

# Today and Tomorrow

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

**DEMOCRACY . . . and us**  
I hear people saying everywhere that "democracy is on trial." The implication is, of course, that the democratic system of giving every citizen an equal voice in public affairs is still an unfinished experiment, that isn't working out any too well.

Well, we have been running on that system for considerably more than 150 years, here in the United States. We've had plenty of our own trouble, but as I look back over my own lifetime, and read what happened before that began, it seems to me that democracy as practiced in this country has worked better than any of the systems that have been tried anywhere else in the world.

I don't think it is perfect, by any means. But neither is anything else that involves human nature and human relations. But any system that in a comparatively short period of time can raise the poorest nation in the world into the richest, spread the benefits of civilization and comfort among a much higher proportion of its people than any other system, anywhere, has ever done, can't be altogether bad.

**IMPATIENCE . . . trouble**  
Most of the world's troubles come from trying to do things in too much of a hurry. That is true in the case of individuals; it is particularly true in the case of those groups of individuals which we call nations.

I know that about all the real trouble I have ever had in my life has come about because I was too impatient to wait for results but tried to force events to happen before the time was ripe for them. And I am certain that nine-tenths of the world's troubles today root back to the same sort of impatience.

If it were not for impatience we would not see Russia today under the domination of a ruthless and despotic handful of Bolsheviks, Italy controlled by a dictator, Germany under the iron heel of a tyrant. Grant that the purposes of all of these and other dictators is the noble one of making their countries better places to live in—in the future. I prefer a system which gives the living present first consideration.

I have seen too many predictions go wrong to believe that any kind of large-scale planning for the future of a whole people can ever work out according to plan. Even single individuals responsible to nobody but themselves, seldom find that their plans for themselves will work.

**REFORMERS . . . through years**  
I have no quarrel with those who would remake the world. I can think of quite a few improvements that I could wish we had. But I cannot work myself up to enthusiasm for schemes to remodel civilization, or any minor part of the human scene, by any swifter processes than the slow ones of education and evolution.

The reformer is always a fanatic. That is not a term of reproach. It means merely a person possessed of one idea, who is perfectly sure that he alone is right. Practically all of the progress the world has made has been instigated in the first instance by fanatics. Sometimes they have been right. Usually the thing they have urged upon the world comes about a few centuries or so after they have sowed the seed.

Any proposal for reforming the social order is a dream until it has been talked about long enough to make a controlling majority of the people believe in its possibility. And even then there is no guarantee that they will like it, after they have tried it.

**FOLKWAYS . . . ingrained**  
The habits, customs and outlook on life of any given race, group or nation are conveniently referred to as "folkways." They are the ideas handed down from generation to generation, the ways of doing things which have become so natural to the group that they are "in their blood."

Anybody who wants to bring about a radical change in social relations needs to watch his step when it comes to interfering with the folkways of a people. He may succeed, by violence and terrorization, in enforcing outward compliance with the new order, but down underneath the folkways will still assert themselves.

In the back country of Italy, I was told by a wise Roman, the peasants go to church, like the rest of the people, but the folkways ingrained for thousands of years before Christ remain with them. They believe, among themselves, in what they call "la vecchia religione"—the "old religion" of their pagan ancestors.

I notice that Mr. Hitler is having plenty of trouble trying to regulate

## New Hauptmann Attorney



TRENTON, N. J. . . . Edward J. Reilly (above), noted criminal lawyer of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been called in to take charge of the Hauptmann defense in the Lindbergh kidnaping trial, scheduled for Jan. 2nd, 1935. Mrs. Hauptmann retained Reilly in a change of lawyers.

the religion of the entire German nation. Mussolini was wiser than to try anything of that sort.

**CHURCHES . . . salvation**  
Somehow, I can't escape the feeling that a good many ministers and a good many churches are going outside of their province in taking part in or encouraging efforts at wholesale reforms. I speak as a churchman and a profound believer in the message of the church. But when I hear ministers taking part in economic discussions and encouraging the idea of making the world over night, I wonder if they believe that salvation of any kind can be accomplished except one by one.

When I am inclined to get impatient with the slowness of humanity's progress toward perfection I go home and re-read that great old book by John Bunyan, "Pilgrim's Progress."

