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THE FUTURE OF OUR FARM YOUTH

Most young men come face to face with the necessity of deciding what they want to do with their lives, where they want to live, and what they want to do. In years gone by many of them have decided farm life was too lacking in comfort and opportunity, and have heeded the call of the city. For generations the farm has furnished America the fresh blood of the cities.

The depression arrested this cityward movement. Repelled by unemployment and city distress, one million farm boys who would have moved to the cities in normal times, stayed on the farm during the 1930-37 period. Backed up on the land, this youthful army accounts in large part for the increase of one-half million new farms since 1930. Unfortunately, many of these new farms were carved from old worn-out land, ill suited to farming.

In recent years, especially, country boys looked out upon a city world of unemployment and uncertain living. They have seen former farm boys returned during the depression, tired and broken, to the shelter of the old home place.

In these days of widespread unemployment, the advantages of farming as a career should not be weighed too lightly; on the other hand, the disadvantages must be faced. The boy who decides to remain on the farm should have a determination to work with others to overcome these disadvantages.

Farmers have developed a full-size inferiority complex. They have come to regard themselves as city people often regard them—poor business men, unfortunate left-overs on the land, poorly educated and rather behind the times in styles and tastes. Because farmers have been somewhat blinded by the surface glories of the city, they have come to think these things may be so.

If farming is to come into its own as a satisfying way of life, the oncoming generation must quit this silly inferiority complex. Those who would make farming a profession should come to it with heads up, full of pride of occupation, and with that love of the land that makes life close to it good for them.

In all American history there was never a time so ripe for intelligent thinking, for farm youth is undoubtedly at a great turning point. What young men and women now living on farms think and do about farm life may profoundly affect the lives of future generations of farmers.

The theme of this discussion is that farm life offers some real attractions such as good food, long life, chance to acquire property, and a satisfying family life; but offsetting these advantages is the likelihood of low farm prices.

As the war rages on the farm boy is gradually finding a vital spot in the defense of his native land. In the National Defense program farm youth has been found to be more capable of carrying out their part of the burden to a higher degree of perfection than the boy trained in the city. So let's give our praises to farm youth as we carry on this great battle for the land of the free, and the home of the brave. —(Young Avery Citizen)

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| Erosion Soil erosion is costing the United States more than \$3,800,000,000 a year and has already damaged half the land of the country, reports Soil Conservation Service Chief H. H. Bennett. | CO-OPS Farmer co-ops, with a membership of more than 3,000,000 producers, handled a \$2,000,000,000 business during the 1939-40 marketing season, says the Farm Credit Administration. |
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PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

Yancey County Larger Parish
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Rev. A. L. Roberts, Gen. Director
 Rev. Paul H. Merkle, Pastor
 John S. LeFevre, Dir. of Christian Education.

Services as follows:
 Burnsville First Church: Sunday School, 10 a. m.; Worship, 11 a. m.; Women's Missionary Society, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.; Union service of the Burnsville churches every 5th Sunday, 7:30 p. m.
 Banks Creek: Sunday school, 11 a. m. Worship 2nd and 4th Sundays, 6:30 p. m.
 Higgins: Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 3:30 p. m. Young People, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 3:30 p. m.
 Lower Jacks Creek: Sunday school 10:30 a. m. Worship, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 3:15 p. m.
 Low Gap: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p. m.
 Mine Fork: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship, 2nd Sunday, 3:30 p. m.; 4th Sunday, 2:00 p. m. Young People, Saturday, 1:30 p. m.
 Upper Jacks Creek: Sunday school 2:00 p. m. Worship, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 2:00 p. m.
 Prison Camp: Worship, 2nd Sunday, 2:00 p. m.
 Week-day Bible Classes: Clearmont school, Fridays, 10:15 a. m. Bee Log school, Monday.

At a meeting of the Upper Jacks Creek congregation on Jan. 19th, the following were elected as trustees: Carl Jobe, Latt Evans, and Turner Silvers.

Church leaders in French Broad Presbytery will meet in the Marshall Church on Jan. 23rd for a conference on "An Adult Program for The Needs of Today." The conference convenes at 4:00 P. M. with a Devotional Period. Leaders will be Dr. J. S. Armentrout, Director of Leadership Education, and Rev. Willis Lamott, Director of Missionary Education, both of the Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia, and Rev. C. E. Cathey, Secretary of Christian Education, Nashville. It is expected that several from Yancey County will attend.

We are glad to learn that the appeal for clothing for school children, made by the Welfare Committee of the Woman's Club, has been successfully met by the people of Burnsville. This is a living answer to the question "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The building fund for a church at Mine Fork is growing steadily. We rejoice that this is coming to pass.

