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NEW FEATURES ADDED

Your attention is called to several new features appearing this week. First, for some time we have been running on the front page a poem in prose signed "The Cracker." This is not pure nonsense, as many have supposed, but a bit of truth written out in Walt Mason style by a man of wide experience. The truth may be, and often is, humorously expressed, but the wit only serves to make it the easier to digest. If you skip these poems, you will often miss something very worth while.

This week's issue contains among other new features, a section headed "New Fashions in Foods," written by a graduate of one of the foremost universities in the east. Not only has she received college training, but her experience has been of widest variety in this and other states. Her messages each week will contain many helps to the housewife. We are most fortunate in securing the services of "Karine Holmes."

A column of Eastern Shore news in general has been added for bringing to you happenings of interest and import outside our own county limits. Last, but by no means least, is the section headed "Chips," where will be found some mighty good jokes and oftentimes some equally good bits of philosophy.

We recommend these new features of the paper to your attention, and shall be glad of your comments concerning them. We want to make THE AMERICAN UNION of real value and interest to you. The only way we can gauge your feelings in the matter is through your expression of approval or disapproval. Tell us what you like; tell us what helps you in your work; tell us so that we may be better able to serve you.

LOOKING AHEAD

In these days of strikes, murders, social unrest, labor troublets, etc., it is a relief to forget the day's troubles, and look ahead for a few minutes into the future. We have grown so used to viewing events with a sigh and a pessimistic shake of the head, that a message like the following is as a breath of fresh air, a draught of courage, an inspiration to renew the fight. It comes from the pastor of one of the largest Presbyterian churches in the East, a man in a position to know the truth. We pass it on to you with the hope that its optimism may prove helpful—

We are told that the officers of an exploring vessel in the Arctic, hemmed in by masses of ice, could read in the sky each morning that the open sea lay not far away—read it in the deep blue atmosphere they could see, which hung above the water they could not see. And so from the vaulted heavens there came a message of hope that gave new strength and courage.

More sure to us are the signs in the atmosphere that broods above the age in which we live. An open sea of liberty, progress, and a larger service is before us. The present drift of religious thought is spiritual, regenerative, comprehensive, practical and triumphant.

Denominational and intellectual loyalties just now divide communities into hostile camps, but Christians are coming to see through the form of things which look unlike, the things themselves which are in very truth the same. They are coming to recognize the difference between that which is expedient and that which is essential.

Man is seeking to break through forms and discover his personal relation to God. The craving inquiry of multitudes for life eternal, for that which is real, is sure to be answered. The very necessities of the age, dire as they are, are compelling men to interpret God in terms of Jesus Christ so as to meet the requirements of a distracted and suffering world. To do this they will of necessity draw, as with one impulse, about the cross of Calvary, when love will descend as a holy baptism of forgiveness and cleansing.

Make no mistake, the work of the church is going to be more definite and effective than ever before—and it will be spiritual, bringing man nearer to Jesus Christ.

There is coming a change of heart in the individual and in the group. Society will experience regeneration. Men in every walk of life are going to be so soundly converted that a right of way will be opened up for Christ in avenues of human activities hitherto barricaded by conventionalities, long standing prejudices and die-hard-unbelief.

An open sea of liberty, progress and service awaits our thawing out. We can read it in the deep blue atmosphere overhead. Such are the hopes for 1923.—Rev. A. Edwin Keigwin, A. M., D. D.

NEED STRAIGHT THINKING

Orange Judd Farmer ventures to offer a word to some of those enthusiastic souls, including some members of the farm bloc at Washington, who expect to ride into office, salary and political power by hitching the farmer and union labor into the same team. It just can't be done until the farmer has lost every particle of his brains, and with all of his losses he has not yet lost his common sense. If we are going to have a government devoted to the interest of special classes the farmer and union labor will not pull together, because what one wants is exactly the opposite of what the other seeks through political power.

