NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

(Furnished by Provincial and Dominion Departments of Agriculture)

31, 1932, will be in the neighborhood infestation in the main is slight, but of 103 million bushels, according to an there are some heavily-diseased estimate published by the Bureau of chards in some counties. Mr. Andrew Statistics. This is the smallest carry- Fulton, overseas fruit representatives, over since July 31, 1928.

Will Grow Lima Beans

A fairly large acreage of Lima beans will be grown in East Elgin for caning factory use, according to reports received at the St. Thomas office of the Production tests have been made in both East and West Elgin during the last three years, and satisfactory yields of Lima beans reported. The average yield is 1,300 to small.

Plan Your Program

Now is the time to plan next winter's feeding program, not next winter. At this time, farmers can estimate Brooklin; J. E. Brethour, Burford; Walwhether they will be short of hay and ter Scott, Sutton West; and J. D. Brien routine. His parents were deeply resucculent roughage before nevt spring of Ridgetown. All members of the new comes round. There is still time to sow Board are widely known for their inannual hay crops, such as soy beans, terest in the live stock industry of the these crops give high yields, and high past presidents of the Royal Winter feeding value. An extra acre of corn for silage might be valuable.

sonable in price, but is of exceedingly is a prominent live stock breeder, and high quality. A few extra tons of high Mr. Brien is chairman of the Live Stock he was being taught was implicitly at protein hay, and a well-filled silo, will Records Branch, Ottawa. be of considerable assistance in reducing the feed bill next winter.

Better Farm Practices

In spite of the depression and the shortage of ready cash farmers everywhere in Ontario are using this year more careful and thorough farm practices than ever before.

Seed merchants report that they have never had such a demand for high class seeds. All available supplies of alfalfa, alsike, red clover, wheat, barley, oats, buckwheat and peas have been purchased and sown on Ontario farms. Strange to say there has been an unprecedented demand for registered grain. Hardware merchants report a wonderful sale of screening materials for fanning mills. Druggists report greatly increased sales of Formalin for treating grain for smut. Seed cleaning plant operatiors report heavy increases in business.

These facts all indicate that the average farmer is not only taking advantage of low prices but is doing his part toward meeting depressed prices. He is doing everything possible to increase his yield per acre and thus lower the production costs which enables him in some degree at least to successfully meet the present low prices.

Weekly Crop Report

Heavy rains have assured ample moisture in practically every part of Ontario. Crops are looking splendid. Fall wheat, clover and alfalfa are making excellent growth. The apple bloom is very heavy in most orchard districts. and a considerable increase is shown over the province in the number of orchard being sprayed. Farmers are coming to realize that they must either spray or cut down their orchards altogether.

Many Poor Hatches

Reports received at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, indicate that chicks are not hatching as plentifully as usual this spring. Hatches as low as 10 per the total egg are reported, per cent. and 25 per cent. hatches are not common. This condition seems to be fairly general throughout the whole of Canada. These poor hatches, along with the late season, may have a decided effect upon egg production next winter. Buyers should be advised to buy late chicks with caution because experiments have shown that chicks that cannot mature before winter are a poor investment.

The Apple Maggot

According to a recent statement by Chas. W. Bauer, secretary Ontario Growers' Markets Council, Hamilton, Mistah White; de seeds scratch my about the apple orchards in Ontario throat."

The Canadian wheat carry-over July are infected with the apple maggot. The have advised that Britain will place an embargo on all early supplies of appes if maggot is found in one shipment. This danger necessitates grow- lantic Monthly, "What College Did to ers taking every practical measure to My Religion," by Philip E. Wentworth. eliminate the insect from all commerspray thoroughly for control of

New Advisory Board

Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy, Minister 1,500 pounds to the acre. The acreage of Agriculture, has announced the apof soy beans in the county will be pointment of a five-man Advisory Board under the chairmanship of D. O. Bull of Brampton to assist the Department in matters pertaining to the live stock industry of the province. The other four members are: W. A. Dryden, or a mixture of oat and peas. Both of province. Mr. Bull and Mr. Dryden are Fair. Mr. Bull is famous for his Jersey herd, Mr. Brethour has specialized in Seed corn, this year, it not only rea- the breeding of bacon hogs, Mr. Scott

Ontorio Plums for Britain

annual production of Canada. At present the greater proportion of these In Mr. Fulton's opinion there is no reason why Ontario should not capture a Ontario grower would receive prices ranging from 35 cents to 80 cents per 11-quart basket at shipping point. The best satisfaction have been Grand Duke, Greengage and Reinclaude. In growers should thin their plums this God. summer, if the crop is heavy, Mr. Fulton advises. In his opinion, plums can be packed and shipped successfully only through central packing plants and plums for export must be picked, packed and pre-cooled in one day.

