

# The History Class

**THE MARQUIS**  
Of the heroes whose names and deeds loomed large in the Revolutionary War, the Marquis de Lafayette is one of the most interesting. There was a fellow who lacked a lot of being the "stuffed shirt" history books have pictured him.

Lafayette was a member of one of the greatest and noblest families in France. He was a tall, blond, blue-eyed youngster—well bred, courteous, mannerly and not at all like the puffed-up sons of most of the wealthy noblemen of his day. He first heard of the American Revolution from a brother of the King of England—and the report, naturally, was not favorable to the colonists. Lafayette immediately decided to get in—but on the side of the English.

The Marquis wasn't old enough to vote when he reached America. He was barely 20—and he had run away from him because when his family had discovered his intentions of going to America, they had secured from the King of France in order to lock the young man away in the Bastille until he came to his senses. He left France in disguise.

His first experiences in the new land were hardly happy. Before leaving France, Lafayette had received from Silas Deane,

one of the colonists' two agents, the promise of a major general's commission. In the meantime, the Continental Congress had learned of Deane's habit of promising every Frenchman a high commission, and had put down the official foot. No more commissions for foreigners—the Colonial troops wanted to be led by Americans.

So Lafayette was given the brush-off when he finally arrived in Philadelphia and sought an audience with Congress. The young Frenchman was heavy of heart. He couldn't go home and say America had no place for him. He had come to help—and been thoroughly snubbed. So he sat down and wrote a masterful letter to Congress, offering his services without pay and as a simple volunteer.

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The letter did the trick. Congress apologized, welcomed the lad and on July 31, 1777, made him a major-general in the United States army.

Where did Congress get the idea of snubbing the Frenchman? Well, they got it from George Washington, who had specifically requested that no more Frenchmen be made officers. But it was Washington who accepted the

# Experiment Unit Releases Bulletin

"Factory Meets Farm in North Carolina" is the title of a new bulletin just released by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, and free copies are available to residents of the state who request them.

Dr. Francis E. McVay, assistant agricultural economist for the Station, wrote the bulletin, basing it on a recent survey of farms and industries in Gaston and Davidson Counties. It was his aim to show the relationship that now exists between agriculture and rural industries and the effect on rural people.

"Whether industrialization is the answer to southern economic problems, is still an open question," says Dr. McVay in his introduction. "But long strides were made toward increased industrialization during the recent war... It is because the South is still rural in character, but changing rapidly as industrialization proceeds, that a study of the effect of industry upon agriculture is important at this time."

One of the first findings of the survey was that even in 1943 when the farm labor force was low, many farm families in the survey counties were underemployed. Dr. McVay observes that, "other things remaining equal, employment could not be given to this unused labor simply by increasing the cropland acreage alone." In other words, if the farm family was to be fully employed it has to depend at least partly on nearby rural industries.

Many of the off-farm employment opportunities offered low wages and has few seasonal variations in labor needs that matched fluctuations in the farm labor supply. Nevertheless, these opportunities helped considerably in raising the income of farm families.

In his summary, Dr. McVay reaches the conclusion that more rural industries would certainly improve the plight of farm families. "The part-time farmer, who at present ekes out a living from farm and factory, might leave farming entirely if he could find full-time off-farm work at higher wages," the economist concludes. "Higher non-farm incomes would undoubtedly raise the incomes of full-time farmers who remained on the farm. This would, in turn, enable them to finance more mechanization and thus step up their efficiency and income."

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Cattle and calf slaughter in 1947 was the greatest on record and much larger than in 1946. The unusually large slaughter is sharply reducing the number of cattle on farms. Slaughter in 1948 will be less than last year's record, according to the U. S. D. A.

Of these plantings produced good yields.

# Recreation Runs Into Big Money

Expenditures in the recreation industry in 1946 amounted to an estimated \$16,845,000,000—or nine and a half percent of our total national income.

The nearly seventeen billion dollars represents an increase of 109 percent over 1939 recreation expenditures. The total is greater than the combined value of all goods produced by the iron and steel, automotive and textile mill industries in the United States during 1939.

Expenditures for 1946 include: Food and beverages, \$3,362,000,000; sport clothing, sport shoes and accessories, \$1,071,000,000; personal care, \$231,000,000; hotel and other lodging—rentals, \$449,000,000; transportation, \$5,141,000,000; admissions to spectator amusements, \$1,684,000,000; parimutuel net receipts, \$160,000,000; non-vending coin machines, receipts, \$130,000,000; specified commercial participant amusements, \$299,000,000; "other" informal re-

# Farmers Should File Tax Returns

The beginning of a new year means that income tax reporting time is here, says C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of Farm Management for the State College Extension Service, and farmers along with most other people will have to consider filing their returns.

Many Tar Heel farm families will not have to pay any income tax, Mr. Ratchford said, but the greater majority of them will have to file a return.

If you are in doubt as to whether you have to file a return, then here is the deciding factor. If the gross income from your farm was more than \$500 during the year, you should file a return. Since all farm expenses may be deducted along with the personal exemptions of \$500 for self, \$500

for wife, and \$500 for each dependent relative, this will mean that a large number of farmers will not have to pay any tax. However, there is a severe penalty for not filing a return. Farmers should study the instructions issued with the income

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# State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of Agronomy for the State College Extension Service, says that he has no proof or disproof of the theory that moon phases have effect on corn planting, but he does have the results of the Experiment Station of corn in which they paid no attention to the moon phases but have averaged 78 bushels per acre with good fertilizer and cultural practices.

The Agronomy department now has the planting dates of approximately 509 members of the 100 bushel corn club and these will soon be tabulated in relationship to planting dates and moon phases. A superficial examination of these results, Dr. Collins said, would indicate that good corn yields can be obtained on most planting dates. For example, in Davidson County, members applying for membership in the 100 bushel corn club planted their corn on the following dates: April 1, 10, 12, 19, 22, 25, 27, 29, May 1, 2, 5, 15, 23, June 2, 5, and 10. All 20-year-old Lafayette with open arms and grew to love him like a son.

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