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Who Shall Drive?

Within the recent weeks we commented upon the address of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace that America must choose which course it was going to follow, particularly regarding its agriculture. These choices were recently summarized as follows:

"(1) National isolation—raising under strict regimentation only so much as we can consume at home and withdrawing from production anywhere from 40,000,000 to 100,000,000 acres;

"(2) A revival of international trade, accepting in payment for our goods the goods of foreign buyers and lowering our tariff wall to make this possible;

"(3) A middle ground, chosen as a matter of expediency, whereby only 25,000,000 acres of good land would be taken out of production and only one-half a billion dollars' worth of foreign goods would be admitted. He leans, he says, to the international rather than the nationalistic policy."

More recently the views of Secretary Wallace were discussed by John W. Davis, prominent attorney, who was the Democratic Presidential nominee in 1924, who said: "Assuming that the Government may do anything it chooses—a concession I for one am quite unwilling to make—I wonder why some advocate of decreased production has not proposed an alternative but even more certain method of abolishing farm surpluses."

"Why not enact that no machinery whatever should be employed in agriculture except hand implements, a horse-drawn plow and drag harrow? True, that would put more corns, if possible, on the farmer's hands and would probably starve a large part of the urban population. But it would do away with surpluses all right and new occupation as farm laborers would be opened up to those of the unemployed who were not too much weakened by hunger to reach it."

"Is it conceivable that American farmers or American citizens will submit to that sort of thing? Are they ready to support the army of Government agents, employes, inspectors, reporters and spies that would be used to carry it on? Have they not enough of these already? Are they willing to bow their necks to the flood of rules, regulations, proclamations and edicts that would be issued in order to fit their daily lives and conduct to the prescribed system?"

"If there are to be orders, somebody must give them. without impugning the high purpose and integrity of the great majority of our public servants, are we so sure of their constant wisdom, their disinterestedness, their ability to resist temptation, their freedom from political influence, that we are willing to trust them with unlimited power?"

"Every Socialist, every advocate of social discipline, of a planned economy, of a nationalist regimentation—call it what you will—must answer in the end this question: Who is to sit in the Driver's Seat and hold the Reins and Whip?"

"And the answer cannot be made in such vague collective terms as the State, the Government or Society, for these only move by human hands. Who are the men, gentlemen, that you would set to rule over us?"

"The farmer who raises more than he can sell suffers in not being fully paid for his efforts. That is unfortunate for him and bad for those whose prosperity is linked with his. To avoid this the Government steps in and pays him in advance to reduce his acreage and lessen his labor so that he may escape the danger of unrequited toil. But what it takes from the taxpayer to make payment to the farmer lessens so much of the taxpayer's return for his own effort."

"So that all that has happened in the end is that one man's burden has been shifted to another man's back. That may do for the moment, but as a permanent policy it is obviously unthinkable. For it is as true today as when Justice Miller wrote it, that for the Government to put its hand in one man's pocket and take money to be given to another is 'none the less robbery because done under the forms of law and called taxation'."

Mr. Davis raises the important question as to who shall sit in the driver's seat. He has been closely connected with Wall Street during a great part of his legal practice and is a Conservative. He does not yet realize how far America has left the old ways. One thing is quite certain, namely, that never again will America allow the financiers and capitalists to occupy the driver's seat and run the nation's business and finance in their own interest rather than for the public good. The suffering and experience since 1929 has been sufficient to make their resumption of unrestricted authority impossible.

REV. E. E. WYATT HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Members of Pleasant Grove church and a number of other persons honored the Rev. E. E. Wyatt on Easter Sunday, his seventy-eighth birthday anniversary, by setting a delightful birthday dinner on the lawn in front of the church. The Rev. Mr. Wyatt has been a minister for forty-two years and is considered as one of the county's best citizens, being highly respected.

