

The Way of Life

by BRUCE BARTON

TOMORROW

It is sometimes my sad fortune to have to deliver an after-dinner speech.

Few experiences are more depressing.

One sits up at a high table like a specimen at the zoo. One waits with increasing discomfort while the toastmaster works slowly down the line, and tries to look appreciative as the other speakers unfold their solutions of world problems with a sprinkling of state jests.

Only now and then there is a bit of compensation. The other night, for instance, I found myself beside Strickland Gilliland. He ate sparingly, and when I remarked on it, he said: "I always have to feel well tomorrow. If you live today so that you will feel all right tomorrow you don't get into much trouble."

He made me think that you can estimate men according to their attitude toward tomorrow.

How many tomorrows can they see? How much are they willing to sacrifice for tomorrow? How much do they dare to trust?

A day laborer can see only a half-dozen tomorrows. He must be paid every week. An entrepreneur may cheerfully invest half a life-time in

a new business from which not he but his children will profit.

Artists and writers have been known to disregard entirely the near tomorrows, pinning their faith on the fairer and more enduring verdict of posterity.

The prophet, of course, looks farthest of all. Stephen, on his way to death, cried: "Behold I see the heavens opened." Jesus, about to be crucified, assured His disciples: "I have overcome the world."

It strikes me that what we need these days is the habit of taking a little longer look, envisaging a few more tomorrows.

Some of us act as if this present distress were the first test of the world's endurance that has ever come. We are afraid that if it is not straightened out immediately civilization will perish.

It is not so much a test of the world, or of civilization, as it is a test of us. It is like the war. Some of us lost courage, and said: "It will never end," and took thought only of ourselves. Others can now look back with satisfaction on the record they made then.

Today we are making another record on which we must look back.

Back from some future and better tomorrow.



LEARNING

My wife and I called on some new neighbors, a young German couple who had taken a farm near mine. As we approached the house we heard the sound of what seemed to us very fine music, which stopped when I knocked on the door.

"I thought I heard a radio," said my wife, after we had exchanged neighborly greetings. But they had no radio. The young farmer had been playing on a violin which he had brought from Germany. I complimented him on the quality of his music.

"I'll never be able to play well enough to appear in public," he said, "because I did not start to study the violin until I was sixteen. To learn anything well you must start younger than that."

I have thought of that young farmer's sound observation many times since. I think our present system of coddling boys and girls until they are sixteen and then expecting them to learn how to get along in the world is all wrong. It is unfair to the youngsters and unfair to society, because it gives them the impression that the world owes them a living, and it puts on the rest of us the burden of taking care of and protecting ourselves against an army of misfits and incompetents.

Most people would be better off and happier if they had had less schooling and more hard work when they were very young.

SILVER

I have talked so much about silver in this column that perhaps I am suspected of owning a silver mine. I haven't a cent's worth of interest in buying or selling silver, but the more I study the subject the more convinced I am that anything which would result in restoring silver to its old currency position, especially in the Orient, would immediately stimulate trade and raise commodity prices, and so benefit everybody in the world.

I have just been reading reports of the hearings held in Washington by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, of which Hon. Andrew H. Somers is chairman. Nobody can study those statements without being convinced that silver is a much more important factor in the world's trade than most of us realize. I advise anybody who wants to know more about the subject to write to Representative Somers at Washington, for the documents issued by his committee.

COMFORT

Two of the transcontinental railroads have equipped their dining cars with air-conditioning devices which keep the temperature moderate and the air fresh no matter what the thermometer says outside.

Two eastern roads, the B. & O. and the C. & O., are about to start regular through trains between Chicago and New York, every car of which will be provided with a similar system of ventilation and cooling.

This is a long step in advance and one which the other railroads will have to take also. There will always be fresh air blends who will not believe that air is fresh unless it comes through an open window, but most people would rather travel in a dust-proof railroad car than in a dust-gathering open automobile, on any long journey.

INSANITY

The old idea that insanity of any kind is a mental condition originating in and confined to the brain has been proved to be just about as absurd as the old idea that lunatics and idiots were the victims of

a direct act of God, according to Henry A. Cotton, head of the New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane.

Acting on the belief that every manifestation of insanity had a physical cause, Dr. Cotton and his staff for twenty years have been trying to discover those physical causes and cure them, with the result that more than two thousand patients have been cured of their insanity. More than half of all mental disorders, Dr. Cotton says, are the result of chronic infections, especially in the teeth, tonsils, sinuses, and digestive tract.

In short, Dr. Cotton seems to demonstrate that the ancients were right when they spoke of "a sound mind in a sound body."

