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The Broadley-Educated Citizen

It is often said that this is an age of specialists. Enormously complex scientific and technological discoveries and developments have resulted in a demand on the part of both business and government for legions of men and women whose educations have been specialized to an extreme in chemistry, physics, engineering and allied fields.

But this trend has created serious problems of its own. For, necessary as he is, the specialists, because of his training and his basic attitude, often is too immersed in a narrow channel to see the world and its problems as a whole.

As a result, there is a renewed emphasis on liberal arts education. President Giddens of Hamline University, St. Paul, described this recently in these words: "Important though the development and training of the mind may be, there is more to education than this. At Hamline we endeavor to prepare students to live a well-balanced life, not merely to make a living. All phases of life—the intellectual, spiritual, social, cultural, and vocational—are emphasized. Our aim is to develop broadly-educated citizens. Never in the history of our country or the world have we needed so much as now liberally-educated men and women as citizens—in business, the professions, and in government.

Pennies Count

The Washington News recently ran this thoughtful little ediorial: "Some of the greatest fortunes ever accumulated in this country were built on nickel and dime articles—even penny items. Yet, in most cases, the profit margin on each item was exceedingly small, a tiny fraction of the selling price. The secret was in volume.

The U.S. government is the biggest business in the world so there is no lack of volume. Pennies saved in volume will knock out deficits fast as effectively as penny profits in volume will build fortunes."

Mass distribution, which was pioneered by the chains and successfully taken up by other stores of all kinds, is as important to our living standards as its partner, mass production. Aud much of mass distribution's success has resulted from an unremitting war against waste and unnecessary overhead costs. The savings are passed on to the consumer, in the form of lower prices or better goods.

As the News implied, applying this idea to our incedibly costly government is necessary if the budget is to be balanced and eventual tax reduction made possible. Waste can ruin a family or a business—and a government as well.

Nature Calls the Turn

Did you ever wonder how the famous old law of supply and demands works? You saw a good example of the operation of that law this summer, just as you do every summer, in the trend of pork prices.

More than half of all pigs are born in the spring, and it takes six months for them to reach marketable size. Thus, less pork is available during the summer months. And as the supply goes down while demand remains more or less constant, the price rises, reaching an annual high along about the latter part of August.

Come fall, the trend is reversed. Pigs are marketed in great quantities. Supply is plentiful—and the inevitable result is that prices start to drop. The annual low is usually touched early in December.

In either words, natural law decrees that when a commodity is in abundance the price declines—and when it is comparatively scarce the price goes up. That has been true since men began bartering goods. It will remain true as long as the free market exists.

Every effort of man over the ages to change the law of supply and demand—through government controls, private combinations, or any other means—has eventually resulted in failure, in many cases, national disaster. It doesn't pay to tamper with natural forces.

Things One Remembers

An Oregon justice of the Peace recently levied a fine of $2,716 for a 54,300 pound overload on a log truck where the allowable load was 72,000 pounds.

Those who are responsible for such wanton disregard of liberal laws are the trucking industry's worst enemies as well as destroyers of public highways and bridges.

"OPERATION CHECK-UP" IN QUEENSTOWN A SUCCESS

Tuesday afternoon, at 2:01 P.M., "Operation Check-Up" was a grand success. All residents of town were thoroughly familiar with the Air-Raid Signals. Pedestrians on the Street took to cover, either in the stores or doorways. Traffic came to a stand-still. Immediately after the all-clear signals were sounded, traffic began moving on their way. Pedestrians started moving about.

We all hope this does not become a reality.

CLERGYMAN TELLS OF "VISIT AFTER DEATH"

In an exclusive interview, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, eminent clergyman and writer, reveals an amazing story of faith, death and the supernatural, telling how his mother communicated with him after she died. Read this absorbing story in the October 4th issue of The American Weekly. Magazine in colorgravure with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your local newsdealer.

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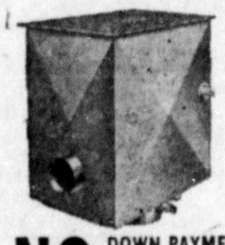
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