Battling the Weeds

Through a series of Annual Meetings, one in each County, more than 1000 Weed Inspectors in Ontario were brought together along with Reeves and Road Superintendents. The Weed Act was explained and suggestions and instructions were given by A. R. G. Smith, District Weed Inspector for Western Ontario and John D. McLeod, District Inspector for Eastern Ontario.

Weed inspectors reported Sow Thistle to be the worst weed on cultivated land with Twitch Grass a close second. Both these weeds are now found in every county. Some counties reported Sow Thistle to be spreading while others maintained it is decreasing. One township reported a decrease of 35 per cent. All inspectors reported a marked increase in the co-operation and support of the rate-payers in the municipality. With the exception of a few individuals, farmers generally are anxious to have the Weed Act judiciously and vigorously enforced. Road Superintendents voiced the opinion that Wild Carrot and Chicory were the two worst weeds on roadsides. Both these weeds grow rapidly after cutting and many road authorities felt that they would have to resort to chemicals to destroy roadside weeds.

"Miss Jackson, will yo' hab a peach?" "No thanks, I nevah eat peaches,

CAN RELIGIOUS FAITH **SURVIVE COLLEGE?**

(By J. V. McAree in Mail and Empire)

At the time of the magazine muckraking a generation ago, McClure's, if we remember aright, published with an air of mingled astonishment and horror an article entitled "Blasting at the Rock of Ages," which was an account of the irreligious instruction in American colleges. We were reminded of this article by another in the current Atwho went to Harvard as a prospective orchards at least. They are urged Presbyterian clergyman, and left it with what the Old Soak used to call a damned little atheist, or something worse. Mr. Wentworth is convinced that this is the natural, almost inevitable result of a modern education if the student is a serious-minded person and enters college with the old-fashioned religion which is much more generally encountered in the rural sections of the United States than in the large cities. He was brought up in a Christian household where prayers and Bible readings were part of the daily ligious and all his friends and acquaintances seemed to accept the teachings of the Bible without question. The essential attribute of the God they all worshipped was, of course, His ability to perform miracles.

No Room for Miracles

Bu when he got to Harvard, he soon came to the conclusion that everything variance with this fundamental principle. It was when he was studying history that his faith was first shocked The ten per cent. tariff which went and challenged. He says: "To my mind into effect March 1st, 1932, on foreign the rise of Christianity out of the ashes plums entering the United Kingdom, of Imperial Rome had seemed the main the opinion of Andrew Fulton, fruit terial evidence of a transcendental growers' representative in Britain, of- truth-a revelation of the hand of God fers a splendid opportunity to the On- at work in the affairs of men. Not so tario plum industry to develop this po- my professors. All events in history tential export outlet. In 1930 the United were manifestations of cause and ef-Kingdom imported 44 million pounds of fect operating upon the natural level. plums, which is more than twice the The institutions of society evolved according to natural processes. Religion was itself subject to these processes. I plums comes from European countries. shall never forget one lecture which traced the evolution of God-from the fierce, bloodthirsty Yahweh, tribal delarge portion of this trade. On the basis ity of a few Semitic nomads, through of prices received in recent years, the successive stages until He finally emerged in the New Testament as the gentle, merciful, forgiving Father of all mankind." All his other studies con-Ontario varieties that have given the firmed the theory that everything was subject to the laws of nature, and there seemed to be no room in such an oranticipation of meeting this demand, derly universe for a wonder-working

Fundamentalists vs. Modernists

He was desolate, for life had suddenly lost its meaning for him. Then the idea occurred that perhaps he could rehabilitate God by setting Him up as the First Cause—the moving could not be of service to man. Obviously such a God would be too remote, too inaccessible, for the purposes of religion. When he was thus perplexing himself the famous Scopes preparation for the priesthood must trial occurred and the young student's consist largely in the study of theoleyes were opened to the difference be- ogy. tween the Modernist and the Fundamentalist. He came to the view, which we believe most non-religious people must arrive at, namely that the theory of the Fundamentalists is the only one. For instance we find the Rev. Dr. Shields an extremely amusing character, but we would back him in any argument he might have with a modernist. He would either win any conceivable argument or he would prove the modernist not to be a Christian at all. That is to say a man who does not believe the first chapter of Genesis has no pretensions that we can admit for insisting that he is a Christian.

