

IN LIGHTER VEIN

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Whistle Stops

A YOUNG matron was enjoying the attentions of her dinner partner, a handsome Westerner. "But how old do you think I am?" she asked.

"Shucks," he replied, "I don't know, ma'am, but if I saw you on the street, I'd whistle first and estimate afterward."

A VIVACIOUS brunette of about 40 was standing on the boardwalk at Virginia Beach when she heard an admiring whistle from a very young sailor. He ambled up purposefully with his cap pushed jauntily over one eye.

"Son," she reproved him gently, amused and flattered, "don't you flirt with me! I'm a grandmother."

"But, grandmother," replied the undismayed sailor, "what big eyes you have!"

If WE treat people too long with that pretended liking called politeness, we shall find it hard not to like them in the end.

The Milkman Cometh

A MILMAN'S life is never dull, and Vancouver milkmen have learned not to be surprised at any sort of request. Here are copies of notes actually left by customers:

Dear Milkman: When you leave my milk, knock on my bedroom window and wake me. I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress. P. S. Hope you don't mind.

Dear Milkman: My back door is open. Please put milk in refrigerator, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table in pennies because we want to play bingo tonight.

Dear Milkman: When you leave the milk please put coal on the furnace, let the dog out, and put the newspapers inside the screen door. P. S. Don't leave any milk.

DON'T marry for money; you can borrow it cheaper.

THE SECRET of life is not to do what you like, but to like what you do.

IF SOMEONE betrays you once, it's his fault. If he betrays you twice, it's your fault.

THERE IS a Hindu proverb which says, "You will only grow when you are alone."

HE WHO marries might be sorry. He who does not will be sorry.

As long as a woman can look ten years younger than her daughter she is perfectly satisfied.

WITH OUR GOVERNMENT

We take pleasure in announcing to our farmers, farm hands and farm employees, of a vital opportunity to be useful in the mechanization of farming. The AMEC has opened up a school for tractor operators.

We wish our friends in the fields will take note of this important step of the government. (Editors).

J A D F A R M S

TOKYO, Jan. 6 (INS)—Filipinos who blame food lack upon antiquated farming methods and whose government is sponsoring the mechanization of farms as a way out of agricultural difficulties, will be interested to know that almost six million people have an old fashioned way of doing things that is more productive than anything the machine age can boast about.

But that is a fact in Japan. Japanese farmers cannot use tractors or other machinery on their farms and get as good a crop yield as they do now, with methods that look antiquated to an American.

Wolf I. Ladejinsky, department of agriculture economist loaned to Gen. Douglas MacArthur to work on Japan's agricultural problems, said without reservation: "It would be a step backwards rather

than forwards if Japanese agriculture was mechanized.

"The Japanese farmer literally has learned to grow two blades of grass where one grew before."

He quoted figures.

"Japan has the highest crop yields of rice and wheat of any major rice or wheat growing nation in the world," he said.

"The Japanese raises almost twice as much rice from an acre of paddy land as the farmer in any of the other rice growing nations of Asia.

"Furthermore, the Japanese rice farmer grows 65 bushels of rice on the same acreage from which an American gets 40 bushels.

"In the wheat fields, the Japanese gets 28 to 30 bushels per acre while the American gets 12 to 14 bushels per acre."

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OUR PLEDGE

With the beginning of the New Year 1947, we want to reiterate once more our pledge to the cause of better farming in our country. The Philippine Farmers Association Incorporated has for its purposes the following:

1. To foster a close relationship among farmers;
2. To organize efforts for the stabilization of agricultural production;
3. To promote improvements of rural life;
4. To encourage improvements in the efficiency of farm management, and
5. To cooperate with the government for the speedy rehabilitation of the Philippine economy.

To carry out the above objectives, the Corporation shall undertake the following principal activities:

1. Maintain an information service among members on matters relating to farm management, marketing of farm products, agricultural credit, rural improvements, farmers cooperatives, and soil conservation;
2. To operate, an agency for members, for procurement of commodities, sales of farm products, and placement of services;
3. Finance agricultural operation and farmers cooperatives;
4. Operate and administer farms;
5. Establish processing plants for farm products;
6. Publish a monthly agricultural journal; (Farming and Cooperatives)
7. To do all such other things as are incidental and conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, or which may be conveniently carried on and done in connection therewith, or which maybe calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any business or property of the corporation, always provided, that nothing shall be done in connection with the above objects which is prohibited by any laws of the Philippine Islands, now or hereafter existing.

We have kept faith with our pledge in the past although in a small way, but nevertheless in harmony with past circumstances. We are looking to the future with high hopes, to a more active, more vigorous achievement in this year 1947.

Happy and Successful New Year to All.