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### COUNTY FAIR TIME

In almost every part of the United States this is in many respects the pleasantest season of the whole year for the folk who live on farms. The heavy work of the year is practically finished. In most sections the harvests have already been garnered. And while there is still a lot of crops yet to be brought in, there isn't anything more that the farmer can do to improve this year's production. He has a little time on his hands now for relaxation.

So this is "county fair time", at least all over the North. The trotters and pacers are being groomed, and the sulkies overhauled for the contests on the half-mile track. In spite of the automobile, the horse is still the farmer's friend and pet.

How many hundreds of thousands of farm boys and girls are looking forward to their chances of winning some of the innumerable 4-H Club prizes at the County Fair or other places of competition? It is these youngsters and their work to whom the nation looks for the continuous betterment of farm conditions.

For city folks the vacation season ends on Labor Day, but the farmer's holiday time comes after that. The only drawback, from the point of view of the boys and girls on the farm, is that in so many places school begins before the pleasant September weather is half over.

If there were only one season in the year and we could have our choice, we would pick the autumn. This time of year, from September to Christmas, when the days are getting shorter and nights are getting colder, and the sun is getting lower, when the season's work is practically over and there is time to think about politics and next year's crops, and generally take life easy for a while, certainly seems to be the most contentful time of the whole year.

### THE TAIL OF A SHIRT

It seems to us as if almost everybody must be pretty near out of clothes by this time. We don't see how the necessity for new clothes can be met without having some effect upon general business conditions. We notice in the fashion papers and on the streets that women's skirts are getting longer and their sleeves bigger. That ought to mean a larger demand for fabrics of all kinds, and that, in turn, ought to mean a better demand for cotton and wool and silk and rayon, out of which to manufacture the fabrics.

American women are not going to dress out of fashion very long, and while it was easy enough to cut down the long skirts and cut off the long sleeves, it is not going to be so easy to make over a short-skirted sleeveless dress into one with full sleeves and a long skirt.

A political economist pointed out many years ago that if he could be the Emperor of China and issue a decree that every Chinaman's shirt tail must be three inches longer, it would double the business of the Manchester cotton mills.

### BACK TO NATURE

It seems that one of the beneficial results of this long period of unsettled business conditions and industrial unemployment has been to force upon large numbers of people, who had never realized it before, that there is no safety or security for most folks if they get too far away from the soil and the sea.

A thought along this line has been emphasized by the State of New York granting fishing licenses free to the unemployed, so that they may at least have the opportunity of catching part of their food from the rivers and lakes, bays and ponds of the state.

Then one reads about various parts all over the country where thousands of unemployed are being encouraged to pan out gold from the soil. There is gold almost

everywhere in the United States. Most of it doesn't run enough gold to the ton of earth or rock to pay for the expense of setting up regular mining equipment, but many thousands are making good wages panning out placer gold in the west.

Hundreds of communities gave help and encouragement during the past summer to the unemployed who were willing and able to work small garden patches and so help to feed themselves and their families.

All such projects are, of course, merely temporary expedients, but out of them it is reasonable to expect that a great many Americans, who have been so brought up that they did not know how to take care of themselves unless they were attached to a payroll, will have learned that it is possible for a man to make a living without much equipment beyond his two hands, if he will stick close enough to nature's sources of wealth, and seize them for himself instead of buying them thru a chain of middlemen.

### THE WAY OF LIFE

By Bruce Barton

#### A MAN COMES OUT

The days of Jesus' doubt are set down as forty in number. It is easy to imagine that lonely struggle. He had left a good trade among people who knew him and trusted him—and for what? To become a wandering preacher, talking to folks who never heard of him? And what was he to talk about? How, with his lack of experience, should he find words for his message? Would they listen? Hadn't he perhaps made a mistake?

Satan, says the narrative, tempted him, saying: "You are hungry; here are stones. Make them into bread."—The temptation of material success. It was entirely unnecessary for him to be hungry ever. He had a good trade; he knew well enough that his organizing ability was better than Joseph's. He could build up a far more successful business and acquire comfort and wealth. Why not?

Satan comes in again, according to the narrative, taking him up into a high mountain and showing him the kingdoms of the world. "All these can be yours, if you will only compromise." He could go to Jerusalem and enter the priesthood; that was a sure road to distinction. He could do good in that way, and have the satisfaction of success as well.

Or he might enter the public service, and seek political leadership. There was plenty of discontent to be capitalized, and he knew the farmer and the laborer; he was one of them; they would listen to him.

For forty days and nights the incessant fight went on, but once settled, it was settled forever. In the calm of that wilderness there came the majestic conviction which is the very soul of leadership—the faith that his spirit was linked with the Eternal, that God had sent him into the world to do a work which no one else could do, which—if he neglected it—would never be done.

Magnify this temptation scene as greatly as you will; say that God spoke more clearly to Jesus than to any who have ever lived. It is true. But to every man of vision the clear voice speaks; there is no great leadership where there is not a mystic. Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside themselves was superior to circumstances. To choose the sure thing is treason to the soul. . . .

If this was not the meaning of the forty days in the wilderness, if Jesus did not have a real temptation which might have ended in his going back to the bench in Nazareth, then the forty days' struggle has no real significance to us. But the temptation was real, and he conquered.

