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Profits

According to figures analyzed by U. S. Government statisticians, the United States Steel Corporation in 1936-39 had average annual profits of \$45,098,000. In 1941, the corporation's profits soared to \$157,160,000. Last year, the corporation's profits dropped a bit to \$157,094,000, but they were still more than three times greater than they were before the war. The figures here represent profits after taxes.

It is quite possible that the OPA has the above picture in consideration when it refuses to take the ceilings off steel prices. And it is also quite possible that the steel workers know about the treble profits, meaning that there'll be a wage increase demand and a strike if the demand is not met.

On Ignorance

By Ruth Taylor

Ignorance is a contagious disease, particularly when it is hitched up to an unwillingness to learn.

I read this the other day and it is so good I'm passing it on to you. "Ignorance is the school of prejudices, and provincialism is its tutor. Its memory is stuffed with lies and its mind is warped by emotionalism. Pride is its book and snobbery is its pen. All the hatreds and fears, all the cruelties and prejudices of childhood are perpetuated by it. It blinds the intellect and it hardens the heart. Its wisdom is wonderful and fearful; for it never learns what is true, and it never forgets what is false."

The only cure for ignorance is knowledge. "Men will be brutal so long as they believe absurdities," Voltaire said.

The ignorance of the other man is not our personal problem. It is our own ignorance that must be met and mastered. We can be so big, we mustn't be tiny — we can be so big, we neither look up nor down at other people—but straight ahead at eye level with our fellow men. That is the mark of the educated man.

We must know not only our own side of the case, but we must study the other fellow's side. As we yearn to know each other, we think more clearly, prejudice is broken down and attitudes

change. But it requires a willingness to learn and to understand.

There are many different yardsticks for understanding, but none has ever surpassed the Golden Rule. If we would use this, we would never allow the jealousy or envy that is ignorance to stifle and deaden our better impulses.

Our Daily Bread

By Ruth Taylor

"The history of the world is the record of a man in quest of his daily bread," so wrote Hendrick Van Loon.

The price of wheat has been responsible for more wars than has patriotism. Primitive man wandered along the streams in the valleys or by the shores of lakes or oceans, searching for food, and, from the exigency of his quest—from the instinct for self preservation — arose the struggle with his fellows.

The fertile valleys of the Mediterranean—Egypt and the valley of Mesopotamia — were overrun by hordes of the hungry from less fertile regions. Conqueror after conqueror swept over the land, coming in, fierce with hunger, devastating, settling, giving birth to new culture, and in turn being overthrown by other hordes of the hungry. And while hunger does not now drive people in companies from their homes and pour them into other lands, any threat which excites the old hunger — fear, arouses the war spirit and stirs the migrating impulse.

More new nations have been brought into existence by the cost of wheat than by the policy of self determination. Indeed the small nations have all had the need for food to back up their patriotism. Having been conquered nations, they felt like people in a rented house paying too much for something they did not own. They blamed the scarcity of food or supplies, high prices and everything they did not like on those who ruled. That is why there is so much internal disturbance after a nation frees itself. The people cannot see why they do not at once get everything they thought would come with freedom.

That is the danger this winter. That is the practical "why" for feeding hungry, war-torn Europe. Hungry men do not reason. Hungry men grasp at straws. Hungry men strike out blindly and will barter their birthrights for food for their families.

In our daily prayer we say "Give us this day our daily bread." Note that we pray "us" and "our", not "me" and "my". Nothing can be for one alone. Whether it be freedom or food, — it must be for all. Can we not, must we not, share our bread with the hungry?

The Example Of Smolensk

Before the war Smolensk, a Russian city 200 miles west of Moscow, had 176,000 inhabitants, 8,000 buildings, 96 factories, 17 schools of higher education, 19 libraries. After the war it has 25,000 population, 700 buildings, no factories, no schools of higher education and no libraries. This sort of thing is one reason that the Russians feel pretty strongly about a hard peace for Germany.—Milwaukee Journal.

Goals

There must be profits, dividends, graded wages and salaries, bonuses and pensions. Without these there is no energy, no efficiency, no ambition, no self-development. Fancy a football game without goals.—Herbert N. Casson.

Crop Disease Loss Is Many Millions

Losses from diseases on the major farm and truck crops of North Carolina run into many millions of dollars annually, and many of these losses can be prevented or reduced with a great saving to growers, says Howard R. Garriss, Extension plant pathologist at State College.

He gives a good example of what may be done by citing the record of L. S. Dilday of Ahoskie township in Hertford County, who dusted 5 acres of peanuts with sulphur to control leaf spot diseases and left another 5 acres undusted as a check in the same field.

When yield records were taken by Dilday, he found that the dusted peanuts had yielded an average of 2,142 pounds of nuts per acre as compared with 1,491 pounds for the undusted area, a gain of 651 pounds of nuts per acre.

