

SAYS MANY FARMERS SHOULD QUIT FARMS

EDITOR GIVES HIS REASONS

Publisher of Leading Farm Paper Declares Country Needs Fewer and Better Trained Agriculturists

At least 4,500,000 American farmers ought to quit farming, declares the editor of Farm and Fireside in his April issue, renewing a campaign begun by that periodical four years ago.

"There are still too many farmers in the United States," he asserts. "Twenty-five per cent of America's workers engage in farming. The census figures show a total of 11,000,000 farmers. Once 90 per cent of our population was agricultural.

"But another 10 per cent could move off the farms, the less capable of the group, and the 15 per cent remaining, with efficient methods, could easily feed America and make a profit of it.

Ten Per Cent Enough

"Eventually 10 per cent will be enough, and the other workers will be free to produce other necessities, conveniences and comforts.

"If there is a surplus of farm products, too many acres are being cultivated, and too many people own plows. As production per individual farm worker increases, fewer workers are required.

"No man in this country is compelled to remain a farmer if another job suits him better. We have only commendation for those thousands who have had the courage in recent years to exercise their American privilege of changing jobs.

"Two types of men quit farming. The poor mapagers, who fare better under superintendence, make up by far the largest class. Another type consists of men who, while they may do well as farmers, consider themselves misfits, able to make greater successes in other occupations. No sentimental attachment to the soil should keep either type on the farm.

Better Cultivation

The capable farmers who are left will have more customers and fewer competitors. Agriculture will lose a few of its best citizens, but for the most part the least competent quit first, just as the land first abandoned is the infertile.

"A process that tends to better cultivation of the better acres by the ablest farmers is for the good of agriculture, cold and heartless though the process may be."

PATENT OFFICE KEEPS UP WITH THE TIMES

Employees Meet One Day a Week to Hear Lectures, etc., on Their Work

United States Patent Office employees have proved that they are progressive. At the close of the business day once a week they gather by the hundreds to listen to a lecture or see a moving picture that pertains to the public business.

Recent films produced by the Bureau of Mines, the Bureau of Standards, and other Departments and Bureaus of the Government, have been included in the educational work being promoted and carried on by the Patent Office Society. Major General Fries gave an illustrated talk on chemical warfare; the Department of Agriculture showed its film on ditching and drainage by dynamite, a good many views of which were taken in the flooded regions of the Mississippi. Anton Flettner of Germany, pictured and explained his Rotor Ship; the du Pont company showed their new Semesan film; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology had an illustrated lecture showing the history and development of the telephone, including wireless telephony.

THE SLACKER

"Well," said the judge, "are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Your honor," replied the prisoner, "when I came here I certainly didn't think I'd be expected to do your job."

HOW IT'S DONE

He: "Will you marry me?"
She: "No!"
And, so, they lived happily ever after.

A TRUTHFUL PAIR

He: "This ring I offer you is a symbol of the love I bear for you. It has no ending."
She: "And it is also a symbol of the love I bear for you. It has no beginning."

HELPLESS!

Officer: "Hey, why don't you stop when I tell you to?"
Nervous Driver: "I-I-I wanted to, but I don't think this car understood you!"

FIRST FIND THE JOB

"Will Marie succeed as an actress?"
No! "I don't think she has a show."

MAKING PROGRESS

"If you don't behave yourself, I'll refuse to marry you!"
"Is that a promise?"

PACIFISTS GET NO SOLACE FROM CAL

HE'S NO SENTIMENTALIST

Believes in Preparedness Shown by His Memorial Day Address; Evil Force in the World

Those pacifists and near pacifists of various stripes and colors who have been getting consolation from the fact that President Coolidge did not agree with a part of the naval program in Congress a few months ago, and who hoped that the day might come when they could quote from him in their own support, received a rude jolt when they read in the President's Memorial address the remarks which he made concerning the insidious doctrine of pacifism. The remarks were simple and to the point and they showed that the President realizes keenly the necessity for sane preparedness. Some of the paragraphs follow:

What He Said

"It would be idle to place a wreath on the grave of the dead and leave ungarlanded the living. Our devotion to the memory of those who served their country in the past is but a symbol of our devotion to those who are serving their country at present."

"We cannot escape the fact that there are evil forces in the world, which all past experiences warn us will break out from time to time and do serious damage to lawful rights and the progress of civilization unless we are prepared to meet such situations with armed intervention. We could no more dispense with our military forces than we could dispense with our police force."

Object of Envy

We know that we have come into possession of great wealth and high place in the world. There is scarcely a civilized nation which is not our debtor. We are sufficiently acquainted with human nature to realize that we are oftentimes the object of envy.

"Unless we maintain sufficient forces to be placed at points of peril when they arise, thereby avoiding for the most part serious attack, there would be grave danger that we should suffer from violent outbreaks, so destroying our rights and compromising our honor that war would be-

PRIZE LETTER TELLS BETTER TIMES PLAN

Knoxville Girl Wins Contest for Suggestions of Family

A young business woman in Knoxville has just won a prize of \$100 offered by the Woman's Home Companion for the best letter on the topic "How I Think We Can Have Better Times in Our Family." The prize-winning letter is a glowing little sermon with an application for millions of families throughout America.

"Our family needs, more than all else," it suggests, "some daily fun together. Each member has his routine of work and studies, but we have no little pleasures together. My mother is a good manager, and much work is done, and done well. But the family never thinks of taking its recreation together. The boys have their athletics, the girls their dates, father his books, and mother her numerous friends."

"There are some rather interesting personalities in our family of six, but we have never made the effort to be friends with each other. 'God gave us our relatives, but we can choose our friends,' may be undisputed wisdom, but if my brothers and sisters were not members of the same clan I believe we would be glad to choose each other as friends."

A "cultivate the family" campaign might be a useful notion for some government department to foster and promote now that the lazy summer months have arrived. It would really be easier and more useful than some of the things now being done.

The campaign might urge that the boys take their sisters with them when they go swimming, golfing or riding. An entire family can enjoy camping together. A father can get a lot of fun out of showing his young daughter how to crisp bacon over an open fire.

Perhaps such a national campaign might also advocate the use of a little tact in the home. Family life flourishes better on encouragement than on sarcasm.

Some Inevitable

There is certainly sound American doctrine here. America wants trouble with no nation. But we must realize that we are rich and that other nations owe us money. To lie down supine and defenseless would therefore be to enact the role of the fatted calf, whose fate has never been regarded as particularly enviable.

WANT MOSQUITO WAR EXTENDED TO COUNTY

Would Include Lake in Campaign Being Waged in Cook and DuPage Counties

Survey of the mosquito breeding centers in Lake county in connection with a similar investigation in Cook and DuPage counties, preparatory to waging an extensive campaign on the breeding sports of this pest, was urged in an interview given out by Arthur Stringer, associate director of the Gorgas institute in Chicago last week.

Mr. Stringer declares that successful warfare on these pests can only be accomplished through interesting the entire population of the three counties in fighting the dangerous insect.

The Gorgas institute stands ready to supply expert and detailed advice on the methods of elimination of these pests in the area mentioned. Efforts will be made to ferret out even the smallest of breeding spots as these places will often nullify the results of a campaign conducted against the larger centers.

The law adopted in the state legislature which provides for the formation of boards in counties, townships and cities for mosquito control and which provides funds under tax levies for anti-mosquito measures is expected to prove effective in eradication of the pest.

The survey is to be carried out early this year.

If there is any wet party in the campaign next year just think how much fun its members will have going around singing "Ale, ale, the gang's all here."

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