We hope that each church in the Parish will adopt the Lord's Acre Plan for the coming year. Some have tried it in years past and know about it. The Rev. Dumont Clark proposes to come and help each church organize Lord's Acre committees and get a good start in helping itself financially. In the "Farmers Federation News" Mr. Clark says: "It fires the imagination to think that through this plan of God the opportunity is given to almost every one in the country church to cultivate a farm crop or to raise farm stock for the Lord's purposes. So is given to the older members a way of setting a practicable and influential example of Christian stewardship. So is given to the young people and children a way of having a helpful part in the support of the church. And so it gives to all a most usable and useful means of growing cooperatively in the service and knowledge of God, and of building His Kingdom on earth."

It takes 5,204 men four years to build a modern battleship.



On Wednesday one hundred boys from Yancey county were accepted for enrollment in the CCC Camp. Our best wishes go with them as they take up their work of preserving our forests, conserving natural resources, fighting fires that threaten destruction, planting trees and many other phases of their worth while program.

This is designated throughout the nation as "National Thrift Week," and honors one of the greatest Americans, Benjamin Franklin. In addition to his teachings about thrift he invented many conveniences and was the discoverer of electricity.

And in case you are not enjoying all the thrift and benefits that electricity makes possible, talk things over with your local dealer today.

A salesman was stranded in Burnsville and approached a native.

"Got a picture show here?"

"No."

"A pool room or a library?"

"No."

"How on earth do you amuse yourselves?"

"Well, we go down to the grocery store in the evenings and watch the new bacon slicer work."

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Since 1900, more than 85 billion dollars was paid out in wages directly traceable to the automobile, and which would not have been paid out except for it.

Instead of wearing socks, men of Iceland fill their shoes with hay.

RIVERSIDE NEWS

Roy Duncan is seriously ill at his home. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burton and Miss Mary Duncan spent the week end with their brother, Mr. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKinney were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McKinney.

A supper and party were given Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave McKinney with the boys who were leaving for Fort Bragg as honor guests. These boys from Riverside were Otway Austin, Grady Gibbs, Charlie Pittman and present in addition to the above were Mamie Evans, Margaret Allen, Edith McKinney, Jack Edney, Sallie Gibbs, Mary McIntosh, Mittie Embler, Bryan King, Buster Stamey, Warren McKinney, Rollie Pittman, John McKinney, Lee Evan, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKinney, Charlie Wright.

The Hilliard Quartet was at Riverside church on last Sunday night and a large crowd attended. The Traveling Quartet of Micaville is expected to be with us next Sunday night.

Miss Mary McIntosh is ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McIntosh gave a birthday party at their home last Saturday night in honor of their son, Neally. Games and other forms of entertainment were enjoyed.

Ralph and Carl Bryant were visiting their uncle, Zeke Blankenship, last Sunday.

T. K. Riddle visited T. O. Wilson who is still a patient in the Marion hospital.

There have been no cases of flu reported in this community so far.

SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS

The State School Commission of North Carolina has recently issued a handbook on "Laws and Regulations Governing Public School Transportation in North Carolina." The number and frequency of school bus accidents could be greatly reduced if everybody would strictly observe these regulations. Pupils, especially, should pay particular attention to this section of the handbook:

1. To obey the bus driver promptly and cheerfully concerning your conduct on the bus.
 2. To be at the place designated both morning and afternoon ready to board the bus at the time shown on the posted schedule. The driver is responsible for the maintenance of this schedule and cannot wait for tardy pupils.
 3. To stay off the roadway at all times while waiting for a bus.
 4. To wait until the bus has come to a dead stop before attempting to get on or off.
 5. To leave the bus only with the consent of the driver.
 6. To enter or leave the bus only at the front door, except in case of emergency.
 7. To cross the highway, if necessary, after leaving the bus, in the following manner: (a) Make certain that the bus is stationary; that the door is still open; and that the stop signal is extended. (b) Cross in front of the bus within sight and hearing of the driver, look both ways, and stay out of the line of traffic until the path across the roadway is free from any danger. (c) Upon signal from driver or from a personal escort, proceed across highway.
 8. To keep head and hands inside the bus windows at all times.
 9. To observe class room conduct (except for ordinary conversation) while getting on or off and while riding in the bus.
 10. To keep the bus clean, sanitary and orderly, and to refrain from damaging or abusing cushions or other bus equipment. Eating is not permitted in the school bus during the school day.
 11. To occupy the seat assigned by the driver or principal and to refrain at all times from moving while the bus is in motion.
 12. To request the driver to stop the bus, in case of personal emergency.
 13. To refrain from the use of tobacco, and from profane and indecent language while riding on the bus.
 14. To cooperate at all times with bus patrols who have been appointed by the school principal or driver and to assist the patrols willingly in fulfillment of the duties to which they have been assigned.
- These are only a few simple rules, easy to keep and easy to remember. All students should "Be careful and save a life."

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