



To Our Friends Everywhere ... Sincere Wishes for A Blessed Christmas Clark Funeral Home



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Social Aspect of The Farm

(Condensed from "The Social Aspect of the Farm" by the Most Reverend Samuel A. Strick, D.D., Archbishop of Chicago, at the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Peoria, Illinois, October 4, 1942.)

Agriculture is a major factor in the life and prosperity of people. Food in variety and sufficiency is an essential for human well-being in body and soul. When the supply of food is not sufficient, or is secured at a cost which is exorbitant, there arise problems which strike at the very prosperity of a people. It is interesting to study how many of the wars in history took their rise from the problem of an insufficient home supply of food or inadequate provisions from other sources. Rightly to adjust among the nations the supply of sufficient food is a problem fundamental to a right world peace. There is no real problem of agricultural surpluses, but there is a real problem of the right distribution of agricultural products. In the solution of this problem international justice and charity, and not mere commercialism, must be the guides of statesmen.

In national life, where the farm has lost its balance in the national economy, difficulties arise which strike at the very basis of sound prosperity. The decline of many powerful nations has started with an agrarian problem. In countries of great agricultural and industrial resources it is imperative that the farm be given its proper balance in the national economy, so there will come about the aspect of the whole. Here in our own country, during the twenties, we saw how feeble was a prosperity in which the farm was out of balance with industry and service. Lately we have been trying to restore to the farm its right balance in our economy.

It is a fact that in all countries before the advent of secularism, a certain piety attached to farming. In the farmer's dependence on Almighty God for help and protection he is brought close to God, but Religion inculcates that in a special way the farmer is the cooperator with God in feeding the people. This dignity of the avocation of the farmer begets in him, or should beget in him, a sense of his social ministry, and place his work high above mere commercialism.

If we foster in the mind of men the dignity of the farmer and farm-life in society and lift his work far above the level of mere gainful employment or engagement, it is not difficult to see that in justice he has a right to his just measure of participation in the national prosperity. Where farm lands are run down, mortgage-laden, unattractive, there is a want of the sense of the social dignity of the farmer. Where the farmer is exploited, denied a fair share in the fruits of his labors, made a slave to the distributor of his products, refused just banking facilities, commercialism born out of secularism, and not Religion, is inspiring society.

In the international life among peoples and in the bosom of national life, if there is to be true peace, the dignity of the farmer must be recognized, and farm stuffs must be equitably distributed in all the world. It seems to me your Conference is particularly timely when with all our might we are striving against cruel wanton aggressors to give the world a better day—a Christian day.

Prayers in Latin Save British Pilot Downed in Holland

LONDON. Unable to speak a word of Dutch, a British pilot plane was forced down in Holland after an engagement recited the "Pater Noster" and "Ave Maria" in Latin to a Dutch farmer at whose house he sought refuge. The farmer happened to be a Catholic and he not only gave the pilot refuge but helped him to cross the frontier, risking his own life.

Papal Envoys Aid Anglican Bishop Locate Iraq Clergy

JERUSALEM. One of the Vatican's most-abled envoys, Archbishop Gaudenzi, has been in Iraq in behalf of his presence of all nationalities is referred to in the Holy Land, quarterly bulletin of Bishop Graham-Brown, the Anglican Church in Jerusalem.

During the mission of Archbishop Gaudenzi for the purpose of Archbishop Gaudenzi and others of the Anglican mission in that region. The Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem at that time is his aid and by visiting to the Apostolic Delegate in Baghdad was able to find out that the Archbishop and the rest of the mission were in the Jerusalem. Anglican clergy expressed an appreciation of the mission in a public session.

New Catholic Guide Book on Holy Land

JERUSALEM. To the 100th anniversary of the Franciscan Province of Jerusalem has published a new Catholic Guide to the Holy Land. The book, intended primarily for Christian visitors to Palestine, replaces the Guide of the Holy Land, our Father Barnabas, Minister General, O. F. M. The new and smaller guide-book is the result of the work of three Franciscan Fathers.

MAINTAIN POST Attention, Kans.—The Rev. Rose, said Fr. J.M., professor of mathematics, physics and astronomy at St. Ignace's College, has assumed duty at the University of Kansas, where he will teach mathematics and study science to a group of students from the United States Army Air Corps.

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