

THE TORCH

A department conducted for The Warren County Memorial Library By MABEL DAVIS The Librarian

Appreciated Contributions

Two books of special interest to children, "Just So Stories," Kipling, and "The Fairy Land of Opera," F. Casanovi, a book that will undoubtedly hold the attention of adults—which entitles it to high place among children's books—have been added to the children's section during the week, the gift of Mrs. C. H. Peete. The library is also indebted to Dr. Jan's E. Talbot for a copy of the book of Mormon; to Miss Nancy Peters Peete for a copy of the book of Mormon; to Mr. J. William Limer for a check for \$2.50.

A New Note in Fiction

A lady who reads wisely and well said in the library recently that she had noticed evidences of a change in the trend of fiction. Taken as a whole, she said, the fall novels seem to reveal a different and more wholesome atmosphere. That will be good news to those who have wearied of sex thrillers. She did not mention just what books she had in mind but I think, Willa Cather's "Shadow on the Rock"—which will probably take first rank among fall novels—may be taken as an illustration of the clarified atmosphere she has noted. The reader is taken back to old Quebec, a French Catholic colony, founded when America was young and reigned the dominant passion in the lives of those sturdy Huguenot immigrants. One experiences a sort of mental exaltation in the presence of these devout people and finds himself wondering if the gain in the three intervening centuries has really balanced the loss. My own reading has been limited but I cannot refrain from mentioning in this connection Crichton Alston Thorne's beautiful short story, "Chimney City," which has been accorded high rank among the year's best short stories.

Fitting Tributes

Not infrequently a book or a bank note is sent to the library as a tribute to the memory of a loved one long dead. A year ago Mrs. Falkner, a friend of Mr. Tasker Peete's, remembering that it was the anniversary of his birth, sent the library a check for five dollars, a little appreciation of their friendship, she said. Another check for the same amount came from Mrs. C. H. Peete on the anniversary of her mother's birth. On the same date, Nov. 29th, this year, two very attractive books for children were presented by Mrs. Peete in memory of Mrs. Nancy Peters Jones, her mother. Combining service for the living with one's sentiment seems a very fitting and beautiful expression of appreciation.

A Time of Reckoning

A slip bearing the startling announcement, "Your subscription expires with this number," falls from every magazine one opens during December. We shall have to renew our magazines very soon or lose the January numbers. There seems no alternative, but the librarian is a little timid about approaching the treasurer in regard to the matter. Rumor has come to us that the American Legion Auxiliary, which so generously provided funds for the order last year, has the matter under consideration. Assistance would be most gratefully received at this time. With a little help from the lines we can renew all magazines and periodicals for about thirty dollars. The list as approved by the book committee follows:

Time, Literary Digest, Reader's Digest, Harpers, Scribners, Good Housekeeping, The American, The Ladies' Home Journal, Woman's Home Companion, House Beautiful, House and Garden, Better Homes and Gardens, The American Home, Hygeia, The Boy's World, Child Life, Popular Mechanics, The News and Observer, The New York Times (Sunday edition).

Curtis Seeks to Break Republican Tradition

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Vice President Charles Curtis in standing for renomination is almost defying Republican tradition. For one reason or another the Republicans have not renominated a Vice President since 1912, when James S. Sherman, of New York, ran again with President Taft. Sherman died before the election. It was some years before that when the Republicans put up a Vice President for a second term. Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, Vice President with Woodrow Wilson, is the only man to have served two consecutive terms as Vice President since Daniel D. Tompkins, the Vice President with President Monroe, from 1817 to 1825.

THINKS FARMER IS BETTER OFF

Says Editor Of Eastern Carolina Paper After Touring Hundreds of Farms

FARMER IS DEPRESSED

By A. H. ULM
"While I believe they are better off than they think they are, farmers around here are in a terribly depressed state of mind," said an editor of a newspaper in the eastern section of North Carolina. Statements like that had been made to me almost everywhere and most emphatically, as to the depressed state of mind part, by farmers themselves. This editor's locality was a good background for a query I often had wanted to prepose.

"I've seen a good deal of farming in this and a little in other countries," said I. "But I never have viewed a farming community that appeared to the eye better off than yours seems to be right now. Your farmers have made record crops this year; their storehouses are bulging with food and feedstuffs as never before. They undoubtedly have more of everything, except perhaps money than they ever before possessed. Why, this depressed state of mind?"

"Money madness," the editor replied. Continuing, he said, "In the war days of rising prices, farmers around here made greater profits than they ever had dreamed possible. Land values rose but not disastrously. But most of the farmers turned plungers. They operated as if high prices and big profits would continue indefinitely. Then came the period of falling prices and the plungers got caught. Most of those in real difficulty are burdened with debts incurred in the hope of making lots of money. Money madness is the main trouble."

What he said reminded me that not one of the several hundred farmers I had talked with in all parts of the Carolinas had evinced the least fear of distress for lack of means to meet creature needs. Everyone that talked dolefully, as did even most of those who were getting along all right,—spoke of distress in terms of money only. "I won't make any money this year." "I have lost money now for two years." "When are we going to make money again?" Such are samples of their expressions. The most doleful walls I heard were on the score of money that had been made in farming and lost in spheres other than farming.

Supplies for Creature Needs
There is no ignoring the fact that farmers, like everybody else, must have money and that many of them, like millions of others, are having a hard time getting the money they need. But I haven't heard of any campaigns like ones carried on in the cities, for funds to relieve creature distress in farming communities in the Carolinas. In every farming community where I thought to make inquiry about it, I was told that there were adequate local sup-

plies to carry every creature in the community through the winter.

