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Yugoslavs Will Ask For Prayers For Persecuted

Letter of Archbishop is Considered a Protest Against Treatment of His Countrymen by the Fascists.

Belgrade, March 6.—A pastoral letter just issued by the Archbishop fo Zagreb, Dodov Bauer, urges all Catholics to attend services on St. Joseph's Day, March 19th, when there will be prayers for Catholic Yugoslavs "who are persecuted in various parts of the world." The letter is looked upon as a protest against the action of Italian Fascists, and it has caused much comment.

The Achbishop refers to the alleged persecution of Croat and Slovene Catholics by Italy, asserting that the use of their mother tongue is made impossible both in the church and in the schools. It quotes the recent encyclical of the Pope, in which attention is called to excesses of nationalism.

"The Pope himself," says the pastoral letter, "has tried to intervene in behalf of persecuted Slav Catholics in Italy, yet the heathen nationalism of a blinded State's force declines to recognize grave breaches in religious or human law or make reparation for them.

Muckross Abbey

All impressive is the desolate majesty of Muckross, no matter what the time it is visited. "But the gay beams of lightsome day gild but to flout the ruins gray." Muckross abbey was founded in the Fifteenth century by Donald McCarthy for Franciscan friars. The towers and east window are fairly well preserved; yet the monuments within the ruined pile tell us that it "contains in death's embrace McCarthy Moore's remains." At night the reflections of the moon on the lake and the mountains shrouded in shadows lend a solemnity to the scene that surpasses any that can be found in Ireland.

Popular Proverb

The saying, "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones," has many variations in many languages. Some of these are: "Whose house is of glass must not throw stones at another." This is from the English. Another English adaptation is "Who hath glass windows of his own must take heed how he throws stones." From Spain we get: "He that has a roof of glass should not throw stones at his neighbor's."

Profiting by Experience

Experience is a teacher that none of us can escape. All of us must learn that two and two make four in life, just the same as they did in school. The lessons taught are not always pleasant, but they can be made profitable.—Grit.

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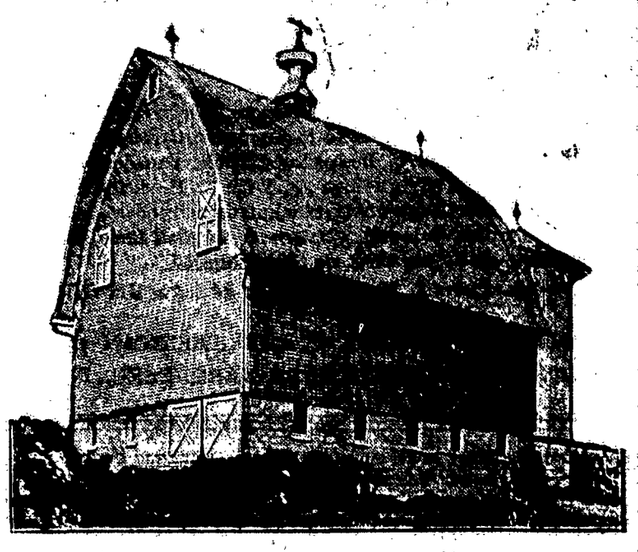

