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CIGARETTES AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP

A wise man said, "tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are". He might also have said, "Tell me what you do with your cigarette stubs and I will tell you what kind of a citizen you are".

When driving your car, do you throw the stub out the window? If so, you aren't a good citizen. Your stub may land in some leaves or rubbish by the roadside and start a fire. The place for such stubs is the ash tray provided in your car.

When you are smoking in the house and you leave your stub in an ash tray, do you make sure it is actually out before you leave it? Women are said to be among the worst offenders in this respect. Cigarette stubs smolder on the edge of an ash-tray, and sometimes drop off. That is how many house fires begin.

When you drop your stub in any public place, do you step on it, hard? You should. It might set fire to the clothing fo some passer-by. The best plan is never to drop your stub on any floor at any time, but use the receptacles provided for smokers.

Good citizenship is simply intelligent consideration for your fellow men. According to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, now celebrating its 75th anniversary, one test of a good citizen is whether he puts cigarette stubs only in a safe receptacle, and, even then, makes sure they are completely extinguished.

IN THE NAME OF LIBERTY

The excesses of labor are alienating some of its oldest and best friends.

A letter recently written by Senator George Norris to the heads of the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O., is extremely significant. "During all my public service", the Senator said, "I have been, I think, a consistent friend of organized labor. But labor itself cannot expect its representatives, either in Congress or out of it, to sustain any action that rerquires a man who is out of work to pay a fee of $50, $100, $150, and in some instances $250, for membership in a local union, in order to get a job". Unless labor mends its ways, he added, "I am satisfied that Congress is going to be called upon to take action in regard to it".

Army contsruction officials at Fort Meade, Maryland, estimate that under closed shop agreements, two unions took $400,000 or more as "initiation fees" and dues out of wages paid to workers. In many of the principal crafts, no man is permitted to work unless he "kicks through" with a sum of money far beyond the ability to pay of the average worker. If he doesn't pay, he can starve or go on relief for all the union cares.

It is this sort of thing that is breeding widespread public enmity for labor--and threatening to destroy all the legitimate gains labor has made over many years.

SOUND POLICY

An example of agricultural marketing cooperation at its best is found in the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association of New York, a pioneer in the great Eastern milk shed.

The treasurer of the Association announced that it is now paying off over $2,300,000 worth of Certificates of Indebtedness which are not due until 1944 and 1945. In addition, it will also pay $477,000 of interest coupons no wdue on all other outstanding series of Certificates.

"It is importan in a period like the present", treasurer said, "when all business is facing the uncertainties of war and the possibility of a future economic upheavel, that an organization like the Dairymen's League maintain itself in the strongest possible financial position."

That is the kind of policy all farm groups should follow. It is the kind of policy which makes for progress and profit agriculture.

War or no war . . . . the people in England, for diverison perhaps, are attending the races at the dog tracks. There are 20 of these tracks in and around London.

The production of petroleum in Russia is about equal to the output of oil in Venezuela, South America. Both total 400 barrels a minute.

FEDERAL TRADE

By J. E. Jones

Washington, May 19--Fifty years ago the suspicion arose that there should be laws against trusts and monopolies and so the Serman Anti-Trust Act was enacted. Within the past few years Federal Trade has extended rapidly because the development of transportation and easy access to broadened territories has made it possible for men at machines, counters, desks, and on farms, to do a large part of their business across State lines. The proof of this is found in your local stores where everything from every part of the United States seems to be "in season". This change of conditions has been met in a large measure by the Federal Trade Commission investigations and prosecutions of unfair methods of competition and deceptive acts or practice in interstate commerce.

The Securities and Exchange Commission started a few years ago to supervise the registration of securities and suppress fraudulent practices in the sale of new securities.

The Federal Power Commission, a half dozen years ago took over jurisdiction of water power projects on navigable streams.

The Social Security Board set up "unemployment compensation" in 1939.

Labor laws and Boards have come into existence in recent years.

A Maritime Commission was given broad control over ships and shipping.

Banking has been drafted under Government control.

Through all these various process Federal trade and Federal affairs have been centralized under control of the Government at Washington, and the States have usually relinquished that authority over all such matters with the unfortunate result that the old-time spirit of partnership between employers and employes no longer is encouraged in high places.

