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Gay as a boy, Marshal Foch, Generalissimo of the Allied armies, sailed across the Atlantic to be greeted on American shores by our world-war hero, General Pershing. It was Marshal Foch's first long sea voyage. He comes as the guest of the American Legion, for the third national convention at Kansas City. He will also attend the armament conference at Washington. The picture was taken on the pier at New York.

County Agent Has Won Permanent Place In Rural Development

Department of Agriculture Issues Circular Describing His Work and His Worth.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—After ten years of experimentation and development under the direction of the Department of Agriculture, county agent work has proved itself an indispensable factor in agricultural communities in the Northern and Western states. It has awakened the farmers' economic instincts and is helping him to stand on an equality with other business interests. It has brought about a reorganization of social conditions in rural districts which makes country living more satisfactory and has brought to the country boy and girl a new respect for the farm and a new and better vision of country life.

The specific activities of county agents in Northern and Western states, with respect to soil fertility, crops, seed improvement, pest and insect control, fruit, livestock, farm management, boys and girls clubs, farm home problems, etc., are fully and interestingly described in Department Circular 179, which may be had on application to the Department of Agriculture.

History of County Agent.

The circular also gives a brief history of the county agent work from its inception in 1911, in Boone county, New York. By the end of June, 1913, about one hundred of the agents were at work in 19 states. The passage of the Agricultural Extension act in May, 1914, and later the food production emergency of the World war, led to the rapid expansion of the county agent force, which now numbers 1,116 agents in the 1,600 agricultural counties of 33 Northern and

Western states. Iowa and Minnesota are the only states which have a complete quota of agents.

It is interesting to note that the early efforts of county agents were poorly received by county communities and in very many cases were openly resented by farmers. The changed attitude of agricultural communities in regard to the county agents is one of the most notable triumphs of the work and is the best possible proof of its value and necessity.

County agents' attitude toward such economic problems as cooperative purchasing of farm supplies and marketing of farm products has resulted in the formulation of a national policy. The county agent today helps determine what crops should be grown, he advises how to grow them efficiently and how to market them profitably. The same is true in connection with his work in the livestock industry.

Helps the Farmer Help Himself.

The county agent's first duty is to help the farmer help himself. One of the outstanding developments in connection with the county agent work has been the increased emphasis placed on the appointment of community project leaders and thru them the development of programs of extension work in agriculture and home economics. Whether the need of a particular community be drainage of wet lands, stump blasting, corn, wheat or other crop work, improvement of seed potatoes, eradication of prairie dogs or grasshoppers, pruning and spraying of fruit trees, a "better sires" or tuberculin test campaign, farm accounts, boys and girls club work, or other problems, the method of approaching the work is about the same.

The aid of extension experts from state colleges of agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture is frequently sought, since farmers are insisting on a high standard of qualifications in those from whom they expect to learn newer and better methods of farming.

The circular gives many tables and figures in connection with its story of the county agent work in the Northern and Western states.

Growers Draft Rule Praised By Secretary Wallace As A Great Aid to Agriculture

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Concerning the ruling recently made by the Federal Reserve board to the effect that growers' drafts accepted by cooperative marketing associations should be classed as agricultural paper eligible for rediscount at federal reserve banks, Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace said recently: "It is a ruling of great importance, and should result in making additional credit available for farm use."

"It appears that drafts drawn by members upon associations designed to market their produce are to be regarded not as evidences of purchase

Uncle John's Joke

IT'S A POOR EYE THAT CAN'T SEE DIAMONDS IN HARD COAL NOW.



of purchases by the association but as advancements made by the association in the capacity of consignee, when the association operates on a pooling basis, with full authority to defer selling the produce or to sell it in a modified condition.

"Had the board ruled that the transaction indicated was a sale and not a consignment, the drafts would be restricted to eligibility for rediscount within the 90-day limit. Under the interpretation of the board, however, the growers' drafts, if otherwise conforming to the rules and regulations of the Federal Reserve system, are eligible for rediscount within the six-month limit. It would seem, under this ruling, that growers may:

"Employ cooperative market associations to advantage in financing their agricultural requirements, find it especially to their advantage to keep their delivery of produce to their associations on a strictly consignment basis, and enjoy special advantages in marketing their produce cooperatively.

"Cooperative associations should secure a copy of this ruling from the Federal Reserve board, and inform themselves thoroughly on it, so that they may take advantage of it."

HEART RENT-ING.

"I hear you had a quarrel with your sweetheart the other day."

"Yes, she sneered at my apartment, so I knocked her flat."

BACK FROM RUSSIAN PRISON



Captain Emmett Kirkpatrick of the Red Cross has just arrived in the U. S. after being imprisoned in Russia for more than a year. He is shown here on his way to Washington to report conditions there, but paused long enough to tell a friend just how bad are the Bolshevik cigarettes. "None inferior," he says.



Poem by Uncle John

AN OBITUARY FOR ARMISTICE DAY.

The sword has spent its hideous round of spreadin' desolation; It certainly hath done its bit, in sheddin' precious blood. . . . It mightily paralyzed the heart of every nation,—till the hand that took it perished, like the scripiter said it should.

It flashed its grim defiance at the sacred laws of honor; It gloated in the subterfuge, that Might is allers Right. . . . But fair Columbia's Goddess stands, without a stain upon

her,—the broken sword is at her feet—a memory of the fight!

