

GRAM SAYS

What a beautiful time of year! Autumn, when nature spends her time painting the landscapes before she puts her children asleep for their rest.

We all watch for this brilliant array and what a picture for us to enjoy. There are many kinds of "watchers." Maybe you have heard of the "Bird Watchers," a group of people who become interested in our feathered friends to find one of their habitats and as day breaks, watch and learn to identify each bird by its call, plumage, etc. They soon find themselves feeding and guarding these little insect feeders.

Again we find another class of people who also watch and help guard over our country by watching for unidentified planes.

But in the last four years we have an entirely new cult of "watchers." This one originated in the Agriculture Department headed by our "Secretary of Agriculture."

He says he is watching the farmer's condition, so he watches—

1. The prices (paid to the farmers) of the broilers, hens and all poultry which have dropped so low that chicken houses have had to be closed.

2. Eggs fall to a low, low.

3. Milk (paid to the farmers) fall to an uncalled price.

He is still watching—

4. Cattle and hog prices, a disgrace to the farmers.

Then too, we did have a drouth.

All these problems of the farmer has been watched by the Agricultural Secretary. Why?

To watch is defined as to be awake, to take measures or precautions, or to guard.

To watch these conditions for four years (to me it seems) someone should by now have found something was wrong.

And I read recently he was still watching.

The farmers vote, I have heard, amounts to very little and will not change these conditions.

But someone, either needs a cleaning or changing of glasses to be ready to watch the voting at election time.

Farmers cannot be pushed or forgotten too long because farmers are no fools.

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