Union labor wants high wages and low priced food, and any legislation or political administration intended to gratify those wants necessarily means low prices for farm products and high prices for what the farmer has to buy. The very basis of the farmer's trouble today is that industrial labor is getting high wages and cheap food at the expense of the farmer. Begin to put up the price of farm products, bread and meat, and see how soon Mr. Gompers and his followers will rise in protest.

It is only two short years since Mr. Gompers and labor unions intimidated weakened national, state and municipal governments into official campaigns to reduce the cost of living, and after they were successful in deflating the farmers' income they bullied the same timorous officialdom into fighting against any effort to correspondingly deflate labor. The direct interests of the farmer and union labor are not only clearly antagonistic, but the whole theory of the labor movement as it is being worked out by the present labor leaders is hostile to agriculture.

STAND BY AMERICAN POLICY

There are rumors in Washington and elsewhere that the United States is about to make some suggestion for the relief of Europe. It is said that it may include the sanctioning of a big loan to Germany. Regardless of what form the contemplated relief may take, the country may rest assured that it means no alteration of the policy of American independence to which the Harding administration has rigidly adhered.

Our position in world affairs has been reiterated so many times by President Harding and by Secretary of State Hughes that it admits of no question, and nothing has occurred or is likely to occur to bring a change.

This country has seized every opportunity since the armistice to extend all proper aid to Europe. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been loaned through private sources, many shiploads of food and other supplies have been sent over on credit supplied by congress and by private relief societies, and help has been freely given through the Washington conference and otherwise toward the reduction of Europe's burdens.

It may be that another opportunity has presented itself through which Secretary Hughes sees a way to extend further assistance. If so, the people will hail it with satisfaction, assured that it will mean no entangling alliances, cancellation of debts or other committments gainst which they have recorded themselves.—Fremont (Nebr.) Tribune.

FARMERS' CASE STATED

Potatoes, cabbages and other vegetables have been left to rot in the fields by the millions of tons this very year because to send them to market would have cost the producer more in freight charges, trucking charges and other handling charges than he could have sold his produce for. The same thing was true last year of corn and even of wheat. It is true every year of various things involving millions of dollars lost to the farmers.

The American farmer is not going to keep on plugging away forever at trying to feed and clothe the country and part of the outside world when he cannot cash in with good money and when he knows workers in the trades are making $6, $8 and $10 a day for working half as long hours as the farmer works. That is why the American people have as big a stake as the American farmer in getting the nation's agricultural business put on a sound and stable basis.—New York Herald.

DELMARVIA FARMERS HAD LOSING YEAR

Although there were 10 fewer failures in Delaware in 1922 than in 1921, the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the upper counties of Virginia, comprising what is known as the Delmarvia Peninsula, the loss in money exceeds the total of any year for the past eight years.

The total liabilities for 1922 was $2,630,798.85. The total assets announced was $1,327,415.79. The total number of failures was 127, as compared with 139 for the year 1921. These failures do not include a large number of corporations chartered under the laws of Delaware but which do business in other states. The list of failures also does not include corporations where petitions in bankruptcy or receivership are now pending.

The total number of failures in the State of Delaware for 1922 was 70, as compared with 98 in 1921 and 23 in 1920. In the nine counties comprising the Eastern Shore of Maryland, there were 40 failures in 1922, as compared with 17 in 1921 and 36 in 1920. In the two upper counties of Virginia there were 12 failures in 1922, as compared with 4 in 1921 and 8 in 1920.

Failure of the farmers of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia to realize a profit on their crops is given as the chief cause for the financial disasters in this section. In many cases the money received for sale of produce was less than the cost of production. This was particularly proved of most of the grain crops and some of the vegetables raised for canning purposes, such as peas, which were almost a failure throughout the peninsula because of insects. The continued dry weather affected the tomato crop. Many a farm was saved from failure this year owing to the crop of apples, peaches and other fruit, which grew in abundance.