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persuasion, consented to permit him to the few could achieve it. In so far as The Branch will thus provide a direcremain at Harvard whence he eventually graduated. Before he had entered power behind natural law. But there that godless institution he had been upon the world young barbarians who was small comfort in this thought. A warned by the Presbyterian clergyman have been freed from the discipline of God who had created the world and in his native village that he would be the church before they have learned then left it to govern itself by natural exposing himself to certain moral how to discipline themselves. law had hedged Himself about by bar- risks, and that he had far better atriers through which even He could not tend a little Presbyterian College break. Though he might exist He which would fit him for the ministry and at the same time protect him from unsettling doubts. The thought that now arises is that this must be what happens to other young men whose

The Way Out

Mr. Wentworth believes that there is only one thing for the man to do who has lost his religious faith. That is to create a philosophy which, without calling upon the supernatural, will reassert the effectiveness of the huwhich would be enforced by such a Branch is now the collecting agency. moral code of Christianity, but the rea- ways in order that duplication of ef-Having arrived at this conclusion and son for obeying it would be found whol- fort may be minimized. being unable to recapture any shred of ly in the satisfaction of the good life his old faith Mr. Wentworth informed itself, not in the promise of reward or study the Branch will be in a position his parents who were naturally shocked punishment after death. It strikes to make an analysis of the organization and wounded that he could not contem- him also that the building up of such and financial structure of the various plate the notion of becoming a clergy- a philosophy is not a task for which co-operatives which will be available to man. His father, after a good deal of every unbeliever is competent. Only those interested in hteir development.

to take its place they are turning loose

START RECORDS BUREAU OF FARM ORGANIZATIONS

ment of Agriculture. The immediate over 200 bags. aim of the Branch is to build up a statistical record of the number and location of such organizations, to ascertain the number of farmers marketing their products co-operatively and to obtain reliable information on the volume of business handled in this way.

This survey of farmers' organizations man will as an instrument for govern- covers the whole of the Dominion of ing the desires and passions. Then it Canada. For a number of years the Dewill be possible to restore to good order partment of Labor has collected and the essentially human values of life published information concerning the which lift us above the level of mere activities of co-operative organizations. animal instinct. The system of ethics By mutual agreement the Economics philosophy would not be strikingly dif- The Provincial Governments are also ferent in many particulars from the co-operating in this work in various

With these records as a basis for

the colleges destroy religious faiths tory and will become a consulting agenwithout substituting a vital philosophy cy for farmers' business organizations.

> farmer to secure the highest possible yield per acre this year, Mr. J. A. Carroll, chief of Weed Administration in Ontario, predicts marked progress in Weed Control during the growing season of 1932.

Due to the anxiety of the average

Wellington County is alfalfa cons-A Central Bureau of Records of cious. R. H. Clemens, the Agricultural Farmers' Business Organizations is be- Representative, says that 12,000 acres in ing established in Ottawa by the Econ- that County were seeded to alfalfa omics Branch of the Dominion Depart- this spring. One merchant alone sold

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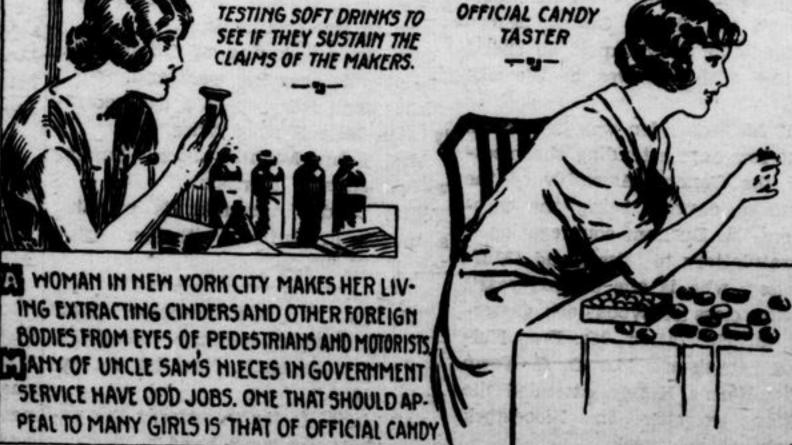
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