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Changing Position of American Agriculture

Professor Roland Yoder

Evidences of maladjustment between agriculture and other branches of the economic structure are numerous. Most prominent is the disparity between prices of agricultural products and the prices of the things the farmer buys. The farmer finds that he must give more and more of his products to secure a given quantity of manufactured goods. He also finds that it now requires almost five times as much wheat and four times as much corn to pay his interest as it required in 1919 and 1920. A debt of \$1,000 could have been paid with 350 bushels of wheat in June, 1920. To pay the same debt now would require over 2,000 bushels of wheat. Total farm income has dropped from an average approximating \$15,000,000,000 in 1919, the best year on record, to some \$9,000,000,000 in 1930, and an estimate of \$6,000,000,000 in 1931. To add to his troubles, the farmer finds taxes mounting at a terrific rate. His credit is gone. The bankers, who formerly urged him to borrow, now coldly demand repayment or proceed to foreclose. The federal, state, and local governments, after spending billions to help farmers produce more, now turn about and plead for curtailment. Uncle Sam Frankenstein's monster has turned upon him!

What has thrown agriculture into chaos? Some of the most important causes are the following:

(1) **Changed world conditions.** Up to the end of the World War the United States was the leading purveyor of goods to the industrial areas of Europe. We owed large sums to European investors and needed something with which to pay for large imports of foreign goods. Foreigners took much of their pay in American agricultural products. Since the War the situation is reversed. America is now the creditor nation. Europe owes our government, private individuals and institutions billions of dollars upon which interest and amortization must be paid. The flow of payments on debt service alone is staggering, making it almost prohibitive for Europe to incur further indebtedness in America by purchasing our goods. European governments have resorted to tariffs as a means of preventing such purchases. The barrier has become practically insurmountable with many nations off the gold standard. **The foreign market for our farm products has contracted rapidly and faces further shrinkage.**

(2) **The American tariff tradition.** The United States, the world's leading "dumper" and general offender in international trade, grabs foreign markets by fair means or foul, but puts up a tariff wall to shut foreign goods out of the home market. Apparently, no one thinks of applying the Golden Rule in dealing with our foreign neighbors. We even forget the commonplace law of Action and Reaction. Widespread retaliation in the past few years is forceful evidence of reaction. Our tariff folly injures

agriculture by: (a) increasing the cost of nearly everything the farmer buys; (b) restricting the market and undermining the price for what he sells; (c) since a real protective tariff produces no revenues, it increases his tax burden. As a matter of fact, our tariff policy has been an important factor in the breakdown of the world credit structure. It seriously impedes payments by our foreign debtors and the maintenance of more prosperous conditions in Central Europe where the trouble started. In spite of the obvious facts, American farmers are still befuddled in their thinking on the tariff question. A vast majority of farmers, excepting the South, still follow the political charltans who so flagrantly betray their interests into the hands of the few industrialists who benefit. **For a century the tariff has been America's greatest "racket," while the most important group of sufferers, the farmers, actually helped maintain it.**

(3) **Frenzied Speculation.** The gradual rise in land values along with generally rising commodity prices from 1896 to the end of the World War led to a general belief that **the normal trend of land prices would always be upward.** Farmers and speculators bought land, gradually at first, but feverishly when war time inflation was at its height. That "no investment is as safe as a piece of the earth itself" was accepted as if it were divine revelation. Farm lands changed hands at fantastic figures, just as did stocks in the great bull market more recently, and as did Florida lands, and city real estate throughout the nation in the period from 1922 to 1928. More land changed hands and more mortgages were contracted during that time of feverish activity than at any time before or since. The "suckers were hooked" and "the lambs were shorn" in the years that followed. The crash in land values was just as much a punishment for speculation and greed as were similar crashes in the security and city real estate markets. There exists, however, a peculiar idea that speculating in land is a perfectly innocent pastime. That it is a crime perpetrated against innocent landholders to permit a deflation to sane values. No such sympathy exists for the "suckers" and "lambs" caught with other types of property. **The painful deflation of the past decade was very largely the inevitable result of greedy, insane speculation.** The deflation in farm lands has about run its course, and from the speculative and investment point of view there are more attractive bargains in carefully selected, low-cost-producing lands than at any time in the present century. **This year will present some excellent buying opportunities for the careful and well-informed buyer.**

(4) **Over-capacity and over-production.** Land under cultivation increased almost 50% from 1890 to 1920. The increase was especially rapid during the War period when the abnormal foreign market greedily absorbed all the farm products we had to offer. The federal, state and local governments urged and aided farmers to increase production. With rising prices for farm lands and farm products, bankers urged farmers to borrow and expand. Implement manufacturers worked day and night to improve their machines and to get them into the hands of farmers. To the farmer it looked like a new era, or Golden Age for agri-

A New Year Prayer

The light that gleams across the snow tonight
Awakens in my heart a kindred light;
It is the hope and joy and gladness born
At thoughts of New Year coming with the morn.
And oh,—the beauty of the world without—
The breath of snow the storm wind whisks about—
The grandeur of that gnarled, old, towering tree
That bows before the wind with dignity—
The beauty of the hymns the low winds string
Upon the forest lyre where snowflakes cling;—
All nature calls aloud and says to me,
“Lo all this beauty God has given thee;
And how will thou this wondrous wealth repay?”
The thought astounds and fills me with dismay,
For all I have is dross compared to these—
Low, crooning wind, bright snow, majestic trees.
Oh, through the coming year use me, I pray,
In service for thy kingdom day by day;
Lord keep me true and pure that I may be
More worthy of thy wondrous gifts to me.

