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WELL INVESTED TAX DOLLARS

A statement prepared by Director T. H. MacDonald of the United States Bureau of Public Roads shows how $1,000 is distributed when the money is spent for concrete highways. Of the above amount 910 eventually goes for labor, spread over various items that Director MacDonald's table shows in detail. It includes getting on the job, payrolls, labor in the mills and quarries, handling freight, fuel, materials, replacing depletion, and a wide variety of expenditures.

Representative Mason of Illinois, told Congress state highway departments have been able to keep more men employed in PWA construction than in any other way. He read a statement into the Congressional Record by Associate Highway Engineer C. F. Rogers of the Bureau of Public Roads in part as follows:

"An annual highway expenditure of $100,000,000 results in an average annual employment on the highway work and in industry of approximately 102,690 persons continuously employed for 12 months at an average annual cost of approximately $970 per person employed. An annual highway expenditure of $100,000,000 initiates a movement which eventually involves, in the handling and processing of materials by industry a total value of business transacted of approximately $315,000,000.00.

"In addition to affording economic and unemployment relief, highway construction eventually provides a connected highway system which is a distinct national asset, promoting agricultural and industrial expansion and fostering social values."

For years the principal mind-making agencies were the press, pulpit, platform, the schools, and the theater. Within the past generation two more have been added, the radio and the screen. These latter because of their entertaining features are the most popular and exert a powerful influence upon the morals and mentality of the people.

As now conducted, the radio and screen wield both constructive and destructive influences, which are about evenly divided. Students of social forces, alarmed at the character of much that appears on the screen and that is broadcast on the air, declare that the activities of these two agencies should be directed toward building broadly the mind and the morals of the people. They point to the increased crime record, the moral attitudes of the rising generation, and the lascivious and materialistic thinking of our people, much of which they insist is due to radio programs and screen productions.

The encouraging announcement is made that sufficient funds were raised by the recent Christmas Seal sale, conducted by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, to assure Maryland of an intensive anti-tuberculosis program for the ensuing year.

The annual educational campaign is now under way, in an attempt to bring about a reduction in the tuberculosis incidence and morality rates in the State, by stressing early diagnosis of the disease.

Since the organized movement was commenced more than thirty years ago, the death rate has been reduced almost two-thirds. However, the disease is still the greatest cause of death between the ages of 15 and 45, and still inflicts much hardships on the thousands who have it but become cured.

A Graphic Presentation of Changes in the Agriculture of Maryland from 1930 to 1935 is the title of a new bulletin that has just been released by the University of Maryland Experiment Station. This bulletin was written by A. B. Hamilton and may be obtained from the University at College Park free of charge. The number is 411.

Whilst we deliberate how to begin a thing, it grows too late to begin it.—Quintilian.

CANCER SHOULD NOT FILL INDIVIDUAL WITH TERROR

Cancer is a serious disease, but it is not one that should fill any sensible individual with terror. The American Society for the Control of Cancer shows cancer is usually found in the middle-aged and old. Ninety-five per cent of the deaths from this disease occur in those over thirty-five. In other words, the eighty million of our people who are under thirty-five need have comparatively less worry about cancer.

Curiously enough, though, the disease is less immediately fatal to those in the so-called cancer age belt than it is to younger people, since the disease spreads more slowly through older tissues and thus gives more time for diagonsis and treatment when it is still a local condition. Forty-six million older men and women should be on the alert about cancer, alert not because of fear of death but because a prompt diagnosis will mean in most cases that the disease can be cured.

Cancer can be cured by x-rays, radium, and surgery, used individually or in combination. Any other treatment, the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer recently warned its 100,000 memberse, is dangerous or frankly experimental. Beware of advertised salves, electric belts, glandular extracts, pills or other alleged cures. "If a person advertises a cure", declares the American Society, "guarantee a cure, or demands payment in advance of treatment, he may be classed as a quack and should be avoided. No reputable and ethical physician will do any of these things".

For more information on this subject write to Mrs. John Paul Troy, 187 Gittings Ave., Commander of the Maryland Division of the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

WARNING TO MOTORISTS AND PARENTS

Warning to motorists and parents of seasonal danger to young children is issued by the Keystone Automobile Club.