The canning season was a fair one, with the indications pointing to it being much larger the coming year.

GREENSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. Johhny Tobin of New York, and John Tobin of Millington, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burge on Tuesday.

Many from here will attend the banquet to be given by the Masonic Order in Denton tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burge attended the funeral of the latter's aunt, Mrs. Pierce, at Cecilton last Sunday.

Joseph Orrell of Philadelphia spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. William Savin and son, Bobby, of Philadelphia are guests of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Orrell.

Mrs. Lawrence Satterfield and son Allen of Port Clinton, Ohio, are visiting relatives here. Mr. Satterfield will arrive the latter part of the week.

Messrs. F. P. Roe, James E. Curry, Frank Manship and J. Keene Saulsbury are attending the Canners' Convention at Atlantic City this week.

The card club was entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. G. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Raughley and son visited relatives at Harrington on Sunday.

Arthur Mitchell of New York was a recent visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mitchell, near the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. August Brogley, of near town, celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary on Monday, serving a sumptous supper to sixty-seven guests. They were the recipients of many useful presents.

Mrs. Laura Creadick Cooper died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry A. Harrington, near Cedar Grove, after an illness of seven weeks. Heart trouble following an attack of grippe was the cause of death. She was 57 years of age, and is survived by two children, one daughter, with whom she made her home, and one son, John W. Cooper, of Wilmington. The funeral will be held at her late home (Cedar Grove Farm) Saturday morning at 10:15, in charge of Rev. M. Marine, assisted by Rev. M. L. Smith, both of Felton, and interment will be made at Barrett's Chapel, Del.

With the general improvement in market conditions, which has steadily indicated a much better year for Caroline County farmers, comes the announcement last week that peas will be worth $10 a ton more in 1923 than they were in 1922. F. P. Roe Company and other county canners are now contracting for peas at $60 a ton.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Caroline County Bank, held last Saturday afternoon, the old board of directors were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Goldsboro Bank, at Goldsboro, was held at that institution last Saturday afternoon and all of the old board of directors were re-elected.

Little John Gottwals, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gottwals, near town, aged 3 years, died last Friday morning from pneumonia. He was a twin. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at his home, Rev. J. A. Leach officiating. Interment was made in the Greensboro Cemetery.

Mrs. Bessie V. Luff, wife of Harry E. Luff, near Greensboro station, died Tuesday night about 8 o'clock after a week's illness of pneumonia. The deceased was 31 years of age and besides her husband is survived by six children, one only a few weeks old; a mother, Mrs. Charles Adams, near town, and two sisters, Misses Mary and Margaret Draper.

George F. Cooper, a retired farmer, died at his home on north Main street last Saturday afternoon about 1.15. Mr. Cooper had been confined to his home for about a month. Influenza was the cause of death. He was a native of Delaware, having lived near Cedar Grove all of his life until 17 years ago, when he retired from the farm and moved to Greensboro. He was 70 years old. Besides his widow, the deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Raymond B. Rawlings, of this town; three sons, Harry of Philadelphia, Marion and Frank Cooper, of this town; one brother, David Cooper of Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. John Dill of Camden, Del., and Mrs. Frank Dill of Wilmington. The funeral was held at his late home Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Leach officiating and interment was made in Greensboro Cemetery.

HARMONY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aringdale visited Mrs. Aringdale's sister and mother in Denton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stoery attended the funeral of Mrs. Stoery's aunt, Mrs. Ambrose Langrel, in Greensboro on Sunday.

Mrs. McConnell and son visited relatives in Denton on Sunday.

Will Present Missionary Pageant

A missionary pageant will be given Sunday evening, January 28, at Denton Methodist Protestant Church. The young ladies of the church will take the various parts.

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The annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank will be held in their Banking House in Denton, Md., on Tuesday, January 30, 1923, between the hours of one and three o'clock p. m. of that day for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year.

SHERMAN E. HIGNUTT,

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