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LOOK AHEAD

ON AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN tablet unearthed by Archeologists was inscribed a lament declaring that the earth is degenerate, youth in despair and the world coming to an end.

That was more than 2,000 years ago—and we are still here! Since that time we have evolved from the chariot to the airplane. When we can see nothing but progress behind us, why is it that prophets of gloom see nothing but disaster ahead?

Today the world is going right on revolving at the rate of sixteen miles a second, and scientists tell us that it will continue to do so for another five hundred million years or so.

We will have our problems, but let us work for the best and expect the best.

WHO MUST FILE INCOME TAX RETURNS

Returns are required of every single person who for the year had a gross income of \$5,000 or more or a net income of \$1,000 or more and of every husband and wife living together who for the year 1937 had an aggregate gross income of \$5,000 or more or an aggregate net income of \$2,500 or more. Widowers, widows, divorcees, and married persons separated by mutual consent are classed as single persons. The personal exemptions are \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,500 for married persons living together and for heads of families.

Husband and wife living together at the close of the taxable year may include their income in a single joint return or make separate returns of the income of each. If separate returns are filed, one may not report income which belongs to the other, but must report only the income which actually belongs to him. If a joint return is filed, such return is treated as a taxable unit, and the income disclosed is subject to both the normal tax and the surtax.

Where separate returns are filed by husband and wife, the joint personal exemption of \$2,500 may be taken by either or divided between them in any proportion as agreed upon.

Husband and wife may elect each year whether to file a joint return or separate returns. Where, however, joint or separate returns have been filed for a particular year, neither husband nor wife may after the due date of the return file an amended return or returns on a different basis for that year.

METHODISTS ATTACK ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY

The executive committee of the National Council of Methodist Youth made it clear last week in a letter to President Roosevelt that it would not support the Government in a Far East war, because "it will not be our war. We cannot fight it."

Headed by Thomas Pendell of Los Angeles, the executive body said: "We express the opinion of the National Council of Methodist Youth through this committee, Mr. President, when we say: If you lead us into war in the Far East, we will not support your Administration in that war."

The Methodists protested "the provisional 24-hour foreign policy of the Administration, particularly the State Department," and continued: "Our further indictment against you, Mr. President, includes your recently announced naval expansion program. . . . We condemn, as two steps in the militarization of America, your program for the increase of the Navy by 20 per cent, and the further extension of the Army."

The executive committee also criticized the manner in which the Administration blocked consideration of the Ludlow War Referendum Amendment and hurled the accusation at the President that "You spoke and acted against any real use of the democratic process which you spoke so much about in the last election."

FEDERAL HIGHWAY AID

Federal aid to highways may not be curtailed. Chairman Cartwright of the House Roads Committee has introduced a bill consistent with what he says are "well-established Federal aid policies."

"I am a strong advocate of economy, but believe reductions should be made in all agencies of the Government and not just make roads the goat," said Mr. Cartwright in an explanation of his bill. The bill authorizes \$125,000,000 for primary roads each year.

The measure of which Mr. Cartwright has placed before Congress appears to be a definite expression of the Roads Committee. It provides \$50,000,000 for each year for the elimination of hazards at railroad grade crossings and \$25,000,000 a year for secondary roads including farm-to-market roads, rural delivery mail roads, and public school bus routes.

"Highway development still lags far behind the steadily increasing demands of traffic," said Cartwright, in addressing the House.

STABILIZING EMPLOYMENT

American business depends upon making goods and selling them to the public. When for any reason the purchasing power of the people falls or large numbers of people decide to defer buying until some future time the whole business system goes into a slump like the present one. Therefore consideration is now being given in the National Capital to the practices of finance and industries throughout the country. Salesmanship practices and installment buying are factors affecting business to which President Roosevelt calls attention.

The White House conferences and Congress proceedings have laid stress on the importance of "employment stabilization" in the industries. There was especially sympathetic approval of this objective by representatives of industry in recent White House conferences. They said nothing was of greater importance to the automobile industry, for instance, than orderly nationwide conditions. Steady employment of their workers, steady demands for cars, sound installment terms were the things essential to everybody's success. Examination of practices in the industry and proposed corrections will be submitted to the White House.

