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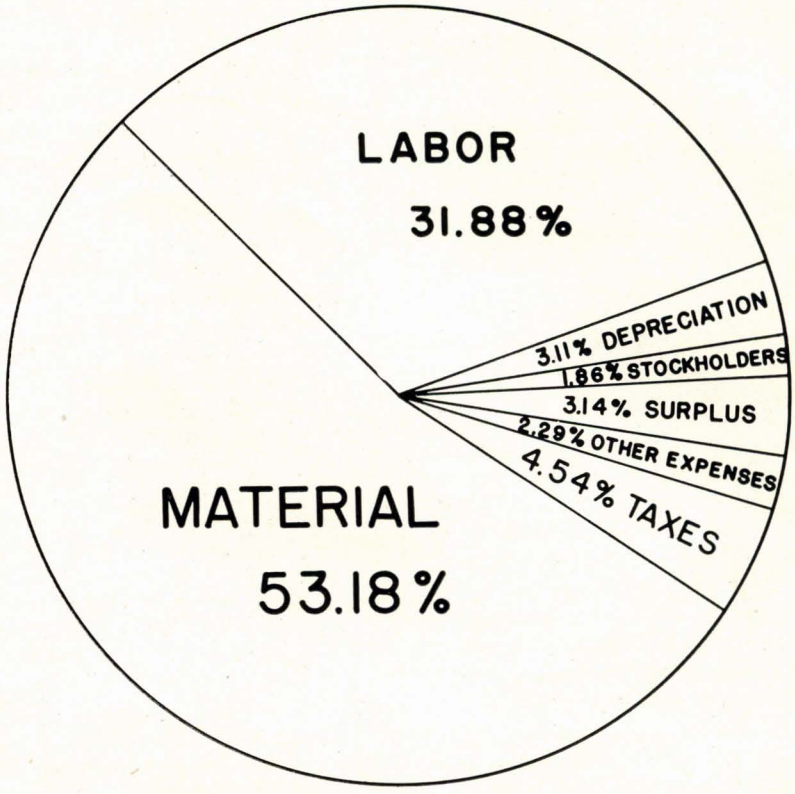
WHAT WE DID WITH LAST YEAR'S (1945) DOLLARS



Due to an oversight in the February issue of the Roundup, we omitted the pie chart. We are glad to make this correction for your convenience and reference.

Comments . . .
from the
PRESIDENT'S DESK

(NOTE: Statements or remarks in this column are rather the personal views of one employee to another and are not necessarily the policy of the company and must not be so considered.)

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It's YOUR Business

You still can't get that new refrigerator, washing machine, radio, sweeper, plow tractor, etc., etc., etc. so long after the war? Well a survey shows that OPA price fixing is making companies hesitate to expand production for waiting markets and causing refusals to accept orders for goods which other companies need in their own production programs.

That's the way it is: OPA delays in making price decisions, and small businesses are unable to bear up under losses or under break-even operations as dictated by OPA rulings. You'll be wanting a new lawn mower pretty soon—(maybe *you* won't want it if you have to shove it around yourself, but your lawn will want it!) So, why are chances 100 to 1 that you won't be able to go to your favorite hardware store and buy a new one? Here's just one example the survey turned up, among many: A manufacturer of lawn-mowers in Richmond, Ind., saw an outlet ahead for full-scale production. OPA pricing orders limited his factory to a 17-per cent increase over October, 1941, prices —with the stipulation that a complete assortment of mowers be made, in similar proportion to those made pre-war, including medium priced grades sold at that time practically at cost to promote higher grade goods. As if that weren't enough. But gray iron, under OPA authorization, cost the company 35 per cent more than in 1941. Malleable iron casting cost the company 45 to 50 per cent more. Labor cost the company 50 per cent more.

See if you can figure out how to make the thousands and thousands of needed lawn-mowers under these conditions! The manufacturer hasn't been able to do so—and hence he cannot get into full production.

Bureaucracy, Inc.

Government officialdom during the war issued a grand total of 134,248 orders, directives, proclamations and assorted rescripts and ukases. Guess who issued the majority of them? The OPA — with a total of some 60,000! (What, only 60,000?)

