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Judge Smathers

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when he went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. for a checkup in 1928.

After that Judge Smathers tried just about everything that other arthritis victims had tried.

"I lived exclusively on milk for two years on fruits and vegetables for two more. I underwent 21 agonizing artificial fever. Most all the cures, even submitted me to many painful and unsuccessful operations and hot baths.

I managed to survive these desperate measures. He could give me but no cure for arthritis.

Now this nurse-in-law-to-be studied me, my jaw sockets twisting the chair so far to one side that it was affected by the constant ache in my every bone. I spend 95 percent of my time in bed.

Now there are something Judge Smathers found that caused the nurse to change completely his attitude toward the suffering.

In 1940 at a Canadian clinic Judge Smathers wrote:

I met a man wounded in battle. As a man horribly mutilated by gunfire.

Yet in his bright eyes I saw a spirit that I needed. Not from doctors or from God. I was convinced of this. Until I met Sgt. Joe Mc-Fadden I had a few friends and relatives. But I was essentially selfish. I was living for myself.

It was then I realized that the reason that had captured my self-centered heart was his love.

I could be a better husband, a better father, better friend. I could seek success in some worthy cause that I could be proud of. I could make my life count for something unforgettable in serving God and men.

He did not give up.

He came to this conclusion:

"That what I needed most was an all-powerful living God to live a close and personal life.

Judge Smathers made his life-long decision at that moment. From his reading he learned the corruption in the political machine. He set for the best for state and nation.

He found that his suffering was less.

"Slowly I am building up a reserve of resistance to the ravages of the chains of invalidism."

He also learned:

"In the silence of the night sickness can sharpen the voice of God.

"When fate restores his health the invalid sleeps a night or two perhaps and then he is up and about again. He resumes his business and his God.

From those days of struggle he wrests a triumphant knowledge that he is free. He sees himself not as the victim of the universe but as a free man.

Every man has begun to see that the great opposite of life is not death but fear.

Overcoming the fear engendered by his illness has built up the judge's resistance to other ailments, he said.

"Faith" he exclaimed "Will I ever get over that?"

Judge Smathers closed his story with these words: "I am looking forward to living again."

Junior Grayling Williams has suspended his activities as a member of the Boy Scout Troop of Bethel Presbyterian church.

Easter Bunnies Get Around

IT USED TO BE [illegible] was a timid quiet creature who could do little more than sit, stare and be petted. But lately the Easter bunny has changed with the result that you can find him in almost everything from a wide variety of things. Here are samples of the [illegible] from Petsmart Pet's novelty mart of New York.

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Bankers

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banker, the county agent, and the soil conservationist.

Increasing production by increasing the yields per acre, and the carrying capacity of the pasture.

More extensive mechanization—getting the state's agriculture as far away as possible from the Man with the Hoe.

Livestock and dairying.

Increasing income by reducing operating costs.

And fundamentally, the necessity of the Tar Heel farmer to adapt himself to the tremendous change that is taking place in American agriculture.

Running through the major tasks also was the fact that agriculture has grown from the self-sufficient farm to a highly complex business requiring acute managerial skill.

Extension Agronomist P. H. DeHart of the Virginia Agriculture Extension Service, speaking on the importance of replacing lost plant food, declared that the development to the best of ability of the area's basic asset is the concern, not only of the farmer, but of everyone in the community.

The real basic asset in this five-county area, he said is the 326,000 acres of forest land, and about 445,000 acres of crops and pasture.

He added:

"This is the source of wealth for this area. The present and future wealth of all people who live in this area will depend to a large extent upon how well this asset is developed and conserved.

The fullest development of the [illegible] depends on the [illegible] of Dr. DeHart said, on these three groups:

Farmers, bankers and agricultural workers.

The lack of plant food is probably the greatest handicap to the fullest development of the basic assets in this area, he said.

"The productive ability of the soil depends on plant food," DeHart told his audience. "It requires a certain yield per acre to break even.

"If the plant food limits the yield at the break-even point, the farmer will never get ahead. High yields bring him away from this point.

"If money that is loaned is used to buy poor seed, both the borrower and the lender will be behind the eight-ball."

To increase and conserve soil fertility, conservation is not enough, he said, at another point.

"We have soil that has a very low fertility level and this basic fertility must be restored through the use of lime, legumes and plant food.

