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Something Is Wrong

Martin County last season produced bumper crops after a full diversified program, but today only a few farmers are able to finance their operations for the new year. The farm problem continues a serious one, indicating that something is radically wrong with our economic system.

There is no doubt but what some farmers, a goodly number maybe, squandered their income and wandered away from a strict farm program, but when an entire industry goes begging at the hands of the money lenders something is wrong, and the blame in its entirety is not to be charged to the farmers. Too many farmers have worked themselves almost to death, enslaved their wives and children in the fields and done without the bare necessities of life in an effort to measure up to the demands of our modern economic system. A few farmers have failed in good years, but when a majority of farmers fail in good years, it is time to act.

There are those today who would withdraw appropriations that are certainly deserved, cut the farmers adrift and hasten the day when the tillers of the soil would be reduced to the status of serfs. A bitter opponent of the agricultural program said the other day that the farmers are getting into the habit of looking to the government for handouts, intimating that the farmer had no right to claim a subsidy along with the airplane, the ocean liner, manufacturing and other agencies that are being liberally subsidized by the government.

Until the day the government tears down the tariff walls, withdraws its subsidies to other agencies, then let the farmer share equally and fairly along with other industry.

Williamston's Parking Problem

After expressing a keen interest in the town's parking problem and showing a willingness to relieve the situation, the local commissioners have taken no definite action toward that end, allowing the problem to drift along.

The street department systematically paints the parking lines. Why this is done is one big puzzle, for when local drivers start to park a white line on the pavement means no more to them than a flea on an elephant's back in Africa.

Haphazard parking is common on local streets where ten cars take up fifteen spaces at times.

Indifferent To Our Own Health

Modern medicine although aided by astounding scientific discoveries is experiencing a great struggle in advancing the public health. The scientist has cleared many of the barriers with his test tube and experiments, but he finds a difficult line to pierce in the indifference traceable to the people, as a whole.

We are content to accept those drugs that stimulate our actions when we are sluggish and to gobble up the pain remedies. While on the other hand we refuse to recognize, as a whole, the value of those basic health policies that offer relief from many ailments and diseases. After all these years, smallpox is still in the land. It is true that the disease has been virtually stamped out, but not until people were compelled to submit to vaccination. Health authorities find it necessary to carry diphtheria toxin-antitoxin to infants instead of parents carrying their little ones to the doctor. About half the people in Martin County were immunized against typhoid last summer. What about the other half, and how many of the first fifty per cent would have made a visit to the doctor for protection?

Just recently a leader of a nation-wide movement to fight cancer spoke in Williamston. About 60 people of the many thousands in twenty-six counties were interested enough or found time to hear what that speaker had to say. Just a few blocks away from the house where the speaker earnestly pleaded for action against a disease that continues to gain in the race for human life, men and women sat in idleness, puffing out cigarette smoke and discussing what were more than likely idle and insignificant

matters of feminine wear and the high-score prize.

Criticize them for their indifference? No. But their indifference to such vital matters should be pointed out as one of the main obstacles in the paths of progress in health and in the field of other sciences.

We dig our way into the grave and then turn to the scientist pleading with him to snatch us from the clutches of death.

Traveling In The Opposite Direction Of Economy

Much has been said about economy as it relates to agriculture, but a glimpse at the pages of the Congressional Record from day to day clearly indicates that somebody isn't traveling in the direction of economy. Scores of individual relief bills are introduced nearly every day. Labeled S. No. so and so or H. R. No. so and so, the bills call for the relief of so and so.

Possibly the subjects need relief, are entitled to relief. But Mr. Congressman and Mr. Senator so does agriculture need relief, and is entitled to relief.

What The Rich Would Do To The Poor Labor.

Economy League. The Twin Brother Of The Liberty League. Submits A Plan To "Balance The Budget"

As fine a piece of propaganda as has appeared in a long time, was "played up" on the first page of practically every daily newspaper in this country recently.

The National Economy League, coyly described by the Associated Press as "a private organization with headquarters in New York," told the country how Uncle Sam's budget might be balanced. It's all amazingly simple, according to the League. Just reduce appropriations by \$1,745,000,000, levy additional taxes of \$431,000,000, principally on those in the lower income brackets, and take about \$700,000,000 from the government's lending agencies.

The slash in appropriations is to be confined to relief of human beings—idle workers and distressed farmers. Reduce work relief from \$1,433,000,000 to \$603,000,000; the public works fund from \$764,000,000 to \$350,000,000; and farm relief from \$861,000,000 to \$500,000,000.

The C. C. C. fund is to be cut in two, the number of youngsters in the camps reduced from 230,000 to 166,000, and their allowances from \$30 a month to \$5. The National Youth Administration is almost wiped out; the number assisted being reduced from about 600,000 to approximately 20,000.

Under this "set-up" the W. P. A. would be forced to reduce its allowance per family to about \$20 a month and special relief for poor farm families would be abandoned.

At least 40 per cent of the entire burden of relief would be tossed into the laps of the states and municipalities, with all the consequent misery which we have witnessed in Ohio, Pennsylvania and other states.

Of course, the funds for national defense are sacred—they are not to be touched. On the contrary, revenue from additional taxes is to be devoted to preparing for future wars.

