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Along NATURE'S TRAIL with Ken McLeod

There is a changing aspect in business methods in the agricultural profession, slowly but surely. The life is being forced to adopt the methods of other forms of human occupation and the true rural life is beginning to vanish before the ever far reaching influence of the city. Nevertheless, it cannot be too strongly or too often emphasized that agriculture being a life-producing thing, its products the result of hereditary and environment, it still in spite of the crush of urban reality remains an industry quite apart. Successful merchants and manufacturers may infrequently make the mistake of imitating the methods which have made them successful may be applied with equal exactness to farming. Without question, business methods in farming are not only desirable but most essential. Nevertheless, it is well to recognize certain difficulties where the production of living things is involved. The successful merchant or manufacturer who turns farmer quite often discovers to his sorrow that methods that have made him a success in dealing with human affairs do not work out as expected when he has dealings with nature. More often than not the industrialist or merchant who makes a go of his rural venture does so, not because of his business ability but because he was fortunate enough to have an able agricultural wise manager who has no knowledge of the business tactics of Main Street. One of the most difficult factors to resolve in arriving at a solution of our present day difficulties in the agricultural field is the necessity of successful formula that can integrate the mass thinking of the urban mind with the independent mind of rural life.

It is well to recognize the basic facts where in the production of living things differs from the production of a manufactured article. When it rains the manufacturer has a roof over his workmen. Artificial light enables him to work even after darkness has overtaken the husbandman. Fires protect the workman of the factory from cold, but when the farmer is in the field the sun must be his ally. The manufacturer can calculate with great accuracy the number of working hours in a year, the productive efficiency of his plant, and its output in units. In agriculture, however, it is really a matter of fact that there is a great lack of efficiency in the application of labor and there is an almost if not quite insurmountable difficulty in calculating the degree of efficiency. The use of machinery is an illustration of this. In the industry there are many wonderful mechanical devices that can do very intricate operations, for instance we might pick an illustration from the show industry, a machine is now in use there for peeling shoes. This machine automatically inserts a "shouldered" nail and then turns it a quarter

way around so as to securely fasten it to the leather. The cost of the machine is doubtless considerable, but is capable of peeling many thousands of shoes in a year. It may, in the nature of things, be used daily and even hourly throughout the year. Its working efficiency may be calculated to and beyond the third decimal point.

The farmer who owns an equally complicated and remarkable self-propelled combine and harvester may if he is an average grain grower, use his machine six days each year. During the remaining 360 days, more likely than not, it forms a convenient roosting place for poultry.

Of the three great classes of industries which absorb much of the output of the history of agriculture is the only one that deals with vital forces that is, with living things. It is this fact that sets agriculture apart from all other industries and must continue that way so long as life depends upon climate and seasons. With all the advancement and improvement in the science and practice of agriculture during the past four thousand years, the abundance of the harvest still is more largely controlled by the weather than any other single factor.

When we seek to gain some grasp of the history of agriculture and its development it is most interesting to discover that we are indebted to Roman husbandry as well as Roman law and Roman literature for much that is significant in our occidental world.

If we take the word agriculture itself, in its present form it comes to us from the Latin "ager" meaning field, plain or open space, and the Latin word "cultura" meaning cultivation. In contrast to the word "agriculture," we have the word "horticulture," which likewise comes down to us from the Latin words "hortus" meaning a yard or enclosure, and "cultura" meaning cultivation. In this sense, therefore, agriculture means cultivation of the field while horticulture means cultivation of a garden. The reason for the use of these words in this sense arises from the practice of Roman husbandry. The farmstead of Roman times was known as the "villa," from which comes by easy stages such diverse words as "village" and "villain." The farmstead in Roman times was often raised on a hill, and was surrounded by a wall. The villa was a self-contained unit, with its own enclosure, and was known as a "villa." The farmstead of the present day is known as a "farm," and is not so self-contained. The farmstead of the present day is known as a "farm," and is not so self-contained. The farmstead of the present day is known as a "farm," and is not so self-contained.

THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.
A difficult and rather common problem for both physician and patient alike is brought up in the first question today.

Q — Recently I noticed a lump in my breast which the doctor felt certain was not cancer. However, when the lump was removed a pin dot trace of cancer was found and my friend has been told that as a precaution the breast should be amputated because of the probability of its growing into a growth later. My friend would rather wait and continue to be under the regular care of her doctor. Is the risk too great? M.O.R.

A — I can understand how your friend is hesitant and wants to wait under the circumstances outlined. Nevertheless, medical opinion is, I believe, unanimous that when cancer cells are found in a breast tumor the safest procedure is to remove the breast. While it is, of course, possible that no further trouble would develop the risk probably is too great.

Q — About a year ago my brother, age 63, became ill with a great deal of numbness and pain in his legs and feet. His doctor diagnosed nicotine poisoning and advised my brother to stop smoking which he did. In a short time his legs and feet returned to normal but about 60 days after he quit smoking several teeth became loose and my brother thinks this happened because he stopped smoking so abruptly. What do you think?