PICNIC

For All White Employees in honor of

W. C. TROUT'S BIRTHDAY

Saturday, April 6, 4 p.m. at the Lufkin Country Club
Sponsored by Plant Employees

Due to shortage of food, families of employees will not be invited to attend

Date of Colored employee's picnic will be announced at a later date

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Safety

By H. J. TROUT

I believe no better safety report or article can be made than a report by our own employees, and from time to time this column will publish important findings from these reports. As you know, from month to month each foreman appoints from his department one or two employees to observe and make suggestions for better safety and working conditions in their respective departments for that month. These reports are then assembled and discussed at our regular safety meetings and changes and improvements are made as soon as possible where justifiable. I am sure at times you think that we take a lot of time in making these corrections, but due to the moving of machinery along with our regular work, we are not able to do the things that are needed on a moment's notice. If you will bear with us, however, I am sure we will get the job done.

The following are safety reports turned in by our employees and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your splendid cooperation.

Crane man should go up outside aisle with all loads possible, instead of going through the middle of the house. Then men will know which way to go to get out of the way when bell rings.

There is still some burning being done with torch without man having on shaded goggles. This is bad on man's eyes.

Need guard over end of shaft on drill press back of Weaver's tool box. —Inspected by E. O. Parker and Connor Bell.

Lee Dyer's department has made a great deal of progress in the last month. Everyone seems to be safety conscious and this is the main factor in safety. All hands wear their safety toe shoes and glasses. The new rag schedule has made a remarkable improvement in the neatness of the department. The cranks are being moved but still constitute a safety hazard. A great safety hazard was overcome when a section of the roller assembly line was removed. The line had forced the run in racks from their bases and there was onlv one foot of space between them. It was noted that several were almost pulled into the machine. The hose running from oil tanks to the run-in blocks are exposed and form a hazard in that someone may trip on them. The life of the hose is shortened due to the fact they are being trampled on. A wood mat over these would prevent this.—Inspected by Billy Burnette and W. C. Athey.

Men of the Machine shop insist upon placing rags, scrap, etc., on the fire hose. This is a bad policy and should be corrected at once.

The materials used in the hooks supplied to the 5 ton case crane for lifting G.S.D.H. Engine bases are too light. Should make new ones from heavier materials.

The load brake on the Erie crane doesn't work properly. Should be repaired.—Inspected by Roy Lee Inmon and Carter O'Quinn.

Two broken glasses in tool room windows.

Mutt Barr with three men without safety glasses, looking over Gear Shop.

Jig department in bad condition.

Need new rope on cranes No. 5 and 6.

Machine No. 55 metal conduit disconnected on floor with live wire inside.

Scrap lumber on top of tires. Broken bottle, paper and sticks on lawn in front of Gear Shop.—Inspected by G. C. Kirkland and A. A. Jones.

Rear and inside of woodworking shop needs cleaning up.

Airhose, welding leads and light leads should be hung up in proper place when not in use.

The following men without glasses: W. O. Ricks, No. 24; E. R. Brock, No. 74; Herman Helberg, No. 18; R. M. Bridges, No. 41; F. B. Thompson, No. 9.—Inspected by W. F. Roberts and R. B. Smith.

In Trailer Division, I saw men hoisting heavy steel while others were walking under it.

Saw a man standing up riding the fork on front of a "Blue Bird."

Saw an electric buggy hoisted up on one end with maintenance man working on it with his legs under it. This was in the Gear Building.

Some men in plant wear safety glasses on forehead habitually.

The Foundry winch truck is very dangerous. The two sides of the "A" frame are connected by a hairpin sort of pin dropped into each side. This flies out when a side strain is put on frame.

One of our men wheeled in an oxy-acetylene cart, leaving it one foot from heater.

Another was brazing phos-copper on trolley wheel without goggles.—Inspected by G. N. Jones.

There isn't enough room in the aisles between the part bins for men to walk with the parts and be safe.

The buggies should be kept outside when not in use, to keep from having to walk around them. — Inspected by Eddie Harrell.