The following persons were present: Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hindricks, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tilley, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Petty and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Richardson and daughter, Mrs. Cardie Osborne, Mrs. Levett Sheets and two daughters, Mrs. F. O. Richardson, Mrs. Floria

Jane Taylor, Mrs. Dallis Fender and two daughters, Mrs. Maude Wyatt and daughter, Misses Lauria Richardson, Bessie Hindricks, Grace Taylor, Dorothy Taylor, Faie Taylor, Minnie Richardson, Iva Grace Anderson, Eva Bowers, Carrie Hamm, Virginia Hoppers, Athline Hoppers, Lethia Brackins, Nervie Osborne and Josephine Petty Brackins, Emmett Petty, R. V. Osborne, Robert Bowers, Vester Mabe and two sons, Major Mabe, Robert Bowers, Talmadge Williams, Ray Long, Cox Long, Elzie Pruitt, Golden Anderson, Cal Richardson, Daniel Dixon and two sons, Kemp Brackins and brother, Posey Pruitt, Robert Joines, J. E. Osborne, Thelma C. Osborne, Howard Hendricks, Kermit Pruitt, Everett Hoppers and Dean and Jack Taylor.

It is thought that there would have been more people in attendance had it not been for an epidemic of measles which is prevalent in the community.

THE BOOK

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

by BRUCE BARTON

Patience Means Endurance

"Why do you call the Psalms poetry?" somebody asks. "They don't rhyme." Hebrew poetry does not consist of rhyme nor meter, but in balance of thought, a parallelism. One line says a thing and the next repeats it with slight and skilful variation.

In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof is no death.

Or the second line is an adversative clause: Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished; but he that gathereth by labour shall have increase.

Thus the balance and rhythm are not in the words but in the thought. Having in mind this distinctive characteristic, it is easier to understand why the Book of Job is called sometimes "the greatest poem" and sometimes "the greatest of all dreams."

Everybody knows Job, "the most patient man who ever lived"—a bit of knowledge based on the remark in the New Testament: "Ye have heard of the patience of Job." As a matter of fact, Job was about as impatient as a man could possibly be, and properly so perhaps, for he was the victim of trials quite undeserved.

The word "patience" as the New Testament writer uses it does not denote the moral quality of submission with cheerfulness to a hard experience, but mere endurance.

Job was a rich farmer, cattle owner and public-spirited citizen,

who headed all subscription lists and had the satisfaction of seeing his enterprises succeed and his children grow up with good promise. Suddenly calamity descends upon him. He does not know it, but his soul is to be tried.

Job's crops are destroyed, his barns burned, his children taken sick, and he himself breaks out all over with horrid boils. In this condition he is visited by a group of three friends—professional moralists and Pollyannas—and between them and him the dramatic debate ensues. They tell him just where he has been wrong and urge him to confess his sins to God and beg forgiveness. He responds sarcastically, "No doubt but ye are the people and wisdom shall die with you."

He denies that he has sinned and refuses to tell God that he has because it would be a lie; and he won't lie even to be relieved from all his misfortunes.

His conversation is far from meek, but you can't fail to admire his indomitable courage. In the end it triumphs. God says to him in effect: "Job, you have talked a good deal of nonsense, and you have been very impatient, but you have helped me to win out in my contest with Satan. He said that nobody on earth loves goodness for its own sake, and I told him that you do. He said I was wrong, but you have proved me right. I am proud of you, and I was never so proud as when you protested that you would not lie even to please me."

Piney Creek

Piney Creek, April 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Taylor entertained several of their friends Sunday at a picnic and egg hunt. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fender, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cox, Mrs. A. C. Sturgill, Mrs. Belle Blevins, Misses Ruby and Jessie Edwards, Reba Sue Cook, Mozelle and Sarah Blevins, Hazel and Elsie Fender, Ethel Huffman, June, Fay and Chariesine Cox and Jessie Douglas, and Blain and Kelly Neil Sturgill, Robert, James and Sidney Blevins, Hoak Fender, Butler and Billy Woodie, Dent Pugh and Claude Edwards. Everyone present seemed to enjoy the occasion.

Sarah and Mozelle Blevins entertained a number of friends Saturday night at a party. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Blevins, Misses Jessie and Lola Douglas, Mary Ruby Fields and Logene Pugh and Blain Sturgill, Guy Perry, Dent Pugh, McNeer Fields, Fred Pugh, Butler and Woodrow Woodie. Games were played and refreshments were served. All present seemed to have a good time.

GOVERNOR URGES SOUND FINANCING OF EDUCATION
Durham, April 3.—The annual Kappa Delta Phi Day celebration at Duke University here was culminated tonight by an address delivered by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, in which sound financing of the educational future of North Carolina was urged.

Calling upon the state to make an intelligent appraisal of educational problems, the Governor declared public education is a state function which would prepare us for citizenship and must be soundly financed, conceived and enterprised.

