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OFF THE "GOLD BRICK" STANDARD

(Christian Science Monitor)

Among Americans trained by unsound retailing practices to demand special favors and to expect sweat-shop prices, there is a wailing. New York retailers, under a new code ruling, will no longer give the "free hat with a suit of clothes" nor the equally "free necktie with a pair of shoes." Paradoxically, the buyer will get a better suit—since he can't get a hat as well—and merchants who have not stooped to the "gift bait" chicanery to gain sales will also benefit.

According to Mr. Grover A. Whalen, chairman of the New York Retail Authority, purchasers who are used to getting—supposedly—something for nothing as a bribe to buy are in for a bit of disillusionment. Their "free" hats and ties will now be advertised as being for sale with suits and shoes in a "single combination price." Curiously, the new charge-for-both system is not expected to raise the price tags greatly, for those "ab-soo-loot-ly free" gifts never appear in the loss column of the retailers' accounts.

Aside from its help in promoting equal competition, there are other advantages accruing to the code plan. Customers who have held back coolly expecting greater concessions will find it to their advantage to buy now—and from reputable dealers. Buyers' trust in products has already been achieved by uniform production methods, but in the matter of price complete confidence remains sometimes an unrealized goal. Cautiousness, always a deterrent to trade, has yet to be offset, for too often "Let the buyer beware" has been a necessary motto. As Dr. William Trufant Foster puts it, tradesmen have already accepted honesty as a policy, but not entirely as a rule of economic practice.

If the retail code manifesto can rid the United States' greatest trading center of sharp selling practices, there is hope that all selling will follow its lead. The "gold brick" cannot continue as a corner stone of American economy.

TALEBEARERS

(Elizabethtown News)

An unbridled tongue is the most dangerous thing about a human being. It not only gets the person in trouble but it is more than likely to get someone else in trouble. A tongue that is going like perpetual motion whether in a man or a woman says a lot of things that should never be said. Those things are often repeated, and when they are repeated by a certain class of folk something is added to them until finally they do not resemble even what was first told. Some people have very mean tongues. They have nothing good to say about folk but if they can find something mean to say about them they never lose an opportunity and they pass it on until great damage is done to the standing of the man or the virtue of the woman.

If people were more interested in finding the good in others rather than the evil this would be a much better world to live in, and the scandal mongers would have to go out of business. The whispered innuendos against character and virtue would no longer be tolerated. How often has a woman suffered from an insinuation against her life and that insinuation been repeated by somebody who heard it from somebody else until she was marked in the community when she didn't deserve it. So it is with the reputation of a man. Shakespeare says, "The purest treasure mortal times afford is a spotless reputation, that away, men are as but gilded loam and painted clay," and yet no matter how good a man's reputation may be and how much he deserves of his neighbors there are always some people who try to discredit him and to reflect on his reputation. These people when they die will go to the hottest place in Hades, for you had better rob a man's house or steal his goods than to injure his reputation. In the Book of Proverbs it is written, "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth."

JUDGE IS BUSY MAN

(Falmouth Outlook)

The life of a county judge right at this time is not a bed of roses to say the least, although many seek the position, but few are selected. Judge Early Cummins, after passing through a nerve-racking week, arose early Sunday morning and started for Antioch Mills with his young son, Adrian. When he reached a point near Mt. Vernon his automobile skidded on the frosty road and upset. The Judge returned to his home in this city and was immediately called to the county infirmary near town. He started to cross South Licking River in a johnboat, and as he is a "dry land terrapin" and does not know much about navigation, the harder he pulled the further up on the bank the boat went. He discovered that he must throw the craft into reverse. When he reached the center of the river the boat upset and the Judge had to wade out. When he returned to his home on Beech Street he found a loving couple there waiting and anxious to be married. The Judge tied the nuptial knot without changing his clothes and then began to answer telephone calls, receive visitors and listen to tales of woe until a late hour Sunday night, when he was called to hold an inquest. The Judge got a few hours sleep that night and arose early Monday morning to again run the gauntlet at his office in the court house. Before reaching the temple of justice a party had made a request for a stove pipe. The Judge has the patience of a Job, but he turned thumbs down on the stove pipe, but agreed to give the party the regular consignment of salted pork. The Judge is in his office every day continuing to deal out justice and charity to all alike.

