

# The Way of Life

## BRUCE BARTON

### The Forgotten Ananias

Some years ago a chicken-thief committed a series of robberies on big estates outside New York. He got away with some very fancy stock.

Finally, one of the gentlemen farmers, whom we shall call Van Norton, hired a private detective and caught the miscreant.

Sitting in a New York club a few nights later, Van Norton received the congratulations of his neighbors, "You did a fine thing," they said. "Now we hope you'll send the rascal over the road for a good long stretch."

"What do you mean, send him over the road?" Van Norton asked.

"Why, prosecute him. Send him to jail."

"Prosecute him? I don't intend to prosecute him."

They were incredulous. "Surely you're going to see that he is punished for all the loss and worry he has caused us."

"Just a minute," Van Norton responded quietly. "Suppose I do prosecute him. Suppose I get a conviction and a jail sentence. What will happen? Ten years from now my name will be mentioned in a gathering such as this, and somebody will say vaguely, 'Van Norton? Van Norton? Let's see. Wasn't he mixed up in some chicken stealing business a little while ago?'"

It is a curious fact of human nature that we forget the best in our fellow men, while a single stain of scandal clings to our memories for-

ever.

If I were to mention to any reader of this newspaper the name Judas, he would tell me immediately who Judas was, "He was the treacherous apostle, the betrayer of the Lord."

If I were to mention the name of Ananias, I should get a response almost as prompt. "Ananias? Why Ananias was the man who claimed to have sold all his property and turned the proceeds over to the apostles. But he held some of it back, and for telling that lie he was struck dead. He was the prince of liars."

But how many readers remember this story?

When the apostle Paul saw the vision by which he was converted, he was divinely guided into Damascus to the house of a faithful disciple. What was the disciple's name? Judas.

Another disciple was sent to Paul to minister to his needs. What was his name? Ananias.

Everybody remembers Judas the betrayer and Ananias the liar. No body remembers the other Judas and the other Ananias—quiet, unselfish men who aided Paul in his hour of need and helped to start him on his great career.

A very wise and good friend of mine had a motto. Said he: "Every man has a right to be judged by his best."

Will some psychologist explain why it is so hard for us to remember the best?

And so easy to remember the worst?

### DEAD SOIL CAUSE BELIEVED FOUND

Too Much Rare Element Reported in "Serpentine Land" by O.S.C. Specialist.

That areas of infertile so-called "serpentine land" found in various sections of the state are rendered sterile by an excess of one of the rarer elements found in soil is indicated by analysis of samples of this soil obtained near Kerby in Josephine county. Tests at the Oregon experiment station and at the federal bureau of soils show presence of ferrous chromite in quantities believed by Dr. W. L. Powers, head of the soils department at O. S. C., to be sufficient to cause the trouble.

If this is in reality the cause of the trouble it is quite likely that the condition may be corrected, partially at least, through application of lime and other soil amendments which would remove the harmful effects of the chromite, says Dr. Powers. Except for this trouble the "serpentine soil" is better than average in fertility and general characteristics.

Study of these rarer elements in soils is showing that scarcity or abundance of the three main plant nutrients—nitrogen, potash and phosphorus—does not tell the whole story of soil fertility by any means. Work at the Oregon Experiment station and elsewhere with the rarer elements such as manganese, copper, zinc, aluminum and iodine indicates that one or two parts to the million of these may cause an increase in growth, but that in larger amounts they may poison the soil. Most of the normal soils contain enough of these for ordinary crops.

Tests with peat soils in this state, however, show that they respond well to limited applications of manganese. Manganese sulfate applied to Lake Labish peat land at the rate of 40 pounds per acre gave an increase of 86 per cent in tomato production. The same treatment to muck land at Clatskanie increased the yield 111 per cent. With field

