

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Twenty-seven per cent of the white farmers in Hill County, Alabama and 41 per cent in Rush live in houses the walls of which consist of but a single layer of boards. Negro families live in much poorer houses. Twenty-six per cent of these share-croppers have to haul water from poor wells 30 feet or more from the shack. Hardly any of these homes have screens and most of them are filthy and germ infested. Children living in these homes have hookworm. They are retarded in school from 3 to 5 years. (Fortunately Canada has no such problems to face.) To begin as a sharecropper is usually to remain one. Here is a body of over one thousand agricultural families, who had totaled 141,500 years at farming; over ten thousand of these rears as tenants. Throughout their farming lives they were never out of debt because only 20 per cent of the years showed any profit, during half the years they had "broken even" only, for 30 per cent they were in the Red. From such poverty arises the necessary for child labor. These child laborers in the South have been grossly and without reason forgotten. The excuse offered for neglecting them are found to have no back in fact.

The National Child Labor Committee, foremost reform organization in the field, has gone as far as to say it would "constitute a clear violation of parental rights" to enact legislation for these little burden bearers. The White House Conference on Child Welfare likewise can't find a remedy beyond improving school. Think of it! Children on the market in a wealthy and prosperous country like the United States!

Briefly this is a picture of the South's accursed system of land tenure, an aftermath of the Civil War, and is an attempt on the part of the southern planters to retain their former slaves in as dependent a relation to the land as possible and by the cheapest possible means of remuneration. Later large groups of the poor white born population likewise were absorbed into the evil tenant system, until there are today more white than Negro tenant farmers in the South.

It is not news that some parents are wise, some unwise, some capable, some less capable, in their relations with their children. This reflects the very serious problem that must inevitably arise for parents and children. If parents are too easy with their children, and give way completely to the child's notions of what he ought or ought not to do, then parents are soon faced with a serious juvenile problem.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

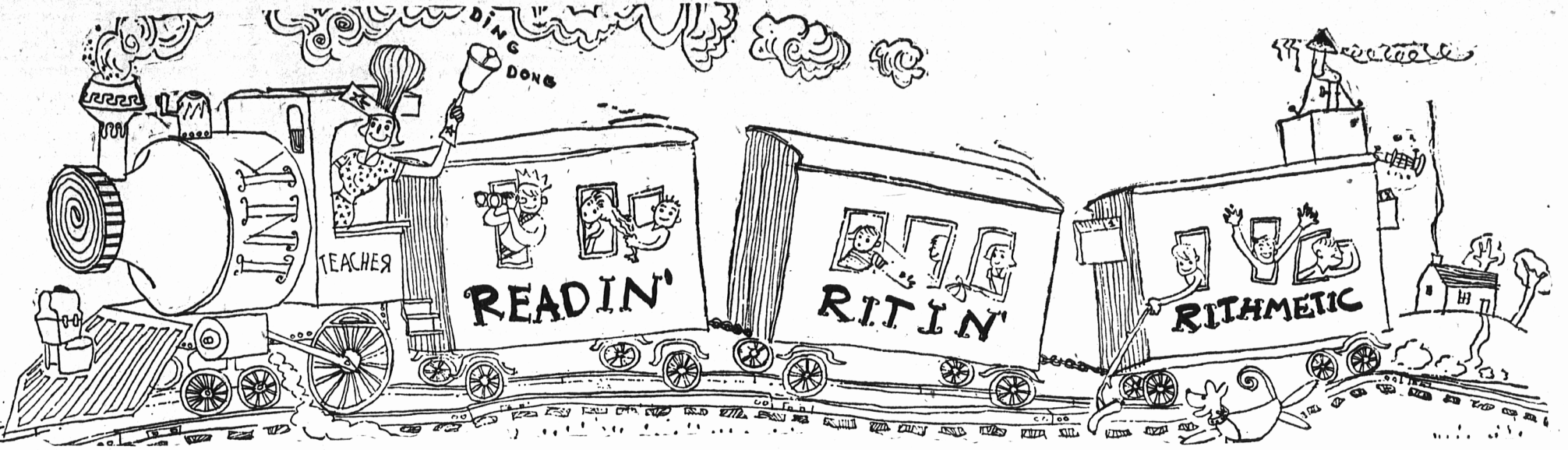


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On the other hand, if parents are too strict, that may and often does, work out bad in the long run, for both the child and his parents. How hard it is for parents to strike a golden mean!

I do not subscribe entirely with those that say Canada's glory is growing dim. Today has its glories the past never knew -- better wages for the masses, more leisure hours, better care of the aged and sick, better schools and so on. Compared to the comfort and conveniences of present day living the past seems empty and lifeless. But those of us who have seen the snows of over fifty winters never

thought of the past in that manner. My mother -- father died when I was a youngster of five years -- raised her little brood of three sons on a farm near by the village where I now make my home. We had a few good books, good training, good neighbors and just the right amount of work to keep us out of mischief. You couldn't call us poor; we just had to rub along with a small sum of money. Mother kept us at school, but when school days were done with we were on our own. By self-sacrifice she led us "beside the green pastures and still waters." No matter under similar circumstances

