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# OUR GOOD FRIEND THE PINK BOLLWORM

PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS is printing many articles about the pink bollworm eating up the cotton growing here. These news statements in its newspapers in Indio, Brawley, and El Centro, would lead you to believe that the world is coming to an end because cotton growers are losing a little production.

So read this story about the boll weevil which was also eating up the cotton plant. It was about 1910 around Enterprise, Alabama. The farmers lost the entire cotton crop. Then the farmers could not get any financial help because this was in the days of FREE ENTERPRISE AND RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM when nobody ran to the Federal Government for handouts called disaster relief, subsidies, land conservation, etc., etc. Those Alabama cotton growers lost their entire crop whereas here in Imperial Valley, Calif. the loss is no more than 5%.

The Alabama farmers, most of whom were small operators, then took the advice of George Washington Carver, the famous Negro agricultural scientist who advised them to diversify their crops. One of the new crops, was peanuts. Mr. Carver researched many new uses for products made from peanuts. AFTER THAT THE FARMERS MADE MORE MONEY THAN THEY DID IN THE DAYS WHEN THEY ONLY RAISED COTTON.

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THE ECONOMIC FACTS OF LIFE TAUGHT THEM BY THE BOLL WEEVIL, THE FARMERS PUT UP A STATUE OF THE BOLL WEEVIL WHICH MAY BE SEEN TODAY IN THE CENTRAL PLAZA OF ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA!!

Now here are the economic facts of life that "pinkie" (pink bollworm) should teach us in Imperial Valley. The Federal Government gives "price supports" which are really charity handouts on about 60 farm products like cotton, wheat, corn, barley, etc. There is an over production of these products. The farmers instead of decreasing production use all sorts of methods like fertilizers, insecticides, etc. TO INCREASE PRODUCTION SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO COLLECT MORE HANDOUTS.

The Government tries to stop these surpluses because besides the handouts given as "price supports", it costs the Government \$365 millions a year to store them in warehouses, silos, etc. Owners of 33,000,000 acres of land producing these 60 types of crops are paid to "withdraw" this land from production. They are not paid once but it keeps on every year. But the farmers get new methods so that on the land they are permitted to farm, they increase production even more and collect more handouts.

The funny thing about all this is THAT WHILE THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE HOWLS ABOUT DECREASING THE SURPLUSES, yet at the same time it is distributing information to the farmers how to increase production by new methods. The scientists employed by the Dept. or subsidized by it, are the ones doing the research to find new methods to increase production. In Imperial Valley, there are actually 2 research facilities to increase production which are supported by the Agriculture Dept!!!

There are 7,000,000 acres all over the U.S. withdrawn from cotton growing. Here in Imperial Valley, one can see the 21 big warehouses of Calcot, Ltd., North of the City of Imperial, where the surplus cotton is stored. Cotton pays the highest handouts of all crops. That is why farmland with a cotton allotment sells for \$200.00 an acre more than