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"IT'S SMART TO DRIVE SAFELY"

Connecticut has just held her first state-wide highway safety conference, under the sponsorship of the Connecticut Highway Safety Commission. A pioneer in the field of highway safety, her efforts have been rewarded with a steady decline in traffic fatalities within the state during recent years.

During the conference, Burton W. Marsh, director of safety of the American Automobile Association, declared: "If the record of Connecticut could have been extended to the rest of the United States, 59,000 lives would have been saved since 1928."

Especially stressed at the conference was the vital necessity of educating drivers, young and old, to the fact that "It's smart to drive safely."

Education is strictly a local problem, and as President Hoffman of the Studebaker Corporation, said: "It can only be solved successfully by creating the right mental attitude toward safe driving. There must be a social taboo on the "fix." There must be a social taboo on drinking and driving. There should be a social taboo on young girls going out driving with young men who have had even one drink." In short, drivers must learn that, instead of being smart and sophisticated when they mix drinking and driving, they are enemies of society—potential murderers!

Every state in the Union must follow the example set by Connecticut if the nation's highways are ever to be made safe.

SECRETARY COMMENTS ON BUSINESS SITUATION

One of the frankest commentaries made on the business situation by any high Administration authority recently, came from Secretary of the Treasury Morganthau, who said that business appears to be steadily getting worse. Business is not getting worse rapidly—but the trend of the indexes is undoubtedly downward. April was an exceedingly disappointing month. Attitude of many experts is heflected by the Annalist, which said on April 29 that "by the time the new pump primping program becomes effective (assuming it becomes effective at all)' business will be so depressed that any probable stimulus will merely result in raising the business index to a level little if any higher than it was when the program was first announced."

THE BEST MILK

Milk is the basic food. It is an essential part of the diet for young or old. In this country we have what is probably the purest milk supply in the world—an achievement that is very largely due to the efforts of the dairy cooperative marketing associations.

The principal bovine diseases have been almost eradicated. The dairy cooperatives have worked with state farm and health authorities to the end of bettering herds, from the standpoint of both production and health. The result is that you neednot be afraid of the milk you buy today—it is as safe as human ingenuity and work can make it.

TOURISTS KEEP CLEAR OF AUSTRIA

An analysis of the statistics of the Austrian official tourist traffic bureau shows despite exceptionally fair weather conditions in Austria, only 110 foreign and 776 German tourists visited that country during the month of April, 1938. Customarily, tens of thousands visit there in April.

This remarkable tourist decrease is obviously the result of Hitler's persecution of Austrian Jews, his destruction of Freemasonry in Austria, and his brutal annexation of that country.

Petroleum ranges in color from almost black, yellow or brown through shades of green to colorless.

More than 17,000 books were published in Great Britain during 1937, the highest total ever recorded.

Despite the Japanese invasion, China's imports and exports last year were greater than in 1936.

Moths do not attack clean woolen articles as readily as soiled ones.

FORUMS OF POLITICAL OPINION

J. E. Jones

Washington, May 31.—Many hundreds of business men of high and low degree have told leaders of the Administration and Committees of Congress that it is always to the advantage of manufacturers to produce as many machines, devices or products, as the public will buy; that it is to the advantage of national industries to operate their establishments until the warehouses are filled, and every possible hope of increased sales anticipated. These business men whi have come in large and small groups to the great national forum that we call the Capitol of the United States have insisted that it is to the interest of industries to maintain operations of their manufacturing establishments at all times because cooperation with workmen is a human and likewise economic desire that creates mutual benefits and avoids difficulties. That is a condition that is important alike to employers and workmen. You can see the truth and evidences of these conditions in your community, as it exists throughout the country.

One accusation directed against automobile manufacturers is that they over-produced and that's why they had to shut down. They are accused of discriminating against the workers when there is no work for the workers to do. The political critics say the automobile manufacturers should sell more cars in order to supply more jobs, and in the next breath they attack the credit system which makes it possible for millions of people to buy cars—this, they charge, is dangerous expansion of credit. At the very same time the same politicians of high degree use their efforts to set-up a plan of long-time payments for home building, and business and farm loans. The automobiles sales plan that is criticized has proved out in the past years to the advantage of the public the manufacturers and the workers. The tax collector has also been helped. That gent is always looking for more and more returns from increased business that flows from the industries.