In a word, the Federal government is asked to go back to the worst days of the Hoover regime.

The Associated Press tells us this proposal is sponsored by "a private organization," but it gives us no information as to who is supporting that private organization. Fortunately, we have official records to supply the necessary light.

The National Economy League was created back in the late '20's, primarily to oppose taxation on the rich. It's original spokesman was Henry H. Curran, and its backers were the duPonts and others of that type. It got its chief notoriety by opposing payment of the soldiers' bonus.

When the Liberty League came in, the Economy League passed out of the picture as a propaganda agency, the reason being that the same people were back of both movements. Apparently the Economy League is being resurrected and will pick up the ball where the Liberty League dropped it.

In 1936, a senatorial committee, headed by Hugo L. Black, then a Senator from Alabama, and now an associate justice of the Supreme Court, investigated the National Economy League and dug up some extremely interesting facts. It found that the men who were lavishly financing the National Economy League were almost entirely officers of big banks and huge corporations, and that the same gentlemen were putting up the money for the Liberty League.

Here are some of the "angels" as revealed by the Black Committee: The House of Morgan; First National Bank of New York; the Corn Exchange Bank; Bankers' Trust Company; Kuhn-Loeb and Co.; the duPonts; Bethlehem Steel; Berwyn-White, most notorious of anti-union coal operators; the Edison Electric Institute, propaganda agency for the Power Trust; William Randolph Hearst, and so on, through a list as long as "Joe" Louis' right arm. It reads like a "Who's Who of Wall Street."

Of course, Congress is not insane enough to accept the advice of the National Economy League, but the League's report, so extravagantly "played up" by the daily papers, supplies us with a blueprint of what the very rich would like to do to the very poor in this country. They can't put over their scheme at this time, but they hope to be more successful if they succeed in carrying the next presidential election.

American workers must see to it that our country is not subjected to such a catastrophic disaster.

Defies Census



Republican Daniel A. Reed, New York representative, declares he will risk jail rather than answer "snooping" questions by census takers. He objects particularly to proposed questions on value of property, mortgages, interest rate and other queries on income, and declares he is confident parts of the census are unconstitutional.

Defends Census



Director of the census bureau, William L. Austin testifies before Senate commerce sub-committee and defends questionnaire. The committee was holding hearing on resolution by Senator Charles W. Tobey that the questionnaire be modified; that income questions are a violation of civil rights.

Seniors To Present Play Here March 19

Can you tell the truth and nothing but the truth for twenty-four hours? You will want to see what happens when a young man makes a \$10,000 bet that he can tell the whole truth for twenty-four hours. Make plans to see the Senior Class Play on March 19. At that time, the seniors will present "Nothing But the Truth," a 3-act royalty play by James Montgomery. This play was written from a novel by the same name, published by Samuel French, of New York. It was first produced at the Longacre Theatre, New York, in 1916.

The scenes of the play are typical in business life. The first act occurs in the interior of a broker's office in one of the principal uptown hotels. The second and third acts are presented in the summer home of E. M. Ralston, Long Island. Many exciting incidents are revealed in these acts of the play.

Surely with a bunch of flirts on your trail you'd have a hard time keeping wives and sweethearts from being suspicious. What a cast upholds the hero, Juan Crofton. The play couldn't help but be a success with these characters ever asking questions: Juan Crofton, R. J. Hardison, J. E. Boykin, James Daniel Nicholson, Arthur Anderson, Nancy Biggs, Ray Leggett, Katherine Manning, Marjorie Dunn, Maude Taylor and Carolyn Lindsley.—Reported.

Happenings In The Farm Life School

Although our boys came down in defeat in the tournament held at Atlantic Christian College last week, they enjoyed what was to all of them a new experience. The boys bowed to a stronger Stantonburg team to the tune of 26-10, with Leslie Manning bagging most of the points for Farm Life. Basketball was not the outstanding feature of that trip, for Coach Ward's boys attended the swooning of "Gone with the Wind" while in Wilson.

Those making the trip besides Coach Ward, were: Tom Daniels, manager; Clifton Ward, Leslie Manning, Herbert Leslie Manning, Howell Peele, Dalmar Manning, Cecil Brown, Bennie Daniels, Joe Daniels.

The delayed February meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association was held in the school auditorium last Tuesday evening. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Eason Lilley, the vice president presided. Following the business session, the sixth grade entertained the audience with a program centering around the life of Longfellow.

The students have begun practice on the contests to be held in Williamston on April fifth. We're hoping to furnish keen competition to the other schools in the county.

A short play based on "Safety" was coached by Rachel Gurkin, a fourth grade student, and given by the third grade in chapel Friday. The program was very well given.

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff will visit the school Friday afternoon at 1:30 and give his free motion pictures. The public is extended a cordial welcome to see the pictures. A free will offering will be taken.

Ashe County Farmer Increases Egg Production

By trap-nesting his poultry, Lawton Woodie of the Nathan Creed community in Ashe County has been able to obtain hens laying more than 200 eggs a year for breeding work.

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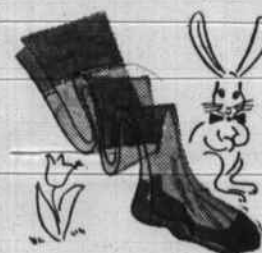


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