It is generally understood that the board principle of self-regulation is being urged by the Administration upon all industries, and also upon the American Federation of Labor, John L. Lewis' C. I. O., and others who are in position to aid in ending the recession.

Horses don't figure much in power any more, unless it is a tribute due old Dobbin to measure the power of engines of all kinds by multiplying the reputed strength of a horse. Steam engines with great horsepower multiplied the benefits and operations of marine and railroad transportation last century. Now the General Motors launches its third plant at Detroit, to supplement the company's operations at Chicago and Cleveland in Diesel engines, and that news means a good deal in a period of recession like the present one.

NINE MARYLAND COUNTIES IN THE "RED"

Nine of the 23 Maryland counties will be in the "red" on the books of the State Roads Commission at the close of the fiscal year September 30, 1938, according to a statement issued as of December 31, last, by William A. Cobb, chief auditor of the commission. The "red" counties with their anticipated deficits are Allegany, \$36,169; Carroll, \$4,065; Dorchester, \$367; Frederick, \$8,019; Kent, \$19,257; Prince George's, \$2,152; Somerset, \$61; Wicomico, \$5,809, and Worcester, \$9,575.

Questions And Answers

WHAT'S WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

Q. 148 How many employees does an employer have to have before he comes under the Social Security Act?

A. 148 Employers of one or more persons are subject to the taxes provided in Title VIII of the Act. Employers of eight or more persons are also subject to taxes under Title IX of the Act.

Q. 149 What is the age limit for benefits under the unemployment compensation provisions of the Social Security Act.

A. 149 There is no age limit for benefits under the unemployment compensation provisions of the Social Security Act.

Q. 150 I lost my job. What do I do to get unemployment compensation benefits?

A. 150 Go to your local unemployment compensation office and register with the Re-employment Service. If you are eligible from the standpoint of your previous employment record, you can file a claim. Then, after the expiration of the required waiting period of two weeks, if you have not been able to find suitable employment, you will be eligible to receive a weekly unemployment compensation benefit.

Q. 151 Is part-time employment covered under the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Law?

A. 151 Yes, Generally speaking, an individual is deemed to be partially unemployed if the wages he has received in any week are less than 5-6 of his remuneration for that week. Detailed information on this point should be secured from your local unemployment compensation office.

Q. 152 In what way does the monthly old-age benefit payment differ from the lump-sum payment made under the Social Security Act?

A. 152 "Old-age benefits payment" is the term applied to the monthly sum that will be payable to a worker who has been employed in covered employment for at least one day in each of five different calendar years after December 31, 1936 and prior to reaching 65 years of age. Payment of this type will be made to persons after they reach 65 years of age. Monthly old-age benefit payments will not begin until January, 1942.

"Lump-sum payment" is the term applied to the cash settlement made under the Social Security Act to a person who has been employed in covered employment since December 31, 1936, and who has reached 65 years of age, or to the estate or relatives of a deceased worker who had been so employed since December 31, 1936. The Social Security Board is now making lump-sum payments.

HOME OWNERS AND RENTERS ABOUT EQUAL IN VILLAGES

Home ownership versus renting is just about a toss-up in American village life on the basis of a Nationwide house-to-house canvass of 22,644 native white families in all parts of the United States.

In half the village groups studied more families interviewed at random were owners than renters; in half more of the renters than owners. Highest percentage of home ownership was in the Michigan and Wisconsin villages where 56 percent of the families owned their homes.

The percentage in the other village groups studied was: Vermont and Massachusetts, 52; Pennsylvania and Ohio, 52; Illinois and Iowa, 54; Kansas and North Dakota, 48; California, 48; Oregon and Washington, 55; Georgia and South Carolina, white families, 38 percent, Negro families, 31 percent. North Carolina and Mississippi, white families 45 percent, Negro families, 31 percent.