Agencies Die, but U. S. Job-Holders Cling to Payroll

OWI, WMC, WLB AXED, TO NO AVAIL

Congressmen, worried over the huge national debt, deficit spending and John Citizen's high taxes, saw rays of hope when some of the Federal emergency war agencies began disappearing when there was no more war to justify them.

The agencies disappeared — but the army of Federal employees didn't. They simply were attached to other government payrolls.

The War Manpower Commission had 27,839 on the payroll. It was scrapped. Fine!

They Re-Appear

But, according to figures of the Congressional Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-Essential Federal Expenditures (the Byrd committee), 26,076 of the defunct WMC employees promptly were attached to the payrolls of the Labor Department and the Federal Security Agency.

The War Labor Board was axed. But 3,546 of its 3,884 employees later turned up in the Labor Department. The Office of War Information died —of its 7,989 employees, 7,383 got jobs in the State Department and 141 in the Budget Bureau.

The Office of Inter-American Affairs wound up after V-J Day with 660 employees, 554 of whom then attached themselves to the State Department payroll. And so, on, with the FEA, WLB, etc.

John Citizen is still paying the salaries of 2,450,003 civilian employees in the U. S., and 763,190 outside the country.

Living Standards Are Compared

An economic study now circulating in Washington compares the living standards of average wage earners in leading nations. On this comparative basis Russia is where the United States was in 1790; Italy is about the U. S. of 1812; Germany matches us at 1860 and England enjoys the living standard of the U. S. of 1870.

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Grinder Dust

A soldier who had completed 30 years of faithful service retired with a comfortable fortune of $60,000. He has amassed this large sum through courage, enterprise, initiative, attention to duty, faithfulness, military efficiency, and careful investment of his savings, and the death of an uncle who left him $59,999.50.

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Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.

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Busy people find the day too short; others think it too long.

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The preacher says: "He who hesitates is lost," while the business man says: "He who hesitates is bossed."

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The only conquests which are permanent are those we make of ourselves —Napoleon.

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The difference between a popular and unpopular girl is: Yes and No!

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Mortimer says his girl friend is so dumb she doesn't know whether lettuce is a vegetable or a proposition.

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A word to the wife is never sufficient.

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A pint of example is worth a gallon of advice.

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Many a man owes his rise in the world to a kick in the pants.

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Folks who take too much for granted are usually taken for plenty.

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And now there's the Scotsman who takes the corners on two wheels in order to save tires.

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All any man wants his wife to be is: A sweetheart, a valet, a chef, an audience, and a trained nurse.

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The time of day is a really important matter. You meet a man and a woman—not married to each other—on the street at five in the afternoon, and you think nothing of it. But if you met that same man and woman on that same street at five o'clock in the morning! Oh, well! Maybe you shouldn't be up that early.

This earth with its infinitude of life and beauty and mystery, and the universe in the midst of which we are placed, with its overwhelming immensities of suns and nebulae; of light and motion, are as they are, firstly, for the development of life culminating in man; secondly, as a vast school house for the higher education of the human race in preparation for the enduring spiritual life to which it is destined.—Alfred A. Wallace.

NEW ITEMS TO BUY

The latter part of 1946 and 47 you will see in the stores many new and improved items that have been designed during the war and from time to time I will try to give you advanced copies of the more important and useful gadgets.

Among them is a high explosive called pentolite, consisting of PETN, mixed with TNT—insensible to shock but more violent than TNT. A deadly ant killing chemical called ANTU also has been developed as well as methods for removing tetraethyl lead from gasoline, leaving it usable as a cleaning fluid and for stove fuel.

Some other recent inventions that will soon be available are: Anti-knock motor fuels, produced through the addition of compounds of heavy metals other than lead: an apparatus that super-powders coal to get maximum heating value from anthracites and other coals of high ash content; a plastic sheathing between copper wire and rubber insulations that protects the rubber from chemical damage by the copper; a method of freezing foods by constant agitation in a nearly saturated atmosphere, producing uncaked frozen products; a method of preserving food by use of a highly volatile substance such as ethyline oxide or methyl-bromide which does not injure the product; flexible plastic bags as containers for sterilized foods, instead of conventional glass or metal, and a new type of motion picture theatre that has the screen on the ceiling and reclining couch seats.

