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Farm Income And Parity

The 1946 income of American farmers is estimated to be higher than ever before in the history of the nation, topping the previous high of 1945 by more than one billion dollars. The expert calculators figure that the farmers of this nation had gross receipts of more than \$23,000,000,000, which is about twice as much as they had in pre-war years.

It is interesting to note that most of the statistics that come to public notice, in regard to the income of farmers, relate to their gross receipts. It is more difficult to ascertain the net, and practically impossible to figure the average return on the invested capital of agriculturalists.

It has been apparent, however, for many years, that the farmers of the United States, as a class, do not receive a share of the national income in proportion with that received by other groups. This fact is the basis of the parity payments. Parity is a formula designed to give to farmers the same percentage of the national income that they enjoyed in selected base years.

It should be recognized that the years selected for the purpose, when economists consider that there was a normal economic balance in the nation, did not give the farmers of the nation anything like a proportionate part of the national income upon a per capita basis. Inasmuch as a sound agriculture is vital to the welfare of any nation, it is entirely proper that government, as far as possible, should take action to give farmers a fair proportion of the national income.

Teachers' Pay

All indications point toward an increase in pay for the school teachers, not only of North Carolina, but other neighboring states, and to our way of thinking the serious thought now being given to this matter has too long been delayed. The only hitch to the solution now, is the discussion among the politicians, who hold the purse strings, as to the size of the increase to be voted.

We believe some additional thought can be given to the matter, in that

some law should be passed whereby teachers would receive their salary on a 12 months basis instead of nine or ten months as the case may be. Of course there are some who would argue that so long as the teachers receive their pay what does it matter how they receive it, let them use it in such a manner as to take care of the three summer months when the teachers are not employed. Being human beings, and what with the now high costs of living, we believe that a permanent basis of a 12 months pay would work better for teachers as a whole, and would guarantee the teachers income during the months when they are not on the job of teaching. This plan would not only assist the teachers by spreading evenly their annual salary, but would be a remedy for some grumbling due to lack of salary three months each year.

Air Mail Not So Fast

The Government advertises the extended use of air mail to save time in the transmission of letters, but unless a direct air route connects the sender and receiver, our experience is that there is little time gained.

Hertford is not on a direct air mail route. Consequently, letters airmailed from here must be transported to an airport by train or truck and, unless the postoffice addressed is on an air mail route, must be similarly handled at the other end. Obviously, the chances of delay are tremendous.

Mainly, one of the greatest improvements in postal service would be a plan to make the air mail effective for a greater number of people. This means, naturally, the establishment of additional air mail routes, or special provisions for the distribution of mail from airports.

The Make-up of Man

One of the ideas which occurs and recurs in public discussions is the supposition that man has not, in his spiritual development, kept pace with the scientific discoveries and inventions that have increased his power over the material world.

This is a conclusion easy to outline but harder to prove. After all, there is no easy way to measure the spiritual development of men. The possession of great powers does not necessarily imply that the discoverers and inventors are without desired



U. S. ARMY'S SUPER-TANK IS A VERITABLE MOBILE FORT—This monster weapon, demonstrated recently at the Aberdeen (Md.) proving grounds, weighs 100,000 tons. It moves on double treads, each 18 inches wide, and mounts a high velocity 105-millimeter cannon and a 50-calibre machine gun. It is operated by a crew of four men.

NATIONAL GUARD INCREASED TO 600,000



Maj. Gen. B. B. Miltonberger, Chief, National Guard Bureau

MODERN MINUTE MEN—While the armed services as a whole are being reduced, just the reverse is true of the National Guard, according to Maj. Gen. Butler B. Miltonberger, chief of the National Guard Bureau. Allotments have been made to the states for 682,000 officers and enlisted men. Before World War II the strength of the National Guard was about 300,000. The National Guard Bureau, a division of the War Department Special Staff, is charged with representing the War Department in the joint responsibility of the Federal Government and the States for the National Guard.

The complete program, which is based on participation of citizen

soldiers under a universal training schedule will include 25 infantry divisions, 2 armored divisions and 84 tactical air units, plus many separate combat and service units. These are under complete State or Territorial jurisdiction, unless called into the Federal Service by the President. More than 5,000 company-sized Guard units will be organized. To date 327 have been federally recognized.