In a short time members of the two Houses of Congress will return to their homes, and the forums of political opinion will become decentralized, as the citizens of thousands of communities are afforded opportunities to obtain first-hand information from their Senators and Representatives—and in the dependable columns of their home newspapers, and national publications.

Through the influences of local forums of public opinion our country first found democracy. Many people believe that the traditional customs of discussions and debates among neighbors and friends still is the greatest of all safeguards to democracy.

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Congress Wants To Go

The President tells Congress that he wants the wage-hour and reorganization bills, in addition to the relief spending measure. The latter seemed ticked to go just as the President ordered it.

The fact is that Senators and Representatives are sick of the sound of "labor standards" and "reorganization"—both pills, that are not even sugar-coated. Congress wants to go home, and every member, son and daughter, inside the legislative wall is anxious to start fixing up the political fences at home. According to dependable political polls a lot of members of the present Congress are more than likely to be defeated for renomination, and election. The New Deal majority will likely be cut considerable. At present the Congress is a one-sided Democratic party institution.

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The Big Navy

No appropriations have been made to build the new "big Navy". We've just served notice on the fighting world that we have made arrangements to ward off all intruders and that the blue-prints are ready, any time. Europe or Asia want to start something around here. Until then, we're using our money for war against the United States depression.

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Home Building

There has been increase in new home building throughout the country, but the expected "boom" has not materialized.

If sin is ugly, it at least understands the art of beauty culture.

YOUR OLD-AGE INSURANCE

Old-Age Insurance Benefits Will be Paid, Regardless of Other Income

Old-age insurance benefits will be paid to workers who are entitled ti payment, regardless of property or other income.

Any amount of earnings (up to $3,000 in a single year from a single employer) which may be placed to a worker's credit on his social Security account, will entitle him to a corresponding credit toward old-age insurance benefits. Whether he owns a great deal of property or none at all, makes no difference, whatever, in the matter of old-age insurance. for example, a labor foreman, has invested his savings in a farm. He continues to work as an employee of a construction company for seven years after 1936, earns wages amounting to several thousand dollars, reaches the age of 65 and retires to live on his farm. No matter what his farm is worth nor how much money he makes from his crops, he will receive a Government check for old-age insurance, every month, the rest of his life. He might own a store or a sawmill or a bank, but if he is entitled to old-age insurance under the Social Security Act, he will get the monthly check, just the same.

The beneficiary of an insurance policy may receive old-age insurance. A worker who collects rent from houses, that he owns, may receive old-age insurance. An employee, who is entitled to old-age insurance benefits, may operate his own store, if he sees fit. Income from another source does not affect the payment of old-age insurance when the employee is entitled to such benefits.

Under another title of the Social Security Act—known as "Old-Age Assistance," there may be some regulation concerning property ownership. But that is up to the individual States. Some States have a property clause in their public assistance laws, some do not. It is intended that money for old-age assistance should go to those in actual need. But the question of need or of property ownership does not affect the payment of old-age insurance one way or the other.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS

At the beginning of the fifth month of benefit payments for unemployment under the Social Security act Maryland stood tenth in the list of political divisions where the new legislation is now in effect, as shown by figures sent to the Social Security Board in Washington by State administrators.

The aggregate amount paid by the 24 states and District of Columbia from the beginning of payments in late January to and including May 4, was $104,661,630, covered by 10,582,658 checks. Of the States included two (Indiana and Mississippi) had just begun to pay so that their contribution to the total was unimportant.

The State paying the largest sum was Pennsylvania with New York a close second. The Keystone State paid out $24,419,055. Maryland's share was $3,566,477 with 403,211 checks.

In Maryland the claims for benefits are slowly but steadily diminishing in number, and few except valid claims are now filed. At first about one-third of the claims filed had to be rejected because of various defects among which were lack of Social Security numbers. Now most defects are caught at the time the applicants call at the Employment Offices. This vigilance prevents much fruitless labor in the Claims Department of the Board.