Mildred Risdon, '34

The Short Bible Term

The Short Bible Term for 1932 has reached a new low mark in attendance but not in interest. January 5 found eight students ready to begin six weeks of earnest labor to prepare themselves further for service for their Lord. The latter part of the week brought three more, increasing the total to eleven students.

Of this group, eight are from Indiana and the vicinity of Goshen, and three are from other states. Niva E. Miller of Kinross, Iowa; Dorothy Bontrager, Kalona, Iowa; Orpha Lehman, Orrville, Ohio; Levi Yoder, Burr Oaks, Indiana; Cleo Nusbaum, Middlebury, Indiana; Edwin Ramer and Noah Bauman, of Napanee, Indiana; George Hoover, Earl Stauffer, Dorothy Blough and Virgil Weaver, of Goshen, Indiana, compose the group. Six of these have attended the Short Bible Term in previous years.

A brief review of the courses offered may be of interest. Brother Ira S. Johns, of Goshen, Indiana, is in charge of New Testament History and Geography which covers the early apostolic period and the life of Paul as recorded in Acts. This study fixes in one's mind the geographical and historical background of the work of Paul, our first missionary.

Mennonite history, taught by Dean Bender of the college faculty, is a general survey of the entire history of the Mennonite Church from the Reformation to the present time. If we value our heritage, it is necessary to be familiar with the history of our Church and we find it extremely interesting.

Professor Walter E. Yoder is instructor of Hymn Study and Appreciation. The new Church hymnal is used and a study is made of the best hymns and tunes, their history and how we can learn to appreciate them.

The books of Romans and John and Church Doctrine are offered the first three weeks of this term, with Brother D. D. Miller, of Middlebury, Indiana, as instructor. The Major Prophets, —Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, and the Epistles of John are given the second half of the term.

Public Speaking by Professor Samuel Yoder is intended to be a series of helpful lessons in the preparation of talks and in presentation of them to an audience.

A Christian Workers' Institute will be held the last week of the Short Bible Term which will, no doubt, bring a large number of people to the school who are interested in the work of the Church. Several special courses will be offered, such as Sunday School Teacher Training, and Sunday School Lessons for 1932 with Brother I. W. Royer as instructor; also Personal Evangelism by Brother Edwin Yoder; and Church and Sunday School Chorister Work by Professor Walter E. Yoder. This Christian Workers' Institute is a special feature of the Short Bible Term and is offered for the first time this year.

The Christian Life Conference will be held the last three days of the Short Bible Term and will bring to a close the activities of this course.

Orpha Lehman

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EDITORIAL



New year resolutions have become more or less of a standing joke because of the frequency with which they are broken. In fact, many have given up making them at all. They explain with a shrug, "I never keep them anyway." This is probably due to the fact that they are made light-heartedly and with no serious thought back of them. However, there is a very definite benefit to be derived from making these resolutions even though they are not always kept, because the very act of making the resolution necessitates some thought concerning the past as well as an expression of a desire for the future. The business man who never sets a time to take an inventory of his stock in trade, nor figures up his assets and liabilities, planning, according to these, his work for the future, is a very careless business man, if such a name can be given to him at all. An inventory of life, a consideration of what has been done in the past, and a summation of the successes and failures, is essential, for it inspires a desire and an effort to improve. In character and personality development, as well as in business, we must stop, look back, and take stock of our evident weaknesses and improvements. For example, it is impossible to build the four-square life, composed of the physical, spiritual, intellectual and social phases, unless we stop to look over the ground we have already covered. The bricklayer does not build one corner of a chimney a hundred feet

into the air while leaving the other three corners unconstructed. He builds it up comparatively even, fitting each part into the other to make one solid, perfect whole. In the past year have we neglected our spiritual development to make room for our intellectual and social life? How well do our lives even up now?

There is no time like the beginning of a new year to see how you have built. See where you stand and then plan your year accordingly. Make your resolutions definite, so that you may know exactly what you plan to accomplish. The merchant does not merely resolve to do better business next year but designates the particular lines of improvement he intends to follow. Ascertain your standing, define your purposes, make your resolutions, and **live up to them.** None of us would admit that we are so weak that we can not carry out a simple resolution! You will be surprised at the great things 1932 has in store for you if you will but follow the simple rules any wide-awake business man would not think of neglecting.

—E.

Too often, man, baffled and discouraged, stands on the threshold of a new year, defeated. He only hopes, and hoping, hopes in vain for a successful year. Life to him is nothing but a stream of uncontrollable events. Yet he would vigorously denounce Thomas Hardy's fatalistic notions and in all finality proclaim his own philosophy free of any such tendencies. But the careful observer will become alive to the fact that such a one, when he plays his part on the stage of life, reveals fatalistic leanings. Failure! He readily attributes it to fate, and never to the mistakes or inactivity of the individual. He contemptuously crowns success as the blessing of the goddess of good fortune. He calls that force which seems to control the universe bringing victory to some and defeat to other, luck. He seldom plans, but half bewildered by the complexities of life he plods aimlessly on taking things as they come and ever longing for the realization of his fantastic dreams.

