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FARMING AND INDUSTRY

What hard-surfaced roads and motor transportation mean to the farmer is illustrated in the report on wheat growing in Ohio by Charles M. Fritz, Grain Exchange supervisor of the U. S. Government. Mr. Fritz points out that the longest haul from field to elevator is eight miles. That round trip was a day's journey for a loaded horse-drawn team, carrying from 50 to 100 bushels over the old dirt roads. Now motor trucks make it over concrete highways in two to three hours, carrying 85 to 150 bushels at a load and without having to wait for the road to dry out.

Farming, at least in the staple crops, is becoming more and more a business and less a mode of living, as President Hoover once put it. Henry Ford maintains that all of the farming operations necessary for the production of any of the great staple crops can be done in sixty days working time each year, with proper mechanical equipment and transportation facilities. On his own 5,000-acre farm in Michigan he has pretty well demonstrated the truth of that.

With the extension of electric service into smaller and smaller communities, manufacturing industries are spreading over the country, so that the time may come when nobody who wants to work in industry will have more than a dozen miles to travel between farm and factory. When that time comes farmers will specialize on single crops adapted to their localities and individual tastes, and work in town a good part of the year. Co-operative marketing organizations will attend to the shipping and selling, perhaps also the harvesting of crops. The American farmer, already the most independent of men, will be still farther removed from the European peasant hopelessly tied to the soil.

LAWS THAT ARE NOT LAWS

The administration of criminal justice in America is a disgrace to civilization. The man who said that is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Hon. William Howard Taft, once President of the United States.

We have too many laws which are not laws. A citizen can hardly go about his daily business without violating some law of which he never heard and which nobody obeys. In Connecticut it is illegal to travel on the road or railroad on Sunday. In New York it is, or was until very recently, illegal to operate a motor-propelled vehicle on a highway unless a man on horseback carrying a red flag or lantern rode a quarter of a mile ahead of it.

Congress and State Legislatures try to "make" laws. No law is a good law unless the people whom it affects agree that it is a good law. In the early days of popular lawmaking people gathered to tell each other what the law was in their districts, the law being rules of conduct agreed on by common consent.

The idea that a Congress or a Legislature has a right to impose an unpopular law is a reversion to the old myth of the divine right of kings. Because a law is old is no proof that it is good. Times change but the law lags behind.

Lawyers and judges live in the past. Lawyers dominate our legislative bodies and try to make new laws, intended to fit present conditions, comply with principles and practices long outdated. One result of this is that law and justice often mean two different things. Poor men and honest men hesitate to go to law; they fear legal technicalities which have no relation to justice.

All law ought to be based on common sense and so plain and simple that any man with an average sense of fair play could tell without asking a lawyer whether he was violating the law or not. Then everybody else would know it and intelligent public opinion alone would keep us all on the right side of the law or punish us promptly if we overstepped the line.

-Huntsville-

Church services will be as follows Sunday: M. E. Church—Sermon, 9:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Christian Church—Sermon, 9:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.; Young people's meeting, 7:30 p. m.

Christmas exercises will be held at the M. E. Church on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Wilcox and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Zick at Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Randall visited with Mrs. Sickler at Orange on Sunday.

Mrs. T. W. Stoeckel returned on Sunday after spending two weeks with relatives at Pottsville and Nanticoke. Albert Perrego is ill.

Mrs. G. A. Learn entertained the Women's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. H. W. Danks led the devotion and reviewed the lesson. Mrs. Harvey asked the enigmas which were prepared by the members. A box of gifts was sent to Ellis. Mrs. Albert Perrego will be here next month. Mrs. Harry will review the lesson and Mrs. Stoeckel will solve the enigmas. Lunch was served. Mrs. Keener spent Wednesday afternoon at Mercy hospital.

Mrs. T. W. Stoeckel entertained the Class of the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening. A short business session was served to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Randall.

Mrs. Gordon Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Hadsall, Mrs. Renoe Elston, Mr. and Mrs. T. W.

-Trucksville-

Mrs. George Metz and Mrs. Charles Palmer attended the Eastern Star banquet held at Colonial Tea Room Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ziba Howell and daughter Marjorie spent Sunday in Hazleton.

Mrs. George Bessemer is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jonah Warden. Mr. Bessemer has accepted a position with the Pierce-Arrow Company in Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss Jessie Race is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Metz.

Kingston township schools will close December 24 for the Christmas holidays.

The Christmas cantata given by the Junior department of the M. E. Church will be held December 23 instead of Christmas Eve as it has formerly been the case.