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Enterprising manufacturer comes up with new electric hot-plate which will make toast, brew coffee or fry eggs at same time.

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A manufacturer is giving final tests to a new gadget for owners of auto radios. One flip of the button and the station with the strongest reception comes in.

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A complete house can be erected in two days by a huge concrete mixing machine which drives right up to your building site, pours concrete into giant forms, and then trundles away, leaving workment to finish the job. The manufacturer is building a factory at Longview, Texas, to mass-produce the machine, and has already built 24 homes there.

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A combination aluminum griddle, skillet, roasting dish and platter is among a manufacturer's new products for better living.

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A studio couch whose back will conceal a cupboard for linens and blankets is among the new products of an enterprising California manufacturer.

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Applying war-developed research to living conveniences and jobs, an oil company is offering a wax emulsion which can be added to the rinse water of the family wash to provide an easy and economical means of making clothing, drapes and other textiles water-resistant.

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A sectional plastic 14½-foot canoe which you can carry in two small zipper bags and assembly in 10 minutes when you reach the water is being turned out by an enterprising manufacturer, converting from wartime aviation devices.

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New "heat-ray" light bulbs so rugged they will keep on burning after being soaked in ice water have resulted from a manufacturer's application of wartime research to peacetime living. Especially recommended for bath-tub-sitters or shower-splashers because they toss off water without cracking!

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Utilizing wartime development of a television-guided bomb, an Indiana manufacturer's new television set will bring "spot visual pickups" of such news events as parades, sports, fires, etc., clearly into the peacetime home. A portable camera-transmitter unit built originally to help bombardiers steer their missiles directly to the target is utilized.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I live only one day at a time."—W. T. Allen, Pen Argyl, Pa. on his 100th birthday—36,500 days.

"They have a good effect on my temper."—Winston Churchill, on smoking cigars.

"Government swollen with power and laden with burdens becomes something above and apart from the governed."—Ex-Pres. Herbert Hoover.

"Now maybe my ex-girl friend will be sorry!"—Ex-GI Jack Love, South Bend, Ind., inheriting $1 million.

"Only by production of consumer goods can price inflation be prevented." — Natl. Retail Dry Goods Assn., attacking present OPA policies.

"I think I'd better just keep on acting!"—Movie Star Jimmy Stewart, declining to run for Governor of Pa.

"I'm so awfully tired."—Dr. Lise Meitner, 67, pioneer contributor to atomic bomb, now in U. A.

"We wouldn't take the U. S. back, fried in butter!"—Chief Red Deer, of the Pueblo Indians.

"A large production is the surest way to control inflation."—Sec. of Agriculture Anderson.

"Business cannot pay more for the services of labor than labor contributes to the value of its products."—Pres. Robert R. Wason, Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers.

"Otherwise she's a wet wrap in the skattle clan!"—Physician explaining why bobby-soxer swoons for crooners.

"I ain't got no plans."—Harold L. Ickes, after resigning as Secy. of Interior.

"Tastes just like home-made bread!" — Secy. of Agriculture Anderson, sampling new "wheat conservation" bread called "Truman loaf."

"For government to expect or attempt to require that business enterprise be carried on with no hope or incentive other than to break even is sheer folly."—Senators Capper, Wilson, Wherry, Buck, Capehart, attacking OPA "cost absorption" policy.

"Free collective bargaining is being replaced by collective demanding."—Board Chairman Ira Mosher, Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers.

"Charter a train for us!"—Prince George of Greece, learning of scarce Pullman reservations from N. Y. to Miami. (P.S.: He didn't get it.)

JOHNNY'S DEER HUNT

I saw you through the brush so thick,
Thinking you were a kindly man,
I jumped forward to gently lick,
The salt from your tender hand
Then to my great surprise
You shot at me between the eyes,
You missed me clear, Johnny dear,
But I died of solid fear.
I lay there in quiet repose,
All the meat fell off my nose.
My skull was found on the ground
By a friend who has left town.

WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

By JAMES PRESTON

Poker and Figures

Cronies report that Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson is a smart poker player. Vinson himself admits he's a shrewd hand at figures, and boasts he knows major league batting averages as thoroughly as he understands those dealing with taxes and the cost of living.

Secretary Vinson, as spokesman for the Administration plan to lighten the tax load, laid before the House Ways and Means Committee the first tax reduction measure presented at the Capitol since the Hoover Administration. He proposes a $5 billion slash for individuals and business — which will help business and create jobs, in his opinion.

Carried the Ball

Early in his Congressional career, Kentucky-born Fred Vinson decided to learn all about taxes. He carried the ball for the House Ways and Means Committee in the early 1930's, gaining a reputation as fiscal expert.

For the record, he strongly favors an expanding economy and broad tax relief for business. As war mobilizer he mapped a definite program to soften the shock of reconversion.

When Vinson decided small business merited help, he sought, with a positive program, to encourage competition and free enterprise.

Tax legislation designed to sustain high levels of production and employment, prompt payment of refunds due corporations, and raising the excess exemption from $10,000 to $25,000 were championed by him.

Vinson is convinced, too, that Americans are "in the pleasant predicament of having to learn to live 50 per cent better than they have ever lived before."

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INITIATIVE

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President of Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas

The son of a drainage engineer, who had done a great deal of supervisory work with and for his father, was inducted into the United States Army during the war. Before he had grown familiar with discipline he found himself digging a ditch to divert surface water from camp. His instructions had been verbal and reasonably plain but were not precise in every detail.

The youth had some knowledge of soil drainage and a real interest in it, so he set about to distinguish himself with good workmanship. When he was nearly half finished, his sergeant appeared, ruddy with indignation. Firmly the sergeant denounced the breach of discipline, going beyond orders. The recruit was confused and made a second mistake, speaking in his own defense.

"But, Sergeant, I thought . . ."

"Oh you thought!" scornfully echoed his superior. "What right have you got to think? Are you drawing a thinking man's pay?"

Unlike Home

Such is regimentation!

The young man was not in school where superior work yields superior grades. He was not in business, where better work means better pay. He was in the army.

This is not a criticism of military discipline or army efficiency. I am no military expert. I use this story merely to illustrate how regimentation kills initiative. By the very nature of its workings regimentation is destructive of progress in peaceful pursuits. In despot-ruled countries, things happen to all thinking civilians very much like what the young recruit experienced.

Only Obey

In lands where authority is completely centralized, strict obedience to orders is *the* matter of gravest importance to private individuals. However wise and kind the dictator, when power-hungry henchmen reach into private business (as invariably they do) progress is paralyzed. Farmers and all other workers learn from unhappy experiences to do as they are told, period.

American business in general is operated with an aim to get maximum yield per hour of work. Executives and supervisors exist for no other purpose. More yield per hour means better wages for workers, more profit for management and lower prices for buyers who consume what is produced. The newest recruit on any job can get paid for an idea that improves production.

America is famous as the best place on earth to live. Many people know it who don't know why, but here's why: In America, ideas count. They have value. Anybody with an idea is free to use it and, if it's a good one, we all benefit. Thus, Americans live better than people under centrally planned systems where only the few think who are officially appointed to think.

Plastic Millions

More than $107,000,000 will be spent by 22 manufacturers in the next 18 months on new facilities for production of plastics materials, the output of which will be increased by some 300,000,000 pounds a year. This will mean many new jobs in construction, as well as in production.

Mrs. Housewife Knows

The American housewife is one of the shrewdest purchasing agents on earth. Every manufacturer is under constant pressure to give her greater values, to induce her purchase of his goods over his competitors. Only by giving constantly lower prices can he obtain her approval to remain in business. Historically, we have never gotten run-away prices on a rising production. Such a runaway of prices cannot be expected unless the government runs the presses that print the money. Runaway prices always result from scarcities. It is the scarcities created by OPA to which the manufacturers object. Price control should be returned to the American housewife. The ceilings the housewife sets, everyone in industry and agriculture must meet. Her price discretion is far more to be trusted than the demagogues, crystal-gazers, slide-rule experts and bureaucrats!

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CHATTER

Handsome Perry inquiring about a good place to go craw-fishing.

