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FARMING BEST JOB FOR HIM, SAYS OBREGON

Limelight Again Beckons
Hero, But He Prefers
Fields

By ARTHUR POWELL
NAINARI, Sonora, Mexico, Jan. 11.—Fourteen years ago a Mexican farmer named Alvaro Obregon ably deserted his country house to become a soldier.

Through his struggles troubled Mexico was restored to order and given the most stable, progressive government it had enjoyed in many years.

His work done, this same Alvaro Obregon went back to his farm, forgetting the cares of government like Cincinnati of old.

Now there is widespread talk that Obregon will be recalled to public service, perhaps again to serve as president, perhaps to defend the present regime against a new revolution. But Obregon hopes he can remain in retirement, he told me as we talked at his farm home here.

STILL AN EXECUTIVE

Obregon, just turned 48, displays on his huge country estate the same executive qualities that made him so distinguished a president.

A year ago his tract of land here at Nainari was a barren waste of sagebrush and cactus. Obregon took charge of it with zest, and now has a 20,000-acre establishment peopled by a community of nearly 20,000 people—a little kingdom in which he virtually reigns supreme.

The annual return from his agricultural venture is estimated at \$100,000.

It is almost impossible to induce Obregon to discuss the present political situation in his country. But he will talk freely of his own aims and ambitions, of his efforts to bring better working and living conditions to the down-trodden Mexican people, of his dream of reclaiming both the people and lands of his country.

PROUD OF SCHOOL

He points proudly to a long building to the left of his house. In this building, by day, the children of his employes go to school. In the evening the workmen use it as a study and reading room.

Beside it is a small hospital, with a competent doctor and a number of nurses.

The town itself, three miles away, also shows his influence. It is laid out and built in modern style.

Huge, up-to-date warehouses, equipped with modern elevators and transfer carriers, hold Obregon's crops until they are ready for shipment.

Turning a 20,000-acre stretch of semi-desert into a productive farm in eight months requires lots of work, so, as might be imagined, Obregon keeps long hours.

He is up every morning by 4 o'clock and off on a tour of inspection. As he passes through the fields lowly peons look up and smile, testing a cheerful "Don Alvaro" to him in answer to his cordial nod.

HOUSE IS PICTURE-SQUE

Obregon's house is old-fashioned, viewed from the outside, but highly modern within. It reflects his character.

Warrior In Retirement



The Obregon Home

The Obregon Barns

NOMINATION IN N. S. BY-ELECTION TODAY

Two Rivals in Antigonish-Guy-boro Invade Town For Speeches

GUYSBORO, N. S., Jan. 10.—The scene of the battle in the Antigonish-Guy-boro by-election to elect a successor in the federal house to the late Hon. J. C. Douglas, shifted from Antigonish to this town today, when the two candidates, Neil R. MacArthur, Conservative, and William Duff, Liberal, with all their supporters, invaded Guy-boro town. With rapidly improving roads and improved means of transportation the campaign which will culminate with polling on January 18, waxed warmer today and the big feature will be tomorrow, when nomination day formalities will be observed and the two candidates will stage a joint debate in the local hall.

Mr. Duff and his opponent met personally for the first time today in the hotel at Antigonish. The two rival candidates greeted each other cordially and travelled together in great amity a part of the way to Guy-boro.

Mr. Duff, who is a well-known educator, speaks his culture and education.

From the porch of this turreted, castle-like home Obregon can see his green and yellow fields stretching in great, billowy waves, to the far horizon. Through them winds the Mayo river, with irrigation canals extending from it like slender filaments.

On the second floor is Obregon's sanctum—a sort of combination of den and library and office. Here, when he is not checking his accounts or studying some new agricultural review, he sits and browses through his two favorite authors—Marcus Aurelius and La Rochefoucauld.

Obregon says that it is his ambition to spend the rest of his days on his farm, working for and with the army of employes and forsaking politics for the company of his wife and four children. He is repeatedly urged by friends to seek the presidency again, but he refuses to discuss this.

