of the Tobacco State, Class D league, where he is playing short-stop.

Turner is an ex-GI, having been discharged from service last fall after three years of overseas duty in the European area. He is 23 years old and small for his age, weighing 160 pounds.

Manager Joe Riley, who at one time played in Henderson for Otto Pahlman's all-stars, says that "Skinner" is one of the best prospects he has seen in some time and thinks he will come fast as a hitter.

MEMORIAL DAY NOT HOLIDAY LOCALLY

Confederate Memorial Day was not observed here today, even the banks remaining open. Public offices and business establishments continued to operate as usual. It is understood that Memorial Day on May 30 will probably be more or less generally observed by some groups, since it is a national holiday.

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While we and our dealers would like to tell you that this means an immediate end to the shortage of service parts and machines, it is more accurate to say that it means the beginning of the end of it. If illness or bad weather delays you seriously in the Spring, you know how much it throws you off your schedule. The strike has thrown our schedules off balance, too. There are many "chores" we must do before new machines reach you.

Material shortages

The preliminary chores of getting our plants back into shape for full production are finished. But disturbances in other industries and resulting material shortages may affect our plans. Light gauge steel sheets, brass and copper, fractional horse power motors, and many other items are all very short. *The coal situation may also prove serious—we hope not.*

Refilling the well

Both our dealers and our branches have run dry on parts and new machines. So the biggest chore is to get their working stocks back to normal. It will take time to fill the pipeline to dealers—just as it takes time for you to refill a well or cistern after it has run dry.

Stock and display rooms of our dealers represent not one, but ten thousand reservoirs which must be refilled. The most heroic production efforts will mean that your local dealer can expect only a small number of parts and machines at a time. Since we must play fair with all our customers, there will be a sprinkle of parts and machines all over the country—not a downpour in any one section.

You will be glad to know that *all repair parts production schedules are far beyond normal.*

No hoarding

You may be sure that every machine will be shipped to dealers as soon as completed. *We do not and will not hold machines off the market.*

At the start of the strike we had on hand at all our factories and branches just 837 tractors of all kinds—less than two days' production—and 405 of these were not completed. Many of those on hand had one or more important parts missing—principally radiator cores. Most of the rest represented the normal daily "float" between the end of the assembly line and the shipping platform. Naturally no tractors were made during the strike.

What dealers may have for you

We can report to you that our current production on TRACTORS is good and we are shipping at a normal rate. Even so, there will not be enough to go around. The situation on PLOWS and DISK HARROWS is reasonably good. On COMBINES, MOWERS, HAY RAKES, ONE-MAN HAY BALERS, CORN PICKERS and many other items, our schedules have been seriously disrupted. We must in fairness say that many of our customers are likely to be disappointed on delivery of these machines. On MILKING MACHINES, STATIONARY ENGINES, and some other small units we are hopeful of making practically normal delivery.

We know you will understand the reasons why your dealer cannot fill your orders overnight. He would like to give you the kind of delivery on machines you would like to get, but his situation is a difficult one and not of his own making. He is doing the best he can.

No cutting corners on quality

There is one thing you can be absolutely certain about: We *will NOT cut corners on quality in order to increase production in this emergency.* For years we have said: "QUALITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR BUSINESS." Today we say it—and mean it—as much as ever.

We know you need new machines—and need them badly. But we believe it will pay you to wait just a little while longer if you cannot get all you want immediately. By waiting you can be sure your new equipment will have the quality so rightly associated with INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER for so many years.

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