The average rents reported by the families interviewed who didn't own their homes ran as follows: Vermont and Massachusetts villages, \$17; Pennsylvania and Ohio villages, \$14; Illinois and Iowa villages, \$20; Michigan and Wisconsin villages, \$14; Washington and Oregon villages, \$11; California villages, \$15; Kansas and North Dakota villages, \$13; Colorado, Montana, South Dakota villages, \$18; Georgia and South Carolina villages, white families, \$11, Negro families, \$4; North Carolina and Mississippi villages, white families, \$15, Negro families, \$5.

"OLD MAN RIVER"

Stories of the famous Mississippi River and its tributaries related by the last of the river steamboat captains. Interesting series now appearing in The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.



Ah, what a brave woman!

Since time immemorial, long suffering wives have heard—"If you could just cook like my mother!" But it's plain to be seen that the little lady above is thoroughly fed up on the argument . . . and she has her own pet solution.

Far be it from us to predict, but we are willing to go on record that the

modern electric range turns out wonderfully tasting food . . . that electric cooking is fast, easy . . . and CHEAP. Come in and see our new models. Choice of Quality, Crawford or Hot-point. We shall be glad to demonstrate all models and explain the many improvements in the 1938 models.

CONOWINGO POWER COMPANY

Electricity—Cheaper in Quantity

"Hot-Water-Bottle Dog," Name for Hairless Breed

Mexican Hairless dogs come from Mexico, also the native heath of the Chihuahua. The hairless dogs are much larger than the Chihuahua, weighing about the same as a toy-sized Fox terrier.

The Mexican Hairless is called the "hot-water-bottle dog" of its native country. The explanation discloses they have been actually used by natives in Mexico to cure rheumatism. The afflicted person lies close to this hairless dog and the latter's body heat is supposed to relieve the pain.

In appearance, observes a writer in the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Mexican hairless resembles a Chihuahua, except for size and eyes. The hairless one has pink eye rims which circle brilliant yellow or hazel-colored pupils. A bit of silky fluff serves as a top-knot upon the narrow skull of the animal. There is also a small amount of hair near the tip of its rat-like tail.

The bald skin of this Mexican dog is sometimes liver-spotted. The dog we recall at the Westminster show was slightly spotted with a high-colored pink surface.

How to Make Skeleton Leaves

To make skeleton leaves the leaves may be placed in rain water to which a trace of yeast has been added. Fermentation proceeds until the membranous portion becomes soft enough to be washed away in a stream of water. The skeleton leaves may be bleached by dipping a few minutes in a strong aqueous solution of sulphur dioxide, or may be exposed while moist in a box filled with the vapor of burning sulphur.

How to Test Silver

In order to test whether a piece of white metal is silver, scrape or emery-paper a spot on the metal to clean surface; add a drop of chromic acid, and after several seconds rinse the acid from the metal. The metal will be stained red if it is silver, and the purer the silver, the redder the spot will be. On imitation silver, chromic acid will have no effect.

How to Keep Tomato Juice Red

To keep tomato juice red use stainless steel knives and avoid utensils of copper, brass and iron. Select bright red, firm tomatoes and avoid boiling. Cook one or two gallons at a time by simmering until softened. Put through a fine sieve, reheat at once and bottle. Add salt, unless preparing juice for infant or invalid.

How Bronco Riders Win Titles

An association called the Rodeo Association of America has been organized, and winners in the various major events are given points. The contestants with the greatest number of points during the year are declared the world's champion bronco rider, or steer roper, as the case may be.

How to Handle Knitted Suits

Knitted suits should be handled carefully after they are washed. Wrap them in a Turkish towel for several minutes—to get rid of part of the moisture. Then lay them on a clean, dry cloth or towel until they are dry. Never wring or twist them—that is likely to break the fibers.

LLEWELLYN SETTER PRODUCES 99 PUPS IN EIGHT YEARS

Well-bred, Well-fed Matron Sets Unusual Record

Gray Summit, Mo.—Most mothers like to talk about their children. Down in the foothills of the Ozarks lives a mother who never breathes a word about her famous family. And it's not that she isn't proud of her children. It's just that Mother Sally doesn't talk.