A — It certainly sounds as though your brother was wise to stop smoking. I do not know of any reason to believe, however, that loosening of his teeth could be related to his sudden cessation of smoking; probably the loosening of the teeth just happened to occur at the same time.

Q — Why can't some kind of anesthetic be given to a patient who needs a few stitches taken at the hospital? Mrs. A.M.

A — It is possible for a woman of 40 who is having her 11th baby her youngest is 11 years old to have twins? Could she have a boy since her seven children are all girls? Mrs. R.W.

A — So far as I know she could have seven and is as likely to do so as she would have one previous pregnancy. Also, the chances of her having a boy are approximately 50-50 regardless of the sex of her previous children.

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VET'S MAILBAG

Veterans Administration has launched a program of planned living to rehabilitate the aging and aged veterans in its domiciliary "homes." The new program was placed in effect at Camp White, Oregon, and 16 other similar installations throughout the nation, housing approximately 17,000 veterans.

The new program is another phase of the VA's many-sided attack on the growing problem of providing the type of medical and domiciliary care for aging and aged veterans that will best enable them to lead useful happy lives with the maximum freedom from hospitalization.

The new program, said E. K. Ricker, manager of the VA Domiciliary at Camp White, is designed to rehabilitate as many domiciliary members as possible to enable them to again become productive citizens in home town communities.

For those who are not susceptible to this advanced type of rehabilitation, Ricker said, the program is designed to enable them to enjoy the remaining years of their lives more fully with security and dignity.

Domiciliary members are disabled veterans who are so incapacitated that they are unable to earn a living, but do not require full-time nursing or hospital care. Most domiciliary members are in the older age brackets.

The new program has three objectives:

1. To provide a place where eligible disabled veterans can live under conditions which will promote their health and contentment.

2. To furnish authorized attendants and services which they are unable to provide for themselves, including necessary medical care and hospitalization.

3. To institute rehabilitation measures so as to enable each domiciliary member to return to his community or where this is not possible, to function at maximum capacity in domiciliary status.

The heart of the program is an activity planning board which will draft an individual plan for each member. This daily plan of living will be based upon a full medical evaluation and will be supplementary to prescribed medical care.

The medical evaluation will have a two-fold purpose: 1) to determine the need of a health maintenance program for each member so as to prevent or retard physical or mental deterioration which would require more intensive medical care or hospitalization later on, and 2) to establish the physical and mental capacity of each member for constructive assignments.

For certain selected members, VA paid employment will be provided primarily as a part of a rehabilitation program for building self-reliance.

VA staff members will be encouraged to apply for member jobs in which they have had previous experience or for which they may become qualified through training.

While they are working in these jobs they will be known as member-employees. They will continue to live in the domiciliary as members, but will receive modest salaries or wages.

When they are sufficiently rehabilitated to leave the domiciliary, they may be employed by VA as regular civil service employees if they qualify or they may seek employment elsewhere with the assistance of the U.S. and State employment services.

As part of the new program, VA is discontinuing all military territorial activities because it no longer applies. Under this change, barracks will become buildings, company commanders will become section leaders, and sick call will become a domiciliary clinic.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Q I have a World War II GI term insurance policy. Is it possible to convert just part of it to a permanent plan, or must I convert all of it at once?
A If you wish you may convert only part of your GI term insurance to permanent insurance. However, the insurance must be converted in multiples of \$500, and the minimum amount that may be converted is \$1,000.

Joint Spud Meet Slated In Merrill

A joint meeting of Klamath and Tulelake potato growers in Merrill Wednesday evening in the recreation hall at 7:30 will discuss marketing regulations for the 1955 potato crop. An organization meeting of the Oregon-California Marketing Agreement Control Committee is scheduled for September 23.

Idaho's committee is to meet September 19. On the strength of action taken at a joint meeting of directors and past presidents of the Klamath Potato Growers Association and Tulelake Growers, Idaho and Washington people have been advised that the Basin will cooperate with Washington and Idaho in marketing regulations designed to divert the lower quality portion of the marketable potato crop.

The September 1 estimate of production in the three northwestern states is 78.8 million bushels, 11.6 million bushels above a year ago. When California late is added in the four states total 96 million bushels this year, 13.4 million bushels above a year ago and 0.3 million bushels more than 1950.

Production of the 29 late states estimated on September 1 at 313.1 million bushels is 25.6 million bushels greater than last year's 287.5 million bushels. But is 25 million bushels less than 1950.

The total potato crop estimated at 392.5 million bushels is 36.5 million bushels greater than production in 1954.

Agree there is a need this season to divert lower quality potatoes.

Altar Society Holds Meeting

MERRILL — St. Augustine's Altar Society met Wednesday afternoon, September 15, at the parish hall.

Nora Cashman and Ina O'Keefe were appointed in charge of the rummage sale to be held in October.

It was reported that the coffee bands have been sent in for a coffee maker. All members are urged to continue saving coffee bands.

Plans for the annual bazaar to be held on November 12 were discussed. Ruth Harris and Ruth Madden are co-chairmen for the smorgasbord dinner to be served that evening.