LICKING

Mrs. J. D. Henson spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. J. T. Eubanks at Ewing.

Mrs. Frank Hunt is visiting Mrs. Nelson Hunt at Pleasant Valley.

Miss Laura D. Browning, of Ewing visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Browning, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gay, of Paris, have moved to the property of Silas McCord.

Mrs. Alfred Buchanan visited Mrs. Clinton McCord Thursday.

Mrs. J. T. Standiford visited Mrs. H. B. Boggess Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hunt spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCord.

Mrs. Jim McCord and son and Mrs. Luther Myers visited relatives in Paris over the week end.

Mrs. G. N. Maxey and son spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Herndon.

MYERS

(Mabel Flora, Correspondent)

Mrs. Bertha Cameron, Mrs. Maurice Cameron and son, Leo Flora and Mary Conway spent Sunday afternoon with Charlie Manning in Robertson county.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flora visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Crawford Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Griswold, Mrs. Maurice Cameron, Leo and Mabel Flora spent one evening the past week with Leslie Lawrence and family.

Otha Crawford spent the week end with Milton Flora.

WALNUT GROVE

(Mrs. Joe Mattox, Correspondent)

Miss Thelma Padgett spent Wednesday night with Miss Hester Howard.

Everett Padgett and daughter, Miss Thelma Padgett, Miss Hester Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Mattox, Bill, Carl and Stanley Mattox spent a few hours Friday night with Elva Mattox and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Dock Baily.

Everett Padgett and sons spent a few hours Thursday night with Joe Mattox and family.

DEAVERS

(Mrs. R. R. Mattox, Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Snapp and two sons spent Sunday with S. F. Mattox and family.

Mrs. H. M. Wagoner, who has been a patient at the Massie Memorial hospital for several weeks, was able to return to her home last week.

Mrs. Milford Hall and little daughter, Eleanor Jewell, spent Saturday with Mrs. R. R. Mattox.

Miss Bettie Linville and Adrian Cameron spent one day last week with Mrs. W. W. O'Neal.

A Christmas program will be given at the Deavers school house Thursday, Dec. 21.

Mrs. M. C. Wells spent last Friday with Mrs. Henry Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Hall and daughter and M. K. Hall spent Sunday with Elmer Snapp and family.

James Harris spent Sunday with Malcolm Hall.

PANTHER CREEK

(Mrs. F. M. Bishop, Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Powers, of Millersburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Deck Linville.

J. L. Guthrie and son visited Bald Hill Sunday.

Mrs. F. M. Bishop received word last Friday that her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Noll, formerly Minnie Terrell, was operated on at a Cincinnati hospital and is getting along as well as could be expected.

Adrian McCord and family spent Sunday with Frank Guthrie and family at Bald Hill.

A merry Christmas to all the Mercury readers.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Buddy Mitchell left Monday for Lexington where he will visit for several weeks.

Paul and W. C. Dayton spent Saturday night with Hack Mitchell at Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Humphries spent Sunday with Jack Humphries and family.

Mrs. Sterley Mitchell, of this place, is improving after being confined to her home for several weeks.

Dean Crawford spent Tuesday night with Theresa Purcell.

Farmers are busy stripping tobacco. No tobacco has been delivered from this section so far.

The Pleasant Valley school will give a program Friday afternoon, Dec. 22. Everybody invited.

Miss Ethel Purcell spent the week end with her parents at Barefoot.

The following pupils have made the honor roll for the 4th month of school:

Grade I—Raymond Crawford.

Grade III—Eulice Sapp, Russel Curtis.

Grade V—Dean Crawford.