How different is the philosophy of Armand Jean du Plessis, known to fame as Cardinal Richelieu. His philosophy is accurately expressed in the following quotations: "Never leave to chance what can be achieved by calculations"; and again, "Never let an opportunity go by." These ideas followed and lived by the Cardinal brought him success (success measured in terms of desire). It is not our purpose to vindicate or censure that historic figure. Our purpose is to make emphatic that man is endowed with a free will; that he can change and control his environment; that he can, to some extent, make opportunities; but that too often man fails because of his inactivity.

Let us dream dreams and then make those dreams real by careful planning and sincere striving. Let us reconnoiter and then maneuver. Let us "never leave to chance what can be achieved by calculations nor let an opportunity go by." Then at the end of 1932 we will have arrived.

—B.

CAMPUS OPINION

Since this is the season of New Year resolutions and large ambitions for the future, we have asked the contributors this month to tell us which features or departments of the Record they enjoy most; which parts they read first; or just the kind of Record they should like. This information will be helpful in planning a more successful Record for 1932.

As I peruse a late copy of The Record I notice that it credits itself with being a "Twenty-four page monthly published by Goshen College devoted to the interests of Christian education." In a finer sense it is a monthly devoted to what Goshen College thinks or does about Christian education. But does The Record truly do this? It does only in so far as it portrays the "real" of Goshen College. It must not exaggerate or depredate any of its activities of worth and value. It should, furthermore, help to mould and fashion worth while sentiments on the part of its readers. Finally, it must continually observe its purpose by sharply excluding all that is irrelevant to this purpose, and by critically seeking to include all that which is relevant and helpful.

James Steiner, '32

In the numbers of the College Record that have been published this school year, I have found the contents both interesting and full of thought values. It affords a means by which one may become better acquainted with the different students and their viewpoints. The development of a wholesome Christian atmosphere, together with the definitely non-class distinctions is very uplifting to the student body as a whole. Most of the material is of a serious nature; in fact, it is almost too serious. Perhaps some improvement could be made by adding a little more humor and wit.

Vilas Zuercher, '35

It is time for the Record to be out again! I pass through it with a sweeping glance to see what it contains this month. Quite naturally, the Freshman themes draw my attention, and then I see perhaps a poem, finding that there is upon the campus talent which I hadn't discovered before. It all is a challenge—an incentive to a higher goal. Then, after stopping to smile at Ed and Co-Ed, I find before me the most important facts about the various campus activities of the past month, and finally conclude that we truly have need to show our appreciation for the work done to make possible this, our College Record.

Fern Miller, '35

The fact that immediately after the Record has been distributed everyone seems to be quietly reading, books pushed aside, a contented smile on his face, is proof enough that this miniature magazine is meeting the desires of the students. Each department seems to be handled in such a manner that no one predominates. Having an article by a faculty member at the beginning of each number is an appropriate way to orient the

reader. The idea of presenting the religious notes in diary form, with the high points of the lectures recorded, is a unique method. Not long after the Record has been slipped into our hands most of us turn to the college news. Even though we know all the happenings recorded here, it seems to give us an extra satisfaction to see them in print. The same is true of the literary section. In addition to this the selections submitted by the poetic talent of our group signify very worthy efforts. Dorothy Smith, '32

When will the Record be out again? I want to become better acquainted with my fellow-students by reading their individual expressions of opinion, to remind myself once more of the best and most helpful thoughts brought out in our various religious meetings, to compare the literary activities of the four societies, to see "who's who" in athletics, to laugh at the adventures of Ed and Co-Ed which are so apt to remind one of Freshman capers, and finally, to review and fasten in my memory the recent college news—the cream of campus events—it's all in the Record. Marie Yoder, '34

The Record is far more than just another monthly publication. It is an integral part of the College. There are probably some of us who think we are too busy to include many extra-curricular activities in our schedules. For this reason we automatically come to depend on the Record for a systematic, well-expressed synopsis of general college news and events. It picks up all the loose threads and unifies campus happenings. Through it we acquire new acquaintances, discover new talents, and gain a true perspective of our school life. Some of us regret that we cannot produce philosophic and scientific treatises, or even a simple Spenserian stanza. But even if we cannot be more than the victims of a good joke we are adding a valuable contribution to the Record. Vive la Record! Helen Moser, '33

The College Record meets a very real place in the life of Goshen College. The space given to the faculty seems to me to be especially valuable in that the Record has material that makes it a periodical that every student will want to preserve for future use. Added to this feature are the contributions from the various ones of the student body that will in days to come bring back fond memories of Goshen College and the activities there. Of least value to the little monthly is probably "Ed and Co-Ed." It has been my misfortune to miss some issues of the Record, and I consider myself the loser. Arthur J. Armstrong, '32

Our educators inform us that one of the essential aims of education is to develop the student's ability to put into practice the knowledge acquired. The College Record gives the student an opportunity to express the thoughts and ideas which he has gathered that appear important and essential to him. Thus giving an opportunity to share them with others. Apart from the place the Record fills on the campus another service may be even greater. It reaches into many homes throughout our states and abroad, advertising our institution and showing others the fine ideals and purposes of our college. In this way it helps our alma mater to grow and become a more powerful instrument in the promotion and maintenance of the truth. John Hartzler, '35

Freshman Themes

HAIL!