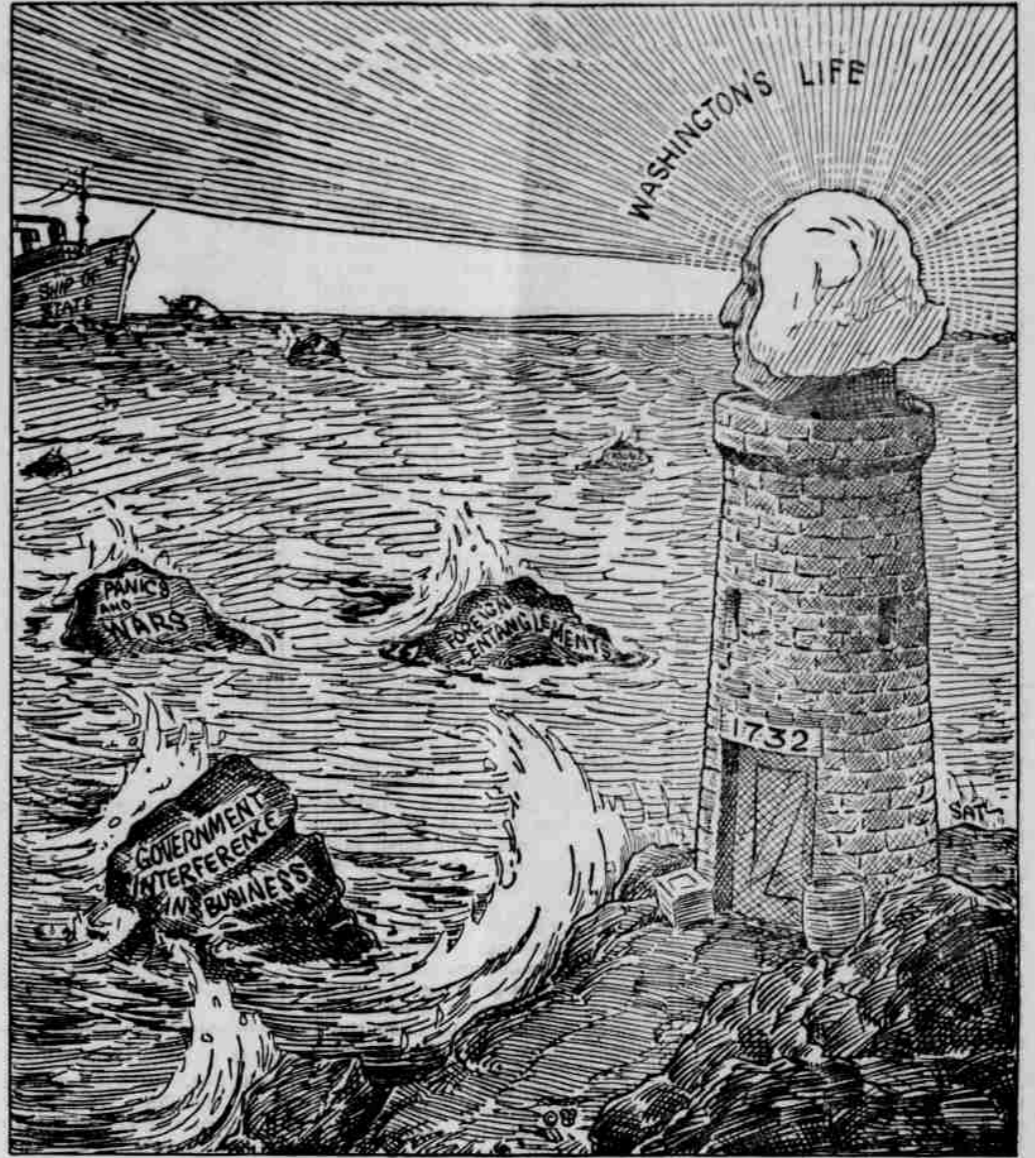
### MORTGAGES

The safest investment in the world, according to Joe Day, is a first mortgage up to not over 60 per cent of its actual value, on an owner-occupied dwelling house anywhere in the United States. Joseph P. Day has sold more real estate than any other man ever sold, and he is also a director of the largest money-lending institution in the world, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

The cities and towns of the nation are over-built with business and apartment structures built to rent, says Joe Day, but there is a crying need for several million modern one-family homes. There is plenty of money available to build them, but the need is for better ways of making that money available to the home owner at reasonable cost. That is coming, investors think, and soon.

Roseburg—With the objective of finishing at least 80 per cent of the Douglas county lambs previous to July 15 for shipment to Portland and San Francisco markets, a series of meetings has been scheduled throughout Douglas county by County Agent J. C. Leedy. Disease control, management problems and marketing of lambs will be discussed with the sheepmen by Mr. Leedy. H. A. Lindgren, extension specialist in livestock from Oregon State college, and Dr. Robert Jay, federal veterinarian.