With Spring weather luring children to play in the streets, safety officials of the Club point out, a great responsibility is placed upon both motorists and parents, and unless both take proper precautions this Spring is likely to see a repetition of the casualty record of other years.

"Accident reports show," said Garrison P. Knox, Manager of the Club, "that the first warm days are dangerous ones for youngsters, especically those of pre-school age who have had no safety training.

"In prevention of accidents to such children, responsibility rests first with the parents. They cannot be unaware of the danger of unsupervised and unrestricted play in the streets and highways. But failure of parents to keep their children off the streets does not relieve the motorist of the solemn duty to do everything humanly possible to safe guard youngsters exposed to traffic perils."

Congress will be incredibly lax in its duty if it fails to order an investigation of the Tennessee Valley Authority. The public, which puts up the money, is entitled to know just what is going on.

Testifying before a Senate committee, Bernard Baruch, the well-known financier, although a close friend and advisor of the President, said that the present depression can be ended by a change of the government's attitude toward business and a wise readjustment of the tax structure. He stated that a business upsurge is now being prevented by a feeling of insecurity—the fear that reasonable profits will be confiscated by "inordinate taxation" and that assets will be subjected to some "great arbitrary change in the value of money."

A sensible man judges the present by past events.—Sophocles

Questions And Answers

WHAT'S WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

Q. 172 What is a Social Security account number?

A. 172 A Social Security account number is the number assigned to an employee under the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act for the purpose of recording correctly and accurately the wages he earns in employment in commerce and industry.

Q. 173 What should be done in case an employee has more than one account number?

A. 173 Under the Social Security Act every employee engaged in employment which is not specifically excepted under the old-age insurance provisions of the Act is required to have a Social Security account number. Only one number is necessary. Some people have lost their numbers and have applied for others and some have several numbers.

Anyone having more than one Social Security account number should return all but one number. He should write on the back of each number card he returns, the Social Security account he keeps. It is to the employee's best interest to have but one number.

Q. 174 Is it necessary to get a new account number when a worker changes employment?

A 174 No. The Social Security account number that has been assigned to a worker is good for his lifetime. Each time he goes to work for a new employer he should report this number to him so he can make the necessary wage reports to the Social Security Board.

Q. 175 I had a Social Security account number and my employer reported my wages to the Social Security Board, according to requirements. I became 65 years of age on January 2 of this year. My employer also reported this fact to the Social Security Board, but so far I haven't received a check for old-age insurance. What else should I do in order to get my old-age insurance lump-sum?

A 175 You should go to your nearest Social Security Board Field Office, taking with you your Social Security account number card, or a record of that number if you do not have the original account number card, and ask to file a claim for a lump-sum payment under the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. At the Social Security Board office you will be asked to fill out a few simple forms which are required by the Board to certify for payment the amount due you under the old-age insurance provisions of the Act, based on wage record kept under your Social Security account number. After your claim has been approved by the Social Security Board it will be cerified to the United States Treasury for payment and the Treasury Department will then issue a check in payment of the lump-sum benefit due you under this part of the Social Security Act.

KEYSTONE AUTO CLUB SPELLING BEE

A spelling bee will be a featur of the thirty-second annual meeting of the Keystone Automobile Club in Philadelphia Convention Hall on the night of Tuesday, April 5.

An audience exceeding 15,000 will witness what Club officials believ will be recorded as "the world's biggest spelling bee." While radio spelling bees, now at the height of their popularity, are listened to by great unseen audiences, this is the first time a spelling contest has been arranged so that contestants can be seen and heard by a throng masured by the capacity of Convention Hall.

Four men and four women members of the Club will be chosen to contest for spelling honors.

The stock casualty insurance industry carries on many activities which, while little known to the general public, are of direct, personal service to us all. In other words, a definite part of the policyholders' premuim dollar goes toward supporting work that saves lives and health and property—and thus keeps the cost of insurance down.

One division maintained by the industry carries on constant studies designed to make factories safer and more healthful places in which to work. Special attention is paid to the dread disease of silicosis. Another division deals with problems of traffic engineering, motor vehicle law enforcement, automotive engineering, and issues reports showing how conditions in these fields may be bettered. Another is concerned with safety education among children, youths and adults. Still another cooperates with official and civic agencies in issuing and distributing literature that points the way toward creating safer communities, making better drivers, etc. So it goes. down a long list of activities.