New Year's Eve. The clock ticks slowly, 11:43, 11:44, 11:45. "Tick, tock, tick, tock, here I go. Here I go." It gives you a queer feeling of impotence as you watch the hands of the clock. Fifteen more minutes and another year will have gasped its last, and sighed out into the endless realms of past time. Odd that such a thing should be! You cannot hinder its passing by a second, even if you would. Perhaps you consider it regretfully. The poor passing year! You did not give it a fair chance. It came in a year ago as a New Year full of hopes and eager resolutions for better achievements, and look what you did to it. It has grown old and tired carrying the burdens of your failures and mistakes. You might have done so much with it, but now it is nearly gone. No useless regrets can aid it now; it is past redemption. "Tick, tock, tick, tock, here I go. Here I go." Only two more minutes left! Yes, let the old year go. But why be sad about it? You are losing nothing. True, the old, worn-out year goes, but in its place you gain a young, hopeful one. You are receiving gold for tinsel, new opportunities in exchange for old disregarded ones. Now the old year's going; let him go, taking with him heartaches, shattered dreams and aims, failures, and the sting of disappointment; leaving memories, and lessons garnered from the past. "Boom." You cease your meditations and listen. "Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom." Tiredly, the old year creeps through the gate of oblivion. "Boom." The long-expected new year rushes in, whirling to the accompaniment of whistles, clanging bells, the popping of guns, and shouting of people. "Boom." Hail to you, New Year, harbinger of better times. "Boom." Down with the old; up with the new! "Boom, boom." The old year's dead! Long live the New Year!

Dona Belle Hepler, '35

WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR

The New Year has come again. Three hundred and sixty-six days lie just ahead. What are we going to do with them? As we view the past year, successes and failures parade before us. Can they be changed? No, but they should be forgotten. Only the lessons they teach may be permitted to remain. Remorse concerning failures, and pride over triumphs must be put away. A motorist who drives ahead while looking back soon leaves the road. If we allow the past to crowd out the present and future, a similar fate will be ours.

What, then, shall we do with this New Year? The possibilities are many. Time has again been given, and varied talents

are distributed among us. Let us not waste the former, nor bury the latter. We may look forward to the days of the New Year as doors to opportunities. Each sunrise should challenge us to strive toward the goal we wish to reach. But, before we begin, let us consider well the purpose which we have fixed. Is it worthy of our efforts? Are we considering others, or are we selfish in our endeavors? Have we included the promotion of Christ's Kingdom in our plans? Surely, no one, who wishes to attain the highest ends, can afford to ignore these questions. Defeats and disappointments will have to be met. We are too well acquainted with life to overlook that. But, in spite of these, may we press onward, continually keeping in mind that, "the wheels of time turn forward always; backward, never." Now is our opportunity! Let us make the most of it.

Alma Kaufmann, '35

Welsh Imperial Singers

The program of the Welsh Imperial Singers was a rare musical treat to the people of Goshen and especially to the students and patrons of the College. The program was composed of choral selections and solos made up very largely of request numbers. A few folk songs were contributed from the rich heritage of their race, in characteristic Welsh style. Other outstanding numbers in the program were "Liebestraum" by Liszt—a wonderful rendition of this "love dream" music. "The Pilgrim Chorus" by Wagner was exceptionally well done and the lovely rendering of the Christmas carol "Silent Night" was a fitting close for this evening recital.

This chorus is composed of only twelve singers and a pianist under the Masterly direction of R. Frestyn Davies. It is an interesting and colorful male chorus, appearing in quaint costumes of red and gray and entering into the rendition of their numbers with joyful enthusiasm and virility of voice which is refreshing and delightful to all.

As an ensemble, their voices are well balanced, their accuracy of pitch makes one feel the purity of tone and richness of harmony. The sharp attacks, well accented rhythm, the tone shading in phrasing and color continually keep one interested. The great volume of tone which these singers can produce is remarkable, especially when it is so artistically contrasted with the mellow whispering, soft tones. All these powers of the chorus were very ably directed, giving an artistic presentation of every song.

Professor Walter E. Yoder



RELIGIOUS



EAST GOSHEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come with us this morning to our East Goshen Sunday School. It is not held in a little chapel as you might suppose, but in the school building in that section. The children are coming and will all be here by nine-thirty.

Nine-thirty! Everyone becomes quiet. Let us sing our opening song:

Into my heart, into my heart;
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today; come in to stay.
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

In reverence each little head is bowed while prayer is being offered. After several more songs are sung and our opening lesson is read, the children go to their classes. Velma Lapp meets her class of children from three to five years of age. Mary Gingrich meets the next class which ranges in age from six to eight years. Jacob Sudermann has a group of boys and girls aged nine to eleven. Irene Eschliman has a class of girls between the ages of twelve and eighteen years. John Baer has boys of the same range in age.

A new department has been added which is an adult class. There are about eight mothers and three men who attend. Only recently have we been able to interest the men in coming. We are very grateful to our heavenly Father for his answer to our prayers, for it is only through Him that we can carry on this work.

After classes we again assemble and have a review of the lesson and our closing song:

Now, Oh Father, may thy blessing
Rest upon us as we part,
Every evil thought repressing;
Through the week dwell in my heart.

It seems that the children almost reluctantly get ready to go home, and our prayer is that something may have been implanted in their lives which will be of lasting benefit and blessing to them; that through our efforts and with God's help, they may be led to love Jesus Christ.

Velma Lapp, '32

THE MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL OF NORTH GOSHEN

The origin of our Sunday School dates back to January 4, 1931, when a work inspired by prayer and conviction was opened. Attendance has been rather steady. During the summer months it reached its lowest and in December its highest record, which was sixty-seven. However, the regular attendance was usually between thirty-five and forty.