Grade VI—Nona Dayton, Charles Crawford.

GETTING EVEN

"It's scandalous to charge us $10 for towing the car only three or four miles," protested the motorist's wife.

"Never mind, dear," replied hubby, "he's earning it; I've got my brakes on."

The public debt now totals approximately $23,050,000,000 by reason of a $2,200,000,000 increase for the year.

STONY CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGinley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John McGinley.

Harvey Swim spent Sunday night with Roy Anderson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pumphrey.

Mrs. Iva Kelley spent the past week with her daughter in Maysville.

Charlie Prather visited his brother, Clarence Prather and wife one day the past week.

Mrs. Robbie Storey and daughter, Miranda, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Smith.

Mrs. Mayme Price and son spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Luther Donahue at Headquarters.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at Stony Creek school house Saturday night, Dec. 23.

ELLISVILLE

(Mrs. Richard Snapp, Correspondent)

Mrs. W. L. Hunter, of Goose Creek delightfully entertained the Community Club last Thursday. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Harlan Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamm were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cannon of Stony Creek.

Miss Priscilla Clay of Moorefield spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Leo Neal.

Rolla Logan spent the week end with his father at Cincinnati, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Hamm has gone to Robertson county to spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. Margaret Wheeler.

Mrs. Nelson Fryman and little son spent a few days the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Abnee spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Pryor near Oakland Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Prather and son were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Prather.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Neal had for Sunday guests, Rev. Harry Owens, Rev. Roy Shuler, of Cincinnati Seminary, Misses Lollie Wells and Priscilla Clay.

The farmers in this community are busy stripping tobacco since the recent rains.

Several persons from here attended services at Stony Creek Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Manning, of Carlisle, spent a few days recently with Mrs. Thompson Poe.

As Christmas is around the corner we're wishing all the Mercury staff a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

SALTWELL

(U. G. Mattox, Correspondent)

Rev. J. H. Finch filled his appointment at Wagoner's Chapel Sunday morning and evening.

Sorry to hear of the death of our friend, R. O. Chambers, of Maysville, who died at the Good Samaritan hospital at Lexington. Mr. Chambers was a teacher in this county several years ago.

E. R. Kendall and Rev. C. H. Rule were in Lexington Monday.

H. V. Mattox and family spent Sunday and Sunday night with U. G. Mattox and family.

Rev. J. H. Finch and family visited relatives in Wilmore the past week.

Floyd Barlow and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Nell Barlow and son at Paris.

ISHMAEL

(Kathryn Clay, Correspondent)

Rev. and Mrs. Gaunce and little son were guests of William Clark and family Sunday. Rev. Gaunce filled his appointment here Sunday morning and night.

Miss Marjorie Ishmael, of Winchester, returned home Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ishmael.

We have had some good rains recently, which were needed very badly as wells and cisterns were getting low.

We are still having Sunday school. Everyone invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Coffee, Cincinnati, returned home Sunday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Crump and other relatives.

WRIGHT

Mrs. Blanche Dinsmore spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lawrence spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawrence at Carlisle.

Ray Smart, of Cave City, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. George Smart.

Mrs. George Smart and son, William, spent Sunday with Miss Mayme Smart in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlos Mitcheltree spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Roberts.

Mrs. Louis Conyers was taken to the Johnson hospital for treatment.

CRAYTON

While putting down tobacco one day last week, Russell Ritchie received a painful cut in the corner of his eye when a tobacco stick fell out of the top of the barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gassor and two children, of Cynthiana, spent Wednesday with V. L. Day and family.

Elva Small and family spent Sunday with R. L. Harney and wife at Barefoot.

Mrs. Clarence Herrington visited her parents at this place Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hollar, Vella and Rodney Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Hollar and family visited O. L. Hollar and family at Carlisle Sunday.

Hope Fryman visited his parents at Log Lick Sunday.

MYERS

(Mrs. Jesse Parsons, Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Davis and two sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parsons.