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Public Partnerships

Several hundred trade and business organizations are located in Washington. The largest of these--also the two big labor unions--maintain offices and headquarters in the National Capital. The centralization of authority and control over the entire country has been gradually strengthened and established over a period of more than 20 years. The result is that wage increases, hours; rules governing Federal trade, finance, costs of living, profits of industries--and taxes, which are more important than anything else--are no longer decided in the old ways of "popular government". Instead they are "made-in-Washington", and that's where the American public shows up in the background of the big picture. Strikes have been encouraged in Washington, and the higher wage scales have cut down the profits of employers. One way to adjust this loss of business has been through higher prices. But that brings on higher costs of living. So that while everybody pays more taxes every year for "value received" in the end no one gets ahead.

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The American Red Cross

Very few people realize what a range of activities are directed from the American Red Cross national headquarters in Washington. There is no method of human service that is overlooked, no kind of trouble in the human family which is not met. Recently there was a significant ceremony at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, where Brigadier General Shelley U. Marietta, Commandant of the Army Medical Center, delivered an informative address explaining the part of the Gray Lady Unit, whose activities were a feature of the annual Red Cross convention held in Washington. A large and impressive gathering witnessed the presentation of certificates by General Marietta, and the presentation of Pins by Mrs. Henry R. Rae, honorary chairman of Gray Ladies of the American Red Cross. The famous U. S. Army Band was present and upheld its high musical standards. Mrs. Ella Burt Claussen of New York City, one of the twenty-one Gray Ladies to receive graduate honors, explained to the writer of this item the distinctive character of service performed by the Gray Ladies. This exceptionally high class unit undertakes to sustain the morale of patients in hospitals, and at other posts of duty. This is a task that was undertaken during the World War in 1918, and which has been developed until it is a very important part of the volunteer responsibilities of the Red Cross at home and in foreign fields.

GOVERNOR SEES "NEW ERA IN BAY TRANSPORTATION"

Lower rates for automobiles, trucks and passengers, using the Annapolis-Claiborne Ferry, as well as more frequent and more rapid service, were forecast by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, in signing the measure providing for purchase of the Ferry by the State.

Hailing the now approved acquisition by the Roads Commission of the Ferry property as "a new era in Bay transportation", Governor O'Conor declared that, in signing the measure, he was legalizing a forward step that had been one of the fondest hopes of the present administration.

In the presence of Senator Dudley G. Roe, of Queen Anne's County, who had introduced the measure; People's Counsel Joseph Sherbow, who conducted the recent Ferry rate hearing that really opened the way for purchase by the State; and a large group of Eastern Shore businessmen, representatives of the State Roads Commission, and others, Governor O'Conor said in affixing his signature: "As I declared some time ago, I am anxious that there be a reduction in passenger, truck and automobile rates effective of course, after acquisition by the State. The very purpose in purchasing these facilities is to make possible cheaper transportation over the Bay. These contemplated reductions, plus the more frequent and more rapid trans-Bay service planned, will work to the benefit of the entire State, I feel sure, in bringing about greater use of the Ferry facilities by all our people, and thus promoting an increase in travel throughout the various sections of the State.

Purchase Price Low

"The State acquires the Ferry properties at what I consider a most satisfactory price. The increased costs involved in ship construction make it apparent that the price of slightly over $1,000,000 is far less than it would cost to replace the equipment now in service and operation.

"The public convenience and economy convinced me that the State should acquire this vital link in our transportation facilities. Upon the conclusion of the valuation and rate case so ably conducted by People's Counsel Joseph Sherbow before the Public Service Commission, I became convinced that we should take over the existing Ferry Service if the property could be purchased at a reasonable figure.

"The valuation set by the Public Service Commission was $1,038,000 as compared with the figure of over $1,800,000 contended for by the Company. Thereupon, I directed the State Roads Commission to study the problem and advise me of their recommendations. This body agreed with my belief that the Ferry Service was an integral part of the State Roads System and as such should be State owned and operated.

P. S. C. Valuation Accepted

"With the entire approval of the Administration, negotiations were had with the Ferry Company officials by the State Roads Commission and People's Counsel and it was finally agreed that the Ferry would be sold to the State for the exact amount of the valuation set by the Public Service Commission. The Bill now being signed provides for the issuance of revenue bonds so that the purchase price may be paid.

"And so we close one chapter in Bay transprtation and embark on another".

INSURED FARMERS MAY REQUEST IMMEDIATE OR DEFERRED SETTLEMENTS

Wheat farmerrs with Federal Crop Insurance may, upon unavoidable crop loss have their indemnity paid immediately in the cash equivalent or request that settlement be deferred until later, R. O. Stelzer, Executive Officer of the AAA in Maryland, states.