PROHIBITION

Ten years ago every woman in the country, practically, was enthusiastic about the new national prohibition law. The other day Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, wife of a New York banker, led a huge delegation of women to Washington to present a petition with hundreds of thousands of names on it for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

These are mostly city women who have seen an enormous increase in drinking among young people. Young folks spending money that they did not earn always think it is smart to do things which are against the law. I think there is a great deal more than prohibition behind the behavior of the idle children of the foolish rich.

Nevertheless, I think it would be a very good thing to take the prohibition out of politics by having a national referendum which will let each side know just exactly how strong sentiment for and against repeal really is.

ON OREGON FARMS

Hood River—Mice have been doing much damage to orchards in Hood River county this year, according to A. L. Marble, county agent. Among the most severe cases of injury was that reported on one ranch in the Oakgrove district where 15 to 20 year old trees were completely girdled from 6 to 15 inches on the trunk and larger roots, making bridge grafting necessary to save them. No cultivation had been done on this orchard in the past two years.

Hillsboro—H. R. Findley, among the Washington county farmers cooperating with W. F. Cyrus, county agent, in fertilizer trials in spinach, which is being grown as a canning crop under contract with the Ray-Maling company of Hillsboro. Good yields are imperative if the crop is to be grown successfully. Mr. Cyrus says, and recommends use of soil that is in a good state of fertility, supplemented with a commercial fertilizer carrying large amounts of nitrogen.

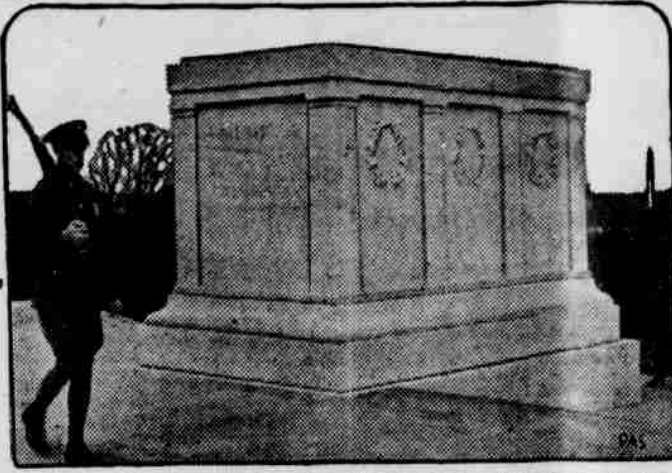
Ontario—The potato acreage of Malheur county will be materially increased this year, particularly the acreage of Bliss Triumphs. Most of this variety will be planted with seed grown last year by P. Tensen of Nyssa from certified Montana grown seed. The acid mercury dip treatment has been recommended by County Agent R. G. Larsen and will probably be put in general use in Malheur county this year.

Oregon City—Phosphorus-bearing fertilizers used in demonstration trials on the brixnut flibert orchard of C. A. Vonderahe south of Oregon City last year have shown a hold-over effect on the cover crop, reports J. J. Inskeep. In these rows the cover crop furnished about 15,000 pounds of green material to turn under this spring, while those with no phosphorus produced only about 2000 pounds. This is the third consecutive year for this fertilizer trial in which Mr. Vonderahe and Mr. Inskeep are cooperating. The young trees are just coming into bearing and yields will be taken for the first time this year. Fertilizer combinations being used include complete fertilizer, phosphorus and potash, nitrogen and phosphorus, nitrogen and potash, and nitrogen alone.

80 head of pigs to sell at \$1 each if taken at once. Frank Swaggart, Lena, Ore. 6-tf.

3 years for \$5—where can you get more for your money?—The G. T.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



The massive monument beneath which lie the remains of one of America's war heroes whose name nobody knows has just been completed in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, in sight of the Nation's capital.

NEW BULLETIN OUT ON BETTER HOMES

Rural Residence Improvement is Discussed in O. S. C. Guide; Low-cost Plans Given.

"The Farm Home" is the title of a new, illustrated bulletin just issued by the Oregon State college experiment station which attempts to do for the home and grounds what hundreds of previous bulletins have done in pointing out possible improvements in actual farming practices.

Convenience, livableness and beauty of the farm home are seen by the author, F. A. Cuthbert, landscape architect at the college, as being equally important to the rural family as some of the more "practical" matters in the business of farming.