Will someone come to Jake Ross' aid? He is claiming that Jim Odom is fooling with him. As you probably know, Jim is studying to be a mind reader and has told Jake several interesting things. Now Jake is afraid that Jim will get to his wife with something on the Q. T. and break up his happy home.

If you wish a good boat ride with Bruce Martin, please get in touch with the Bullock Boys or Pat Johnson.

Do you think that you would enjoy working on the night shift? If so, you may get full details from Jack Chastain or Acey Cobb.

As you know, the Gear Shop was called the Boogie-Woogie shop. This, we could understand. But why has Slim allowed his new establishment to become known as the Huba Huba Shop, as there are no teen agers allowed nor are there any women at work there.

Anyone wishing to know the latest in football, also the line up of the Panthers, see Roy Walker at the pipe house.

Anyone knowing about the broken door glass in the plant office, please notify Bobo Hays or Louis Fincher, as Tatum is trying to collect $2.00 from them.

I am wondering how Tatum feels being as he has shedded his 99er for the 20th century luxuries that we use today.

Anyone being caught slipping up behind Horace Stubblefield while making his nightly round and pouring water in his clock, please tell Arch Caraway so Horace won't be late.

If you need a job done on the spur of the monment, see Henry Fenley as he has a man in sight that he is training and is using the same methods that are used on race horses. That is by weights on his feet. When Henry leads him to a job and takes the weights off his feet, well brother, watch the dust fly.

In an advertisement a few days back there was an ad that read, "One mare horse for sale." Any one wishing to know what kind of a horse that is, see K. Mott.

Alex Andrews still breaking in his new teeth and showing a decided improvement as he can keep them in place with one hand now.

Bob Butler taking off in all directions.

Has anyone lost a mule? See A. A. Jones No. 432 lathe.

Calvin Stevens commenting on the nice spring showers that we are having.

In behalf of the new swimming pool project — the latest style in bathing suits will be modeled by J. J. (Jessie) McDougald.

Honor Roll for February.

Elmer Ashley, molder on main bay, had perfect month. He produced 11,769 lbs. of good castings with no scrap being charged against him.

Joe F. Drinkard accomplished a most unusual record in February. He made a total of 418 castings with no scrap charged against him. These castings weighed a total of 20,116 lbs. A wonderful record for a small casting moulder.

A record to be proud of: The foundry produced less than 1% scrap six days in February. This low record was hit four times in January.

The absentee record for the Foundry in February records a low of 1.3% and a high of 11.32%.

Oscar Bennett, employee of melting department, has been ill since March 3. We hope you are getting along nicely and will be able to be back with us at an early date, Oscar.

What's this we hear about the bad eyesight of Sandy Franklin? Just how were you able to spot that "hitch-hiker" so easily on the morning of February 23? This will give the mayor of Burke a chance to make a real speech.

The latest slant on borrowing: Dutch Oberpiller needed a pair of shoe strings, and got them by borrowing Grady Wasson's shoes. Did you ask him to return them at his convenience, Grady?

The story has been passed along to us by Oliver McKay that Josh Duncan bought a pig from Elmer Ashley last fall for $5.00 to eat the scraps from his table. The hog was so fat last month that Josh decided to get rid of it, and Oscar McKinney came by to see if he wanted it. Oscar looked the hog over, and asked Josh what he would take for it. Josh replied, "Would $3.50 be too much to ask for it? I paid $5.00 for it, but have had the use of it for five months. It isn't as good at eating scraps as it was it the past."

I. S. Hayes says George Dekett is a mighty dump truck man which we can hope to borrow money from when he sells his pine logs at the new foundry.

You have, no doubt, been around our local tennis courts and noticed some very charming talent all dyked out in bright colored slacks such as red, blue and tan. In these were located Bill and Pat Newburn, LaNut and Joan of the Foundry Four. They play a delightful game.

Uncle Dave: "Do you know the only place you can get hams now-a-days?"

Charlie: "No."

Uncle Dave: "Off the hind end of a hog."

Mary Lou: "Well, where's the trouble?"

Carrel: "My head — it goes and comes every five minutes."

