

The Passing Scene

By Observer

A FARM PROBLEM (Continued)

Our unbalanced sense of social values is no doubt responsible for much of the anti-farm sentiment we find among young people brought up on the land. Somehow we have given them the impression that farming is somewhat inferior to the so-called white collar jobs or even to work in the factories. If we could correct this false attitude the problem would be on the way to solution with much benefit to our economy and culture.

Adolescent boys—and it is they who are especially involved in this "away from the farm" trend—have an instinctive and natural desire to get into something which is considered to be really important. They may not say so in as many words, but they hate the thought of being spoken of as farm hands, farm labour, and the like. Give them a sense of importance and dignity, or heroism and adventure, all of which it deserves, and there would soon be little complaint about young men leaving the farms.

Vocation

This brings me again to the matter of vocation which I mentioned in my last article. There is no reason why this fine word should be allowed to one good work and denied to another. Farming can be a calling and a very high one and certainly there is no kind of work more essential to the welfare of mankind.

Recently, while visiting a farm family I have known for some years I asked one of the boys, a fine upstanding fellow of fifteen or sixteen, "And what do you expect to do after you leave school?" "I'd like to work on the farm," he told me, "but mother wants me to be a

doctor". Here was a plain case of a vocation being thwarted. Good doctors are needed, of course, but no more urgently, I would say, than good farmers. This boy, with a definite leaning towards the farm, would in all likelihood do well at it. If this is where his vocation lies it would be better for all concerned if he were encouraged to pursue it in every possible way and I told his mother so.

Foolish Notion

There is a notion abroad that young men who plan to take up full time farming have no need of any considerable amount of education. A minimum elementary schooling is all that is necessary. This notion has nothing whatever to commend it. I doubt if it were ever justified but certainly in these days it is downright foolish.

More and more farming is becoming competitive business, and the man who has not been trained to think properly, to weigh issues and to make fine distinctions, is severely handicapped. Besides, to be successful it demands a good deal of specialized skill, some knowledge of chemistry, biology, and kindred sciences.

It is true that many of the more successful farmers in this Province never went beyond grade school. These were men of exceptional skill and good judgment. You find them in every walk of life, and they add prestige and do credit to any trade or profession. But figures do not indicate the many well meaning and hard working farmers who have failed because their meagre schooling had not prepared them to think orderly or to plan well. At the same time, I am ready to admit that no amount of schooling or any other kind of training will make a good farmer unless there is a natural flair to begin with.

The ideal would be to encourage that natural flair in boys who seem to have it and see to it that they are given the best training within their reach at least through High School. The practice, all too common, of taking a boy out of school before he has his diploma, simply because he is to be a farmer, is a very foolish one indeed.

It is not fair to expect the schools to do the impossible, but I believe more could be done than is being done at present, especially in rural areas, to encourage boys to make farming their business. When you come to think of it, the scant attention given this important subject in the text books used in our schools is unfortunate. It is bound to convey an unfavourable impression.

I would not suggest that every boy who attends a country school should be considered a potential farmer. I would suggest, however, that the dignity and usefulness of that kind of work be made known in every possible way.

In A Garden

Here I quote from an address I delivered two or three years ago at a High School graduation exercises:

"Some of you no doubt in due course will go into the learned professions. You will become doctors, lawyers, teachers, business men, and so on. These fields will always offer many and rich opportunities for service in human relationships. I would not say a word against any of them. But, since food is the basic need of all men, I hope that some of you will consider the production of it, through due process of farming, as a good way of making a living for yourselves and at the same time help those peoples of the world who now must endure hunger and

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CARD PARTY—Tuesday, Jan. 29th, the St. Charles Auxiliary of the Charlottetown Hospital held a most successful card party at the hospital. About twenty tables were in attendance. Mr. Fred DeCoste was in charge, and lunch was served by the ladies. The following were the prize winners: Door prize, Jann Coody; ladies' first, Mrs. William Hughes; ladies' second, Mrs. K. Creamer; gents' first, James McCaughey; gents' second, James Cavanagh; freezeout, Mr. and Mrs. James Davey.

Want. It is, indeed, a holy and noble work for those who feel called to do it.

"For myself, anything I have done in that line is purely amateurish, and it is too late now for me to learn all the intricacies and techniques that are involved in such a calling. For a young man, however, who has the right kind of vision, courage, and aptitude, I do not believe there is any trade, business, or profession that offers greater rewards in the things that adorn life as it is lived from day to day. It may be that no one has come face to face with the origin of all that is who has not at some time or other put his fingers into warm earth and helped tiny seeds to develop into robust plants of flowers.

