

The Way of Life

BRUCE BARTON

RHYTHM

Looking back, the record would be something like this: Unbounded optimism; "new era"; everything's going to be all right. Collapse; disillusionment. Fear. Fear compels thought. "The fear of the Lord," says the Bible, "is the beginning of wisdom." Until we are thoroughly scared we do not start to recover. Congress was thoroughly scared when it convened last December, and it has been the most sensible Congress in a long time. Business has been thoroughly scared, and more constructive business thinking has been done than for many years. Bankers have been thoroughly scared, and we shall have a sounder banking system. The greatest impression that this experience has made on me is a fresh realization of the rhythm of human existence. The race does not move in a straight line forward and up, much as we would like to think so. It swings. It swings too far to the left, bumps its nose, and swings back, too far to the right. In the course of these great swings it edges forward. But most of us fail to sense the rhythm. We are looking for a fixity, a finality which does not exist. We do not realize that change is the one unchanging fact in the universe; that because a

situation is so today is the one sure reason why it will not be so tomorrow. In these depression periods we question everything. We probe with doubts. We react. And the reaction is beneficent. For twenty-five years we worshipped "scientific progress." Now we wonder whether a lot of this so-called progress did not consist merely of filling up the world and speeding it up. We begin to wonder whether less things and more thinking may not lead to the happier life. In education we have been devoted to the practical, to training men and women to do things. We are swinging back to the old-fashioned idea that education is an enrichment of the spirit and not a filling of the brain. In government we have multiplied laws and bureaus and taxes. Now the worm is turning. The taxpayer rebels; government must simplify, deflate. We had a great period of misdirected idealism, a passion for educating everybody, "improving" everything, enlightening the world. Now we are beginning to suspect that the older civilizations have fully as much to teach us as we have to teach them. Action and reaction, ebb and flow, trial and error, change—this is the rhythm of living. Out of our over-confidence, fear; out of our fear, clearer vision, fresh hope. And out of hope—progress.

New York Central started twenty-hour trains on the same day. I went out on the first Pennsylvania train and came back on the New York Central's new speeder, as a newspaper reporter. Later, the running time between these two cities was cut to eighteen hours, but the twenty-hour schedule was restored during the war. Now they have got it shortened again, and the other day I saw the start of the new eighteen-hour train out of the Pennsylvania Terminal in New York.

I think, and I found some railroad officials who agreed with me, that one of the next big things after we get back to normal economic conditions will be such an improvement in road beds, rolling stock and motor power that a 15-hour schedule between New York and Chicago will be possible. Many trains on short stretches of perfect track now go at ninety miles an hour. It is only a matter of money to maintain such a schedule for the 990 miles that separate Lake Michigan and the Atlantic.

COWS

My country neighbors who sell AMERICA'S MOST CHARMING LADY SPEAKER IS CHAUTAUQUA HEADLINER

Miss Lethe Coleman Speaks on "Courage"



So universally popular is Miss Lethe Coleman on the Chautauqua platform that the management of the Associated Chautauqua Company, America's largest Chautauqua institution, is repeating Miss Coleman over the circuit this year. Miss Coleman has the reputation of being the best looking, smartest dressed, and most personally attractive woman speaker on the popular platform in America. She is a university graduate and instructor who has taken up platform speaking in response to demands from her friends in all parts of the United States and Canada. So insistent have the calls become that she has left all other work to devote her time to this.

For the coming season she has prepared a new address on "Courage," which sounds an optimistic note to the men and women, boys and girls, who have been buffeted about by the financial difficulties of the past two or three years.

In the address she is reminding people again of the trials and difficulties that have faced America in past decades, not only during the time of the pestilences, panics, floods and droughts, which the grandfathers and grandmothers, and fathers and mothers of the present generation overcame. No one can hear Miss Coleman in her present address and not feel a little more optimism and a little more determination to conquer the present difficulties. Her very presence itself radiates a genial warmth and her address is a clarion call to renewed progress, individually and collectively.

