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THE AMERICAN WAY

Not A Pleasant Outlook

By: **GEORGE PECK**

Beaming out of a very dark potato situation, (dark, that is, for U. S. taxpayers), there is one bright ray of sunshine.

After permitting Canada to ship 7 million bushels of potatoes to this country during the current year, while purchasing 22 million bushels of potatoes from our own American potato-growers, our Government awoke from its coma, or whatever it was that ailed it. It suddenly realized the absurdity of spending American taxpayers' money to take Canada's surplus potatoes off her hands—at a very, very fancy price.

So, having tumbled at long last to the folly of supporting potato prices in both Canada and the United States, word was passed along to the Canadian authorities that Uncle Sam would be forced to cut off this flood of un-needed potatoes into the United States.

And, here's the bright ray of sunshine in the dark potato picture. Toronto Saturday Night, in its issue of December 4, 1948, carried an editorial entitled "Hot Potatoes," in which it said in part:

"In the United States, the heavy crop has pushed prices down to the FLOOR set by Congress. Prices fell here, too, but were cushioned by exports to the United States where, in effect, Canadian potatoes came to rest on the American FLOOR. This, naturally, did not suit the U. S. authorities who were paying out U. S. taxpayers' money to support Canadian prices.

"The flow from this country had

to be stopped and RELUCTANTLY OTTAWA UNDERTOOK THE JOB. If there had to be temporary controls at the border, it is better that we, rather than the Americans, should administer them for then we can, at least, be sure that they will be taken off when their purpose has been served."

So, there you have a pleasant spectacle of the Canadian-Government beating us to the punch, by its taking the necessary action to remedy a situation which it realized was unfair to the taxpayers of the United States.

This incident definitely proves that nations can amicably settle their differences if they have the will and spirit to do so. It is to be hoped that this lesson in good international relations will come to the attention of every member of the United Nations.

And now that Canada voluntarily has shut off the flow of her surplus potatoes to this country what does she propose to do with that surplus? She has guaranteed to Canadian potato growers that next spring she will buy whatever potatoes are left over after the winter. Canadian taxpayers will take over where U. S. taxpayers left off.

And, at what conclusion does Toronto Saturday Night arrive regarding all this? It hits the nail squarely on the head in the final paragraph of its editorial, which reads as follows:

"What has happened to potatoes may well happen in one form or

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His Growing Years

Lesson for January 16, 1948

DOUBTLESS God can do anything he wants to do. He could have sent Jesus to earth on a moon-beam; he could have had him for the first 30 years of his life on a lonely peak in the Andes, far from any human dwelling; he could have sent him into the world full-grown, without ever having to go through the grind of growing and learning as the rest of us do.

But God did not plan it that way. If the manhood of Jesus was to be real, and not a hothouse facsimile, he had to come up the hard way. Angels do not grow, they just are; but human beings grow. The great difference between Jesus and ordinary mortals is not that they grow and he did not; the difference is that he grew straight.

No 'Good Chances'

THE world around us makes its impression on us; it makes no impression on dolls. They go on smiling their built-in, painted-on smiles, but we have to learn through tears. And so did Jesus. The heavenly Father saw to it that his experiment was not always easy ones. He was born in a stable, or perhaps who were very poor, living the first few years of his life as a "displaced person in a foreign country, with a price on his baby head.

He grew up in a village "off the main line," among companions not one of whom ever became famous, working through long years at a simple and not too well-paid trade. During Jesus' first 30 years his neighbors never guessed that the most extraordinary person of history was living in their village.

We sometimes wish that we had an easier time of it, and that God had seen fit to cast our lot in some big city with a rich family, instead of where we are. We feel we could be better people if we "had a chance." Yet every reader of these lines has a far better chance than Jesus. It did not take perfect surroundings to shape a godhead.

Holy Family

WE CALL Joseph and Mary and the rest the "Holy Family," but they were not known that way in Nazareth. They were just Joseph the carpenter, and his Mary. Then there were the boys and girls; Mark (8:3) tells the boys' names, but no one ever remembered to put down the sisters' names. Even then it was no small family. Jesus, as the oldest of seven, would have many responsibilities. After Joseph's death he would be the chief breadwinner. Seeing that the rest was wild, that there was grain in the house for Mary to grind into meal, finding money for clothes for seven growing children—this could not have been easy for Jesus the young-carpenter.

They were not an easy family to live with, these boys and girls. When Jesus later began his work of teaching and healing, we hear that even his brothers did not believe in him. But in spite of the brothers, there was always Mary. Elizabeth, she loved her first-born as no other could or did.