The youth who had been a carpenter stayed in the wilderness, a man came out. Not the full-fledged master who, within the shadow of the cross could cry, "I have overcome the world." He had still much growth to make, much progress in vision and self-confidence. But the beginnings were there. Men who looked upon him from that hour felt the authority of one who has put his spiritual house in order, and knows clearly what he is about.

State Fair boosters have no complaint this year to register against the weather man. The country may be wetter than ever but the State Fair was one of the driest in years. (In some respects at least.)

### CHESTNUT

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Laughery and family, Mrs. Alice Israel and daughter Elsie, and Miss Lucille Anderson motored to Springfield recently and visited Lincoln's Monument. They also stopped in Riverton and called on Rev. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell.

Mrs. H. O. Haynes of Springfield visited here last week with her granddaughter, Mrs. Alfred Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Babb, Mrs. Aden Zeigler and daughter Phyllis, of Minier, motored here recently and visited Mrs. Zeigler's mother, Mrs. Clara Laughery.

Many people of Chestnut and vicinity attended the State Fair last week in Springfield.

On Wednesday afternoon, August 24th, Mrs. Edward Von Thun was hostess to the ladies of the R. O. S. Club.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bondeson, of Chicago, visited here last week with the former's sister, Mrs. Leonard J. Obery, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Sheridan and son Robert, of Los Angeles, California, arrived in Chestnut recently to visit his father, George Sheridan, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith, and niece, Mrs. Gladys Marshall, and her daughters June and Virginia, and Miss Matheny, spent last week on a motor trip to points in Kentucky visiting relatives.

Mrs. Elizabeth Browning of Farmerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maus and granddaughter, Betty June Cowden, of Springfield, motored here recently and visited Mr. and Mrs. John Maus and family.

Miss Lorene Bishop of Clinton visited west of town last week with her aunt, Mrs. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bryson and son Clifford Wayne, of Williamsville, and Mrs. John Gaffney, of Milton, Iowa, motored to Chestnut a few days ago and visited the latter's niece, Mrs. Alfred Wilson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holub and daughters, Almeda and Shirley, of Hammond, and Mr. and Mrs. John Whitney, of Decatur, called on old friends and relatives here recently.

Mrs. Orlene Laughery has purchased the Nathan Laughery property, occupied by Mrs. Daisy Gobleman, who is moving to the place vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goodin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Buehler and family have returned from an auto trip to Slater, Iowa, where they visited for almost two weeks with the former's brother, Louis Buehler, and family. Their son Jimmie, who had been making an extended vacation visit with his uncle, came home with them.

Postmaster Leonard J. Obery took a vacation last week, and previous to that the assistant, Mrs. Fred Morris, enjoyed a week's rest from her duties. Miss Petrah Lakin acted in the capacity of substitute.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norris and daughter Marion motored recently to Franklin Grove and visited Mrs. Norris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maronde. Their daughter Miss Mildred accompanied them home following a week's visit with Miss Dorothy Ulch at Sublette.

James B. Money, wife, daughter Jane and son James, of Keokuk, Iowa, motored here recently and visited Mrs. Money's father, Frank Baker, brother, Eugene and Dave, living in Kenney vicinity, and sister, Mrs. Fred Morris, and brother, Richard Baker, and family.

Mrs. Helen Fletcher and daughter Wanda, of Washington, D. C. were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fletcher.

### BEASON NEWS

Beason, Ill., Aug. 23.—Prof. and Mrs. E. M. Edwards, of Champaign, spent the week-end at their home in Beason. They had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of California, also their mother, Mrs. Baker, of Champaign. Mrs. Edwards had not seen her brother for fourteen years.

George Sturgeon, a former Beason resident, visited old friends here the past few days.

William Gayle of Lincoln was a business caller here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Furry, of Springfield, visited here the week-end with Miss Catherine Curry.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Shaw, of Atlanta, were dinner guests Sunday of the former's mother, Mrs. M. A. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burlow, of Springfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whiteside were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. August Whiteside.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Forsythe and E. Taylor, of Peoria, were week-end visitors at the home of Wm. Ellis.

Mrs. C. A. Whitnah was called to Fairfield last week on account of the death of her father.

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### CHICAGO

### Received Word Monday Of Sister's Death

Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Upp received a telegram Monday night from Columbus, Ohio, telling of the sudden death of Mrs. Upp's sister, Mrs. Maurice Mills, who died about 7:15 o'clock at one of the hospitals, where she had been taken a short time before. It is thought that she had been attending the Ohio State Fair that day, and probably was overcome by the intense heat, causing death shortly afterwards.

The word came as a great shock to Mr. and Mrs. Upp, as Mrs. Mills and a nephew, Earl Majors, had motored from Columbus to Mt. Pulaski in July, and visited at the Upp home

for two weeks. Mrs. Mills had often visited in Mt. Pulaski and had many friends here.

Florence Majors was born in Circleville, Ohio, January 3, 1880, and was over 52 years old. She married Maurice Mills in 1920, and had been residing in Columbus for a number of years. Mrs. Mills is survived by her father, John B. Majors, of Circleville, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Claude W. Upp, of Mt. Pulaski, Illinois; and one brother, Emil Majors, of Santa Anna, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Upp departed Tuesday noon for Columbus to attend the funeral, but were unable to say anything about the funeral arrangements.

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