Jack Bowen spent the week end with his aunt, Mrs. Marvin Shrout at Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stone spent one day recently with Mrs. Margaret Minton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grayson and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tee Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Walton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Highlander and two daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Booth and daughter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bush Reid.

Miss Dorothy Mae Cameron returned home one day the past week after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Barton at Carlisle.

Mrs. Mollie McDonnell spent Friday with Mrs. Willie Swarts.

Mr. and Mrs. Conway Tedder and son were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Hawkins.

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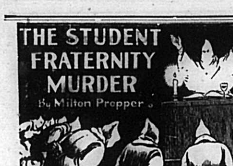
Outstanding debts of municipalities in the United States are estimated at $18,500,000,000.

Grocers headed the list of bankrupts in the United Kingdom in 1932. Compared with 1932, the total of all bankrupts was 4,403, or an increase of 242.

In the United States more than 200,000 motor vehicles are owned by the federal, state and local governments.

Wheat flour is probably more widely distributed than any other American product, being exported to practically every country.



With nothing to lose by this concession and wishing to be reasonable, Rankin nodded.

"Very well, I'll hear what he has to say," he agreed. "But I'm afraid you're deluding yourself, Mr. Warwick. In all my experience, I've never known a clearer, less disputable case."

The ringing of the buzzer from the outer office interrupted further conversation. Over the phone, the secretary informed her employer that Mr. Buckley had arrived; and the supervisor immediately instructed that he enter.

Shrewdly the detective studied the student Gilmore had described as attractive but dangerous. And, despite his virility and broad clear profile, Rankin was no more favorably impressed. In his features, hinting slightly at the Magyar or Tartar, his eyes were too narrow and close above his fine nostrils. They lacked the directness of candor and excesses had drawn lines beneath them. His mouth was heavy, twisting in an unpleasant smirk and his firm chin mingled strength and surliness. Plausible and formidable, he was far from an inexperienced youngster; clearly he possessed subtlety and intelligence.

On being introduced to the detective, he showed no fear; as if on guard, he faced both officials truculently, if not in actual defiance.

Mr. Warwick began without offering him a chair. "My reasons for sending for you are serious, Mr. Buckley," he stated. "According to the record you filed on your enrollment, you matriculated here directly from Vandalia high school. That was untrue; you had already attended Aberdeen college from which, I have learned, you were disgracefully expelled. You gained admittance here through a fraudulent high school record, containing no notice of your previous enrollment." He extended the telegram. "What have you to say to this?"

Though the detection must have shaken him, Buckley might have been indifferent as he read the message.

"I don't suppose I can say anything. Since you have the facts directly from Aberdeen, why deny them?"

"You could scarcely expect to get through four years of school, undiscovered," Mr. Warwick spoke in censure. "This means the end of your career here, you understand—or for that matter, at any other college. At the same time," he paused to emphasize his words, "you've placed yourself in an extremely dangerous position."

"Dangerous? How?" A slight quiver in the boy's voice betrayed his first alarm.

"This matter is trifling beside another charge against you," the supervisor replied. "Your one chance of escaping it, young man, is through absolute frankness. I'll do my best to help you and Mr. Rankin has no wish to be hard on you; but unless you tell us the complete truth in every detail, I cannot do a thing for you."

"The truth? What do you mean, sir?" But Buckley's bewilderment did not ring convincingly and his eyes distinctly reflected the alarm of comprehension.

Rankin lost patience at his fencing. "Mr. Warwick has warned you, Buckley," he broke in sternly. "It is a waste of time to pretend you have no idea why I am here. It is only in deference to him that I give you this opportunity to exonerate yourself if you can and refrain from arresting you at once."

"Arrest me for what?" the student

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protested. "I haven't done anything wrong."

"For the murder of Stuart Jordan last Tuesday night during the initiation at the Mu Beta Sigma house!"