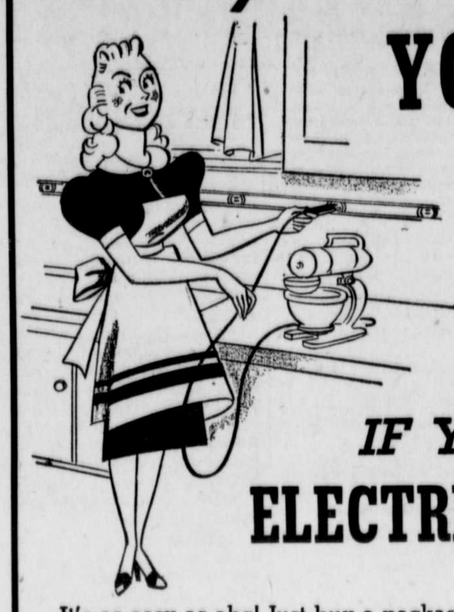
If the grower asks for deferred settlement, he will receive from the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation a certificate of indemnity. The grower may use this certificate to establish the cash equivalent of his indemnity by properly executing it and mailing it direct to the Corporation's branch office, or he may use it to obtain a wheat loan from the Commodity Credit Corporation, says Mr. Stelzer.

Final settlement can be deferred until the closing date for getting wheat loans from the Commodity Credit Corporation, or 90 days from the time the certificate of indemnity is issued, whichever is later.

It is a very easy matter to be popular with your friends. All you have to do is simply to agree with them in everything and sometimes lend them money.

Can You Do This?

YOU CAN...



IF YOU HAVE ELECTRIC "Plug-ins"

It's as easy as abc! Just buy a package of electric "plug-ins." Available in several combinations (4, 6, 8, 10 outlets to the strip). Best of all, they are easily installed—no tearing up necessary and only one electrical connection needed. See your electrical contractor or contractor dealer for these or other types of outlets.

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MEDICAL SCIENCE FINDS NEW WORLDS

Science, in its endless search for weapons with which to fight disease, is forever discovering new worlds. Such an achievement was recently described before the American Chemical Society by two doctors connected with great private research laboratories.

Ever since scientists discovered that the human body can build up immunity against disease, they have been working to find precisely how the process works. The new discovery involves a further use of the electron microscope which employs electrons in place of visible light and gives a hundred times more detail than the best optical microscope. With this instrument, the doctors were able not only to see the large molecules in the body, but could even watch reactions between molecules of various types. It is these reactions which produce immunity to disease.

As a basis for their studies, the doctors produced in rabbits an artificial immunity to tobacco mosiac virus. They then succeeded in photographing the virus which had been attacked by antibodies (the disease-fighting organisms in the blood) from the rabbits' blood stream. So clear were the photographs that the actual manner and extent of the attack could be determined.

So science takes another step forward--a step fraught with possibilities for improved health and greater freedom from disease. Here in America private medicine is leading the world in the fight against the greatest of killers--bacteria.

WBAL'S PRE-OPENING ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

As a build-up for the opening of the new 50,000-watt WBAL, which is scheduled for sometime early in June, Harold C. Burke, manager, has announced that the station has arranged for an extensive program of entertainment for the public beginning on May 26th.

On Monday evening, May 26th, "True or False" with Dr. Harry Hagen, sponsored by J. B. Williams Company as well as a Westinghouse salute to WBAL, which will be a program of music by a large concert orchestra with soloists, will be broadcast direct from the Lyric Theatre.

Beginning Thursday, May 29th, a special NBC-WBAL show has been booked at the Hippodrome Theatre. The talent will include Howard and Shelton, Jimmy Wallington, the Singing Powers Models and several acts from WBAL. The Hippodrome will dedicate this show to the new WBAL which will open in a few weeks and will be one of America's great radio stations.

On Wednesday, May 28th, Neville Miller, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, will address the Advertising Club of Baltimore on the subject of "Radio and National Defense".

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast". But the girl who does a continubus stunt on the piano forgets that the neighbors are partly civilized.

Any women is beautiful when she knows she is loved and is wearing a new spring hat.

The average adult exercises 5,000 brain cells, every minute, of the day and night.