SPEED

Thirty years ago, on June 15, 1902, I travelled from New York to Chicago on the first regular train that ever made that trip in twenty hours. The Pennsylvania and the

This Girl's Handy With Tools



Peggy Stengel, 17-year-old redhead of Pittsburgh, earns pin-money by whittling little ships, houses, etc., and putting them together inside of bottles.

milk are having the blues. They are only getting about three cents a quart now, which is less than it costs to produce the milk.

The explanation is that dairying has been, in many regions, the most profitable farm operation for the past few years, so everybody is going into it and there are too many dairy cows. Farmers who depend on dairy products alone are finding themselves in the same position as those who depend on wheat, or cotton, or tobacco alone. The only farmers I know who are not in trouble are the ones who grow a little of this and a little of that, who keep a few cows, a few pigs, a small flock of hens, a small orchard and a small berry patch, and approach the agricultural problem from the point of view that the first thing they must get off the farm is their own living, and then if they can get any cash for their surplus they are that much ahead. There are exceptions, of course, but they are mostly, so far as I know anything about them, farmers who haven't had to borrow money on their land or their livestock and so don't have any interest to pay.

High School Athletes At Corvallis This Week

Oregon State College, Corvallis, May 3.—A host of outstanding high school athletes representing all parts of the state will arrive here this week end for the sixth annual Oregon state high school track and field meet Saturday.

The athletes and their coaches will be housed in the halls and fraternities. Tom Bruce of La Grande, chairman of the reception committee, has completed all details to assure every comfort for the visitors. Preliminaries will be run off at 10 o'clock Saturday morning in the 100-yard dash, 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard dash, 220-yard low hurdles, shot put, discus, javelin, and broad jump.

Events in the afternoon program will be the 100-yard dash, pole vault, high jump, discus and shot put, all at 2:00; mile run, 2:10, 220-yard dash, 2:25; 120-yard high hurdles; 2:40; 440-yard run, 2:55; javelin, and broad jump, 3:10; 220-yard low hurdles, 3:15; 880-yard run, 3:30, and half mile relay, 3:30. Points will be given the same as last year with five for first place winners; four, second; three, third; two fourth and one fifth. Points in the relay will count the same as in the other events.

Prizes will consist of gold medals for first place winners; silver, second, and bronze, third. Plaques will be awarded the schools placing first, second and third in the meet and also the winning relay team. The Windnagle cup will be presented the winner of the half-mile event.

Ralph O. Coleman, director of intramural athletics here, will be starter of the meet. Phoenix—Homemakers of the Phoenix extension unit won the Oregon label contest by turning in 484 varieties of labels from Oregon products which they had used since March 25. Applegate homemakers with a total of 315 varieties ranked second. One member of the Phoenix unit collected 220 labels. The contest marked the close of a series of meetings on Oregon products conducted cooperatively by Lucy A. Case, nutrition specialist in extension, and Mabel C. Mack, Jackson county home demonstration agent. Prizes of Oregon products were awarded.

POLITICAL Announcements

FOR REPRESENTATIVE, 22ND DISTRICT.

I am a candidate for the nomination for Representative, 22nd Representative District, comprising Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the Primary Nominating Election, May 20, 1932.

EDWARD E. RUGG, (Paid Adv.) Heppner.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

To the voters of the Republican Party: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County

Commissioner at the Primary Nominating Election to be held May 20th, 1932.

FRANK S. PARKER, (Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

To the Republican Voters of Morrow County: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the nomination to the office of County Commissioner at the Primary Nominating Election, May 20. I promise, if I am elected, I will do all in my power to cut the expenses of the county and carry on the work to the best of my ability and for the benefit of the taxpayers.

CREED OWEN, (Paid Advertisement)

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ARNOLD PIEPER, (Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the nomination to the office of County School Superintendent at the May Republican Primary Nominating Election to be held May 20, 1932.

MRS. LUCY E. RODGERS, (Paid Advertisement)

FOR SHERIFF.

To the Republican Voters of Morrow County: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate at the Primary Election, May 20, 1932, for the office of Sheriff of Morrow County to succeed myself.

C. J. D. BAUMAN, (Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

To the Republican Voters of Mor-

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PAUL M. GEMMELL, (Paid Advertisement)

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