A survey is being made in this district at the present time. In this survey the entire district has been mapped out and each

individual worker has his own territory to cover. In this way an attempt is being made to get the names of each family and its children, and whether or not the members of the family are Church members. If they are not members of any denomination they are invited to attend our Sunday School, but if they hold Church membership they are urged to attend their own Church regularly. Since there is a growing interest in the work a permanent building is needed. A fund which amounts to almost one hundred dollars has been started for this purpose.

The prospects for a permanent work are good. Goshen College will always have talent for this kind of work and there is also talent growing in this district. We have two girls in our school now who do well in singing.

Through the liberal contribution of eatables by the Clinton Frame congregation, it was possible for the Sunday School to provide twenty-five families with Christmas baskets. These were very much appreciated. During the past school year student groups have gone out nearly every Sunday afternoon to bring a message of song and cheer to the aged and shut-ins who do not have the privileges of church attendance.

The workers ask an interest in your prayers believing that great things will be accomplished for the Lord in North Goshen.

Orlin Reedy, '34

CHAPEL CHIPS

Men's Devotional Meeting—January 7.

In an open discussion on the subject "Accepting the Challenge of the New Year," lead by Titus Books, the following thought was expressed: Life itself is a challenge which we are unable to escape. We cannot avoid the responsibilities before us. We will get out of our Christian experience what we put into it. One of the outstanding challenges before us is whether we will be willing and able to put our whole life into the propagation and preservation of the Christian Church, and especially our own Mennonite Church.

Wednesday, December 16.

"Stand still." "Go forward." Exodus 14. Man's extremity is the opportunity of God. Israel was confronted by the Red Sea, and with the enemy behind, no resources were left them but to look to the Giver of all for the supplying of their needs. After they stood still and concentrated their thoughts on God, then came the message "Go forward."

Aaron Mast, Westover, Maryland

Tuesday, January 6.

"Behold I have set before thee an open door." This was the message of Christ through the revelator to the Church at Philadelphia. As we enter into the duties, the opportunities, and the responsibilities of the new year, may be ever realize that they are God-given. We are utterly dependent upon him for all that we have. With the definite consciousness of his presence, guidance, and protection, we can enter the threshold of the new year with confidence.

Edwin Yoder, Topeka, Indiana

LITERARY

AVON

There is beauty in the picturesque! And, what could be more picturesque than Indian Art, unless it is Negro Worship? These themes furnished the material for our two December programs. On December 7, the basketry weaving, music, and dancing of the Indian was discussed, and it was as enjoyable as it was instructive. The designs on Indian pottery and rugs, so meaningless to most of us, usually contain some story. Although we sing what is called "Indian Music" Dorothy Smith's discussion of the subject showed us how little we knew about it. The music has a quality that is practically inimitable.

If you have never seen Negro Worship, our other program would have been especially interesting, because Grace Glick told us about a visit to a Negro Church. "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Ain't Going to Study War No More" if you hear them, wouldn't sound like the same songs the quartette sang on December 14. The two poems "Simon Legree" and "The Congo" showed an interesting side of the Negro as he is portrayed in poetry.

E. La Verne Yoder, '34

AURORA

As this was the vacation month and one of much outside activity, it was difficult to accomplish a great deal. The program of December 7 was devoted to current events, when the following topics were discussed: "The Manchurian Situation," Atlee Beechy; "The 1931 Football Season," Mac Cripe; "Congress Meets Again," Ira Smucker; and "Science Finding God," Merle Hartzler.

The society has recently purchased an entire set of new shades for Aurora Hall. This should greatly enhance the appearance of the room and aid in making the College Life class more enjoyable!

We are looking forward with anticipation to the Aurora-Adelphian basketball game which will be played Wednesday, January 13. This game always proves to be one of the highlights in the basketball season.

George Bishop, '34

VESPERIAN

When I was told that I should write, in one hundred words, what I thought of the Vesperian Literary Society, I said that it wouldn't take that many, by any means. Of course, I was only trying to get even for what they made me do when they initiated me, but we won't go into detail about that now! However, in all seriousness, if I were to write exactly what I thought of the Vesperian Literary Society, it would take pages and pages, and since we are not all Vesperians, it might not interest everybody. Suffice it to say that my opinion of the Vesperian Literary Society is very high. I haven't been in it very long, but long before I became a member I used to watch longingly as the "Vesps" carried their chairs downstairs, and I wondered, after something

had been said to the effect that we might be able to join, just how long I'd have to endure sitting above them and rattling away at my little, old Underwood, while below they were having such a fine time. But now that I'm a Vesperian too, I think I am quite happy! Since the Vesperian Literary Society means so much to me, I'm going to try just as hard as I possibly can to uphold the ideals of the society, and do my bit in making a bigger and better Vesperian Literary Society.

Gladys Burkhart, Academy, '32

ADELPHIAN

How fitting it is, in this age of speed when people like to travel fast and far, that the up-to-date Adelphians should count among their members an aviator. In a recent meeting Earle Brillhart spoke on "Aviation" and especially pointed out that the parachute has made air travel quite safe. Besides being interesting, this speech, for many of us, clarified some of our ideas of aviation.

In the last meeting, Professor Willard Smith conducted a Parliamentary Law drill. A bill for the installation of drinking fountains in Coffman Hall was considered. After it was duly discussed, the matter was tabled.