If it was Rankin's intention to remove the last vestige of Buckley's assurance, he succeeded. Stark terror replaced his boldness; he started spasmodically, his features suddenly pallid. But his consternation was leavened by amazement and perplexity, written in his drooping jaw, that the detective found disturbing.

"Jordan's murder?" he cried in horror. "Oh, my G—d! I had nothing to do with that—I don't know anything about it!"

"But you didn't like him, did you?" Rankin continued in charge of the situation. "In fact, you hated him because you considered him responsible for your dismissal from Aberdeen. You believed he had reported your gambling to the college authorities. Besides, he denounced you as a cheat."

"That was a d—d lie! I always played a straight game!" Momentarily, Buckley's resentment overcame his apprehension and his eyes flashed.

Disregarding his outburst, Rankin pressed his attack, aggressively.

"And when you discovered Jordan at Philadelphia, Buckley, you had even more cause to fear him," he accused. "He was acquainted with your trouble at Aberdeen, which you hoped to suppress; and he might have guessed the artifice by which you enrolled here. But whether he did or not, there was danger that he would report your past to Mr. Warwick or some other official and again get you dismissed. Especially knowing Larry Palmer, if he supposed your friendship with him was for some dishonest purpose. You heard from Palmer that any chance of your joining the fraternity was blasted by Ned Patterson, who was Jordan's sponsor. Naturally you attributed his opposition to your enemy's interference and he threatened you still further."

As the detective paused, Buckley's silence and twitching features were a sufficient reply; and he pursued his indictment with telling effect.

"Immediately after that, you pumped young Palmer in his unguarded moments about Mu Beta Sigma's secret codes and ritual. You learned its passwords and customs; the kind of robes members of the fraternity wore at their initiation ceremonies. About nine days ago, he told you this year's installation would be held on Tuesday night at eight-thirty. You questioned him about the average attendance at them. And during your drinking bouts, he let slip enough of the proper signs of recognition to enable you to enter the chapter's private chamber past the sergeant at arms."

"My interest was harmless!" Buckley insisted fearfully. "I was just curious about frats, like others who don't belong to them, Mr. Rankin."

"Yes, so you gave Palmer to understand," Rankin met the evasion almost exultantly. "Yet you made every preparation for getting into the ceremony yourself on Tuesday night. You ley admitted. "I ordered it from Kingston's a week before initiation, according to Larry's description." He shrugged. "Any brother I met would take me for a member and suppose I had just left the services; he'd think nothing of seeing me enter Larry's room. As a matter of fact, I met nobody. I merely closed the door and searched until I found what I came for; I slipped off my gown just before quitting the house and was in the street again by nine o'clock."

Rankin bent forward. "Then none of the boys might remember your being up-stairs between eight-forty-five and nine? A witness to your movements would be valuable to verify your story."

The student shook his head slowly. "No, I didn't run into anyone from the time I entered till I left."

"And you didn't return then, to Mr. Palmer," the detective observed severely. "What was your object in drugging him at the club in the first place and letting him shift for himself?"

"I didn't intend to harm him," Buckley assured him promptly. "But that was the only way I could go through his pockets. You see, he might not have put the bank account away, but be carrying it with him as he had only received it the day before. Then I wouldn't need to visit the house at all. I hunted through his clothes while pretending to talk confidentially to him; the place was empty enough to get away with it. But he didn't have it. At the same time, I took his key which I used to open the front door. Then, as you've already learned, I took a taxi to my apartment for my costume."

"Can you tell me anything about the car or the chap who drove it to help me trace him?"

"No, my mind was too full of my plans and I didn't pay much attention to him, I'm afraid."

"Well, what has become of the check?" Rankin asked next. "Is it destroyed?"

"No, I kept it; in fact, I have it with me now. As long as I hold it, I figured it is harmless. And it was barely possible that for some reason, as in this very case, it might prove valuable to me again."

"Give it to me, Buckley," the detective directed, extending his hand.

