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What Bodes the AAA Decision

THERE is little doubt that the Agricultural Adjustment Act has been the administration's most successful measure to improve agricultural prices, albeit there may be room for considerable argument as to the extent of its influence in bringing about healthier economic conditions in general.

Now that the AAA has gone the way of the NRA we all are wondering what the outcome will be. We sincerely hope the farmers will suffer no more than the industrialists after the Supreme Court clipped the Blue Eagle's wings; but we fear the parallel will not lead to the same conclusion. It would be interesting to wait and see; but it would be foolhardy.

Because industry continued to improve after the NRA was invalidated does not necessarily point to continued improvement in agriculture since the Supreme Court has ruled against the AAA. One thing that has kept industry on the up-and-up is the increased income of farmers, a large part of which is directly traceable to the AAA benefits. With diminished exports it is gravely doubtful if industry's momentum toward better days will carry agriculture with it. More likely the farmers' lessened buying power will retard industry's climb.

Yes, it would be an interesting experiment in economics to follow a laissez faire policy just for the sake of seeing whether the affirmative or the negative side would win. But such would be a dangerous experiment at this time. We hope congress is not of a mind to try it, but rather it will developed enough foresight to see through the situation and provide some substitute legislation that can stand the acid test of the courts. Unless it does, we fear agricultural America is in for a bad case of jitters before the next harvest ripens.

Concerning Sex Hygiene

SEX hygiene has been kept in the dark so long that the actual facts concerning it have not only been obscured, but also grossly distorted through the bootlegging of misinformation. It therefore is an encouraging sign when magazines of the better kind face the situation squarely and endeavor to give their readers accurate knowledge on the subject. One publication which is following this commendable policy is The Progressive Farmer, which in a recent issue printed an article by Dr. F. M. Register, from which we quote this significant passage:

SIX FACTS ALL SHOULD KNOW

(1) Syphilis is the most prevalent disease that we have. In 1914 in the German army there were 19 cases of venereal diseases per thousand soldiers. In the United States army in 1914 there were 167 cases per thousand or 30 cases of syphilis per thousand. In the same year it was estimated that in the civilian population of the United States 18 out of every 100 had syphilis, either acquired or inherited. At the same time, 1914, it was estimated that 250,000 people died from these diseases every year.

(2) Having syphilis and being cured does not prevent another case developing upon renewed exposure to the disease.

(3) Syphilis is one of the few diseases that are hereditary: "Sins of the father to the third and fourth generation."

(4) Fewer primary cases of syphilis are innocently acquired than of any other disease. The cases innocently acquired are negligible.

(5) Syphilis is one disease that could be completely stamped out if each individual would will that he would not have it.

(6) Syphilis is a disease that there is no vaccine or serum to prevent. It is the one disease that the individual who has it in primary stage can blame on no one but himself.

HELL-BENT FOR ELECTION ——— by A. B. Chapin



BRUCE BARTON Says:



MUCH TO DO, PIONEERS

Mixed up with a great deal of justifiable complaint about existing social conditions there is a certain proportion of plain ordinary self-pity. It expresses itself after this fashion: "You who are older have grabbed all the opportunities. You had it easy in your day. If you couldn't find a job, or if you didn't like your job, there was always the land. You could pioneer."

Seen through the rozy haze of emotion, the pioneers appear as a company of hardy young men and women, with their attics full of ham and potatoes and their cellars full of hard cider—dancing barn dances and holding husking bees. But what were the facts? You get a glimpse of them in a recent biography called Old Jules by Marie Sandok, daughter of a Nebraska sod-hut pioneer.

Merely to escape starvation, Old Jules was driven from one homestead to another, a half-dozen moves. Sand storms and drought destroyed his crops; his cattle died from lack of food or water or were frozen to death in terrific shelterless winters. He had to fight off thieves and wolves, and labor from star-light in the morning to moonlight at night. Four wives wore themselves out trying to carry on with him; he could hardly have been punished more by sentence as a galley slave.

His case is not exceptional. Out of the multitudes who started West with the Forty-Niners, only a few arrived: thousands traveled only a little way before the privations drove them back.

The western frontiers are gone, it is true, but if any boy or girl has in him the courage of the pioneers he will not be downed in this age, any more than he would have been a hundred years ago. Courage is timeless; so, unfortunately, is self-pity.

TOO MANY BABIES MEANS WAR

On the subject of Peace I am a middle-of-the-roader and am accordingly shot at from both sides. My prepartness friends criticize me as a contributor to peace movements; my peace-at-any-price friends regard me suspiciously because I advise a strong national defense.

The horrors of war ought to be inoculated continuously also with the serum of caution against foreign propaganda. Thus far I go along with the peace workers.

But when they talk about the cause of war they frequently talk nonsense. The World War, in its effects, is still going on; the depression of 1919-23 and of 1929-36 are as much a part of it as was the Battle of the Argonne. Is anybody so child-like as to think that Big Business is as well off today as it would have been if peace had reigned since 1914?

The real causes of war are not bankers or battle-ship builders or scheming politicians. The real causes are babies. Havelock Ellis pointed this out years ago in Essays in War-Time. The French did not want it. The German people did not want it. But in forty-four years the Germans had increased from forty millions to eighty millions—there was the war pressure. Today Soviet Russia has about sixty people for each acre of tillable land; the United States has a hundred. But Italy has more than four hundred; Germany more than five hundred; and Japan more than twenty-four hundred!

The nations with declining birth-rates cry, "Peace." The crowded nations talk about their "destiny." The rulers who make war are not rulers really; they are distracted nurses, at their wits end because of too many babies.

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Texas is the second rice-producing state in the union, being exceeded only by Louisiana.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Macon County Building & Loan Association will be held in the Building & Loan Office in the Bank of Franklin Building on January 16, 1936, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

All stockholders will please be present either in person or by proxy.

This 6th day of January, 1936.
R. S. JONES, Secretary.

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CHURCH Announcements

FRANKLIN METHODIST

Chesley C. Herbert, Jr., Pastor
(Each Sunday)
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
6:45 p. m.—Epworth League meeting.

7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.
Carson's Chapel
(Each Sunday)
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
3:15 p. m.—Preaching service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor
Franklin
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school. J. E. Lancaster, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.—Preaching service—sermon by the pastor.
7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting.
Morrison Chapel
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school. Bryant McClure, superintendent.
3:30 p. m.—Preaching service—sermon by the pastor.

EPISCOPAL

Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
St. Agnes, Franklin
(Sunday, Jan. 12)
10:00 a. m.—Bible class.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Prayer and sermon by the rector.
Incarnation, Highlands
(Sunday, Jan. 12)
10:00 a. m.—Church school.
3 p. m.—Evening prayer with sermon by the rector.
(Wednesday, Jan. 15)
7:30 p. m.—Bible class.

CATHOLIC

Catholic services are held every second and fourth Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the home of John Wasilik in the Orlando apartments, the Rev. H. J. Lane, of Waynesville, officiating.

FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. William Marshall Burns, Th. C. Pastor
Sunday
9:45 a. m.—Bible school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
6:30 p. m.—B. T. U.
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service.

On November 1 the sun passes the meridian about 16 minutes before the clock shows 12; in February it passes the meridian 14 or 15 minutes after 12.