## The Guiding Beacon for 200 Years



### GOLD

Not long ago I told in this column of a foolish millionaire who put a million dollars in gold into a safe-deposit box. Several persons have written to me saying my figures were wrong as to the size of the box it would take to hold so much gold. My banker friend who told me the story said that a box 17 1/2 inches square and 13 1/2 inches deep would hold a million in gold.

The superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office in New York gave me some corroborative figures. "A million dollars in gold bullion would occupy a space of 4,752 cubic inches or 2 3/4 cubic feet," he said, "and would weigh 3,316 pounds avoirdupois, or 1.58 tons. We weigh gold bars by grains, and an ounce of gold is a troy ounce, which contains 480 grains; but when we ship gold bars we weigh them, for freight purposes, in avoirdupois pounds, of 7,000 grains to the pound. It takes 25 8-10 grains of coin gold to make a dollar, so the \$20 goldpiece, or double eagle, contains a little more than an ounce of coin gold and a little less than a troy ounce of pure gold."

### BOOKS

This year there will be fewer books published, but they will be better books, the publishers say. For several years it has been possible for almost anybody to get a book published, whether the author knew how to write and had something to say or not. The country was flooded with volumes from the pens of young writers whose ambitions outran their abilities, who had never taken the trouble to learn how to write and who, quite generally, were interested in nothing but indecency.

The reading public is getting disgusted with books which reflect no emotions above the level of animalism, recognize no spiritual forces or values in life. Readers are turning back to the sound old classics. More young folk are reading Robinson Crusoe than have for years turned to that great book, which ranks next to the Bible and Shakespeare in its enduring value as a source at once of entertainment and inspiration.

### ABILITY

I think we are coming toward the end of the time when incompetence could "put itself over" by blatant advertising of inferior products. People are not buying poor quality products now, and are not so ready to believe what plausible promoters tell them. It is going to be harder, for a few years, at any rate, for swindlers to sell worthless stocks and bonds, and for self-styled artists to palm off their so-called "modern" paintings and sculptures as real works of art.

Ability is going to come into its own again. The principal trouble with the nation and the world today is that second-rate and third-rate men have been ballyhooed as first-raters and getting away with it.

