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KNOWING NATURE

The state game warden of Arizona believes in having the inhabitants of the state know the native wild creatures. He is beginning with birds, and with the children of today who will be the citizens of the near future.

Special instruction in bird and animal life is to be given in the public schools of the state. The warden asks that every child be made familiar with the habits and migrations of the birds and the kinds of birds found in Arizona—which are insectivorous or carnivorous, which are friends and which are enemies of mankind.

The plan is to have every schoolhouse provided with bird houses so that some of the less timid birds may be studied at first hand by the pupils. To have bird houses in the school yards is a common provision in many communities. The boys and girls make the houses in manual training classes, and then study the birds later on and make friends with them as they come to live in the school yard.

This is nature study made a living, interesting subject. Children enjoy knowing about birds and animals and flowers and trees. With this practical teaching which begins with the nature life right about them in their community they are made familiar with the growing things of outdoors and at the same time learn how to enjoy without destroying. A small boy who is studying birds that live in his school yard and the wilder ones that haunt the streams and lakes and woods of his own county and state is not going to go about with ruthless slingshot or rifle killing or injuring these lovely feathered friends. So too, the boy or girl who knows the native wild flowers of the community, their period of bloom, their favorite haunts and methods of propagation is not going to go into the woods to tear up by the roots the fragile gentian, the arbutus, the violet or any of the rest. The interest and sense of protection acquired by childhood days will last into adult life and the familiarity with the wild things will prove a constant joy.

THE B. M. A. S. L.

The Business Men's Anti-Swindling League is one of the associations formed to fight the army of crooks who have set about depriving honest Americans of their Liberty Bonds, giving dishonest securities in their place.

Representatives of the New York Stock Exchange, of chambers of commerce, of advertising clubs, the American Federation of Labor and other powerful institutions have united to form this society.

Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, a Banker by profession, is one of the men who are urging responsible citizens everywhere to awake to the danger and join the movement to protect the public against the vendors of worthless stocks.

"The men and women who were good enough to sacrifice for the nation," says Mr. Herrick, "are good enough to be protected now. In every community they should be protected."

Laws can be made, and are now being drafted, to put a check upon the swindler and to provide for his punishment when apprehended. But the trouble is that the apprehension too often is merely locking the barn door after the horse thief has gone with the family steed.

The awakening of public opinion is what is needed to arouse the individual and keep him from nibbling at the glittering bait, and for such an awakening, this organization of the leading business men in every community should be most effective.

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL FUND



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Percy R. Kelly, County Chairman,
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According to the plans of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, the Roosevelt Memorial Fund of \$5,000,000.00 is to be utilized to erect a National Monument in Washington, D. C.; to acquire and maintain a public park at Oyster Bay, N. Y., and ultimately to include Sagamore Hill, the Roosevelt home, therein, to be preserved like Mount Vernon and Lincoln's home at Springfield; and to endow a National Society to perpetuate the principles and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt.

Each contributor to the fund will receive a certificate of membership in the Roosevelt Memorial Association. A certificate will also be presented to every school contributing to the fund.

The name of every contributor will be placed on the list of names deposited in the National Monument to be erected at Washington, D. C.

THOUGHT FOR THE MORROW

Too many people in this land have thought in the past that they could not save anything. They have reasoned that because it takes all they earn to live from day to day, they cannot live on less. But the next time they get a raise, of course they will save the raise. When the raise comes, however, they do not save it. The habit of living up to the edge of the pay envelope is too strong.

The war, with its necessary conservation, taught people that they could live on less than before. Hardly a family but found it could make the old clothes do another few months, could take off the spending a bit here and there for bonds or savings stamps.

It is perfectly natural that the reaction from forced economies of money, of materials, of pleasure, should result for a little while in riotous indulgence. It is the swing of the pendulum. But by the time the year is up on Armistice Day practically every American will have indulged in his little fling. Whether it is a limousine or an extended tour, a little old rebuilt flivver, a fur coat, a new porch, a set of hooks no one will ever read, or that object of antiquarian interest, an all-linen table-cloth, every one will have bought or done something of unprecedented extravagance just out of the half-conscious spirit of celebration.

Having done this, would it not be a good plan to make Armistice Day the beginning of a period of prosperity by regular trips to the savings bank. We all know that we can, if necessary, live on less than we earn. We have proved it by doing it.

Anxiety is the most crippling force in the world. The possession of a neat little bank book with rows of neat little figures therein is the one sure cure for anxiety. In the place of that corroding disease it puts confidence, security, the courage for new ventures and the self-control to carry them through.

The former Kaiser has taken out an insurance policy of \$4,000,000 on the furnishings which are being brought to his new castle at Doorn. It would be interesting to know if there is any insurance company brave enough to issue a policy on the gentleman's life.

The cost-of-living conference called by Attorney-General Palmer wants to reduce style-changes in women's dresses to two. That's all right, provided they can persuade the women to agree on the two.

Looks as if those Russian Reds are changing to yellow.

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