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## BUSINESS MEN AGREE IN OPINIONS

A petition signed by 5,350 people engaged in small businesses in Cincinnati was laid on the doorstep of the White House by an Executive of the Chamber of Commerce of the Ohio City. It expresses serious concern about the "critical condition of business throughout the Nation". The petition said the signers believed the condition "is caused largely by the uncertainty of outlook for business by reason of the legislative restrictions, punitive taxes, burden of strikes and Government competition with private enterprise with which commerce and industry have been saddled during the last few years". A 10 point program for restoration of confidence was suggested. Similar communications are reaching Congress.

Apparently big business and small business men seem to agree on the causes for the recession, observes J. E. Jones, Washington writer for this paper. He reports that at one time there was a good deal said about the conflicting opinions entertained by leaders in the large industries and small business men, but that now the facts established in Washington show that all business men are practically agreed in their opinions.

## DON'T DRIVE IMPULSIVELY

A light foot and a gentle hand should be the slogan of all motorists," according to Charles A. Chayne, safety expert, who adds: "Don't be impulsive covers all driving conditions, summer and winter. You can crack up on a dry pavement with perfect conditions as quickly as on a wet or icy road under bad conditions if you are not doing the right thing. A motorist need remember only one fundamental rule, and that is: Don't do anything jerkily. This rule applies to steering the car and to increasing or decreasing its speed. Don't take your foot off the accelerator suddenly. It is the same as applying brakes to the rear wheels and may cause a skid. Avoid it by slowly releasing your accelerator pedal. Don't slam on your brakes, especially on icy or wet pavements. Anticipate your stops and take it easy and you won't come to grief.

"Don't start up in low gear on ice. With the tremendous power of today's automobiles you can apply so much power to the rear wheels in low gear that they can be made to spin on dry gravel or concrete pavement. In low gear, it is almost impossible to operate the accelerator delicately enough to prevent the wheels from spinning on ice. Therefore, always start up in second or high gear on slippery roads to keep your car under control."

## EMERGENCY CROP AND FEED LOANS

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1938, as authorized by the Joint Resolution of Congress, approved February 4, will be available to farmers beginning the week of February 21. S. M. Thomson, Regional Manager of the Baltimore office of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section announced today.

"The 1938 emergency crop loans will be made as in the past only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from other sources," Mr. Thomson said. "The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's necessary and actual cash needs for growing his 1938 crops or maintaining his livestock.

"The largest amount which any one farmer may borrow from the emergency crop loan office in 1938 is \$400. The interest rate on the loans is 4 per cent a year."

These loans will be made, as in former years, by field representatives assisted by local crop loan committees in the various counties, Mr. Thomson said. The work is under the supervision of the Baltimore office. Applicants may require of the county agricultural agents in regard to the office where applications will be accepted.

## TESTING THE AMERICAN PLAN

Washington, D. C., February, 22.—When there is unusual unemployment in the country it becomes a serious condition that concerns everybody. It puts the buying and selling basis of the American plan to tests like those of today. These are not only economic problems but also human problems of major importance. That's why Government leaders and large and small businessmen have been gathering in Washington. The people of our Nation in every walk of life are involved in the existing recession.

The American plan has resulted in giving the people of the United States more than any other country. In the United States there are 178 radios per thousand persons; in Germany 108; in Italy 12. Other countries are years behind us in what we call technological progress. They can't make as good machines as we use; they are far behind us in inventions and in scientific achievements. They look upon us as rich prosperous, luxury-loving people. Maybe they are right to a certain extent. At least we have more telephones, electrical appliances and automobiles than any other people. In the United States there is an automobile for every 4 1/2 persons; in England one for every 20; Germany one for 49; Russia one for 479.

It looks like a good omen that the first piece of major legislation to be completed at this session of Congress will make it possible for millions of people who never hoped to have homes of their own, to get them under the extension of the American system. This new Act enables the Government to loan 90 per cent of the cost of building a home.