In keeping with Adelphian traditions, the society again placed a Christmas tree where the fountain usually stands. We hope it added to the Christmas atmosphere of the campus!

Leland Brenneman, '34

THE CHANGING POSITION OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

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culture. Every one of these powerful forces seemed to be conspiring against him to bring about his downfall, although none had any evil intentions. The government even passed the Federal Farm Loan Act in 1916, which provided billions in new capital at less than the market rate. By making bonds issued by the Federal Farm Loan System tax exempt, and by making itself morally responsible for them, the government forced more capital into agriculture than was economically warranted, as borrowers have since learned to their sorrow and financial ruin. The evils of excessive and misdirected paternalism are well illustrated in this case.

Mounting surpluses and record low prices are sufficient evidences of over-production as the world is now organized on the basis of national self-sufficiency and economic isolation, and changing habits of consuming. Space does not permit discussion of remedies. Cooperation is of very limited value and deserves a thorough "debunking." Business methods, an understanding of costs and of economic principles, and a free play of economic forces will do much to solve the problem. Legislative relief should include: reduction of property taxes and adoption of state income taxes, lowering of tariff walls, other measures to stimulate foreign trade and redistribution of the world's gold stock, and repeal of the Agricultural Marketing Act.

Further Adventures of Ed and Co-Ed.



It was with much reluctance that Ed and Co-Ed retraced their steps to the halls of learning, for they had greatly enjoyed that long-denied "king for a day" feeling while spending the holidays with their parents and friends.

Ed and Co-Ed both did a little eaves-dropping, and relate to us some of the experiences that occurred to our friends during vacation. While James Steiner was at a New Year's party back home, the question was asked, "Who is glad that this is leap year?" James answered very fervently, "It is I." Various methods were employed to return to the campus. Clair Amstutz, strong and silent as he is, innocently accepted a leap year ride on his way to Goshen! And when Barbara

That asked Howard Nase how he returned, Nase dryly answered, "I came by Buffalo."

This is the month for semester exams, and both Ed and Co-Ed are fully aware of the fact. Ed has passed through the ordeal many times, but as Co-Ed is a Freshman she is becoming lavish with the midnight oil and seems to worry quite a bit. Ed recently obtained some views of upper-classmen on the involved problems which examinations present. Ezra Hershberger states that he "would like to give one of the professors an exam on something he knows nothing about!" Even Niemann Brunk surprised everyone with his version of foresight in examinations. While still a Freshman, Niemann heard that a certain professor gave the same questions on exams every year. After obtaining the questions from a former student he typed the answers to all of them and waited in contentment for the day of the examination. When the exam was given Niemann noticed that the questions asked were identical to his list, so he pulled out his typewritten sheet, signed his name and handed it in. Some time later the professor commented on his typewritten work saying, "Isn't that queer, I never heard the noise of the typewriter!"



ALUMNI



Elsie Mae Landis, Academy instructor, '24-'27, and Myron S. Yoder, Academy, '27, were united in marriage by the father of the groom, President Sanford Calvin Yoder, at high noon Wednesday, December 30, 1931. The ceremony was performed in the presence of thirty guests at the home of the bride's aunt in Leacock, Pennsylvania. Margaret and La Verne Yoder, both Academy, '30, sisters of the groom, and Orvin Brunk, Academy, Ex-'28, were attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder have purchased the college farm and intend to make that their future home.

Mary Widmer, Academy, '29, and Raymond Wenger were married at the home of the bride's parents near Wayland, Iowa, December 31, 1931, Brother Simon Gingerich, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Wenger will be at home on a farm near Wayland after March 1.

A daughter, Phyllis Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Raber December 30, 1931. Mr. Raber, B. A., '29, has charge of the Detroit Mission, Detroit, Michigan.

A son, Theodore, was born on New Year's Day to Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Iowa City, Iowa. Mrs. Miller was formerly known as Grace Butte, Ex-'31.

Harvey Driver, B. A., '30, who teaches in the Junior High school, La Junta, Colorado, spent the holidays visiting friends near Roseland, Nebraska.

Dula Roth, B. A., '29, who spent her vacation with her parents in Goshen and with friends in Chicago, has returned to West Liberty, Ohio, where she teaches in the Monroe Township High School.

Esther Widmer, Academy, '27, R. N., is regularly employed in the Washington County Hospital, Washington, Iowa.

Paul Swope, B. A., '31, stopped on the campus December 19 on his way to visit friends in Illinois.

Hilda Byler, Academy, '29, is teaching a rural school near her home, Kalvesta, Kansas.

Glen Hershberger, B. A., '23, Airways Radio Operator, Chicago, Illinois, visited friends in Goshen during the holidays.

A son, John Menly, was born October 4, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. Dorsa Yoder (Hermione Brunk, Ex-'24). Mr. Yoder, B. A., '23, teaches in a junior high school, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Herner, Edwin Junior, and Charlene Anne, are spending a few months with Mrs. Herner's parents in Kalona, Iowa. Mr. Herner, B. A., '28, expects to continue his work on his Master's thesis in the University of Iowa.

Minnie Kanagy, B. A., '22, missionary on furlough from Dhamtari, C. P., India, is attending the Toronto Bible College. Viola Good, Academy, '30, also is enrolled in the Toronto Bible College.

Hazel Stauffer, '30, teaches in the Mill Creek school near Leola, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Frank Umble, Ex-'31, is employed in the Oklahoma State Dairy department at the A. and M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Mary Hess, B. A., '30, spent part of her vacation in La Junta, Colorado, visiting Ruth Heatwole, Ex-'31, and Lenna Heatwole, Ex-'31.