"I was chairman of the Red Cross Relief Committee for this county last winter," said a prominent man in one of the worst "hit" farming communities in the Carolinas. "There was practically nothing for me to do. There were a few cases of creature distress, but they were taken care of by neighbors of the persons. I'll have less to do if I am relief chairman this winter, because there are more food and feedstuffs on the farms."

The fact that economic depression does not necessarily portend creature distress in farming communities, as it does in cities, gives inverse illustration of the out-of-placeness of "money madness" among farmers.

Of course money madness is not indigenous to farming circles, which after all, probably have been less affected by it than urban communities have been. But being more out of place there, it may be productive of lasting harm in farming than in other circles.

Farmers are not especially blamed for becoming infected with the "money making" fever, which, however, has put upon farming a load of burdens that probably constitute the most difficult obstacle to complete recovery of American agriculture.

A good deal of the actual fever still prevails. I ran into symptoms of it everywhere I went. Many so-called farm relief proposals and measures tend to stimulate it.

Eliminate the burdens that were incurred out of money madness that was made epidemic by the skyrocketing of prices during the war period with all the remaining fever for mere "money making," and farming in most of the South, and particularly in the Carolinas, will be on a good footing,—especially so in comparison with farming in other big areas of staple crops and, now, with urban business and industry in general.

Captures Live Duck In A Unique Manner

ORILLA, Ont.—It's an old Indian custom, a vagabond here said after he returned from a swim with a wild duck as his prize.

"I was hungry and the duck was all alone," he explained. "I stripped, waded quietly through the water with a head covering of weeds. When I was about five feet from the bird, I sank beneath the water, came up under the bird and grasped its legs. 'Try it some day. It's an old Indian custom.'"

Finds Huge Bucks With Locked Horns

BAY CITY, Mich., Nov. 30.—Their horns locked in a death grip, two huge bucks were found dead in the woods northwest of Bentley. The brush near the bodies gave evidence of a terrific struggle before exhaustion and death halted it. The bucks weighed about 200 pounds each.

Vocational Agricultural News

By R. H. BRIGHT

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THE WARREN MUTUAL EXCHANGE

A few farmers in this county have realized the need of a marketing organization. They plan to carry on this marketing and buying of farm commodities with as little expense as possible. You cannot operate a business on a strictly non profit basis. Some less will be incurred in spite of all plans.

The chief commodity this organization plans to handle at the present time is eggs. I am sure that the price of eggs can be stabilized in this section through an organization of this kind. And a better service rendered to all concerned.

The plan that is being put into force in connection with the egg marketing is recognize at least three grades of eggs: Eggs weighing from twenty to twenty two ounces per dozen. Eggs weighing from twenty four to twenty six ounces per dozen. Of course a different price will be charged per dozen. All eggs must be graded and clean as well as fresh. On the carton is stamped the producers number and the grade. The producer not the retailer or the purchaser is responsible for all bad eggs. The retailer is given a certain percent to handle the eggs. All eggs sold under the label of the organization must be in dozen cartons.

As soon as the volume of the trade will justify the collecting and delivering of the eggs, routes will be planned and a truck driven by some responsible person will call for the eggs and deliver feed. The cost of this work will be very little.

The organization does not desire to solicit too many members at the present time but would like to have persons in the exchange that will put up quality products.

At the present time it is necessary for the producer to deliver his or her eggs to the person designated in Warrenton. This person delivers the eggs and collects for the previous delivery.

I will be glad to go into the matter with anyone desiring to do so and explain the objectives of the organization to them.

I am sure that this exchange will grow and that in the future it will not be necessary for the person producing a few dozen eggs to peddle them out over town and accept any price the buyer wishes to offer.

Through a standard product is the only way we will ever demand a price for our commodities. To accomplish this feat it is necessary

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Building Submarine To Explore Floor of Ocean for Lost City

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 30.—Sunken cities—possibly even the "lost continent" of Atlantis—may be visited by a snubnosed submarine under construction here.

The 22-foot craft, equipped with wheels so that it may crawl across the floor of the sea, is to be used primarily in an endeavor to obtain shellfish and to recover bullion from submerged vessels at depths hitherto beyond reach.

But Simon Lake, of Milford, submarine pioneer who is building it, looks beyond commercial possibilities into the realm of scientific exploration.

"We know that cities in the West Indies, in the Black Sea, and near Japan have been submerged by earthquakes, tidal waves or other forces," Lake said.

"Some undoubtedly lie on the bottom of the Mediterranean."

"There is no reason why this submarine, if its tests are satisfactory, cannot be used to look for these ruins, photograph them and bring articles from them to the surface."

Lake hopes that the submarine will descend 250 or 300 feet.

Large enough to hold four men, it will be operated by electric power from a surface ship.

It will contain powerful searchlights, and a compartment from which divers may have the craft to walk on the ocean bottom.

"There is one place I should like to explore particularly," Lake said.

"In the region where Colonel Lindbergh took photographs of Mayan ruins in Central America, a

road paved with stones leads directly into the sea.

"Sixty miles away is an island on which a road of similar stones also leads into the sea.

"If this submarine were to traverse the ocean floor between these two points, it would seem that ruins of ancient cities might be discovered."

Lake has been collecting scientific data on submerged cities. He also has been reading tales of Atlantis, which some writers maintain was an entire continent that sank into the sea.

He had formed no conclusion, however, as to whether such a land actually existed.

About two months' work remain on the submarine before it is tested

in Long Island sound and then at Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Farmer Swears Off Sitting Up At Barn

TARBORO, Dec. 2.—A farmer sold his tobacco at a low price is quoted as saying: "If my wife gets sick I will sit up with her, if my children get sick I will sit up with them, if my horse gets sick I will sit up with him, but I'll be damned if I ever sit up again with a tobacco barn."

A machine which produces motions similar to those of an earthquake has been invented in Japan to test different types of construction.

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