

## Democratic Watchman

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### "LOVE, CAPTAIN OF THE SOUL"

The time will come when this, our Holy Church,  
Shall melt away in ever widening walls,  
And be for all mankind. And in its place  
Shall rise another church, whose covenant word  
Shall be the act of love. Not Credo then  
But Amo shall be the watchword through its gate.  
Man shall not ask his brother any more  
"Belovest thou?" but "Lovest thou?" till all  
Shall fall at God's altar and say, "I love."  
For Faith shall anchor, Hope shall cheer,  
But Love,  
Great Love, shall be the Captain of the Soul.

### FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture.

Plan the 1925 Crop—With the new year of forming operations already started, it is well to lay out a plan of crop planting for the coming season. By planning ahead on paper at an early date, plenty of time is given to think over prospective changes. In figuring out next spring's crops, do not forget alfalfa. Circular-104 issued free by the Pennsylvania State College extension service, State College, Pa., tells all about this wonderful legume hay crop.

Prevent Concrete Freezing—Farmers who mix concrete in the winter will have no trouble if they will heat the materials, such as sand, stone and water, and keep the work covered to prevent freezing until the concrete is set. This applies to walks and septic tanks. Building of concrete posts should be postponed until warm weather.

Keep These Resolutions—There are certain resolutions which the average poultryman should not break. Such things as keeping cost accounts, more careful management of birds, better methods of marketing products, and an endeavor to treat customers squarely will not only benefit the operations of the poultryman but will tend to create a better feeling with the buying public.

Avoid Seed Collections—Gardeners should avoid ordering seeds in made-up collections, as they usually contain some varieties and crops of which the family is not fond and a shortage or deficiency of those vegetables especially liked. Ordering to the family's tastes and desires is the best plan.

Give Plants a Chance—Success with indoor plants depends upon keeping the leaves clean because it is through the leaves that water evaporates. Covering the plants with a cloth when sweeping and dusting will keep them clean.

"Watered Stock"—Cows producing milk require water, lots of it. It is good dairy practice to see that they get all that they want, at least twice a day. A cow does not like it iced, either. Warm drinking water will show results in the milk pail.

Attend House Plants—Now that there is nothing much to do with outdoor plants, it is well to give careful attention to the house plant. Water them when they need it and watch for red spiders. These pests can be routed by putting water on the leaves. Weak tobacco tea also turns the trick but unfortunately it stains white flowers.

Have Delicious Greens—Asparagus is a fine early green which should be in every garden. From 50 to 100 roots will be sufficient for a family of two to five people. Extension Leaflet No. 19, which is free for the asking, can be secured by writing to Pennsylvania State College, Pa.


Mating for Hatching Eggs—If hatching eggs are to be collected for early season incubation, it is time to place the breeding males in the pen. It is just as undesirable to use too many males as too few. The proper ratio is one male to 20 females for Leghorns and one male to 12 or 15 females in the case of American or dual purpose breeds.

Care for Brood Sows—Are the brood sows getting plenty of exercise these winter days? Be sure that they also get sufficient protein and mineral matter to maintain their body weight and develop a good litter of pigs.

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## TAXES RAISED BY HARD TIMES

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### FARMER FEELS THE EFFECT

is inclined to Forget, at Times, That He Is Most Vitrally Interested in Prosperity of Near-by Cities.

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Taxes are always heavy—to the man who has to pay them—but taxes in some communities are much higher than in others. If you have ever stopped to investigate the matter you have discovered that the lowest taxes are found in the most prosperous communities. And there's a reason.

The prosperous community has the lowest taxes because there is a large amount of wealth in the community against which the taxes may be assessed. There are prosperous merchants with large stocks of goods upon which taxes are levied. Property values are high and there are thriving industries which pay a large proportion of the taxes.

The higher the property values and the greater the wealth of the community the lower are the tax levies, for a lower tax on each hundred dollars of valuation is required to produce the necessary revenue for the administration of the city and county governments.

### Other Taxes Are Raised.

On the other hand, take a dead town. Property values are low. Merchants' stocks are small and they have little money in the bank. Industries which ordinarily pay a large part of the taxes of a community have closed down. There are vacant store buildings which were formerly filled with stocks of merchandise upon which the owners paid heavy taxes. Who pays the taxes that were once paid by the merchants, the manufacturers, the bankers and the men who had large holdings of high-priced property? The taxes to conduct the city and county governments, to maintain the schools, to build and repair the roads must be collected from someone. Who pays them? The man who owns his little home or the vacant lot or two upon which he has been planning to build his home must pay double or triple the amount which he paid in the times when the town was prosperous, to make up for the taxes which are not paid now by the merchants, the bankers, the manufacturers and the big property owners who bore the heaviest burdens of taxation when times were good.

The farmers in the country surrounding the town are also among the heaviest sufferers from the ebbing of the town's prosperity. A certain amount of money must be raised by taxation to provide for the expenses of the county. Roads must be built and kept in repair. Bridges must be built and maintained. Salaries of county officers must be paid. County institutions for the care of the sick and the poor must be maintained. In counties which contain one or more thriving towns, a large proportion of the taxes for the county are paid by the towns. The greater the wealth of the towns and the higher the property valuations, the lower the tax levy for the entire county. When the tax levy is low the burden placed upon the farmer is light.

### Burden Falls on Farmer.

When the county contains no prosperous and wealthy towns, the greater part of the burden of taxation for the county falls upon the farmer. The value of the farmer's property does not fall in proportion to the value of the property in the town and the higher tax levy that results from the lower property values in the towns makes his taxes higher.

The farmer forgets at times that he is vitally interested in the prosperity of "his town." He thinks that it is up to the town to take care of itself and that it is up to him to take care of himself and he overlooks the fact that the prosperity of the town means as much to him as it does to those who live in it. The farmer who is inclined to overlook this fact has only to think of the matter of taxes and he is likely to change his point of view for taxes are one thing that neither he nor anyone else can escape, and they are one thing in which the farmer ordinarily takes a very lively interest.

### How Farmer Can Help.

There is just one way in which the farmer can best promote prosperity in the town near which he lives and that is by spending his money in that town instead of sending it away to the far-distant city. Every time the farmer sends an order to a mail order house he helps to destroy the prosperity of his own community and to boost his own taxes. When he sends a dollar away from home he gets none of it back. When he spends a dollar at home, a part of that dollar comes back to him in some way. It helps the town where it is spent to provide a profitable market for his products and it helps the town pay a large part of his taxes.

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