The supervision of such a large force, demanding in the key position a man who can give the National Guard the benefit of knowledge gained by long experience, is held by Gen. Miltonberger, who enlisted as a private in the Nebraska National Guard in 1916 and served overseas with the Fourth Division in World War I. In 1923 he was appointed a first lieutenant in the Nebraska National Guard and attained the grade of lieutenant colonel when his regiment, the 134th Infantry, was mobilized in 1940. Promoted to colonel, he commanded the regiment in the invasion of Normandy and was awarded the Legion of Merit for services in the action before St. Lo. Subsequently he was engaged in the campaign across France and for gallantry and leadership was awarded the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with clusters and the Bronze Star with three clusters as well as foreign decorations. He was assistant commander of the 35th Infantry Division and was appointed chief of the National Guard Bureau on February 1, 1946.

spiritual growth.

The fault, if any, cannot be laid to the scientists and inventors. It cannot be laid at the door of moral leaders unless one believes that the human race is incapable of individual thinking. It must be laid, if at all, upon the individuals who make up the human races now occupying the globe.

We imagine that in the declining days of the Stone Age, when men were accustomed to smash the skulls of their victims with rocks, the advent of the spear and sword led to similar conclusions as to the failure of man on the moral side. Certainly, the discovery of gunpowder and the development of rifles caused pessimistic prophecies as to the fate of mankind.

The airplane and other modern weapons, including the powerful atomic bomb, may prevent mankind with problems but, in the long course of the race, they are new only in details.

The make-up of man changes only slowly through the centuries. Despite the emotion-tumbers, there is no prospect whatever of a sudden about-face on the part of human beings. Only when individuals are intelligently persuaded of the beneficial effect of a desired course of action will there be hope for ameliorating the ills of mankind.

Price control by the government is about over; it will be succeeded by the control of those who have something to sell.

Explained

A well-known millionaire sportsman confesses that he has never yet entered a night club. This, no doubt, explains why he is still a millionaire.—The Humorist.

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BETHEL CLUB MEETS

The January meeting of the Bethel Home Demonstration Club was held at the home of Mrs. Ernest Goodwin. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. W. P. Long. "Follow the Gleam" was sung, followed by all repeating the collect.

The secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting and the year books were filled out.

Miss Frances Maness gave a play called "Food and Health" with the following taking part: Doctor, Mrs. Ennis Phillips; nurse, Miss Maness; patient, Mrs. E. J. Proctor; garden leader, Mrs. J. J. Phillips.

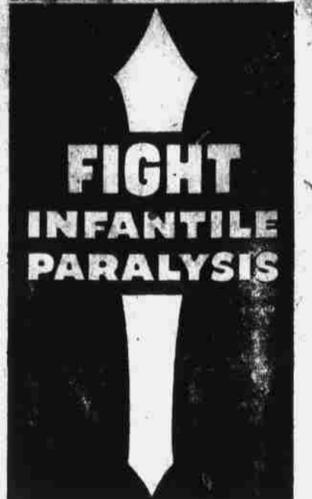
Mrs. C. E. White gave the contest with Mrs. Reuben Stallings winning the prize.

Those present were Mesdames W. P. Long, J. C. Hobbs, J. J. Phillips, E. T. Phillips, E. J. Proctor, Ruben Stallings, Jan Simpson, J. M. Ward, C. E. White, E. L. Goodwin and Misses Frances Maness, Gertie Campbell, Blanche Goodwin and Sarah Ward, and one visitor, Mrs. Lizzie Hoeller from Hertford.

During the social hour the hostesses, Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Leroy Goodwin, served orange fruit cake with whipped cream topped with pineapple, and soft drinks.

We can't say that prices have gone as high as they may go, but we can tell you that they are probably higher than they will stay.

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MY OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE IS OPEN EVERY DAY MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY TO RECEIVE TAX PAYMENTS.

Avoid Additional Costs—Pay Your Taxes Now!

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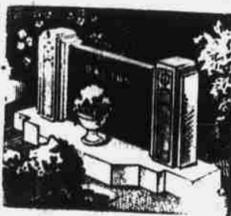
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