American industry has produced a standard of living never attained before by any people in history. Illustrating how wages can be increased and prices lowered we have the outstanding statistical information that from 1925 to 1937 automotive hourly wages went up 18 per cent, and in the same period of time automotive prices came down 45 per cent. It was the automobile industry that led the procession, by the American plan, out of the last depression. At this moment that industry is being regarded as the great hope of the Government and of the business world to turn the tide upward and to again prove that though the American plan hesitates it does not fail. Thus industry strides on to higher achievements.

## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CHECKS

When the employees of the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board ceased work on Sunday night, February 13, after a most strenuous week, a total of 37,416 checks had been mailed to beneficiaries of the unemployment section of the Social Security Act. Of this vast pile of checks, more than 10,000 were mailed on Sunday, the biggest day to date for check production. Two days earlier a record of more than 8,000 checks was made for a single day.

This aggregate of 37,416 checks represented \$326,000 in cash, and most of the \$2,000 claims which have now been filed. Of course not all of these \$2,000 claims will be paid, as not less than one-third fail to comply with the law. The average of the checks is now between \$8 and \$9.

## CONGRESS IN FOR LONG SESSION

At the beginning of the session in January there were many predictions that Congress would adjourn May 1. It is predicted Congress will not adjourn until after the Fourth of July. Most of the time of the Senate has already gone to waste. Busy and interesting days on Capitol Hill may be expected during the next few weeks.

## GOOD NEWS, IF TRUE

Recent Federal Reserve Board statements indicate a halt in the business recession. It is encouraging, but not wholly convincing.

## Questions And Answers

### WHAT'S WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

Q. 153 My husband has just died and the undertaker has given me a form to fill out and told me to file a claim for a payment under the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. Should I do this?

A. 153 The Social Security Board is making lump-sum payments to eligible workers, or to the estate or relatives of deceased eligible workers, under old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. Many undertakers are seeking to help the relatives of deceased workers by calling their attention to the fact that a lump-sum payment may be due them under the law. Whether a payment is due to you can not be determined on the basis of the information you have given. Call at, or write to your Social Security Board Field Office for information and assistance.

Q. 154 I read in the paper the other day that if a woman gets married and changes her name she should have her name changed on her Social Security record and should also report it to her employer. I don't want my employer to know I am married, because he won't employ married women in his firm. Will I lose my old-age insurance if I don't report my new name?

A. 154 No. As long as your employer reports your wages under the name which was given on your Social Security account number, your wage record can be kept accurately. If, however, you should leave that employment and give your new name to your new employer, you should apply at your nearest Social Security Board Field Office for the card prepared for this purpose. "Employee's Request for Change in Records." A corrected Social Security account number card will be sent to you, showing your new name, but giving the same number.

Q. 155 Will I be able to draw old-age insurance benefits when I become 65 years of age, if I continue to work?

A. 155 Under the terms of the Social Security Act you will not be paid monthly benefits as long as you continue to work in an employment that is not specifically excepted from the Social Security Act. When you retire from active employment, you will receive a monthly annuity, based on the wages you received between January 1, 1937, and the time you reached 65 years of age provided you worked at least one day in each of five different calendar years and received at least \$2,000 in covered wages. Monthly benefits will not be paid until January 1942.

Should you not be eligible to receive a monthly benefit for any reason, a lump-sum benefit may be paid to you when you reach age 65 even though you do continue to work.

## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Three states now are in the "select" 2,000,000 class in motor vehicle registration, a review by the Keystone Automobile Club reveals. They are California, New York and Pennsylvania, the latter having passed the two-million mark for the first time last year. Registrations for the country at large set new high records, every state showing a gain but South Dakota, which had a decrease of 0.9 per cent. There also was a 2.6 per cent drop in the District of Columbia.

Pennsylvania, with 2,043,563 registrations in 1937 as against 1,918,116 in 1936, had the highest gain of the three States covered by the operations of the Keystone Automobile Club. Its increase was 6.5 per cent. New Jersey came next, with a registration of 986,883 compared to previous year, for a gain of 4.6 per cent. Maryland's registration was 384,818, compared to 378,462, a gain of 1.7 per cent.

