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THE LOGIC OF SHORT HOURS

Men who are not yet old can easily recall when a day's work began at daylight and ended at dark. There was logic behind the long day because the work was done with hand tools and with few power machines. A long day was necessary, therefore, in order that production might be made to meet requirements. Time came when the day of thirteen or fourteen hours was reduced to twelve hours because a few labor saving machines had been devised. Still later came the reduction from twelve hours to ten hours, and it was considered that a long, long step had been taken in the emancipation of labor when the eight hour day became the rule in all public work and in all private or corporate industries. In spite of the apprehension of many who resisted this last cut in the hours of the day's labor, it was found that production could easily keep pace with consumption. The differences between the fourteen and the eight hour day have been fully compensated by the utilization of power machines and the invention of labor saving tools and implements. But the perfection of labor saving machines and the extension of the use of power, through electric current, internal combustion engines, and the like, did not halt with the introduction of the eight hour day. It went right on with the result that men were able to produce as much in eight hours as they had previously done in ten, as they had formerly done in twelve, and as in the old days they had done in fourteen hours.

The question now has arisen whether we have not come to the point where all our needs of production, at least in many lines of industry, cannot be met by an eight hour day and a five day week. There are many who answer that question in the affirmative and they certainly have logic and the lesson of the past to support their contention. Indeed there are many evidences of a growing sentiment in favor of the five day week as a permanent labor policy. This is evidenced in a survey just completed by the Department of Labor which shows that there are now 673 establishments employing approximately 200,000 persons which are on the permanent five day week basis. The automobile industry apparently is taking the lead in this movement as it reports 44% of its workers already on the short week basis. This is followed by the radio industry, the dyeing and finishing textiles industry, and the aircraft industry. The movement is extending rapidly in the building trades, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reporting that in June, 1931, a five day week was in existence in 190 cities and towns for one or more of the crafts in the building work, and in 44 cities and towns all crafts in the building trades were working on a forty hour basic week.

Perhaps we are witnessing an evolution with respect to labor in industry to which we have long become accustomed in agriculture. One hundred years ago, 85% of the population of the United States was engaged in farming, for the reason that with the methods then in vogue it took 85 people on the farm to support 15 in the cities. At the present time the rural population is less than 25% of the total, for the very simple reason that one man on the farm with today's power and machinery can produce as much as a score of men and women could produce a century ago. If we have come to the time now in industry where men working eight hours a day and five days in a week can produce all we can use ourselves and all we can sell abroad, who shall say that it is anything more than a natural, inevitable and desirable evolution, relieving men of drudgery and giving them leisure to build a broader and a happier life?

SPARE THE DUCKS.

When the one month's duck season opened on October 1 in most of the Northern States, many thousands of duck hunters were in their blinds. These and those others who shoot later have a fateful decision to make, said Paul G. Redington, chief of the Biological Survey, which is the agency of the Department of Agriculture charged with the protection of migratory game birds. Will they, he asks, spare some of the ducks because of the unimpeachable evidence that many species are scarcer than ever before, due to the cumulative drought, drainage, and overshooting. Or will they cast aside all consideration for the plight of the birds and kill the limit whenever it is possible on every day of the month allowed for shooting? He predicted that if the real sportsmen are in the ascendancy, many birds will fly back next spring to their nesting grounds in the north, but that if the contrary should be the case, the spring flights will be only a reminder of the mighty hordes the old-time hunters used to watch.

"The issue is drawn," says the Chief of the Biological Survey, "and in large measure the future of the waterfowl hangs in the balance. That balance may be swayed for good or ill as considerate treatment is accorded the birds or as heavy slaughter is the rule.

"By comparison with former seasons the ducks on their southern trek will find great tracts of waterless land. They will have to fly longer and farther and will concentrate on those areas—for these are comparatively few—that will furnish needed rest and food. They will be found in very considerable numbers on the water areas owned by gun clubs, where they will be fed artificially if natural food is lacking. In many instances such concentrations will lead to the conclusion—erroneous, of course—that ducks are everywhere as abundant as ever.

"For the true sportsmen," Mr. Redington said, "the kill is only part of the joy of hunting. There is the thrill that comes of just being in the out-of-doors, the tang of the frosty morning, the glamor of 'blue bird' weather, the whirring of wings overhead.

"For the game hog we should have no consideration. Unfortunately for the birds and for those who are trying to protect them, there are altogether too many game hogs. They have the killing lust, and think little of the consequences. In any event too many birds will be taken illegally. The poacher is cunning in his onslaught against the waterfowl and it is hard to catch him. Local public sentiment, however, constitutes a powerful agency for deterring wholesale and unjustified killing."