FIGURE THESE OUT

Dr. Charles M. Sheldon knows a Baptist minister up in Maine who juggles mathematics. He has sent this puzzle to Dr. Sheldon:

Write down your age.
Muliply it by 2.
Add 5.
Multiply by 50.
Add the loose change in your pocket. (Any amount under a dollar)
Subtract 365.
Add 115 to the total.

The result will be—the first two figures your age, the last two the amount of change in your pocket.

Then he turns the figures around:

Write down your telephone number.
Multiply by 2.
Add 5.
Mutiply by 50.
Add your age.
Add 365.
Subtract 615.

The result—the first figures your telephone number, the last figures your age.

Why isn't a fireman a hose-supporter?

Whisky floats more trouble than it drowns.

A married man's idea of heaven is a place where wives don't ask their husbands for money.

Congressmen sending canned speeches to the folks back home may awaken some day to find that they, themselves, have been canned.

Eight-Eyed Spider Able to See From All Angles

Most interesting of all species of spiders in the British Isles is one that spends its life under water. Yet it must breathe air to live.

The water spider discovered how to live in a diving bell ages before man thought of descending beneath the surface of lakes and seas. It is little more than half an inch in length; in color it is a dull reddish brown, or sometimes mouse gray, and it is covered with a mass of minute hairs. It has eight eyes, so arranged that it can see in all directions, notes a writer in London Tit-Bits Magazine.

Insects must breathe air, and those like the larvae of the mosquito, which live in water, must rise to the surface at intervals to take in a supply. Though spiders do not breathe through the mouth, but through a series of tracheae on the sides of the body, the water spider must have air in its natural form.

It is confronted with a difficult engineering problem. If we place one of these creatures in a jar filled with clear water, we notice that directly it gets beneath the surface it appears to be clothed with a glistening silver coat. This dress consists of a covering of air, so that as the spider travels through the water it carries its air supply with it. Head and legs are free, for the spider must capture its food in the water.

The water spider seems to have invented an appliance similar to that which enables engineers to lay foundations of underwater works, and it need only come to the surface for fresh supplies at long intervals.

First Post Office Seals Bore Words "Registered"

The first post office seal was issued in 1872 and bore the word "registered," since it was designed to secure registered mail against tampering during transit. This green seal was engraved by the National Bank Note company, which held the contract for printing all United States postage stamps at that time. It has been found in several scarce varieties, including stamps printed on both sides, stamps printed on pelure, or very thin paper, and on paper showing laid lines, and in 1880 a special printing was made on the customary soft paper of that period.

The regular "officially sealed" stamps made their appearance in 1877 and were intended to reseal letters which had been opened in the Dead Letter office and letters which had been opened by mistake as well as others damaged in transit or found open in the mail.

The first samples of this series were engraved and contained the inscription "Post Obitum," in the background. In 1879 new seals appeared which were engraved in brown as in the previous case, but were without the funereal inscription. In 1888 lithography was adopted and the new seals, which omitted the engraver's name in the lower border, came in a variety of browns and were issued imperforate and rouletted in addition to the standard perforated 12 variety.

Odd Laws Affecting Realty

In Morocco if a realty owner has a Sultanic grant, his title to the property is undisputed, but otherwise he cannot afford to "fall out" with his neighbors. The law requires the testimony of twelve neighboring persons as to uninterrupted and undisputed possession during a period of at least ten years before a clear title can be obtained by the owner. The Turkish law requires affixing of a photograph of the seller to all deeds. In Palestine, deeds and other similar documents are available from the government in three languages—English, Hebrew and Arabic. In China, foreigners hold land only under perpetual lease, while natives in purchasing property must obtain official title deeds from the government, or through village chiefs. The "middleman" or "introducer," similar to the realty broker in the United States, is held responsible if there are flaws in the title.

Guessed Wrong

According to the prophecy in St. Peter's epistle the medieval church expected the end of the world to be near. The first century passed without this catastrophe occurring. Gradually as the year 1000 approached all Christendom feared the millennium. Crowds renounced their earthly possessions and fled to Mount Zion where it was rumored that Christ would appear. In America, William Miller started a group of Second Adventists or Millerites who waited in vain for the end of the world in 1844. There have been various times since this when the coming doom has been prophesied.