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TEST, TEST AND TEST

AMERICAN industry, according to Consumers Information, surpasses that of any other country in its exact methods of testing products and so assuring maximum performance before passing them on to the user. One company reports, for instance, that 25% of its labor and cost of production goes into testing. Above are shown tests of two of the 600 different operations which go into the manufacture of their vacuum cleaners. The young lady is balancing the fan, an intricate job in which she puts tiny drops of solder on the light side until the balance is perfect. Inset, operator testing air passage, suction power and wattage, on a government test-block.

What a world! If you can't adjust yourself to your environment, you are crazy; if you raise a row and change it, you are a great uplifter.

The easiest way to make your ememy seem hateful to everybody is to hold him up as a model for the community.

An evil intention perverts the best actions and makes them sins.—Addison.

No statement is too absurd for some philosophers to make.—Cicero

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More than 100,000 persons have asked for benefit payments under the unemployment compensation act administered by the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board, which began to receive claims on January 3 last. Of these 72,000 have been verified and more than 143,000 weekly payments have been made. The average weekly payment to date has been about $8.74 and the total now runs up to $1,500,000.

WESTERN ELECTRIC ENGINEER PIONEERED NEW INSULATION

Telephone engineers never accept any product or process as the "last word"—they are always trying to make it better.

For many years the copper wires in telephone cables had been insulated by a spiral wrapping of paper ribbon.

One day a Western Electric Company engineer mixed a wood pulp solution in a laboratory bottle and stirred it with a piece of wire. He found the pulp stuck to the wire. Right away he got the idea of making the paper on the wire instead of wrapping the wire with paper. This new method of insulation led to the manufacture of a better and far more economical product.

Do You Know

that $137,600,000 of the money paid by telephone users for telephone service in the United States during 1937 went for taxes? This was equal to $9.21 for each telephone in service or $5.25 for each telephone employee.

If a man be endowed with a generous mind, this is the best kind of nobility.—Plato.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DOES NOT DISTRIBUTE FREE SEED OR PLANTS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture wants it understood that not only does it not have any "free seed" for distribution but it also has no seed or plants for sale.

According to officials of the Department, the annual spring flow of "free seed" letters is beginning again, although indications are that they will be fewer than last year. The Department of Agriculture points out that for the last 15 years it has been trying to convince 130,000,000 people that it has no free seeds or plants. Yet, each year, as spring approaches, thousands of requests pour in from farms, suburbs and penthouses. And all of the writers of these letters meet with disappointment.

Years ago—prior to 1923—there was an annual appropriation for Congressional distribution through the Department of Agriculture. But in 1923 the Government decided to discontinue the distribution of this great quantity of seed, since it was only commercial garden seed such as could be bought from any good seed house and did not necessarily represent varieties better than those in common use.

So the Department asked you to please stop and think before you send in that request for free seed or plants.

Why It Is "Corned" Beef

Corned beef is so called because it is beef that has been cured for several weeks in a salt brine that may contain several other ingredients—such as sweetening and preservatives. The name apparently has nothing to do with the cereal corn, but comes from the former way of dry-preserving with salt grains or corns, to use the Anglo-Saxon word.

Why Volley Is Fired

The custom of firing three volleys over the grave of a soldier is derived from the Roman one of casting earth over the coffin, calling the dead by name three times and then saying "vale" three times. The word "vale" is the Latin word for farewell. The firing of three volleys is saying farewell to the deceased.

Why Fire Was a Mystery

Men were puzzled by fire for ages. It seemed to be something apart from earth, air and water. One reason why fire remained a mystery so long is that people thought it was a substance. They believed that it was a hot material that poured out of things as they burned.

Why Coffee Grows Stale

Coffee grows stale because of the action of oxygen on the aromatic fatty substance in the coffee beans, which is responsible for their delicate flavor. The process is somewhat analogous to the spoiling of butter. Tests on coffee marketed in vacuum cans showed that this method of packing affords only partial protection. Even with the best of such packages there appears to be enough air left in the can to start oxidation.