The total number of vehicles registered in the country last year was 29,805,373, an increase of 5.6 per cent, representing an all-time "high" California made an appreciable gain on New York in the race for first place. New York now leading by only 76,752 vehicles. The totals are: New York, 2,990,974; California, 2,514,222.

Passenger cars represent 25,516,000 of the total U. S. registration, which is more than 2 1-3 times the vehicle registration of the rest of the world.

February 25 is probably the world's "costliest birthday," the Keystone Automobile Club observes. It is natal day of the gasoline tax, now 19 years old. Since that memorable day when the State of Oregon mothered the tax baby the lad has cost the motorists of the United States more than six billion dollars.

## Looks and Acts Like a Million



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## WHY

### Early Morning Is the Best Time for a Walk.

Walking in cool air hastens the interchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide, the most necessary of all the bodily functions.

In this action it resembles the ingestion of protein foods, which immediately increases this interchange, and keeps it at an increased pace for several hours. This is one of the little-known facts of food chemistry, and one of the real reasons why the eating of protein foods causes such an increase of the feeling of comfort. It is not entirely stomach, by any means, although it begins there, according to an authority in the Washington Star.

Walking in cool air is much better from all standpoints than the same exercise in air which comes within 20 to 30 degrees of approximating that of the human body, kept constantly at 98 degrees and a fraction.

Probably the best temperature for an average walk of two to four miles is 45 to 55 degrees.

This means that at first one will have to step out, in order to warm up.

It also means that early morning is the best walking time.

### Why Columbia District Residents Do Not Vote

The Constitution provides that the presidential electors and members of Congress shall be elected to represent states. The District of Columbia is not a state, nor a part of any state, and its citizens do not have the right to vote in the presidential and congressional elections any more than do those other citizens of the United States who live in the territories.

That there would be no conflict of authority, it was provided that the government of the District of Columbia should rest in Congress. In former times Washington and Georgetown were provided with municipal governments, with elective officers, similar to those of other cities. After a period of extravagance and civic neglect, congress established, in 1874, the present commission form of government, administered by appointive, rather than elective officials. Since then the citizens of the district have been without a vote in local as well as national affairs.

### Why Red Lights Appear Dim

Why do red lights seem less bright when traffic is noisy than they do when it is quiet? The answer to this question has been found by Prof. S. V. Kravkov, head of the Central Institute of Ophthalmology, Moscow. He has proved conclusively that sound affects the eye's sensitivity to colors, the effects varying in character for different colors. He has shown that on receiving auditory stimulation a normal eye becomes more sensitive to green and blue and less sensitive to red.

Motorists, the Club points out, originally favored the tax as the most equitable manner of raising funds for highway development. With diversions in the saddle, the motoring public now is constantly fighting against the use of motor funds to purposes in no way associated with roads and highway safety. Last year's gas tax bill, the highest in history, totaled \$975,000,000.

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## Table Manners

Manners vary considerably in different parts of the world—especially table manners. What we would consider terribly rude in this country is regarded as excellent in India, says London Tit-Bits Magazine. If you dine with an Indian in his country you are expected to lick the platter clean—to leave anything on your plate is an insult to his food. Be sure to call for a second helping of everything in a loud voice, and a third, if possible. Always praise the items and give the impression that the food is delicious. You are expected to desist when you cannot eat more, not when you have had sufficient. Patting your stomach as proof is one sign. Indians are great eaters, and "strong" and "fat" are synonymous, especially among the "bannia" (shopkeeper) class. Among them it is common practice to tie a length of cotton around their waists and eat until their stomach swells and the cotton snaps. Then they cease immediately.

## Why Spurs Are Used in Coronation

The gold spurs with which the king is presented during the coronation are laid on the altar of Westminster abbey by his majesty to show that, as head of the armed force of the realm, he places that force at the service of God.

## Why Dust Takes Fertile Soil

Dust storms take the most fertile soil because it is lighter. The coarser grains pile up in sand dunes or move from place to place along the ground.

## Why Stars Twinkle

Stars appear to twinkle because of disturbances in the earth's atmosphere.

## Why Colon Is So Called

Colon is the Italian form of Columbus.

All the world's a stage, but the majority of us sit in the gallery and throw things at the performers.