Garriss believes in being conservative. In estimating what may be accomplished in dusting peanuts in North Carolina, he says that if half of the peanut acreage in the State were dusted with sulphur to control leaf spot diseases and if the gains were only one-half as large as those obtained by Dilday, the result would be about 49 million pounds of extra nuts, valued at about 4 million dollars on the basis of October 15 prices. Garriss says that County Agent J. W. Ballentine of Hertford and other county agents of the State College Extension Service in the peanut area have done an excellent job in calling the attention of growers to the need for fighting leaf spot diseases on peanuts and that their work on this one crop alone is saving their growers large amounts of money.

Tests have shown that the cost of dusting can be paid for by the increases in the yield and quality of the hay.

In a study made in Vermont, it was found that the average damage to an automobile involved in an accident was \$56.20 when it was traveling 10 miles an hour or less. When the car was traveling over 50 miles an hour, the average accident damage was \$454.67, according to the National Safety Council.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In the Superior Court.

In the matter of James S. Rhodes, Frank A. Rhodes, Janet M. Waller and husband, Luther H. Waller and Bessie M. Mitchell and husband, Asher W. Mitchell, and James S. Rhodes, administrator of the Estate of W. S. Rhodes, deceased.

Under and by virtue of an order of sale entered in the above entitled proceeding on the 3rd day of December, 1945, the undersigned commissioners will on Thursday, the 3rd day of January, 1946, at 2 P. M., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash

on the various lots hereinafter described the following described real estate, to-wit:

a . . . Lying and being in Hamilton Township, Martin County and State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of B. B. Taylor, Roanoke River and others and commonly known and designated as W. S. Rhodes Mill Landing Lot.

b . . . Lying and being in Hamilton Township, Martin County, and State of North Carolina, containing 29.38 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 12 of the Dr. M. I. Fleming farm, as shown by a plat of same, made by Sherman Clodfelder, C. E., on the 14th day of Dec. 1923, a copy of which said plat is of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Land Division Book No. 3 at page 66 and being the same land deeded to W. S. Rhodes by Virginia Carolina Land Corp. and others, by deed dated Dec. 18th 1923 and of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book T-2, at page 281.

c . . . Lying and being in Hamilton Township, Martin County and State of North Carolina, bounded on the N. by Main Street, on the E. by the lands of Annie Jones, on the S. by the lands of Ben Stalls Estate, and on the W. by the lands of Rufus Burnette Estate, being the house and lot in Hamilton, N. C., occupied by Claude Salsbury

d . . . Lying and being in Hamilton Township, Martin County and State of North Carolina, bounded on the N. by the Methodist Cemetery and Slade-Rhodes & Co., on the E. by the Howell land and the Roanoke River landing, on the S. by Main St., the colored Baptist Church Lot and a lot belonging to Slade-Rhodes & Co., and on the W. by the first street E. of Front Street in the Town of Hamilton, being commonly known and designated as W. S. Rhodes Groves Lands.

e . . . Lying and being in the Town of Hamilton, Martin County and State of North Carolina, beginning on Front Street at the N. E. corner of the Dr. Long Drug Store property, thence along the line of the Drug Store property to the line of Slade-Rhodes & Co. Store Lot to Main Street, thence along Main Street, to the first street W. of Front Street in the Town of Hamilton, thence along said street to Highway 125, thence along Highway 125 to the Clayton House land, thence along the line of Clayton House to the property of Richard Raynor, thence along the line of Richard Raynor to Front Street to the beginning and being the land in the town of Hamilton on which is situated the Sherrod house, the house occupied by Lonnie Green, the house occupied by Rebecca Wilson, the W. S. Rhodes stables, and several vacant lots.

Some of the above described tracts will be divided as lots and offered for sale as lots.

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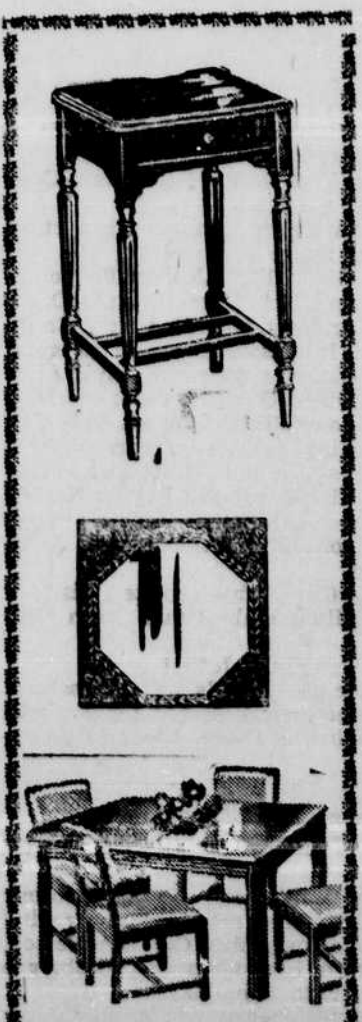
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