## Farm Questions And Answers

Question: Should a laying mash be fed to molting hens?

Answer: Molting birds require just as much feed of all kinds as the laying birds and, in most cases, they need a little more of the protein elements. In addition to the laying mash the birds should have a plentiful supply of oyster shell or ground limestone and grit before them at all times. Animal proteins, greens and succulent feeds together with the laying mash will bring the birds into lay much sooner than if the mash is left out of the ration.

Question: What is the best ration for a dry cow during the winter?

Answer: No better practical winter ration for the dry cow can be had than legume hay and corn silage together with three to five pounds of a grain ration containing around 16 per cent protein. For the last two weeks, before freshening the grain ration should be restricted to laxative grains such as wheat bran and oats. Full directions for feeding all dairy animals are contained in Extension Circular No. 193, copies of which will be mailed free upon application to the Agricultural Editor, State College.

Should lime be applied to sour land in the fall or spring?

Answer: As lime is a slow acting agent fall applications will usually give best results. Broadcast the lime on newly plowed land and then run a harrow once or twice over the field to bring the lime in contact with the soil. The winter rains will cause the lime to seep into the soil. The amount to apply will depend upon the acidity of the soil and the crop to be grown the following year. See your Farm Agent for a test and follow his directions as to the amount of lime needed.

## Bill To Cut Liquor Tax Is Announced

Washington, Nov. 14.—A movement, long-heralded, to slash the taxes on liquor drastically was formally announced Saturday. Representative Emanuel Celler of New York, ranking Democrat on the house judiciary committee, said that on the first day of the new congress in January he would introduce bills to cut taxes and tariffs on liquor in half and to abolish the federal alcohol control administration.

He said many of his colleagues had agreed to support the legislation at the January session.

**Legal Dealers Ruined**  
"Strict regulations placed on legitimate distillers and brewers have almost driven them out of business. Along with high taxes and tariffs, they have made it possible for the bootlegger to flourish," Celler, author of the Celler liquor prescription act, said.

"The new bottle regulations whereby the source of origin must be imprinted on the bottles has

placed a premium on those bottles, and incidentally, their contents," he contended. "The bottles are being used over and over, bootleg stuff being substituted for the real article."

**Bootlegging Thrives**  
Celler said the only thing constructive the FACA had proposed was a "reduction in taxes on liquor and beer."

"We who led the fight for repeal wanted to drive out the illicit liquor industry and end bootlegging, but the tax of \$2 a gallon on liquor and a \$5 a barrel on beer, not only has permitted both to flourish but has failed to bring in the revenue expected," Celler said.

Celler said that "rum row off the Atlantic coast is about as big as in the days of prohibition, but if the tariff was lowered from \$5 a barrel to \$2.50, it would disappear."

## Patrol Arrests 772 In October

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—During October, the State Highway Patrol arrested 772 persons for violation of traffic and motor vehicle laws and, of this number, including 136 drunken drivers, 754 were convicted and sentenced. All sentences totalled 801.

On the other hand, the patrolmen merely spoke sharply to 6,275 persons whom they warned of minor infractions and extended courtesies to 1,029 others, according to the report issued by Captain Charles D. Farmer yesterday.

Property recovered, fines, costs and revenue collected by the patrol during the month totalled \$48,062.

In the performance of these duties and many others, the report of the Patrol's activities for October, shows that the State highway police travelled a total of 139,301 miles in 19,688 hours, consuming 4,356 gallons of gas and 1,019 pints of oil.

Patrolmen investigated 143 accidents during the month. Fifteen persons were killed and 99 were injured in these accidents. Thirteen stolen cars were recovered.

Total collections as a result of the patrol's efforts were \$46,062.63, divided as follows: property recovered, \$5,938.40; fines, \$13,570.95; costs, \$6,253.27; revenue collected, \$20,299.91.

## Auto Sales Indicate N. C. Recovering

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—On the basis of new automobile sales, North Carolina appears to be the second most "recovered" state in the union. Out of 19 states reporting to the statisticians of the R. L. Polk Company, of Detroit, North Carolina ranked second in the sale of new automobiles this year and seventh in the sale of trucks.