News of This County —And The Next

An instructive and interesting example of rural engineering was effected at Wadhams, when a 20-foot silo was moved three miles without demolishing it by Leroy Sayre and his assistants.

The silo was first well stayed with props then lowered to the ground by pulleys. It was loaded upon a farm truck wagon, being secured by chains to the wagon. One team hauled this load about three miles to Mr. Sayre's farm where it was placed in position on a foundation which had been built for it. The condition of the silo was practically as good as when the work was first begun.

The ban placed by the Ogdensburg Board of Education on local schools engaging in athletic games, as a precaution against infantile paralysis, has been lifted. The Ogdensburg football game scheduled here September 19, was cancelled.

Phyllis Turner, 3, and her brother, Phillip, 1½, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner of Hammond, near Gouverneur, died as a result of being overcome by fumes from an oil stove at their farm home Sunday morning.

Two and a half cases of Canadian ale were seized by state troopers as it was about to be shipped to the metropolis under the guise of a barrel of paint.

The ale was secreted in a regular paint barrel bearing the shipping tag of a fictitious hardware firm of this section. It was being transported to the railroad depot at Saranac Lake for shipment when Sgt. L. L. LeVasseur and Trooper J. Thorpe stopped the truck in which it was being carted and made a little inspection on the Bloomingdale road.

The driver of the machine, Frank Burke of Bloomingdale, and his companion, John Borthol, of Saranac Lake, were taken in custody by the troopers and turned over to Prohibition Agent Francis Mills at Malone.

It is planned to complete the highway work between Canton and Potsdam by November 15th. The work is being rushed as the highway has been closed to traffic all summer. There are about 150 men now employed.

William Blake, 21, of Schuyler Falls, escaped from the county poor farm in Franklin county last week. He was serving time for violation of the conservation law. He was admitted to the Franklin county jail September first in default of one hundred dollars fine.

During a thunderstorm a skunk took refuge in the border patrol headquarters at the customs house at Ogdensburg. The door was open and the skunk wandered in and climbed the stairs to the patrolmen's sleeping room on the second floor. The presence of the unwelcome intruder was soon noted and the patrolmen succeeded in inducing him to depart without "leaving a trace" of his visit.

Notices were posted at the plants of the Aluminum Company of America and the United States Aluminum company at Massena announcing a ten per cent cut in wages and salaries, effective October 1.

This is a borderline story. It seems it is the custom of certain travelers who visit Canada to hide, upon their return, various and sundry packages in the under parts of automobiles. At one place "on the line" there is a small track. Returning cars are asked to run upon it. Then a large mirror, placed between and below the tracks, immediately shows the entire under part of the car and discloses anything that may be strapped or fastened "below deck."

MECHANICVILLE BEATEN BY PLACID ELEVEN

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This seemed to sting the downstaters, for immediately after this they started a drive that carried them the entire length of the field. The superior weight of the opposing line at last seemed to be telling on the Purple and Gold defense. The crushing downstate backfield rolled over the local line for gain after gain and was not stopped until they reached the four-yard line. With the forthcoming marker looking like just the beginning of the invader's scoring-bee, Sears caught Miller behind the line and Mechanicville lost the ball on downs.

The visitors seemed to lose their punch after this and the teams looked about even. Early in the fourth quarter the downstaters worked the ball to the twenty-one yard line, but didn't produce. It was following this play that Valenze made the classic kick of the game. From his own 10 yard line the local fullback spiraled a beautiful 50 yard punt to the visitors' 40 yard line. Mechanicville made a final attempt to come back but the local defense smeared play after play. With but two minutes to play and the game sewed up both coaches substituted their entire second teams and let the youngsters have the field. The game ended with the ball in local possession on the invaders' 35-yard line. Final score: Lake Placid, 18; Mechanicville, 6.

Coach Lee by turning his attention to the backfield, seemed to do as much for the offense as he has for his formidable line. The local offense worked beautifully and gained ground all around. Feather's long dashes and O'Rourke's long total yardage were the outstanding features. Much distance was collected on Valenze's long punts. The local punter outkicked his opponent from twenty to thirty yards on each return. Lee also worked a new backfield recruit, Cheney, in this battle and the reserve gave an excellent account of himself.

Mechanicville came here with a big squad, a large following, and a mighty record. The visitors, by virtue of their record as well as by the brand of football they played, lay claim to one of the best high school grid outfits in central New York. Last year they were runners-up in their circuit, the Eastern-Central New York high school league, losing but one fray out of eight played.