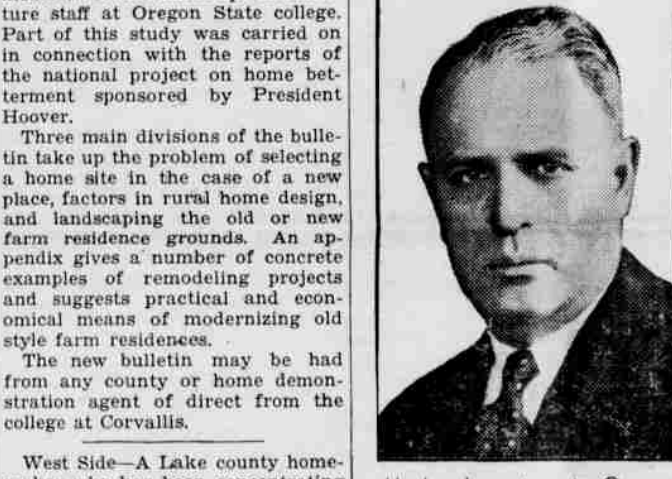
"Most farmers are eager for information that will help them at a small cost to make their homes more beautiful and comfortable," says Mr. Cuthbert. "Farm living conditions in many, if not the majority of cases, might be improved at small expense or with no expenditure other than time and effort on the part of the owner."

Information in the new bulletin is based on an actual study of farm homes in all parts of the state carried out by Mr. Cuthbert and other members of the landscape architecture staff at Oregon State college. Part of this study was carried on in connection with the reports of the national project on home betterment sponsored by President Hoover.

Three main divisions of the bulletin take up the problem of selecting a home site in the case of a new place, factors in rural home design, and landscaping the old or new farm residence grounds. An appendix gives a number of concrete examples of remodeling projects and suggests practical and economical means of modernizing old style farm residences.

The new bulletin may be had from any county or home demonstration agent of direct from the college at Corvallis.

West Side—A Lake county homemaker who has been concentrating on convenient kitchens since she was a little girl tells about her step-saving arrangements. She says, "I have a small pantry and by taking with me the milk or what liquid I need, I can make a pie or cake and put it in the oven by taking just six steps. I can reach all the things I need while standing at my kneading board." And then this: "I put up a shelf in the kitchen at the end of the stove and it surely is handy. I have plans to



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POOR WEATHER AFFECTS CROPS

Egg production Drops; Winter Wheat, Southern Early Potatoes, Peaches Damaged.

Weather conditions in the United States generally were unfavorable for egg production in recent weeks, while winter wheat and southern early potatoes and peaches have been damaged, according to a report on the agricultural situation just released by Oregon State college extension service.

About 7 per cent fewer eggs were laid on April 1 this year than in 1931, the report says, owing to a reduction in hens and less than the average number of eggs laid per hen. Layings were the lowest in the past seven years on April 1, whereas from last September to February layings per hen were the highest during that period in eight years.

The government report on commercial chick hatchings in March this year indicated a reduction of about 5 per cent in the whole country and 13 per cent for the western states. Bookings for April and later delivery were 12 per cent less than last year for the United States and 4.6 per cent less in the western states. "Setting hen" hatchings were not reported.

"The prospect for hard red winter wheat has declined materially



OLD SI TINKLEPAUGH SAYS IT'S NO WONDER GEORGE WASHINGTON FOUGHT SO HARD FOR FREEDOM AFTER HE MARRIED A WIDDER

during the past two months, but soft red winter is slightly more promising than in January," the report said. "The prospect for winter wheat is especially poor in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado."

Owing to frost, southern early potatoes are expected to yield much lighter than usual, unless growing conditions should be exceptionally favorable. Prospects for southern peaches are the poorest since condition reports were started in 1924, especially in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, according to the statement.

Regarding the spring lamb situation, the college extension service

reported that further weakness developed in California during the week ending April 21. Buyers were active in the upper Sacramento valley. Oregon lamb markets were also weak to lower, but arrivals of Oregon spring lambs at Portland were light.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

In memory of Brother Columbus Hinton, who died April 15, 1932 at Port Townsend, Washington.

Once again death has summoned a Brother Odd Fellow, and the Golden Gateway to the Eternal City has opened to welcome him to his eternal home. He has completed his work in ministering to the wants of the afflicted, in shedding light into darkened souls, and in bringing joy into the places of misery, and as his reward has received the plaudit "well done" from the Supreme Master.

And whereas the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called our beloved and respected Brother home, and he having been a true and faithful member of our beloved Order, therefore be it

Resolved, that Willow Lodge No. 56, I. O. O. F., of Heppner, Oregon, in testimony of her loss, drape its Charter in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

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Committee.

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