"Then this fertility must be conserved through good farming practices."

In discussing means of building up and conserving the soil, he advised the establishment of crop rotation which he described as a cheap way to build up land.

He also advised the farmers to use commercial fertilizer only as a last resort. First he said he must use plant residue and legume then conserve, adding the commercial fertilizer to make up plant food deficiencies that might remain.

Dr. J. H. Hilton, dean of the State College School of Agriculture, urged the establishment of a more efficient livestock industry to help balance the state's agriculture.

He pointed out that 82 per cent of the state's income is from cash crops. Of this, 71 per cent comes from cotton, tobacco, and peanuts and 16 per cent from livestock.

The three big cash crops are produced, Dr. Hilton declared, on only 25 per cent of the state's tillable land.

The state has the resources to fill the requirements of such an industry, he added, pasture, labor, feed, has production.

The state has 1,000,000 acres of land that are idle.

The feed for such an industry must be produced, and the state's farmers can do that.

Research work has boosted production of corn per acre nine bushels in four years. The research in the development of hybrid corn has resulted in research to find better fertilization and cultivation methods. In the next ten years he said corn production is expected to average 40 bushels per acre.

In reference to pastures he said 300,000 farms in western North Carolina alone can, [illegible] grow as good pastures as there are in any other section of the nation that in these five counties, farmers now have better pastures and better pasture seasons.

In three years, he declared, 300,000 new acres of improved pasture have been added in the state.

He pointed out that an efficient livestock industry will keep farm labor employed the year round, instead of just seasonally, that livestock takes more capital over a long period of time.

"If we will use the agricultural information we know now how to use it, and apply it on the farm," he said, "if we work as a group with the farmer, the banker, there will be more progress in the Southeast than in any other section of the nation."

In summary, he declared we should keep and develop our cash crops, build a livestock industry and develop a stronger educational program if we are going to make progress.

Farm Management Specialist M. S. Williams of State College told the audience that the "real challenge for the future calls for higher production per man, per acre or living standards will have to be lowered."

It takes 2½ to three acres to supply one family, according to estimates, he said, and the United States has 460,000,000 acres with which to support a population of 145,000,000.

There is no land shortage yet, he declared, but he emphasized the importance of high production underlining the importance of mechanization in farming for this high production.

The trend, he said, is away from horse and mule-power, and toward the machine.

"And the farmer will have to go along with it, or quit."

In North Carolina, he noted, [illegible] the farms particularly in the section "is not prepared for mechanization and he admitted, it would be hard to justify a tractor on a 20-acre farm. But he added the point can be made.

Edward V. Wagner, vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Va., outlined a bright future prospectus for the five-county area.

"Some 60 families in declared income from the area's high production and created 58 farms.

And I covered the importance of teamwork on the part of farmers, agricultural workers, and bankers in the realization of the farm's greatest possibilities.

As for credit, Mr. Wagner cited figures from a recent report.

From December 1941 to December 1947, U. S. bank deposits increased 115 per cent.

In the five counties in this area bank deposits increased, in the same period, 185 percent to 340 percent, more than double the national average.

"We have the opportunity now," he declared. "It depends on what we do about the money we use."

He referred to Dr. Hilton's description of livestock being the balance wheel in agriculture, declared that dairying ties the man close to the home and to the community.

He referred also to mechanization, good farms, successful farms, constantly being an dividend power.

"The man with the tractor is definitely superior to the man with the mule."

And the difference, he added, is capital.

Mr. Wagner told [illegible] a dairy farm in Virginia that was heavily in debt was transformed into a [illegible] operation that produced a net income of $6,000. The change [illegible] was effected [illegible]

K-F Adds New Type Sports Sedan To '19

IT LOOKS JUST LIKE a convertible, but the Kaiser "Virginian"—newest Kaiser-Frazer [illegible] has an all-steel safety top under its padded, satiny covering of nylon. The sports sedan features driver vision front and rear, plus the 112-h.p. engine and other mechanical features of the [illegible]

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Bob Gibson

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He certainly [illegible] the [illegible] that also features [illegible] of the west of Scotland.

Bob's [illegible] Bob's old Tommy and Dave and Nancy saw the [illegible] in the Pigeon River. Bob's [illegible] of Pigeon River, knew how Bob felt. A [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]