Barnum's Will

In his will Barnum disposed of an estate of four million dollars and made a careful provision for the perpetuation of his name. Since he had no sons, he provided that his grandson, C. H. Seeley, should receive $25,000 besides his share in the estate, if he would change his name to C. Barnum Seeley, "so that the name of Barnum shall always be known as his name." Provision had already been made for the continuation of the name of "Barnum & Bailey" as circus proprietors for fifty years from October 26, 1887.

WHY

Our Best Animal Friend, the Dog, Is a Favorite

Why is the dog man's favorite animal pet? Here are just a few of the many reasons, as given by Bob Becker, in the Chicago Tribune:

A dog is loyal. Regardless of the fact that his master may be a hobo or a millionaire, the dog shows his loyalty in many ways.

A dog is forgiving. If you punish your dog, even without cause, he holds no grudge, but asks only to be allowed to serve you longer.

A dog is friendly. If his master is gone the dog—like any good friend—wants him to return. When his master is home he asks only that he be allowed to act as companion, guard, or playmate.

A dog is trustworthy. You need not fear that your dog will change affections, preferring the home and attentions of others, if you have cared for him for many months or years.

A dog is patient. Regardless of how long you may leave your dog or fail to carry on your job of feeding and caring for him, your dog will wait patiently until you get around to his needs.

Why It Is "John Bull" and "Brother Jonathan"

Why is an Englishman known as John Bull, and who first gave him that nickname? Col. P. B. Arbuthnot states that it was invented by one of his ancestors, Dr. John Arbuthnot, physician-in-ordinary to Queen Anne, says London Tit-Bits Magazine. Dr. Arbuthnot wrote a political satire denouncing the war with France and supporting the peace of Utrecht. This satire he called "The History of John Bull." Its hero was a bluff, kind-hearted, bull-headed English farmer, and this name has stuck to Englishmen ever since.

Brother Jonathan, the nickname for the people of the United States, was named after Jonathan Trumbull, chief adviser to George Washington. When in a particularly trying difficulty the President was wont to say, "Send for Brother Jonathan." To consult Brother Jonathan became a catch-phrase, and soon was used to denote a citizen of the United States.

Why Some Fur Is "Hudson Seal"

"Hudson seal" is a trade name for muskrat fur dressed and dyed to resemble seal. The United States trade commission regards "Hudson seal" as an "improper name for seal-dyed sheared-muskrat." The commission has ruled, "That in order to describe a fur, in every case the correct name of the fur must be the last name of the description; and if any dye or blend is used, simulating another fur, the word 'dyed' or 'blended' must be inserted between the name signifying the fur that is simulated, and the true name of the fur, as 'seal-dyed muskrat' or 'mink-dyed marmot'." "Hudson Bay seal" is the trade name of seal-dyed rabbit.

Why Shinplasters Were Used

Shinplasters, or fractional currency, were issued during the Civil war because of the disappearance of coins from circulation and the shortage of small coins. The fractional currency was found generally unsatisfactory. The circulation was maintained only at a great expense to the government. It was replaced by coin at the earliest possible moment. The first issue of fractional money was made August 1, 1862, and the fifth and last issue was made from February 26, 1874, to February 15, 1876.

Why White Towels Are Absorbent

Something that everyone does not know is that a colored towel is not quite so absorbent as a white towel. Absorbency decreases as colors grow darker. This is because the portion of the fibers which is filled up with dye cannot take up water. Remember this, and if you want the greatest absorbency, buy white or pastel-colored towels.

Why There Are Nansen Passports

The Nansen passport is named for the great Norwegian statesman and philanthropist, Fridtjof Nansen, in memory of his part in furnishing aid to World war refugees in Europe. He was high commissioner for refugees to the League of Nations, and in 1923 was awarded the Nobel Peace prize.

Why Umbrellas Need Oil

Oiling the umbrella may seem strange procedure, but a drop now and then on the joints of ribs and braces will prevent their breaking because of rust.

Why Iodine Was So Named

Iodine receives its name from a Greek word meaning violet light. It is so called because of the color of its vapor. It was discovered in 1811 by Courtois.