could have done more for her children. We had the advantage of living in the country, close to Nature. The birds and the bees and the wild flowers were our friends; we knew the songs of the brook that threaded its way through our farm, and the whispering voices of the wind as it danced in glees among the maples and birches beside our humble farm home. It was a busy life; yet the whole atmosphere was full of hope and the sure promise of reward. One never knew what tomorrow might hold in store, but somehow one knew it would be good. There's a different feeling among people today. With all our conveniences and comforts and handouts, we seem to have lost faith in ourselves and in our country. No longer is the younger generation satisfied with life as they find it in their homes; no longer are they content to work long hours for short pay, and many look upon honest toil as something degrading and entirely unnecessary in this generation. Perhaps too many of us are hoping to get something for nothing. Certainly, too many are crying, get it from the government. Looking to the government for this or that favor was no part of our youthful scheme of things. What we wanted most we worked to get, and once we got it, it belonged to us; it didn't have to be handed over by Johnny Canuck. And so long as we kept our robes clean there was none to lead us around by the nose. True, the glory to earn and to keep has departed. But some day we shall view with alarm the unsoundness of our present political set-up. Then shall we set our house in order and live.

that the world supply of newspaper has gradually increased and no further allocations will be needed.

Withdraw Claims To Edgar Laprade

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—(CP)—Chicago Black Hawks and Toronto Maple Leafs have withdrawn their waiver claims to Edgar Laprade, permitting him to return to play center for New York Rangers. It was announced Wednesday following the meeting of the National Hockey League Board of Governors. Laprade asked earlier to be released from active status in professional hockey. However, when Don Raleigh, Rangers center, suffered a broken wrist, manager Frank Boucher persuaded Laprade to play until Raleigh's return. Laprade agreed, but then it was found that Toronto and Chicago had applied for waivers on Laprade.

Announce Air Cadet Awards

OTTAWA, Oct. 2.—(CP)—WO Fred E. Parkinson, 18-year-old Edmonton air cadet, has been named as the top graduate of this summer's scholarships flying course for Canadian air cadets, Air Cadet Headquarters announced Monday. A member of No. 12 Edmonton Squadron, WO Parkinson scored an average of 94 per cent on flying and written tests to win the Air Cadet League of Canada trophy awarded annually to the top pilot in the scholarship scheme. It was won last year by Sgt. Roger J. Neill, also of No. 12 Squadron. A total of 246 cadets across Canada competed for the trophy, donated by M. Banker Bates, past president of the league. League headquarters also announced the award of the A.T.C. "Token of Friendship" trophy to the Northwest Ontario Zone Committee, headed by Andrew Madore of Fort William, Ont. Lakeland air cadets rolled up an average score of 78.2 per cent to capture the trophy, which goes to the area committee whose cadets score the highest average results on the flying scholarship course. In second place was Newfoundland with 76.1 per cent while British Columbia and Saskatchewan tied for third with 74 per cent.

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Howe Closes Up Three Divisions Of His Department

OTTAWA, Oct. 2.—(CP)—Production Minister Howe Tuesday closed up his chemicals, explosives and newspaper divisions and announced the resignation of three of his administrators returning to civilian jobs. The move is part of a general contraction of the Defence Production Department as supplies of strategic materials become more plentiful and government controls are relaxed. With the Chemicals and Explosives Division closed up, Dr. J. R. Donald of Montreal, its director, resigns to return as president of J. T. Donald and Company Ltd., Montreal. R. M. Fowler of Montreal, who headed the Department's Pulp and Paper Division, under which newspaper was controlled, resigns to resume the presidency of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association on a full-time basis. F. V. C. Hewett of Toronto, director of the Department's Non-Ferrous Metals Division, resigns to return to private consulting practice in the Ontario capital. Norman B. Davis of Ottawa, who has been acting as divisional consultant, takes on the directorship. The division has recently been cut with the lifting of government controls on copper and aluminum mill forms. Mr. Howe said that with the resignation of Dr. Donald most of the Department's administration in the explosives and chemicals field will be scrapped. Any remaining problems will be handled by Mr. H. H. Sanderson, the Department's materials co-ordinator. The Pulp and Paper Division was set up to direct international allocations of newsprint recommended by the multi-country international materials conference. The I.M.C. recently announced

BROOKFIELD Y. P. S.

The Brookfield Y. P. S. held their weekly meeting at the home of Miss Lynn Way in Hunter's River on Wednesday evening, September 24th. Donald MacInnis was in charge of the worship service. The call to worship was read by Malcolm MacInnis, followed by prayer by Randy Nicholson. Hymn 74 was then sung, and Scripture taken from St. Matthew 5: 1-20 was read by Bertha Smith. Jinny Andrews led in prayer and Hymn 494 was sung. A poem was read by Margaret Wood, and Christine MacInnis, Sterling MacRae and Randolph Nicholson gave talks on the Bible. The devotional period came to a close by singing Hymn 668. The president then presided over the business period. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Twenty-six members answered roll call and collection amounted to \$234. It was decided that each member should pay ten cents for membership fee. The Young People also decided to hold services each Sunday in the various churches of the Brookfield charge, and to invite Zion Y. P. S. out from Char-

lottetown for a social in Hartsville Hall. The meeting was brought to a close by repeating the Lord's Prayer, after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess. The organist for the evening was Miss Margaret Matheson.

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