COLLEGE NEWS



Tuesday, January 5, 1931, 7:30 A. M. sharp, every member of Dr. Hertzler's psychology class was present.

The results of a thorough investigation in Coffman Hall reveal that Orlin Reedy was the only inhabitant of that building during Christmas vacation.

Girls! "Believe it or not"—the fellows of Coffman Hall are looking forward for a happy and prosperous leap-year.—Otto Binkele.

Agnes Weaver entertained the following at dinner on December 21: Ada Lapp, Stanley Miller, and Otto Binkele.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long kindly invited a number of "stray ones," including Ezra Beachy, Orlin Reedy, and Stanley Miller, to their home for dinner, Sunday, January 3.

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of the college congregation held their first social in the dining hall of Kulp Hall, Friday evening, January 1. The families of the members were entertained with a pot-luck dinner followed by a program given by the members and their children. Mrs. Noah Oyer, president, gave the address of welcome; the reply was given by President Sanford Calvin Yoder.

President and Mrs. Sanford Calvin Yoder and family returned to their home after having spent a few days in Pennsylvania, where they attended the wedding of their son, Myron, and Miss Elsie Landis. President Yoder officiated at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Brunk entertained the students remaining on the campus at a taffy-pull, Tuesday, December 22.

Miss Lydia Shenk, head of the French department, spent her vacation as the guest of Mrs. Harris Oppenheim at her home on South Seventh street.

The first night after vacation the office secretaries had a special table in the dining hall. Weighty matters were discussed and the burdens of the new year were divided. Most of the meal consisted of delicacies smuggled from mother's kitchen.

Dean Bender and family enjoyed their holidays at the former home of Mrs. Bender in Scottdale, Pennsylvania. Dean Bender spoke at the New Year's service in North Lima, Ohio, and was in Orrville over Saturday and Sunday.

M. C. Lehman, attending Yale University, spent Christmas vacation with his family in Goshen.

The members of Le Cercle Francais and the Petit Cercle Francais gave a very interesting program Friday afternoon, December 19, at four o'clock in Assembly Hall. The program consisted of the presentation of the Christmas story in the form of a pageant, several numbers of vocal music, a piano solo, and readings. After the program, the members of the Cercle Francais entertained the Petit Cercle at a party. Gifts suitable to the ages and interests of "les chers enfants" were distributed and refreshments were served.

Friday, December 8, a dinner party was given in the dining hall in honor of the eight short term students, who for the next six weeks expect to attend the special Bible classes under the direction of Bro. D. D. Miller and Bro. Ira S. Johns.

The condition of Arthur Roth, who underwent an appendectomy recently, is improving.

Mr. Samuel Yoder entertained the Senior class at his home on Friday evening, January 8.

The annual Christmas program given by the Men's, Ladies' and A Cappella choruses Friday evening at 7:30 in Assembly Hall, was well received by students and friends. After the program the members of the student body visited the professors at their homes and sang carols for them.

Der Deutsche Verein presented an interesting and unusual Christmas program which represented the interview of the Wise Men and Herod, Wednesday evening, December 16.

Verna Enns spent the first week of her vacation with friends near Archbold, Ohio, and the second week with Dr. and Mrs. Hartzler.

Sunday, December 20, the primary and junior departments of the college Sunday School gave a most impressive Christmas program in Assembly Hall.

Mrs. Ella Albrecht, Miss Lena Albrecht, and Mr. John Kaufman visited Alma Kaufman on the campus, December 18 and 19.

Under the direction of the Extension Committee of the Y. P. C. A., which sends groups to various committees throughout the year to give programs, three groups left the campus over the week-end of December 12.

One group, composed of Jacob Sudermann, Stanley Miller, Omar Rhodes, Allen Christophel, Lena Graber, Irene Lehman, Fyrne Miller, Lilly Esch, Alice Housour, and Nellie Miller went to Detroit to give a program Sunday morning at the Mennonite Mission located there.

A second group, composed of Ezra Beachy, Orie Miller, Earle Brillhart, Otto Binkele, Oswin Gerber, Verna Enns, Barbara Coffman, and Mary Gingerich gave a program at the Howard Miami Church in Kokomo, Indiana. Samuel Yoder, Clair Amstutz, Carl Birky, Ezra Hershberger, and Harold Smith made up the third group, which gave a program at the White Cross Mission at Elkhart. These programs consisted of a number of talks and several selections of special vocal music.

The members of the Berean Bible class, a ladies' Sunday School class of the college congregation, and their husbands pleasantly surprised Mrs. Chas. Hostetler, with a birthday social at her home west of town, Thursday evening, December 10.

Paul Clemens of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, spent the week-end of December 5, on the campus visiting friends.

Professor Guy Franklin Hershberger, head of the history department, went to Chicago, Wednesday, December 9, on business.

Professor John S. Umble, head of the English department, H. Clair Amstutz, Robert Welty and Mac Cripe motored to Lafayette to attend the annual meeting of Indiana high school debate coaches held at Purdue University, Saturday, December 5.

The members of the Y. P. C. A. cabinet had a special dinner in the dining hall Friday evening, December 4. Milo Kauffman gave a short talk emphasizing the responsibility of the cabinet members as leader of the religious life on the campus. C. L. Graber, pastor of the local congregation, Dean Bender and Professor G. H. Enns were also present at the dinner.