John Jay: "I have a girl who lives in Brooklyn and another who lives in Orange, New Jersey. Can I have two girls?"

Roy Myers: "Sure! They live far enough apart to make it perfectly safe."

Bill: "Have you always been successful in love."

Kenneth: "Yes, I'm still single."

Earl Tanner: "Waiter, where's my soup? I ordered it 20 minutes ago."

Waiter: "Well, you know how turtles are."

Elbert Butler: "Waiter, I can't eat this soup."

Waiter: "Yes, sir, I'll bring another bowl."

Elbert: "I can't eat this soup either."

Waiter: "Oh well, I'll bring you another bowl, sir."

Elbert: "I still can't eat this soup."

Waiter: "May I ask why not?"

Elbert: "I haven't got a spoon."

Henry: "I'm wearing Indian underwear."

Thurman: "What kind is that?"

Henry: "The kind that creeps up on you."

Katy: "I'll have you know I came from a very old family."

Ken: "I can tell that just by looking at you."

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June Dixon: "I can't marry you. You don't know anything about the sea. You wouldn't even know starboard from port."

Gal: "Oh no? I'd look at the label on the bottle."

"Hey Bill, how you spell 'straight'?"
"S-t-r-a-i-g-h-t."
"That's right. Do you know what it means?"
"Sure. Without ginger ale."

Charlene: "I got something to tell you."
Martha: "What?"
Charlene: "I got caught peeking into the U.M.C.A. again."

Mrs. Odom: "Say, what happened to all the money you made?"
Jim: "Lost it."
Mrs. Odom: "Stock?"
Jim: "No. Blondes."

Taylor Hood: "My poor man. Were you wounded at the front?"
Joe McLane: "No, sir. They got me in the rear."

Joan: "Well, as men go, I've seen worse."
Helen: "When?"
Joan: "I don't remember."
Helen: "Well, lets go."

Jack Green: "Cant figure out why she should be a bachelor."
Fred Nelson: "Why?"
Jack: "She's whistled at more than a railroad crossing."

Mr. Rosser, you might watch Cletis and Mr. Fincher. They are doing some freak photography work too.

Gene Chastain has gone to Houston. Listen, Gene, there ain't no prize pigs in the big city. That is, unless you go to the fat stock show and that's no excuse now, since they had that about a month ago.—well—

These men have to have some excuse to go to the big city so Tubby's best and latest is to take his mother. Tubby, is that an excuse?

There's a rumor about dieting. I don't know very much about this subject other than the number of calories needed daily, but if any one is really interested, Luda Belle Walker can give them some pointers for easy reducing.

In and Around The Plant . . .

Gordon Barrett cussing and arguing with "Smitty" over washer game. Chas. Ragland assuring someone that he has just started on a job. Guy Groom hunting a chew of tobacco.

W. T. "Peeping Tom" Finley with patch over his eye which he asserts was caused by an infection, but the "grapevine" says it was caused by the business end of a hat pin.

J. T. McDonald the proud owner of a new Ford pickup, which Leo Brown and Dan Fenley assert he obtained with a goat ranch priority. What about it Mac?

Things We Would Like To See

Cowboy Starrett doing the "69."

Buster Brannen buying the cokes.

Sam Wallace and Guy Croom smile.

Bennie Wallace and Melvin Simms put on their side show. Simms putting a 50c piece in a coke bottle and Wallace eating some old light bulbs.

J. W. Smelley and Acie Cobb grow some new hair.

"Shaw" Lewis and Robert Berry get a hair cut.

Dan Melton ride that "WACO" special again.

John Winston to find all of his fox hounds that were lost down around Diboll.

Charlie Ragland buying some chewing tobacco and cigarets.

H. R. Richardson and R. F. Ginn telling the truth.

Floyd (Satchel) McLane take another dip of snuff.

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A very special meeting of the Firesiders was held Febraury 5, 1946 in the home of Lerline Terry and Joan Crumpler, who served as co-hostesses; naming Katherine Mullens Harris, recent bride of Walter Harris, Jr., and Wandel Garnet Card, bride of Chester Card, as co-honorees. The Club presented each bride with a beautiful, all-wool, white blanket.