Thirteen years rest lightly on Mother Sally. It is hard to believe that this record breaking creature has given birth to 99 babies in the last eight years. Her hair is as soft and silky today as it was when she was only



"Queen of the Kennels"—Sally, Mother of 99 Pups from 13 Litters.

an awkward Llewellyn setter puppy in the Purina kennels. Her eyes are as clear as those of her youngest puppies, and Sally has never gone through the tortures of dentistry. She still has all her own teeth in good shape.

Visited by Many Dog Men

Motherhood has lent Sally the charm of growing old gracefully. And yet, there are specialists and dog men from all over America who stop at the Purina Experimental Farm to see Sally, who says she is younger today than many dogs half her age. In a dog's life, ten years is equivalent to three score for a human being. Some say that Sally will never grow old so long as she continues to get the same care and feed she's been getting the past ten years.

First Litter in 1929

Sally began her sensational record in May 1929 when she whelped eight setter pups here at the Purina Experimental Farm kennels. Several weeks before Christmas that same year Sally whelped another litter, and June 7 the following year she brought 7 more pups into the world. Three breedings without a miss, and with a good-sized litter each time! Dog men began to get interested in Sally and her family. Sally took life quietly and contentedly as before, but even she was a little excited on Christmas day, 1931, when she whelped 11 fine healthy pups. Twenty-nine pups from four litters! Sally was beginning to make history, and Sally was making news, not only here at the Purina Farm but in dog circles and among dog raisers everywhere. Each litter of pups has been fed Purina Dog Chow, the concentrated feed which has been Sally's sole ration all her life.

23 Pups in 3 Litters

In her fifth, sixth and seventh litters, Sally whelped 23 more pups. Her eighth litter, whelped February 2, 1934 contained ten healthy, vigorous pups, and in the next three whelpings Sally averaged 8 pups per litter. On January 30, 1936 and again in July, 1936, Sally produced fine litters, making a total of 99 pups in 13 litters. All of Sally's pups except four lived to maturity.

Sally's record constitutes what is believed to be a world's record for a well-bred matron.

DRY SPRAY NEW TREATMENT FOR ROUP AND COLDS

Breathing Difficulties Relieved by Dust Gun Method

Gray Summit, Mo.—A grown-up man knows that a clean handkerchief not only helps him to prevent the spread of his cold, but aids him in relieving his own suffering. Young children have difficulty because they don't know how to use a handkerchief, and have to be taught to blow their noses. But chickens can't be taught to blow their noses, so something else must be done.

A lot of remedies and cures have been tried to relieve the suffering of flocks with colds. Most of the treatments bring discomfort to the birds, and little improvement in their condition. Fumes burned on a brick, and damp sprays have been the most common methods of treatment, neither very successful. Damp sprays usually give birds more cold by leaving their feathers damp through the night, and aggravate infection of the respiratory organs.

Powder Spray Found Best

To overcome the disadvantages of fumes and wet sprays, a dust gun is used here at the Purina Experimental Farm. The poultry house is filled with a cloud of antiseptic, disinfecting powder after the birds have gone to roost. This clears up the nasal passages of the birds and at the same time surrounds them with an antiseptic powder which helps prevent the spread of disease.

Causes Birds to Sneeze

The new dust spray recommended for treating colds and roup is an efficient germicide and disinfectant, Chlorona powder. Spraying Chlorona powder over the birds causes sneezing



and expels the accumulations of mucus from the upper respiratory tract. Chlorona powder should be dusted into the air just over the birds' heads until the air in the house is full of the floating dust, and the birds are sneezing freely. The house should then be tightly closed for thirty minutes, and opened only slightly for ventilation during the night. This powder-dry spray is both convenient and economical to use. It has an advantage over wet sprays in that it cannot possibly cause more colds or leave the birds damp and chilled through the night. After one thorough and complete treatment, birds may not need to be treated with Chlorona powder again, except for light daily dustings.

Freedom is lunacy when wrong and harmful things can't be stopped because this is a free country.