GOV. O'CONOR LAUDED FOR BETTERMENT OF STATE COURTS

Approbation of the accomplishments of Governor Herbert R. O'Conr in the reform of the system of minor judiciary in the State were conveyed to the Governor in a letter received from Reuben Oppenheimer, of Baltimore, Chairman of the Baltimore Bar Association Committee that investigated the work of the People's Court of Baltimore City.

"Your reappointment of the three Judges in the People's Court rounds out the splendid record you have made in the reform of the minor courts", wrote Mr. Oppenheimer.

"I do not believe that in any other State have such far-reaching improvements been made in a single administration. It is a record you may well be proud of, and one certainly as to which all persons interested in a non-political judiciary and in good government have in your debt".

With the People's Court and Traffic Court of Baltimore City on a higher plane than ever before, with the County System of Trial Magistrates acclaimed generally as a vast improvement over the old "fee paid" Justices of the Peace, and with the measure providing for a Constitutional Amendment on the reorganization of the Juvenile Court of Baltimore City approved by the Governor, for submission to the voters next year, the promises made by Governor O'Conor during his campaign, with regard to the minor judiciary of the State, have been fulfilled completely.

Today, no State in the country can boast a more thoroughly up-to-date system of minor courts. Certainly, no previous administration ever reported so much progress in betterment of the State's minor judiciary.

MARYLAND BOYS AND GIRLS URGED TO RAISE GARDENS

Members of 4-H Clubs, and other boys and girls of Cecil County are urged to raise gardens this year by Mylo S. Downey, Assistant State Boys' Club Agent.

As a part of the national defense program, Mr. Downey states, a consirebale increase in production of a number of food crops is being urged by the Federal Government. Vegetables are included in the kinds of crops for which there is needed increase in production. By growing an ample supply of vegetables to provide for the family during the growing season and also enough to preserve or store for use during the winter, the boys and girls can not only help in maintaining the health of their own families, but also be of real help in the food situation of the country.

Mr. Downey states that Maryland boys and girls who are interested in planning a garden, in selecting the kinds and varieties of vegetables best adapted to their location, and information on planting and care of vegetables can get a copy of Bulletin No. 70, entitled "The Small Garden", by writing to the Extension Service, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

Twenty dollars' worth of dry cell batteries, a minute are manufactured in America . . . just for flashlights.

Many a man's bank balance would be on the wrong side if his creditors had their due.

PRESENT WAR NO BOON TO MARYLAND WHEAT GROWER

Maryland farmers have only to compare the present wheat situation and the first World War situation to realize that conditions are radically different, and that some protective measure such as marketing quotas is needed to meet the new problems, it is pointed out by R. O. Stelzer, Executive of the AAA Committee in Maryland.

From 1917 to 1920 there was a good demand for American wheat, while today there is neither the demand nor the shipping space for wheat exports from the United States, he explained. Exports have also dwindled in Australia and Canada, where large stocks of wheat have accumulated. Exports from this country will run about 30 to 35 million bushels for the current season, compared to 106 million bushels in 1938-39 and 240 million in 1915.

The present surpluses in the United States, Canada and Australia also contrast with World War conditions. At that time neither Argentina, Canada, nor Australia produced as much wheat as they do now and a larger part of the export wheat came from the United States. As a result the wheat reserve in the United States was negligible all thru the first World War period. The stock of old wheat which will be on hand July 1 will be approximately seven times the size of the 1915 carryover.

During the World War years the United States boosted its wheat production facilities to meet the war-born demand. Following the war, Canada, Argentina and Australia expanded acreage considerably. Because of smaller markets and increased competition for the remaining world outlets, the available markets will not take all the wheat this country can produce for export.

With the present war shutting off even the limited foreign markets, the result has been a record-breaking wheat surplus here, Mr. Stelzer said, and U. S. farmers need such a measure as marketing quotas to divide their remaining market fairly and to provide for safe storage of the surplus until needed.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO GIVES AWARDS TO MARYLAND 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

The Baltimor eand Ohio Railroad is giving 15 awards to outstanding Maryland 4-H Club members who reside in counties traversed by that railroad.

Three of the awards cover transportation to and from the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago this fall. These are available only to club members who have agricultural projects under a county agent. The remaining awards are scholarships to Club Week at College Park, available to 12 Maryland 4-H Club girls who have home economics projects under home demonstration agents.

Three thousand pounds of nuts are harvested in Argentina, South America, every time the second-hand on your watch makes a complete turn.

You never know what a professional man will do with his money. It depends on which sucker-hunter sees him first.

The final proof of a generous spirit is to let the other person have the last word and not even snort.