Twenty-three members were present. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. August Anderson, Mrs. Leon Anderson, Mrs. John Liskey, Mrs. Mamie Giacometti, Mrs. John Giacometti and Mrs. Alan McCalliffe.

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Job's Daughters Hold First Meet

WEED — The first fall meeting of Bethel 130, International Order of Job's Daughters was held at Howe Hall in Mount Shasta, Monday night September 12. The original plans for a school of instruction was postponed to the September 27 meeting.

Notebooks, crayolas, miniature blackboards and pencils decorated the refreshment tables and sack lunches were served to the 20 members and six council members attending the meeting.

Hospitality committee for the honored queen, Marcia Holley and Sally Gilliam, Weed.

Refreshments were handled by Mrs. Sam Gamm, PTA hospitality chairman.

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GRIZZLE COCK "SLO MO", flown by Howard Manning, right, was the winning pigeon in a recent Salvation Army "Youth Program" benefit pigeon race. The race was flown from Crescent to Klamath Falls. Slo Mo's time in flight was 2:28:02. Lt. Jack Grable, left, is holding the trophy which was presented to Jim Kerns, center, of J. W. Kerns LTD., sponsor of the winning bird which he holds. The race was under the direction of the Crater Lake Racing Club.

Over The Garden Gate

KLAMATH FALLS — The Klamath Falls Garden Club ushered in its fall season of activities on Monday, September 5, with a chrysanthemum exhibit.

Many beautiful arrangements and varieties on display were enjoyed by members and guests.

A new affiliate, Mrs. E. L. Barbee was welcomed by Mrs. Will Wood and presented with a corsage.

Guests were Mrs. Glen Thomson, Mrs. Ida Grimes, Helena Horton, Louise Humphries and Mrs. Margaret Bumbart.

On Friday, September 9, a tour of the Spring Creek area was made for the purpose of studying conservation and gathering of dried materials for Ming tree and corse instructions to be given at the October 2 meet.

On September 12 an informal coffee hour was held honoring Mrs. K. G. Cummings a long time member who is leaving to make her home in Lebanon, Oregon.

She was presented with a token card signed by members of the club. On September 19 the Klamath Falls Garden Club with Mrs. A. J. Doran in charge, assisted by Mrs. Arch G. Proctor and Mrs. Leo Hils chairmen, will head the decorations and arrangements at the style show and luncheon given by the Klamath Falls Library Club at its initial meeting of the season.

Cantiflas Faces Contract Suit

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Mexico's famed pantomime, Cantiflas, faces a \$30,000 suit over his work in his first Hollywood film, "Around the World in 80 Days."

Studio worker Mrs. Margaret Cook charged in a suit filed yesterday that Cantiflas engaged her in 1943 to interest Hollywood producers in him and promote his career here.

Mrs. Cook alleged the agreement still was in effect. She asked the usual agent's 10 per cent of the \$300,000 Cantiflas is getting for his role.

ARMY TRAFFIC
LONDON — U.S. Army traffic police in Britain have been ordered to leave their guns behind when they go on duty. The command was issued by U.S. Army headquarters here after motorists in Norfolk complained they had been held at rifle point by an American soldier while an Army convoy passed.

Crescent, KF Race Held

Birds sponsored by J. W. Kerns, Ltd. were trophy winners last week at the Salvation Army "Youth Program" benefit pigeon race from Crescent to Klamath Falls.

Second place winner was Mason Ehrman Company and third place went to The Eagles.

There were 126 birds in the race from 10 lots in the Crater Lake Racing Club. Not all birds were sponsored. Other sponsors were Standard Feed Company, Scott Nurseries and Friends of the Salvation Army.

Grizzle Cock "Slo Mo," flown by Howard Manning, was the first sponsored bird to be timed in, with a speed of 1100.35 yards per minute for a distance of 92.568 miles.

The Kerns Company, which sponsored "Slo Mo," won the 10-inch trophy with a racing homer. The bird was 2:28:02 in flight.

Mealy Hen "First Choice," sponsored by Mason Ehrman Company, was the second bird timed in with a speed of 1091.20 yards a minute for a distance of 87.451 miles from Crescent. The bird was flown by Frank Bramer.

Check Hen "Hurricane" flown by Bruce DeMeyers came in third with a speed of 1058.07 yards a minute for a distance of 85.871 miles. The bird was sponsored by The Eagles Club.

Standard Feed Store won honor-mention when its bird, Red Pig Cock "Paint Pot," came in fourth with a speed of 1058.17. He was also flown by Frank Bramer.

War Criminals Freed In Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Three of Japan's remaining seven "class A" war criminals were released on parole Saturday from Tokyo's Sugamo Prison.

They went immediately to the Imperial Palace grounds to bow in the direction of the Emperor — a symbolic "reporting" of their freedom. Then they went to the nearby Yasukuni shrine, the memorial for Japan's modern war dead, to bow to the spirits of the deceased.

Their release was approved by the Allied powers this week after each had served 10 years of a life sentence.

The three are: Okinori Kaya, 66, finance minister in Japan's wartime government; Teichi Suzuki, 66, former lieutenant general and wartime cabinet minister; and Kikoro Hashimoto, 65, former ultranationalist army colonel.

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