From an inner pocket, the student willingly produced a small slip of paper that went far to substantiate his narrative. Drawn on the Security Trust company by Lawrence Palmer to Buckley's order, it was dated February sixth; the amount was two hundred and fifty dollars. On the back, the latter's endorsement and the single stamp "Paid 3-7," the date of the March monthly clearing, proved indisputably it had been cashed directly by the bank. Particularly, Rankin compared the slanting, somewhat wavering writing on the face in imitation of Palmer's style with the firm straight characters of Buckley's undisguised indorsement.

He gave it to Mr. Warwick. "I'm turning this over to you, Mr. Warwick," he stated. "As long as it appears to have no connection with the murder, I shan't take any steps regarding it. You can do as you please."

The supervisor indicated the culprit. "Then you are satisfied Buckley is innocent of the crime, Mr. Rankin?"

"Not entirely; I can't be sure until his statement has been investigated thoroughly. But it certainly seems I've been working on a mistaken theory," Rankin acknowledged candidly. "Except for your advice, I might have made a grave error. I have no desire to cause the university unnecessary unpleasantness."

Buckley's audible sigh of relief was echoed by Mr. Warwick's gratification.

"That's very good of you, Mr. Rankin," he said. "Now it will be easy to hush the matter up. It isn't likely that young Palmer will care to prosecute."

A few minutes later, when the detective left Mr. Warwick and the student together and took his departure, the warrant of arrest was still in his pocket, unexecuted.

(Continued next week)

Immunizing Children Against Diseases

The most dramatic scientific progress has been made in the field of preventive medicine, says Dr. Myrtle Meyer Eldred, child expert. Many diseases are still dangerous if not fatal to human life, but science is making it unnecessary to suffer them if we will but take advantage of the weapons she offers us.

Smallpox was once a deformative if not always fatal disease. It is almost inconsequential today because of the widespread use of vaccination against it. Working out the method of diphtheria prevention has taken place within our own lifetime and so is not so well known or its effectiveness so universally taken for granted.

Diphtheria is one of the most serious diseases of infancy and childhood. The danger lessens with the years. This makes it more than ever important that we offer the baby and young child protection against it. Immunization is done painlessly and safely to children during the first year and beyond. Two injections of a substance called toxoid are given. The immunization becomes effective in about two months and should last for years. One need not guess about this, though, as a Schick test can be made which shows by a simple skin test whether the child has been rendered immune.

Anyone familiar with the simplicity of this immunization process and the data which has been gathered about its effectiveness could not be guilty of discouraging parents from embracing this helpful procedure.

SPEAKIN' O' HARD TIMES

(Phil B. Perkins)

I haven't ridden in great style—
I've had to hoof it all the while;
The lack of coin's brought me hard knocks,
An' soleless shoes, an' toeless socks;
I've shied away from picture shows,
Sewed patches on my shabby clothes;
And oh, I've missed so many things
It seems were only made for kings;
Still, bein' poor ain't such a sin
If we'll just let the sunshine in;
An' when it seems that life's all wrong
Let's brighten it with just a song.
For singin' helps us to forget
Each little sorrow and regret;
An' though I've not had much of wealth
Still I am rich: I have good health!
The lack of money's brought to me
A lot of full strength misery;
It's brought along unbidden woe
That only paupers seem to know;
Without it I've found how it feels
To postpone many wanted meals;
I've forgone candy, pie an' cake
Till my insides would fairly ache;
It seems like years since I have spread
Rich jams an' jellies on my bread;
Although I haven't had much cash
I've more than had my share of hash;
And I've found out that it's no joke:
This livin' lean when I'm dead broke;
I've had to wear my trousers thin
An' let long whiskers grace my chin;
I've had to let my hair grow long
Till I stood out in any throng.

ANOTHER KENTUCKY WINNER

(Courier-Journal)

A 16-year-old Kentucky girl, Miss Mamie Hart of Bryantsville, Garrard county, won championship honors at the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago as the best judge of home-canned products. Naturally, in order to be a competent judge, one must be a competent canner. This the judge proves in theory when she demonstrates that she understands every step that must be taken in preparing the fruit, meat or vegetables that are to be put up and the results that should follow.