Yes, the sword has been unmerciful, relentless, hard an' cruel. . . . There's nothin' more perfidious, nor repugnant than its regin; With Liberty our watchword, we survive the bloody duel, and curse the fallen monster, fer the heroes it hath slain!

From Uncle John.

SMILE AWHILE

ONE WAY ROUND.

A Washington butcher one day delivered a pair of chickens to a tender-hearted housewife. She shuddered when she saw them.

"I should think," she said, "you would never have the heart to chop the heads off these innocent chickens."

"Ma'am," replied the butcher, "I haven't. That was one of the great problems of my life until I discovered a way out of it. Since then I haven't a qualm of conscience."

"How in the world do you do it?"

"I don't chop the heads off the chickens any more. I chop the chickens off the heads."

IT GOES TWO WAYS.

Bashful Mr. Jones was at a dinner party and had been trying all evening to say something nice to his hostess. Finally he thought he saw his chance.

"What a small appetite you have, Mr. Jones," she remarked.

"To sit next to you, Mrs. Smith," he replied gallantly, "would cause any man to lose his appetite."

And he wondered why he wasn't invited to the next affair.

SO SORRY TO TROUBLE.

A woman in an Ohio hotel came down to the office one evening and asked if she could get a glass of water. The clerk agreeably obliged and she disappeared with it, returning quickly for another.

"I'm sorry to trouble you," she said.

The clerk assured her that it was no trouble, but when she returned for a third glass and then a fourth he became curious and asked her what she wanted with so much water.

"I know you'll just scream when I tell you," she said, "but I'm trying to put out a fire in my room."

HER LAST WORDS.

Violet, aged ten, had been allowed to sit at the table at a big dinner given by her mother, with the stipulation that she was not to speak except to answer questions asked by the guests. She kept her promise until the arrival of some alluring candied fruits.

"Mother," she cried, "if you'll tell me where you got that I'll never speak another word as long as I live."

RAPID IMPROVISATION.

A colored preacher in Alabama had at one time served a short jail sentence and was fearful lest his congregation discover the fact, as in his later years he had been a model of rectitude.

One Sunday, rising to begin his sermon, his heart sank to see a former cellmate sitting in the front row.

Quick thinking was necessary. Fixing his eye on the unwelcome guest, the preacher announced solemnly:

"Ah takes mah text dis mo'nin' from de sixty-fifth chaptah and fo' hundredth verse of de book of Job, which says: 'Dem as sees and knows me, and says nothin', dem will Ah see later.'"

IMMIGRANT GIRL MARRIES RICH



When sixteen years old, Sally Hunter came from Belfast to America with her poor parents. Now she is to be related to the wealthy Vandenbergh and Havenmeyer families, thru her marriage to Herbert M. Harriman, son of the late Oliver Harriman, and one of the leading bankers and capitalists of the country.

PHYSICAL EXERCISE.

"Speaking of physical exercise," said a Chicago business man who spends three afternoons a week in the gymnasium, "it saved my life the other night. I was going home on a highwayman jumped at me out of an alley."

"Knock him dead?"

"No, I didn't hit him at all."

"Kick him?"

"No."

"What did you do, then?"

"Outran him. But for my athletic exercises I couldn't have done it."

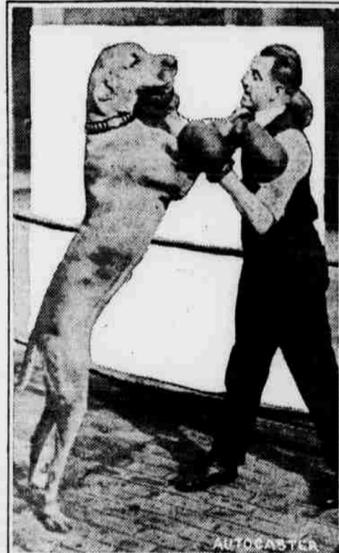
Farmers and Stockmen Will Be Warned of Heavy Snows and Blizzards This Winter

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Now that the winter season is approaching, the Weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture is perfecting its service to assist stockmen and agricultural interests in general against the dangers of cold waves, heavy snows, high winds and blizzards.

The increased use of the wireless by the Department of Agriculture will expedite the handling of weather forecasts in the western states. Plans have been worked out whereby within an hour or two at the outside after the Weather bureau issues the warning, every community will be in possession of it. In fact, every individual farmer or rancher, who has a telephone, will be in possession of it, for under the system perfected, the wireless will be used to communicate forecasts of blizzards, heavy snows, etc., to central points, where arrangements will be made to telephone the information to all parties having phone service.

In event of a severe winter, such as has been predicted, the perfected service of the Weather bureau will undoubtedly save stockmen and farmers in the west hundreds of thousands of dollars by preventing losses among their cattle and other livestock.

SCHNOPS GETS STIFF RIGHT TO JAW



Schnops, great Dane, owned by Joe Fredericks of New York, claims the middleweight championship of the canine world. He has been taught to box—and he likes it. Those who have seen him romp in padded mitts with his master say he "uses his dukes" better than many humans. Schnops will foul occasionally in a clinch. He can't resist the temptation of "biting his opponent's ear."