The Polk company's figures were sent to L. S. Harris, director of the State Motor Vehicle Bureau, who said that the State showed an increase of 65.9 per cent in auto sales over last year and 76.2 per cent in truck sales. No greater percentage increase is shown by the other 18 states reporting.

Sales of new cars this year, to date, total 40,383, against 24,683 for the same ten months last year. Truck sales increased during the same period from 5,505 to 9,690.

## Woman Relaxes Ditch Vigilance

Philadelphia, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Nana E. Scott, 66 years old, relaxed her vigilance Saturday and the enemy moved in.

A trench she guarded day and night for three weeks fell into the hands of the city engineers she has defied. Workmen were dumping two truckloads of earth into the ditch in front of her house when she appeared.

"I tried to stop them," she said, "but six men held me and I couldn't do a thing except scream. Two men held my hands and two more stood on my feet, while one seized my throat, and the other grabbed the back of my neck. I was almost choked."

The battle between Mrs. Scott and the city is incident to the widening of a street on which she has abutting property. She was offered \$25,000 for the property, half of the amount in city bonds. She wants 100 percent cash.

Since the trouble started three months ago the house gradually has been torn down about her head. Three weeks ago when sewer pipes were dug up in front of the house, Mrs. Scott leaped into the excavation.

Saturday her American flags were taken down and her rough bed was pulled up before the fill was made. She says it was the first time the place was left unguarded.

After the trench vanished she got a cot, set it over the fill, wrapped her head in a towel to keep out the noise of the workmen, and settled herself for a renewed vigilance.

## Reporter Finds Out Its Cold

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 15.—The wind howled a chill refrain across the roof of the 10-story Chamber of Commerce building and if Jimmie Thompson didn't know it, he knows it now.

Thompson is a Greenville newspaper man. He wanted to see what the instruments had to say about the weather. So up he went, overcoatless intending to stay only a few minutes.

**Door Slams**  
But the heavy metal door on the roof blew shut after him. It blew shut and the wind went right on with its chill refrain, too, but nobody heard him.

He yelled to the people on the streets below; he yelled at the Palmetto building on the north; he screamed at the Blue building on the south. The wind blew his calls for help back into his teeth.

**Bright Idea**  
Finally he found a nail, wrote a note: "please tell Chamber of Commerce building elevator operator a man is locked out on the roof" and dropped it to the street.

A man found it, delivered it and Thompson was liberated after half an hour's freezing.

"The weather instruments can go hang," he said. "I know what the weather is. It's cold."

## In Memoriam

MRS. J. A. HOUSE  
Susan Pitts Drake was born in Warren county, North Carolina, October 8, 1855 the daughter of

## Weds Prisoner's Wife



LOS ANGELES . . . Above is the bride of Judge Guy F. Bush, and who was the wife of John H. LeGrand, the latter now serving a two year sentence for larceny. LeGrand was tried and sentenced by Judge Bush.

Major W. C. Drake and Sallie Twitty Drake, his wife. She passed from this life into life everlasting November 10, 1934, in her eightieth year. Her early years were spent in the home of her father and in teaching school in her native county of Warren.

In October 1879 she was married to Joseph A. House, of Halifax county. To this union were born ten children, nine surviving; six sons, Arthur and Henry of Weidon; Ernest and John of Thelma; Joe of Enfield and Robert of Chapel Hill; three daughters; Mrs. G. R. Scoggin of Warrenton; Misses Sue and Mary of Thelma; three brothers and two sisters, Mrs. A. F. Brame, Mrs. P. S. Reeks, F. M. and M. M. Drake of Warren County, and H. F. Drake of Richmond, Va., and a number of grandchildren.

J. A. House was for many years Sheriff of Halifax county, and the home of Sheriff and Mrs. House was

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The mortal remains of this good woman have been laid away in the peaceful family burying ground, where the birds will sing, where

flowers will bloom, and where nature will smile throughout the long years of eternity. The immortal soul has taken its flight and gone back to God who gave it; Sweet Mother, Sister, Grandmother, friend of all, good bye for a while, but as the years roll by, and as one by one, we cross over the river, we will meet you on that beautiful shore where parting is no more.  
M. M. D.

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