Good cooks are indigenous to the soil, so to speak, in Kentucky. It is natural that a Kentucky girl, therefore, should prove that she understands well the preparation of food for winter. Kentucky rural folk who thus in summer fill their shelves from the products of their gardens and orchards live well until nature replenishes their stores. But while Kentucky girls have the advantage of a heritage of culinary skill, it must be confessed that modern methods have improved the quality of prepared foods. For instance, before the World War brought on the need for food conservation, whoever heard of the cold pack method of canning? Many other improvements have been introduced for spreading which civilization owes a debt to the home demonstration agents, who are quietly, and with little attendant blowing of horns, doing as much for the farm homes of America as the agricultural agents are doing for the farms.

The work of the demonstration agents, sent out by the State College of Agriculture, is doing much to raise the standard of home living in the homes of rural Kentucky, and consequently giving to many thousands a new outlook on life, building up pride and self-respect, happiness and health.

Planning Before Planting Saves Trouble With Trees

Foresight in setting out trees and shrubs saves much trouble and expense in disease and insect pest control after the plantings reach maturity. United States Department of Agriculture entomologists call attention to several troubles that may be easily avoided by planning before planting.

The first thing to avoid, they say, is an abundance of a single-plant species. Insects on disease organisms provided with plenty of food often get out of hand. Thus, the recent vogue of boxwood has caused the boxwood leaf miner to flourish at the expense of the tree in many lawns, gardens, and parks.

Another planting error to avoid is having all the trees and shrubs of one age. As they mature trees become more susceptible to insect and disease attacks. Borers emerging from an old tree meet little resistance from an adjoining tree of the same age. A regular schedule for planting a few trees or shrubs each year will insure the proper variation in age.

Certain combinations are also dangerous, either because the plants have the same enemies or because they are alternate hosts to some organism. For example, ash trees and lilac bushes are subject to attack by the same boring caterpillar, and are susceptible to the same scale. Lilacs also have, with rhododendrons, a common enemy in the destructive Phytophthora blight, and should therefore not be planted in close proximity. The fungus that causes red cedar rust spends part of its life cycle on the red cedar or juniper and part on trees of the apple family. Apples, hawthorn, and shadbush, or serviceberry, act as alternate hosts for a group of elm leaf-rolling or curling aphids. Maple and alder have a somewhat similar aphid species alternating between them.

930 Idle Teachers To Be Given Employment

City and county school superintendents were requested Friday by Dr. James H. Richmond, state superintendent of public instruction, to submit immediately lists of unemployed, needy, qualified teachers in their communities.

The state department of education, in co-operation with Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator plans to give employment to eligible teachers in the fields of adult education or nursery school projects. County and city school administrators were asked not to include in their lists teachers now employed in the fields of adult education or kindergarten work.

Administrator Hopkins has notified Homer W. Nichols, director of special education in the state department, that Kentucky will be permitted to employ on a monthly basis 930 of such teachers. At the present time 247 teachers are being given employment in Kentucky under the federal teacher employment program. Mr. Hopkins informed the state department that progress of he program in Kentucky has been satisfactory.

The teachers must be employed in the following projects: education for adult illiterates, general education for adults, rural education, vocational education for adults, vocational rehabilitation for the physically handicapped and emergency nursery schools for children of pre-school age.

The number of teachers each county will be entitled to under the program will be determined from the lists submitted by school administrators. Additional schools will not be organized until after the holidays. They will be organized by the county and city school superintendents.

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AAA To Adjust Burley Acreage

Seeking to limit the production of burley tobacco approximately to annual domestic requirements, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at Washington has announced that it will offer benefit payments to farmers who reduce their production next year.

The contract provides for a reduction of either 33 1-3 percent or 50 percent in next year's crop. Farmers may choose either percentage.