Advocating no particular taxation as a substitute, the Governor asserted the partial collapse of education, not only in this state but throughout the country, is due to the failure of the property tax to sustain education.

"We must see to it that the future financing of education is on a sound, broad basis, and that it is founded and supported in such a way that an adequate revenue will be available and occurring depression shall not permit its destruction," he said.

Laurel Springs

Laurel Springs, Mar. 28.—A number of cases of measles have been reported in the community, although it is hoped that the disease will not gain such headway as to necessitate the closing of the school. Persons who have been exposed to the disease have been asked to remain at home until all danger is passed.

Among those who have been ill with measles are Minnie Richardson, Howard Hendrix and Mrs. Lewis Church and son, Frank.

Mrs. Everett Hendrix is very ill.

Rose Marie Fender has been ill with laryngitis.

Mrs. Will Miller, who recently under a major operation, is now at home and is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Mabe are the parents of a son, born last week.

Mitchell Taylor is receiving treatment in a hospital in Johnson City, Tenn.

Edward Upchurch, who has been ill for several weeks, is improving.

Laurel Springs, Mar. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Houlthouser have announced the birth of a 10-pound baby girl on March 27. Miss Iva Grace Anderson spent Thursday in Sparta.

Mrs. Inez Sheppard, Winston-Salem, spent the Easter holidays at her home near Whitehead.

Mrs. W. T. Watson and daughter, Ruth, visited Mrs. L. T. Houlthouser Thursday.

Miss Elnora Watson visited at the home of Mrs. L. V. Anderson on Friday of last week.

Mother—Oh, Freddie, I thought we had all agreed to economize, and here I find you eating bread with both jam and butter on it.

Freddie—Why, of course, mother; one slice of bread does for both.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Administrator of E. L. Wagoner, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against his estate to present them to me within twelve months of this date, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

This March 30th, 1934.
4tc-26 AT B. B. WAGONER, Adm. of E. L. Wagoner, dec.

Farm Notes

THE POTATO OUTLOOK FOR 1934

A large potato crop is now in prospect for 1934 if farmers carry out their intentions to plant as recently reported to the Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The high prices now prevailing are due to the very short crops of 1933.

Reports from growers indicate that the United States potato acreage for harvest in the 1934 season may be expected to total over 3,400,000 acres or about 7 percent more than the 3,184,000 acres harvested in 1933. This prospective acreage with a yield of 110 bushels, the average of recent years, would result in a United States potato crop of about 375,000,000 bushels. It would exceed the 1933 crop by about 58,000,000 bushels, or 18 percent, and the preceding 5-year production by about 20,000,000 bushels, or 6 percent. Such a crop would be the largest produced since 1928, when considerable quantities could not be marketed because of low prices.

The demand for potatoes is fairly constant. Small crops during the past 25 years have consistently returned higher gross incomes to growers than have the large crops. If a crop the size of that now in prospect had been produced in 1933, growers would have received a gross income only about one-half as large as that they have received for the short 1933 crop. The consumption of potatoes has been declining gradually during the past 10 years and now about 3,000,000 acres will ordinarily produce what can be marketed at fairly satisfactory prices to growers. This would require a reduction in acreage of about 6 percent from 1933 rather than an increase of 7 percent.

If these prospects for increases in the potato acreage materialize and if average yields are obtained, it is likely that there will be more than an ample supply of potatoes available for market purposes throughout the entire 1934-35 marketing season. During the past season, 1933-34, the acreage planted to potatoes was large enough to produce about an average crop, but yields per acre during 1933 were reduced by heat and drought in the Intermediate and Late States, so that a short United States potato crop resulted. The average yield in the United States as a whole was 99.6 bushels per acre in 1933, or the lowest since 1921. It seems unlikely that yields in the important producing States will average as low in 1934 as they did during the past season. An average yield would be about 110 bushels. Six times in the past 10 years the yield has been higher than 110 bushels per acre, while yields of over 120 bushels have occurred twice in that period.—U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Bulletin.

ALLEGHANY GIRL IS ON A. S. T. C. HONOR ROLL
Boone, April 3.—The honor roll for the winter quarter at Appalachian State Teachers college contains 102 names. Forty countries and six states are represented. Divided by classes, the freshman has twenty-eight, the sophomore sixteen, the junior thirty-three, and the junior twenty-eight.