"It is not without significance that the greatest Book of the ages pictures man as having had his beginning in a garden where he was commanded by his Creator to find his true destiny in service and to thus go on to maturity. The anthropologists may tell a different story. Their version may appear a bit more logical and much less mystical. But it certainly does not do as much as the other towards reaching the depths of mysticism which in some measure marks the spirit of every child of man.

"Whatever a man may be like in the shops and institutions of a machine made civilization, he is likely to be different in a garden. There, whether it be a tiny plot or a farm of many acres, he has the opportunity, at least, of being what he was intended to be, a spiritual being at peace in a troublesome world."

FORMER ISLANDER GUEST SPEAKER—Professor Health MacQuarrie of the Political Science Department of Brandon College was the main speaker at the Burns dinner and celebration staged by the Brandon Scottish Association in the Prince Edward Hotel on January 25. He proposed a toast to the immortal memory of Robert Burns. On Tuesday, January 22 Professor MacQuarrie addressed the Brandon Rotary Club and spoke on the abiding greatness of Burns. Mr. MacQuarrie is a native of Victoria, P.E.I. where he retains a summer home and with his wife returns to the Island annually.

Personals

Mr. Roland Diamond, formerly with Worthy's Drug Store, City, will remain in the business under the new owner, Mr. Leigh Semple.

My One And Only Chance

The wondrous light of shimmering stars,
Stole down upon the sparkling snow,
As slowly side by side we walked,
One eye-not long ago.

My forlorn heart I gave to you,
Now I to sojourn here with thee,
Exalted love of times gone by,
Brings sweet and saddened ecstasy.

That night I could not bring myself to tell,
The thoughts that haunted me,
Yet deep inside, my heart exclaiming cried,
These words I know so well.

Intriguing laugh, bewitching smile,
Are just but two,
Of many virtues you possess,
Of which my soul experience too few,

I love you yes, but simple words like these,
Can not express to near extent,
My feeling great, exultant,
I love your deep and understanding eyes.

Your voice, and not the least your radiant hair whose lustre likens unto
Ripened sheaves of harvest wheat,
And wisps of sunlight cloud in golden afternoons.

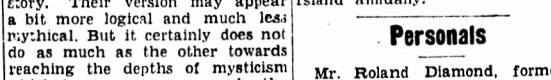
But hark! I have one plea,
Be mine till end of time,
My longing heart cries out to you,
Oh give me—just a chance
To prove my love is true.

And thus I walked with you that night
But told not of my feeling passionate
But yet I loved, and love you still
To be beside you even one time more,
My heart's desire.

—A. J. Murchison
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Laundress Badge

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Hunter River

Rev. and Mrs. Gough of the Cavendish Manse, motored to and from the City on Tuesday the 22nd.

Mrs. George Whitehead of "The Highlandview Farm", New Glasgow, was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Smith of Hunter River.

The Misses Doris and Neil Andrew of New Glasgow Mills, motored to Kensington on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, where they will visit with relatives.

Mr. Kenneth MacKenzie of the Storm Construction Co., of Toronto, Ontario, who has spent some time at his home in Hunter River, left on return by car on Wednesday, January 23rd. He was accompanied by Arthur B. Dickerson of New Glasgow, who will visit his brothers, Arnold of Toronto and Rev. Charles of Chicago.

Hunter River and New Glasgow Glee Club was organized on Thursday night, Jan. 24, at the home of Mr. George Dickerson of New Glasgow. The Rev. Howard Christie presided. The nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers: President, Mrs. George Dickerson; Vice-President, Mrs. Ernest Cousins; Secretary-Treasurer, Gordon Carews. The nominating committee consisted of Mrs. Orville Sellar, Mrs. Hartland Hill and Mr. Percy Dickerson. The Club is most fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. W. K. Rogers of Charlottetown, as instructor for the ensuing musical term. Forty members enrolled the night of the organization.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. Annie Currie wish to thank the Doctors and Nurses of the City Hospital, Rev. Monsignor Maurice MacDonald, all friends and neighbours who helped in so many ways, all who sent Mass Cards, Telegrams and Messages of Sympathy and all others who assisted them in any way during their recent sad bereavement.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 29—(AP)—

The county jail was missing a garbage can today but it's more concerned with getting the contents back. An escaped prisoner was inside. Sheriff Dan Tehan said Cleveland (Sporty) Warren hid inside the container yesterday while it was standing on a hand truck. Another prisoner placed the lid on it and Warren then was wheeled to freedom.

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