Miss Charlotte entertained the members of the Queen Esther Standard Bearers Tuesday evening at her home. Refreshments were served to Ruth Schooley, June Palmer, Ruth Mathers, Eleanor Rockwell, Edith Weidner, Florence Richards, Betty DeBoit, Ruth Hewitt, Jessie Race, Anna Stencil, Ruth Bennett, Thelma Bulford, Edna Billings, Marion Reese, Minerva Perkins, Emily Lewis, Albert Lyne, Leah Richards, Eleanor Parsons, Mrs. G. J. Reynolds, Mrs. Stroud, Pauline Stroud and Charlotte Stroud.

Twenty-five members of Trucksville Epworth League attended the rally held at Centermoreland Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles Palmer and children visited friends in Kingston on Sunday.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ICE CREAM
Delivered to Your Home
Christmas Day
Full Line of Holiday Goods
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Dallas

Heard Around The Corner

PEPPIN' UP

We noticed the last few weeks that our local scribe of the Sunday Independent who happens to be a prominent official of our town, is putting some pep in his writings in our local Dallas column.

Nothing sells a paper more than good live news and sometimes a writer can spoil it by injecting some personal feelings. However, our local scribe threw out some darts about another newspaper starting in town because a "local clique" seemed to have control, or at least the good graces of a certain newspaper. We at first thought he meant the Post, but the Independent writer denies that he had us in mind. We could not see how this was directed at the Post as it has always maintained open columns to its readers and we still maintain our contributors' column.

SPICY NEWS

The writer of this column while not controlled by the Post, endeavors to go along with the policies of the paper for the privilege of writing this column and sometimes has some good interesting news for our readers. We do not intend to ride anybody, but if we have a good story on any person, clique or official, we will write it. We have had some in mind and as soon as we have definite information we will spill it.

Some people might not like it, but news is news.

MANY THANKS

The writer desires to express his thanks to Wes Moore and Warden Kunkle for their kindly offerings of venison. We repeatedly expressed our liking for deer and at last these two boys satisfied our hunger. Good luck, we hope they repeat next year.

QUITE BUSY

Our smiling Burgess, Harry Anderson, is quite busy these days and we suspect that genial Harry will inject some pep in the town officials when he takes office on January 6th. As Burgess, Harry can do a lot for the town and our community and we think that we will have a slightly different policy in regard to certain affairs.

ROLAND STEVENS

We do not believe there is anyone more delighted than ourselves to hear of Roland Stevens' new connection with Montgomery-Ward & Co., as hardware buyer for that firm in the eastern district. Roland is a first class hardware man and his elevation to this fine position is wonderful news to his many friends. We are safe to say that there is not a squarer or finer boy in Dallas than this same Roland.

TOWN TOPICS

Many of the boys about town are commencing to give some thought to their New Year's resolutions.

Now that deer season is over, baseball and football gone for several months, what will take up the interest of the boys around the corner.

Something that council will do something to start some comment but we don't think so.

Council needs some person to take the initiative and make some changes. Not from a political point of view, but financially. Next spring we would like to see another road repaired with a permanent pave. Can we do it by spending \$100 per month for police service during the winter? This amount, if it were saved, would buy quite a bit of oil for the roads in the spring.

We met Fred Kunkle the other day on Main street. Fred is as young as ever. He does not seem to be worried by the county audit. Fred is a worker and if everyone on our county payroll performed his service as well as Fred, the county would be better off.

What has happened to the restaurant business? Is it the fact that we have three where we used to have only two, or is business just bad. One used to go down Main street and find several people in the restaurants at almost any time. Now they all seem deserted.

We attended the Eastern Star banquet last Monday night at the Colonial Tea Room. It's too bad that our local caterers have not a proper place to serve these affairs. We must compliment the Colonial on its tasty menu.

Risley and Major have taken over the Dallas Hardware and we expect business to pick up around here. With these two lives wires this hardware store should be made to go if at all possible.

We hear many complaints about various machines or motors about town affecting radio reception. The Post has received a few calls about it and is cooperating, but it seems that there are many other places that are creating interference.

A 'Stitch in Time

By Albert T. Reid



The New

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Radio Receivers Bring

"Face to Face Realism"



A GAIN Sparton brings to you something new and big in radio. A remarkable accomplishment which you might naturally expect from Sparton who last year introduced to the world the revolutionary EQUASONNE circuit, "Radio's Richest Voice." Sparton now presents remarkable new developments which bring to the world "FACE-TO-FACE REALISM."

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