There are some who worship her as "Queen of Heaven," but it is enough for us to remember that she who queen of the home where Jesus the child grew to be Jesus the man. Not this side of heaven can we know how much we owe, as Christians, to this one woman, whose mind and spirit were woven into the thought and spirit of her Son.

Home Memories

INDEED, Jesus whole boyhood I was woven into his manhood. Among his most precious memories are those of our growing years. Later on, we can see how Jesus' mind was bright with memories of home. The parable of the parched peasant, of the barren fig-tree in the meal of the poor woman, of the hungry neighbor at midnight, of the son who said "I go" but did not go — these and many others may well be echoes of Jesus' boyhood home. Deeper than these are Jesus' habits of prayer, his fondness for calling God "Father," his familiarity with Scripture even in death's agony — these surely are patterns learned in childhood's growing years.

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another to any farm product. This is what PRICE SUPPORT and FLOOR PRICES get us in for as the world food supply gradually slides back to normal and as farm prices fall back into a normal relation with the rest of the economy.

Under and by virtue of the authority and power granted under Section 44-2, General Statutes of North Carolina, pertaining to liens on personal property repaired, the undersigned will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at Trotter's Garage, in the Town of Beulaville, N. C., at Twelve O'clock Noon, on the 15th day of January, 1949, the following described property, to wit:

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Grady Mercer, Atty.
Beulaville, N. C.
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day qualified as Executor under the will of George Maready, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before December 17, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, please make immediate payment.

This the 13th day of December, 1948.

Mrs. Epy M. Maready
1-15-21 PAID RDJ

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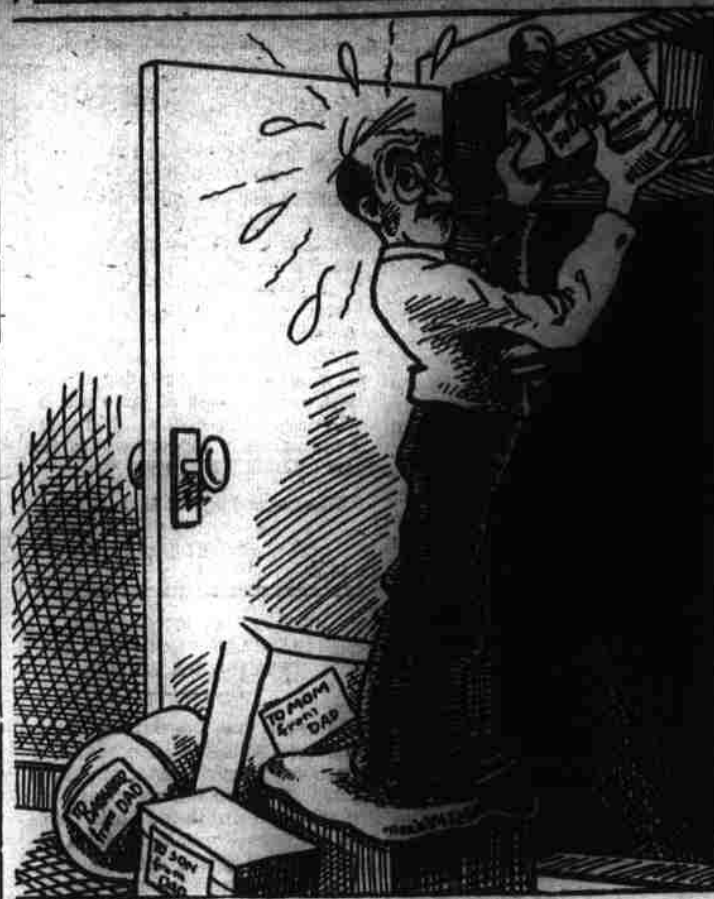
The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of Henry Baker, deceased, late of Duplin County, Smith Township, and having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Duplin



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This the 17th day of December, 1948.

Claudia Baker, Administrator of the estate of Henry Baker, deceased, Route 1, Beulaville, N. C.
H. E. Phillips, Attorney Kenansville, N. C.
1-28-21 HEP

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of Thomas Webb Smith, deceased, late of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of December, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of December, 1948.

Norman W. Smith, Administrator of the estate of Thomas Webb Smith, deceased, Seven Springs, N. C. Rt. 1.
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United States Government Securities	46,911,808.07
Obligations of Federal Agencies	20,829,833.92
State, County and Municipal Securities	2,126,595.33
TOTAL BONDS AT COST LESS VALUATION RESERVES	69,868,237.32
Loans and Discounts	5,596,648.10
Accrued Interest and Other Assets	411,729.59
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures and Real Estate	264,513.39
	\$97,049,044.24

Liabilities

Capital Stock — Common	500,000.00
Capital Stock — Preferred	100,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	632,758.42
Reserves	501,250.00
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