It is better to be a farmer, he thinks.

Deaths

Thomas E. Hatt.

The funeral of Thomas E. Hatt was held on Monday, Jan. 9, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hatt, at North Head, Grand Manan. Mr. Hatt died at the home of his aunt, Mrs. W. S. McIntire, 146 North street, Salem, Mass. He was 62 years of age, was a World War veteran, having volunteered for service in 1914 and served in the Canadian 26th Battalion for four years.

He had an enviable war record, being cited for bravery under fire and was personally decorated by a button from Queen Mary. Besides his father and mother, he leaves three brothers, Ernest and Paul, of Grand Manan, and Roy, of Brewer, Me.; also two sisters, Mrs. Reginald Sturges, of Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. Lloyd Talton, of Grand Manan.

Mrs. Sarah McDermott.

Friends will greatly regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Sarah McDermott, widow of Daniel McDermott, a well-known and very highly regarded resident of the South End, which occurred in this city on Jan. 10. Mrs. McDermott is survived by two sons, Frank and Louis, of this city; two brothers, John Carland, of Boston, and James Carland, of Tyneham Creek, and one sister, Mrs. Strickland, of Boston. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning from her late residence, 79 Broad street, at 8.45 to St. John the Baptist church.

Mrs. John Crozier.

Many friends will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Margaret Crozier, wife of John Crozier, which occurred at an early hour yesterday morning. Although the deceased had been ill for some time death was unexpected. Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Harold, at home; three daughters, Mrs. John Green, Melrose, Sask., and the Misses Edna and Lillian, at home. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2.30, place Wednesday afternoon at 2.30.

William J. Daniels.

MIDDLETON, Jan. 10.—Word has been received here by relatives of the death of William J. Daniels of Jersey

WOODSTOCK HAS TAX REDUCTION AND SURPLUS

\$20,000 in Bank Is Report
Made at the Annual
Meeting

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 10.—Characterizing the policy of the Woodstock Town Council for the past year as one which employed strict economy and performed only the absolutely necessary maintenance work, M. J. Rutledge, local town manager, at the annual town meeting, held here this evening, announced that all bills have been paid, the debt balance has been reduced \$32,000 and there is a current cash balance of over \$20,000 on the year's town business.

The meeting, held in the town hall, was fairly well attended and was presided over by ex-Mayor Thomas Nodden.

Mayor W. B. Belyea reviewed at length his two year term of office, and was high in his praise for the co-operation and support the aldermen at the council board had extended him at all times.

TAX REDUCTION SEEN

Town Manager M. J. Rutledge read the auditor's report and financial statement, which disclosed that during the past year the debt balance of the town has been reduced \$32,000 and that a result of this year's surplus is shown at the end of the year's town business. Mr. Rutledge intimated that as a result of this year's surplus a reduction of the 1927 tax warrant by \$10,000 might justly be anticipated and that in all probability \$10,000 would be placed in the sinking fund or used to redeem more bonds.

It was pointed out that of the total 1926 tax warrant, amounting to \$80,000, \$71,118.28 or 89.5 per cent had been collected.

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Victorian Order Nursing Reports Are Presented

The Victorian Order of Nurses were very busy throughout the month of December. It was shown in the report presented at the monthly meeting of the directorate held yesterday afternoon in the Health Centre with L. W. Simms, president, in the chair.

The nurses had given supervision to 44 new infants and had assisted at the arrival of 38 of these new citizens. In one day they had had as many as four confinements cases to attend. During December also they had, besides their usual work in bedside care and educational visits, a large amount of social work in connection with Christmas giving and endeavored to get in touch with all who had been or were still patients under their care who might be in need at Christmas.

The statistical report showed the nurses had attended 213 patients of which 118 were new cases. They made in all 797 nursing visits and 311 educational visits.

It was decided to change the time of the regular meeting from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. It was also planned to hold the pre-annual conference for Mothers' Club each week instead of monthly.



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