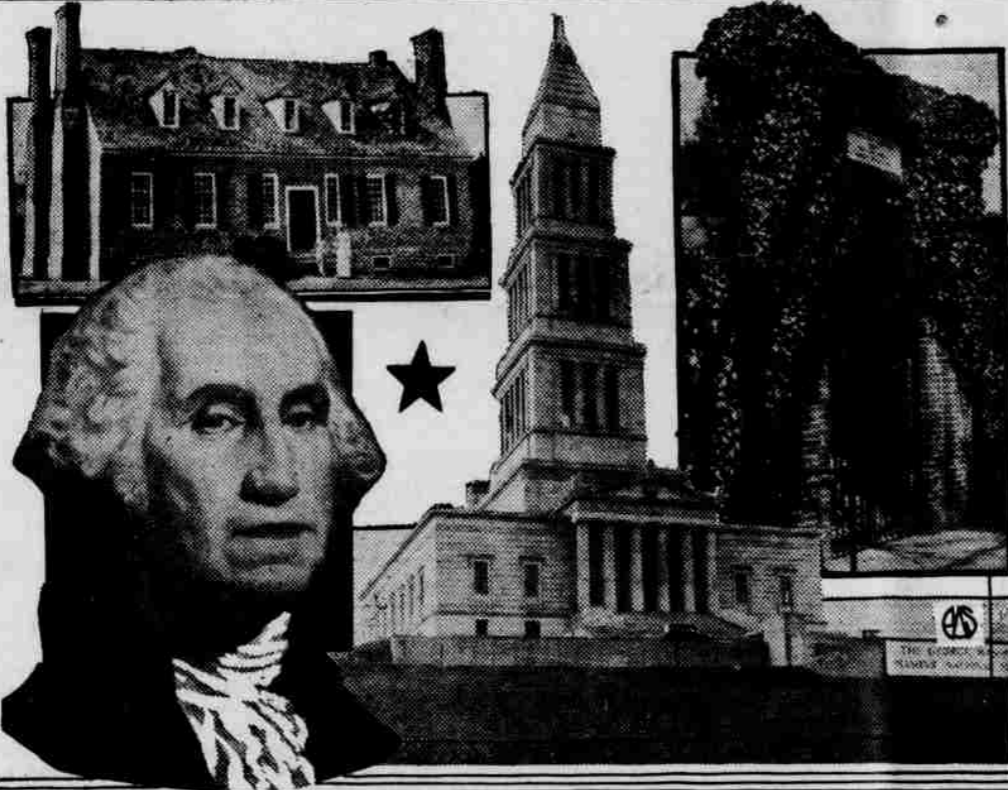
### HOUSING

Lewis Mumford, distinguished New York architect, says that the home has again become the family recreational center, and that the home of the future must be much more comfortable and beautiful. At the Museum of Modern Art many other architects have shown that they agree with him, exhibiting pictures and models of houses design-

ed to meet modern conditions, some of which are actually built or building.

Glass is used liberally, both for outer walls and partitions, giving every room ample air and sunlight. Homes built in rows, if properly planned, are now held to give more privacy than detached houses, and they cost less to build. Soundproof

## Washington Still Lives in the Hearts of His Countrymen



All America is celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of George Washington's birth this month. Above is shown the new national Masonic memorial named in his honor; his birthplace, which was recently restored; his tomb, built according to plans laid down in his will, and Gilbert Stuart's famous portrait of the First President.

## ODD---BUT TRUE

WHEN VOLNEY, A FRENCH REVOLUTIONIST, APPROACHED GEORGE WASHINGTON FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WASHINGTON WHO FELT THAT THE FRENCHMAN HAD QUALITIES BOTH FOR AND AGAINST HIM, WROTE:

"C. VOLNEY NEEDS NO RECOMMENDATION FROM GEO. WASHINGTON"

THE DYAK YOUTHS DO NOT ATTAIN THE RIGHT TO MARRY UNTIL THEY HAVE KILLED SOMEONE

YOU, HOO MARY! LOOK!

AND DURING THE FIRST CENTURY AFTER CHRIST THE LATIN POET MARTIAL WROTE OF FALSE TEETH AND WIGS

"YOU USE WITHOUT A BLUSH, FALSE TEETH AND HAIR BUT, LAELIA, YOUR SQUINT IS PAST REPAIR."

A MONKEY CAN HANG BY HIS HANDS AND SLEEP WITH NO DANGER OF FALLING - HIS ARMS ARE SO BUILT THAT THE WEIGHT OF HIS BODY KEEPS HIS HANDS CLOSED

### peas the manganese treatment gave a 10 per cent increase at Lake Labish and 30 per cent at Clatskanie.

Despite these developments, Dr. Powers does not recommend consideration of these rarer elements in ordinary fertilizer purchasing, nor does he advise buying high priced patent fertilizer of untested composition without careful investigation.

### Oat Growers Get Chance To Supply Milling Needs

If western Oregon oat growers will discard about 25 of the present 28 varieties of spring oats being grown and concentrate on production of the Victory variety, they will have opportunity of supplying some of the grain for breakfast food used by northwest mills, believes D. D. Hill, associate professor of farm crops at Oregon State college, who recently studied the oat production situation in this region.

Most of the fall oats grown are the standard, high yielding Gray Winter variety, he found, but most farmers pay little attention to varieties of spring oats, lumping them all under the general name, "white spring." Spring varieties vary greatly in yield and quality, he says, and of all of them Victory is the best yielding, is high in nutrients

### Conference on Homes to Be Held at O.S.C. Soon

An Oregon conference for the study of home interests has been called to meet at Oregon State college March 9 to 11 under the auspices of the school of home economics. This conference will be a follow-up of a similar one held a year ago which was confined largely to study of child development and parent education problems arising out of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection.

The general public is invited to this year's conference and special invitations have been sent out to such interested groups as Parent-Teacher organizations, home study and radio study clubs and teachers of home economics in high schools.

The program this year will include reports of progress since last year's conference, and will cover the general field of home interests. A staff of 21 speakers has been arranged by Acting Dean A. Grace Johnson of the school of home economics.

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