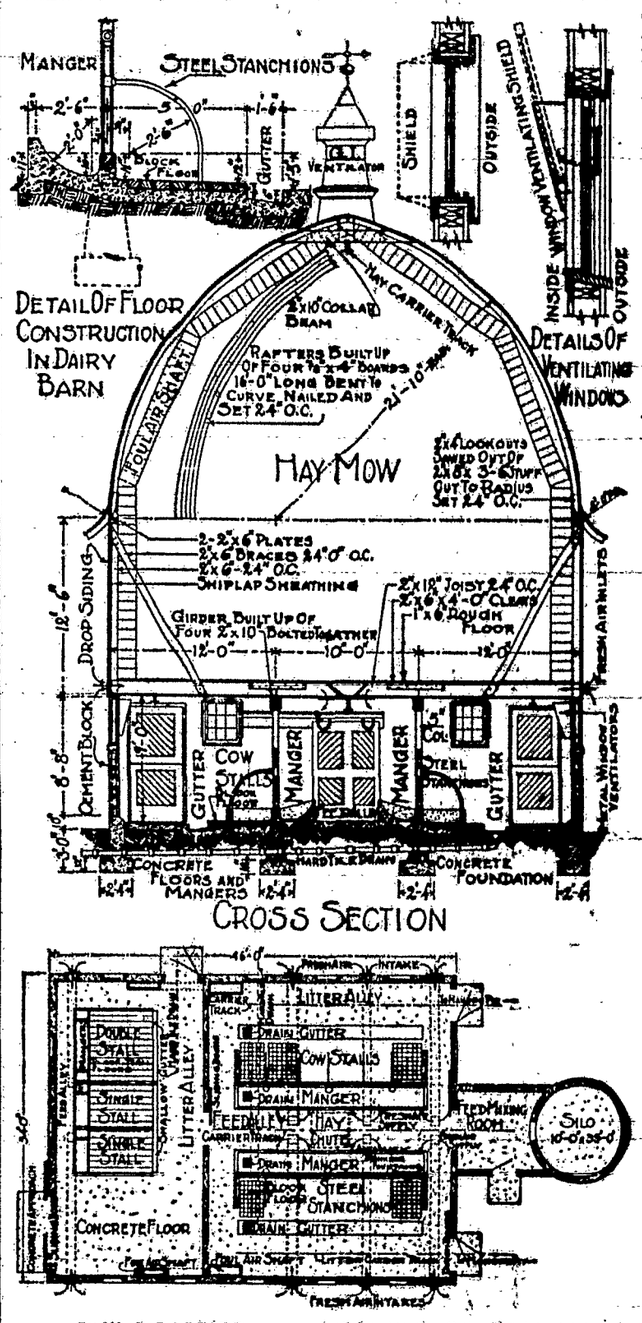

By W. A. RADFORD

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all problems pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as editor, author and manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on the subject. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

A great majority of farmers keep dairy cows because these animals provide a constant cash income. To make dairy cows more profitable, they should have a house especially designed to keep them comfortable in winter when they are inside most of the time, and to make the work of caring for the animals easier for the owner.

For the dairyman who has ten or twelve cows and several horses the design of barn shown in the accompanying illustration is good. Here is a dairy stable which occupies about two-thirds of the first floor and a horse barn the balance. To conform with the health requirements of most states a concrete wall has been provided to separate the dairy cattle from the horses. The connection between the two stables is through a center door in this concrete partition wall. This opening is closed by a sliding door which is hung so that it fits tight and will keep the odors from the horse stable out of the cow stable, which is a state requirement of dairymen who are selling whole milk.

This barn is 46 feet long and 34 feet wide. The dairy stable provides space for 12 stations, all facing a center feed alley. Over this alley is a carrier track which leads from the silo and feed mixing room through the dairy stable to the horse stable. The mow floor is connected with the stable by a hay chute placed in the center of the dairy stable.

Fresh air, plenty of water and sunshine are the three things which make dairy cattle comfortable. All of these are provided in the design shown. The equipment for both stables are specified on the floor plan which accompanies the exterior view of the barn.

The walls of the stable are of concrete block and act as a foundation for the plank frame constructed barn above. One window is provided for two of the 12 cows. On the roof is a suction ventilator which is connected by air shafts with the stable to suck out the foul air and replace it with fresh air from the intakes in the exterior walls.

This is the type of barn that will appeal to the average farmer as it provides space for the herd of about the average size and for the number of horses used on the farm of from 160 to 200 acres.

Colored Floors of Oak Popular With Architects

Colored oak floors are becoming popular among some of the modern architects. Light and dark finishes are giving way to grays, greens, lavenders and other tints to harmonize with interior decorations.

In some of the newer house different colored floors are used in different rooms. For instance, there may be a "weathered" finish in the living room, a dark gray in the dining room, a light forest green in the sun parlor and lavender or some other delicate shade in the bedrooms.

Experiments have shown that oak flooring is one of the woods best adapted to these stains. Its close grain absorbs the stain sufficiently for a fine finish, yet it does not permit the stain to penetrate much below the surface. Consequently an oak floor that has been stained can be scraped and given a natural finish or be stained some other color.

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Elmira to See The Upper Room Sunday, March 8

Drama of Christ's Passion Will Be Presented in St. Casimir's Auditorium by St. Bonaventure Players.

Elmira, March 6.—"The Upper Room", that marvelous drama of the passion and death of Our Saviour, will be enacted in this city at 3:30 and 8:00 P. M., on Sunday, March 8th, in St. Casimir's Auditorium. It will be given by the St. Bonaventure players, under the auspices of the Elmira Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America. Capacity audiences are expected.