Three benefit payments will be made to farmers who join in the plan. The first will be a rental of $20 an acre for land removed from production, whether it be 33 1-3 or 50 percent of the recent acreage devoted to tobacco growing.

The second payment will be not less than 10 percent of the total sales value of the 1933 crop, where the farmer agrees to reduce production by 33 1-3 percent; or 15 percent of the value of this year's crop where the reduction is 50 percent. However, no grower is to receive less than $15 or more than $45 an acre for the land rented to the government.

The third payment will not be less than 15 percent of the total value of the 1934 crop, where the grower cuts his production by a third; or not less than 35 percent of the value of next year's crop where the reduction is 50 percent.

If a farmer grows for market less than his allotted production, then he will receive another payment equal to 2 cents a pound for each pound he produces under his allotment.

Farmers will be allowed the choice of the following four base periods upon which to base their reduction in both acreage and production:

Average of the years 1932 and 1933.

Eighty percent of the years 1931, 1932 and 1933.

Eighty percent of the year 1932.

Seventy-five percent of the year 1933.

The first or rental payment will be made as soon as the contract is signed and approved, which should be before March 1.

The second payment will be made next summer, when the tobacco has been set and the acreage checked.

The third payment will be made when the 1934 crop is sold.

Would Revive Cherry Growing

Cherry growing should be revived, says C. S. Waltham, of the College of Agriculture, in a circular which he has written on "Cherries in Kentucky." The cherry was a favorite yard and garden fruit, he says, but spread of the leaf spot disease caused its decline. Now improved methods have been developed for spraying, fertilizing and pruning.

The common practice is to set two-year-old trees in November and December. Prof. Waltman discusses in a practical manner all phases of cherry growing, including the control of insects and diseases. Copies of his circular, which is No. 267, may be obtained from county agents or by writing to the college.

All Growers To Share In Benefit Payments

Burley tobacco growers who sell crops before signing a production control agreement will participate in the benefit payments on the same basis as will those growers who do not sell their leaf until after signing the contracts, J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco division of the AAA, declared in a telegram to John L. Buckley, of Lexington, president of the Burley Tobacco Warehouse Association.

The telegram read: "Growers selling before signing contracts will receive payments of same amount and in same manner as those selling after signing."

While it had been believed for some time that such a ruling would be made by AAA executives, the telegram from Mr. Hutson was the first official announcement to that effect.

Heavy Laying No Bar To Quality In Eggs

An actual test with results measured scientifically has again disproved a notion or opinion widely held. Some poultrymen have believed that it was possible to overdo efforts to breed a strain of poultry capable of high records in egg laying. They said that the greater number of eggs a hen lays the poorer the quality of the eggs. Poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture had no evidence to substantiate this idea, but the idea was important if true. So they investigated.

It is recognized that the proportion of thick albumen in relation to thin albumen in the white of an egg is one of the reliable indicators of egg quality. Eggs with a high proportion of thick albumen stand storage better, and they fry or poach better when fresh. The result of actual tests showed that there was no relation between the number of eggs a hen laid and the proportion of thick albumen in the eggs. Some of the heavy layers produced eggs with a high proportion of thick albumen, whereas others produced eggs with a smaller proportion. This was also true of the hens that laid relatively few eggs.

The investigators found that there are individual and breed differences in quality as well as in quantity of eggs. They suggest, as a consequence, that it may prove possible to select strains of poultry that lay quality eggs with a high percentage of thick albumen. Whether it would pay to do so would depend on marketing arrangements that would insure a premium price for quality.

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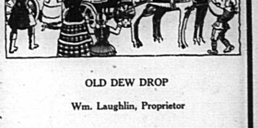

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"Wilfred," she said in a hoarse whisper, "Wilfred, wake up! There's a mouse in the bedroom!"

Hubby unwillingly sat up. "Well, what about it?" he groaned.

"I can hear it squeaking," she said fearfully.

"Well, d'you want me to get out and oil it, or something?" he snapped.