Why Netting Is Used on Tobacco

The purpose of netting over tobacco fields is to produce larger and thinner leaves. This process is used only for cigar types of tobacco.

Why It Is a "Morris Dance"

The name "Morris dance" is derived from "Moorish dance," introduced into England in the reign of Edward III.

Why It Was Hartshorn

Ammonia water, once called spirits of hartshorn was distilled from stags' horns.

HOW

TO INDUCE HUMMING BIRDS TO VISIT HOME GROUNDS.—Did you know that you can attract humming birds to your yard or porch by providing food for them?

The way to do it is to place several miniature glass bottles about three inches long, filled with sugared or honeyed water, among the branches of trees, in flower beds or porch vines, according to Grace Igo Hall writing in Leisure Magazine.

After doing this you will be delighted to find in a very short space of time that the humming birds have discovered the bottles. Many of them will be found filling their tummies with the sweet liquid.

"Often I have watched one of these birds perch on the branch of a nearby tree and watch me (they have unusual power of vision) while I refilled the honey bottles," reports Miss Hall. "Then before I had time to turn away, almost instantly he would land on the edge of the bottle's rim showing no timidity whatsoever.

"Bracing himself with his tail he would cling to the object while he drank. I have one friend who paints the bottles in variegated hues to attract the attention of the birds but I have never found this necessary."

How to Bend Ribs for the Round-Bottom Boat

When bending the ribs for a round bottom boat, some form of steam box must be provided in which to steam the wood before bending.

It is not necessary to devote much time and care to the making of a steam box if the method below is followed, according to a writer in the Detroit News.

Make a box of suitable length, width and depth (according to the extended lengths of the ribs) of any rough board lumber. Even cracked or knotty lumber will do.

When the box is made, line it with tar paper, being careful to seal the seams with two or three-inch wide strips of the same material, cemented in place with roofing cement. The other areas of this lining are tacked to the inside of the box with roofing nails, first dipped into the cement before driving home.

How to Clean Stucco Walls

Cement stucco may be washed without injury by the application of water alone or water containing cleaning materials. Ordinary dirt may be removed by washing the walls with water from a hose and brushing with a stiff brush. If this does not clean it, the surface may be scrubbed with a soap-and-water solution and then rinsed. Care must be taken not to mar the surface. A dashed surface may be damaged by too much brushing. A smooth finish may be cleaned with a solution of muriatic acid (one part of acid to six or seven parts of water) applied with a broom and then rinsed, preferably with dilute ammonia. For white stucco use a sulphuric acid solution, for muriatic acid may tinge it yellow.

How Liberty Bell Cracked

H. T. Carpenter, curator of Independence hall, says that records show that there has been but one crack in the bell, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer. The crack as it shows doubtless was of gradual development, as described by metallurgists, but finally, on July 8, 1835, when the bell was tolled while the funeral of John Marshall was passing, the crack developed to a condition which destroyed the tone, and from that time the bell could not be rung.

How to Choose Becoming Colors

Reds (and that includes pinks) have either an orange tint or a violet tint. If you want to know which type of red or pink you can wear, make sure what the colorings in your cheeks and lips approximate. If your complexion tends toward orange-red in lips and cheeks, choose orange-red in your clothes. If your coloring includes bluish or violet-red tones, match them up in fabrics.

How to Remove Tar From Roof

Coal tar naphtha, one of the best solvents, may be used to remove coal tar that has been spilled on a slate roof. If there is a thick layer of tar it may be necessary to soften it with moderate heat and scrape away as much as possible before applying the naphtha.

How to Test Paper Money

One way to test a dollar bill to see whether or not it is counterfeit is to rub it across a sheet of white paper. If the paper does not show green stains the bill is usually counterfeit.

How to Clean Diamond Rings

A tiny feather pulled back and forth between the prongs or setting of the diamond ring will clean the back of the ring and cause the stone to shine more clearly.

How to Frost Glass

One way to frost glass is to apply a solution of six ounces magnesium sulphate, two ounces dextrin, in 20 ounces water.

How to Remove Fish Odors

To remove clinging fish odors from your hands, wash them in water to which salt has been added.