This intense religious drama, written and produced as an act of Lenten devotion, ranks next to the famous Play of Oberammergau. It carries the spectator from the Last Supper through the sacred events of the Passion and Crucifixion to the return of Our Lord's Blessed Mother from Calvary on the evening of that first Good Friday.

The St. Bonaventure Players have produced this play for the past eight years under the supervision of the Franciscan Fathers. It has been presented throughout New York State and the East, and has been seen by many thousands of people. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson is author of the drama, and it is a stirring and inspirational production.

All students will be admitted to the matinee Sunday for 50 cents. The general admission price is $1.00; reserved seats, $1.25. Tickets may be had at the K. of C. Clubhouse, 211 Lake Street; Lagomarcino's Cigar Store, 167 Lake Street; C. D. of A. Rooms, State and Church Streets; Werdenberg's, Main and Water Street; O'Connor Men's Shop, Mark Twain Hotel; Connelly Cigar Store, 122 South Main Street; Children's Toggery, 1051 Davis Street.

Production of Tung Oil New American Industry

The United States Department of Agriculture has, after experimenting for more than 30 years, developed a new industry in this country that promises much for the nation as a whole, and for Florida in particular.

Tung oil is an essential element in the manufacture of the better grades of paints and varnishes. In the past, tung oil has had to be imported from China, the only country in which tung nuts were grown. Now China is, in time, to lose its best customer for this product, for the Department of Agriculture has demonstrated that the tung tree can be successfully cultivated in this country, and especially in some sections of Florida.

The actual experiment on a commercial scale started in Florida in 1923. Whole groves of tung trees were planted, and these groves are now producing to the extent of close to 1,800 pounds of tung oil to the acre, a greater production than has been possible in China. The experiment has proved that the tree will mature to a profitable bearing state within four or five years. The life of the tung tree is about 30 years, with a maximum production stage reached at nine years. No insect or blight of any kind attacks the trees or nuts, and no animal or bird will touch them. The trees are hardy and require only normal cultivation, less, it is said, than citrus fruits. The oil from the Florida nuts is said to be superior to that imported from China.

Idea of the Lifeboat Credited to Englishman

The first lifeboat to be stationed on any coast in the world is said to have been a cobble converted to the purpose by an English coach builder, Lionel Lukin, in 1785. The year before he had taken out a patent for an "insubmergible boat" made out of a Norwegian yawl. The second boat was stationed at Bamborough, on the Yorkshire coast of England, where by permission of Archdeacon Sharp a portion of the castle was set aside as a watchtower, from which Holy Island could be signaled whenever a vessel was seen to be in distress. Lukin's boat did good service and saved many lives. After an appalling shipwreck a quarter of a mile from the coast at South Shields, in 1789, a committee of South Shields inhabitants offered a prize for a model lifeboat, and Mr. Greathead built the first actual lifeboat, naming it the "Original." When in 1790 another ship was wrecked in almost the same spot, the Original brought every one to safety, whereas in the shipwreck of 1789 all had been drowned in sight of helpless onlookers.

Francis Bacon's Tomb

One will look in vain in Westminster abbey for the tomb of one of the greatest, most learned Englishmen. The remains of Francis Bacon, Baron Verulam, lord chancellor of England, philosopher and essayist, lie in a small old country church on the outskirts of St. Albans. Bacon, it is related, caught a fatal chill when stuffing a fowl with snow on a bitter day to see whether cold would preserve the flesh—an action typical of the man who combined a marvelous versatility with an unquenchable thirst for first-hand knowledge.

Brightening up the home

By Dorothy Sang

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Royal Succession

According to the practice now prevalent in monarchies the wife of the reigning king does not succeed to the throne in case of the latter's death. The succession passes through either the male or female line, but does not pass from one to the other. Therefore if a reigning queen dies her husband does not succeed to the throne. If a queen of this kind should die her eldest child would be crowned, not the husband. Outlawing the Salic law prevented the husband from the wife. The proceeding was revolutionary.—Exchange.

Two Kinds of "Your"

"Dear Eric," wrote a young lady to her former fiancee, with, perhaps, "I know you are probably aware, I am to be married to Mr. Bradley early the coming month. I shall, however, appreciate it if you will mark all the little notes I sent you, addressing you by reciprocity in regard to those you sent me."

"Dear Dorothy," wrote Eric, in reply—"I shall certainly comply with your request at once. And, incidentally, as your new fiancé kicks a little 'motor' at back, I wish you a great favor if you will include all of them with the rest!"

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