Dr. Silas Hertzler, registrar and head of the education department, spent Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 11, in Indianapolis attending a meeting for critic teachers of Indiana, held at Butler University.

Professor John Umble and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Anna Hertzler, Miss Leona Yoder, and Miss Shumaker went to West Liberty, Ohio, Wednesday December 9, where they attended the funeral of Bro. B. B. Stoltzfus of that city.

Professor G. H. Enss, head of the German and Philosophy department, addressed the members of the local Business Men's Club on the "Growth of a World View," Thursday evening, December 9, at 6:30. A quartet consisting of Arthur Roth, David Esch, Carl Hostetler, and Linus Eigsti provided the special music.

Dean Bender spent the weekend of December 11 in Newton, Kansas, in the interest of Mennonite Russian relief.

Dr. Miller, Professor Roland Yoder, Howard Nase, Ronald Shenk, and Stanley Miller went to South Bend, Wednesday evening, December 9, to hear Mr. W. S. Calcott, of the E. L. du Pont de Nemours and company, Wilmington, Delaware, who addressed the St. Joseph Valley section of the American Chemical Society at the University of Notre Dame. Speaking on "Synthetic Rubber," Mr. Calcott discussed the new synthetic rubber recently announced by the Rev. J. A. Nieuwland of Notre Dame and the Du Pont Company.

The first intercollegiate debate will be held in Assembly Hall, January 13, between Goshen's affirmative team and Wheaton's negative team of Wheaton, Illinois. The debate,

which is really a pre-season one, will be on the state question, "Resolved, That the United States government should extend political recognition to the present government of Russia (U. S. S. R.)." The debaters chosen to represent Goshen in this debate are: Niemann Brunk, captain, Otto Binkele, and H. Clair Amstutz. The regular varsity teams will be selected later.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

"Christmas bells and wedding bells rang together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos S. Landis, of Goshen, Ind., when their daughter, Alice M., was married to John S. Umble, College, '05.

"Pres. Byers assisted in a Bible Conference near Ada, Ohio, December 26-29.

"Elsie Drange spent her vacation with her parents at Cullem, Illinois.

"A number of students spent a few days in Chicago during vacation to hear the rendition of "Messiah" by the Apollo Club of that city.

"Blanche Brenneman attended the wedding of her former school friend, Ellen Schertz, at Metamora, Illinois, December 27.

"Professor D. S. Gerig visited his former home at Smithville, Ohio, December 12-14.

"J. J. Byers and family, of Sterling, Illinois, visited at the home of President Byers during Christmas week.

"Miss Wilma Smoker entertained the members of the Academy Junior class at her home east of the College Saturday evening, December 8.



ATHLETICS



MEN'S ATHLETICS

In beating the Juniors and the Freshman B, the Senior men's basketball team has shown a surprising amount of power and established themselves as favorites to win the inter-class tournament. The Class of '32 was without the services of Ralph Beechy when they defeated the Juniors by the score of 20 to 19. The game with the Freshman B team found the Seniors the victors by the large score of 36 to 19. Howard Nase, Ralph Beechy, Harold Smith, Niemann Brunk, and Bob Bender form the starting quintet for the Class of '32.

The Sophomores maintained an unbroken string of victories since entering Goshen College inter-class basketball competition by virtue of their 23 to 21 defeat of the Juniors. Previously this year, the Class of '34 had beaten the Freshman A by the score of 12 to 9, and the Freshman B by the score of 33 to 20. The work of Joe Bradford and Bob Shideler has been a great factor in these wins due to their guarding and clever floor work. L. Brenneman's basket eye has also been an asset in the Sophomore's games. George Bishop, Paul Zook, Dick Neff, Chick Harper and John Williams complete the squad.

The Juniors with a big, fast team have been unable to hit the stride which last year carried them, as Sophomores, to the runner-up position in that season's play. Carl Hostetler, Ross Gerber, L. J. Eigsti, Zeke Hershberger and Ori Miller have been carrying full time assignments for the class of '33. John Wilbur Foreman, Art Roth, and Omar Rhodes have filled in as replacements. The Juniors' defeat at the hands of the Sophomores was maneuvered in the last two minutes of play after a game in which, time and again they saw a slender margin they had built up disappear. The smaller Freshman A team was not able to cope with this big Junior team and the final score was 23 to 10.

The pick of the Freshman class has suffered rather poor fortunes thus far and have been unable to find a winning combination. Jim Skahen, Atlee Beechy, Doc Yoder, Vilas Zuercher, Lowell Lantz, Marvin Hostetler, and Ernest Frey carry the hopes of the Freshman class for future victories.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Because of the Christmas vacation and other conflicts, the girls' basketball schedule has been somewhat disrupted. Only one inter-class game has been played. In this game the Seniors succeeded in defeating the Freshman first team by the score of 22 to 13. The Senior players were Irene Lehman, Erma Schertz, Alta Housour, Ada Lapp, Lilly Esch, and Velma Lapp. Dot Smith, regular forward, did not get into the game. The Freshman squad is composed of Fern Miller, Wilma Lehman, Bernice Zook, Evelyn Brenneman, Ferne Smith, Evelyn Emmert, Rose Adams, and Dorothy Hoogenboom. Irene Lehman and Alta Housour, Fern Miller and Evelyn Brenneman were the leading scorers for the Senior and Freshman team, respectively.

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