Besides its ponderous line the opposition sported one of the flashiest all-around backfields to perform on local turf. Hirst, Alvarez, Sullivan, and Miller repeatedly figured in sensational runs and passes through and over Placid's stubborn defense.

The line-ups: Lake Placid—A. Valenze fb, Jim d'Avignon qb, Feather rfb, O'Rourke lfb, Shea re, Kennedy rt, Pelkey rg, Prunier c, Bickford lt, Dunn lg, Patterson le. Substitutions: Farrell for Patterson, Cheney for Feather, Sears for Dunn, H. Valenze for Shea, Feather for O'Rourke.

Mechanicville—Michas fb, Alvarez lfb, Hirst rfb, Sullivan qb, Connelly le, F. Gargano lt, Walsh rg, Blowers lt, A. Gargano c, Kenney re, McBride rt.

BOYS ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING ON GOLF COURSE

A group of boys of school age were brought before Judge Harry Owen in Children's court on Tuesday morning charged with being too active with a 22 rifle. The boys had been using the club golf links as a shooting range, some of the golfers narrowly escaping acting as targets. A complaint from a McKinley street resident on the same charge was also taken up at this time. The boys were given a suspended sentence.

New Olympic Booklets Are Now Ready

The new Olympic publicity booklets are now ready for distribution, it was announced yesterday at the publicity office in the town hall.

Included in this booklet is complete information on hotel and boarding-house accommodations in Lake Placid and surrounding communities, ticket prices for the Games, seating plans at the different facilities, travel arrangements and number of teams expected to compete, together with other up-to-the-minute facts pertinent to the III Olympic Winter Games.

The booklet is profusely illustrated. Its cover is an attractive adaptation of the hobsleigh poster recently issued, developed in blue and gold.

Copies of the booklet may be secured by writing the Olympic publicity office, calling in person, or telephoning Lake Placid 800.

OLYMPIC SECRETARY TALKS TO ROTARIANS

"Games Benefit Entire North Country," Ernest Gamache Tells Men of Saranac Lake Club

Ernest F. Gamache, secretary of the III Olympic Winter Games committee, addressed members of the Saranac Lake Rotary club at their regular luncheon session at Hotel Saranac on Tuesday of this week.

After outlining the status of the Games facilities and the progress being made in the construction of the Olympic arena, Mr. Gamache went on to tell of the varied sports program arranged for Lake Placid this winter that will insure visitors a full calendar of activities both before and after the Olympic Games.

"Lake Placid expects to have the longest and busiest winter season in its whole history," the speaker said.

One of the primary matters before the Saranac Lake Rotarians was the matter of steps to assist in raising the balance of that village's \$10,000 Olympic budget. Part of this amount has already been paid to the Lake Placid committee, it was stated. Lewis Graeves, a member of the III O. W. G. board of directors, is directing the drive to complete Saranac Lake's promised fund.

Saranac Lake business men were told by the speaker of the need for this assistance from Lake Placid's neighbor. He also outlined to his hearers many ways in which Saranac Lake business men could capitalize the Games by tying in their advertising and window displays with the Games and the other sports events to be staged at Lake Placid this winter.

"The III Olympic Winter Games are a North Country as well as a Lake Placid project. They will benefit this entire section of the Adirondacks," Mr. Gamache stated.

About 65 were at the Saranac meeting to hear the Lake Placid Olympic secretary.

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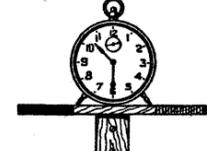
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MOXIE'S WHITE HORSE MEETS DAWE'S BLACK
The famous Moxie white horse, a life size replica of man's best friend, mounted on a LaSalle automobile chassis, was driven up to the United States Custom House in Rouses Point for inspection on a return trip from Montreal where it had been used for a few days to advertise the well-known American beverage.
The driver swung down to the curb from a finely embossed leather saddle of the old western type mounted on the steer's back and opened doors cleverly concealed on the animal's body to convince skeptical inspectors that it was unlike the famous Trojan horse of history and had nothing concealed in its anatomy stronger than the popular fountain and household drink.
Science has so far failed to find a salve to allay the itch for office.

Bit Sets Own Shavings Afire
An Ellsworth, Me., man accidentally set fire to his home while boring a hole in the wall with a brace and bit. The bit ignited the shavings.—The Pathfinder.
THINK TWICE! YOUR SECOND GUESS IS BETTER
Your second guess is likely to be about twice as good as the first, and it pays students to think twice before recording their answers in college examinations, says "Popular Mechanics Magazine." This fact has been revealed by submitting "true-false" questions to more than 3,500 students, from which it was found that the chances are about two to one that the second answer will be the correct one.
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