Allegany county is represented on the honor roll by Miss Clarice Thompson, Glade Valley.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having administered on the estate of Sarah A. Crouse, deceased, I hereby notify all persons indebted to her estate to come forward and promptly make settlement and payment to me, and all persons having claims against her estate I notify them to present them for payment within twelve months from this date or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

This March 20th, 1934.
4tc-12 AT J. M. WAGONER, Administrator of Sarah A. Crouse, deceased.

AMAZE A MINUTE

SCIENTIFACTS BY ARNOLD

TEN MILES OF TOADS!
THE HIGHWAY ALONG UPPER KLAMATH LAKE, OREGON, AT TIMES IS COVERED FOR A DISTANCE OF OVER TEN MILES WITH MILLIONS OF TOADS MIGRATING TO HIGHER LANDS FOR THE WINTER.

SMALL MEASURE-
A SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT HAS BEEN DEvised WHICH WILL MEASURE THE HUNDRED THOUSANDTH PART OF A MILLIONTH OF AN INCH.

ORCHID SUN-BATHS
A GREENHOUSE SET ON BEARINGS TO ROTATE WITH THE SUN HAS BEEN BUILT IN BOSTON TO HASTEN THE 7 TO 8 YEAR GROWTH OF ORCHIDS.

This Week In Washington

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are making themselves heard, now that they have discovered that it is not high treason to criticize. One result of that is the plan of providing capital funds out of credits that are under Federal control. The outlook now is that these will not be direct Government loans to industry, but loans by the Federal Reserve Banks, which will be authorized to invest their surpluses in long-term paper passed on to them by local member banks. And another result is the renewal of interest in projects for further currency inflation.

Silver Talk Again
The latest of these is now taking form in the effort to frame up a silver currency bill which will at once restore silver to its old monetary position, increase its price and put a great quantity of new silver certificates into circulation. Under the guidance of Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, such a bill is being shaped, with the cooperation of the silver bloc and the farm bloc. Senator Thomas has, before this, proved himself about the ablest manipulator of votes in the Senate. He is a thoroughly practical person, and is not interested in bills that can't be passed. Therefore there is reason to suppose that when the new silver bill comes out of committee, it will have the votes behind it, in advance.

See Castevens Motor Co. for radio batteries, tubes and service.—adv.

A Cure
Caller—What would you suggest to cure a chimney from smoking?
Editor—I'd give it one of your cigars.

NOTICE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHANY.
Vera Wilson, Plaintiff vs. Marvin Wilson, Defendant

To Marvin Wilson: You are hereby required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Alleghany County within thirty days from the publication of this notice and answer or demur to a Complaint filed by the plaintiff, praying for the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant to be dissolved, if such answer or defense is not filed the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the Relief asked for namely, for divorce.

This March 21, 1934.
A. F. REEVES, Clerk of Superior Court. 4tc-19 AT

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SPARTA, N. C.
Telephone 22

NERVES WERE OUT OF TUNE

YES, I NOTICED. START SMOKING CAMELS. YOU'LL PREFER THEM FOR FLAVOR—AND THEY DON'T JANGLE YOUR NERVES.

I'VE GOT THE JITTERS.

CAMEL'S COSTLIER TOBACCOS
YOU CAN SMOKE THEM STEADILY... BECAUSE THEY NEVER GET ON YOUR NERVES... NEVER TIRE YOUR TASTE!

"KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES"—A Change In The Temperature —By POP MOMAND

WELL, BABY—WHAT'S TH' MAID SITUATION TODAY?—ARE WE WITH OR WITHOUT?

WHAT A DAY!!! WHAT A DAY!!! TO BEGIN WITH—TH' FIRST MAID I HIRED TODAY GOT MAD AND QUIT BEFORE NOON!!

AND TH' SECOND ONE CAME IN TIME TO COOK LUNCH—AND THEN DECIDED SHE DIDN'T WANT TO STAY--

SO TH' AGENCY SENT ME ANOTHER GIRL AT TWO O'CLOCK AN' SHE'S HERE NOW---

HOLY SMOKE!!

—AT THAT RATE, I SUPPOSE IF SHE STAYS TILL TH' END OF TH' WEEK, SHE'LL WANT TO RETIRE ON A PENSION!!