A fried chicken supper was served to honorees and the following members: Noma Carter, Mae Gaston, Oneta Haygood, Ruth Eddington, Irene Parker, Alma and Estel Sturrock, Thelma Roach, Emma Laura Douglass, Mildred Walton, and Cletis Wells.

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ABOUT THAT IDEA

It's gratifying to note the number of suggestions considered useable and constructive for this month. It leaves the impression that all personnel is striving to improve workmanship and create better working conditions throughout the plant. We are happy to make the following awards for the past month.

1. Joe Storey, for quick change counterweight for turning and grinding crankshafts. $20.00.

2. Eliminating one brake yoke bolt and spring, etc., Jake Ross. $20.00.

3. C. D. Creasy for cutting down excess stock and draft on steel castings for No. 100 winch gear to lower machine time. $15.00.

4. Extend crane track and wall on casting yard to increase floor space, A. B. Trevathan. $5.00.

5. Ghent Smelley for suggested change in Gear housing to eliminate two tapping operations. $5.00.

1. Extension walk to be used in assembling molding on vans, O. J. Blaylock. $1.00.

2. Fixture for machining fan drive housings for engine, R. H. White. $1.00.

3. Racks for all flat material, Marvin Powell. $1.00.

4. Eccentric clamp for Foundry flasks, Homer York. $1.00.

5. Cam follower for turning radii on Bullard boring mill, Lee Deggs. $1.00.

6. Adjustable boring bar holder, Buster Belote. $1.00.

7. Press to rivet brake shoes, H. P. Collins. $1.00.

8. Clean out coolant tanks during noon hour or at night, John Burks. $1.00.

9. Cut off air at night, Bennie Goodwin. $1.00.

10. Clamp for welding right angle joints, Marvin Powell. $1.00.

11. Guard over gas lines, Marvin Powell. $1.00.

12. Paint moving equipment striped for safety purposes, Fred Nelson. $1.00.

13. Suggested change in personnel problem of smoking, Fred Nelson. $1.00.

14. Shelf by time clock to fill out time cards on, Vernon Largent. $1.00.

15. Toilet paper dispensers near machines to be used to clean safety glasses, Vernon Largent. $1.00.

BEWILDERED, Asks 'Please Let Me Make Zippers!'

Business Man Buys Big Ad For His Plea.

Apparently driven to distraction, a man who wants to make the millions of lowly but important zippers that millions of people want, bought a full-page ad in an Eastern paper last week to state his case. Heading it "A Plea from a 'Bewildered Small Business Man'" David Silberman, the zipper manufacturer, addressed himself to "the U. S. Government—MY Government," and to labor and management and said: "I cannot get enough tape. I cannot get enough metal. I cannot get enough labor. I cannot get enough of anything but customers.

"If I could get enough material and enough labor, and my competitors could, too, very soon between us we would make so many zippers, the competition would be so keen—that there would be no possibility of increased prices and no danger of inflation, at least as far as zippers are concerned.

"What is true of my business is true of buttons and dresses and fabrics and steel and autos and locomotives and fingerbowls and toothpicks and applesauce. Production, competition, the ingenuity of management, the cooperation of labor, is what will prevent inflation—not Government regulation.

"Please everybody, get together and let me make my zippers!"

PASSIN' BY

When the evenin' fire is burnin'
An' the lights are way down low,
An' the old dreams come a-crowdin'
From the days of long ago,
There comes a sort O' longin'
In the heart of ev-ry guy,
To make the burden lighter
O' the feller passin' by.

It ain't so much the money,
An' it ain't so much the style,
But just the way o' givin'
Makes the other fellow smile—
An' when we sort o' chuckle,
An' get to wond-rin' why
We feel so gosh darn happy
Helpin' the fellow passin' by.

It ain't so much religion
Keeps the old world turnin' round,
But just the liftin' up o' folks
Who fall upon the ground;
An' sometimes in the darkness
To hear an humble cry
An' give the hand o' fellowship
To the feller passin' by.

So beside the evenin' fireside,
When the lights are way down low
An' the old dreams come a-crowdin'
From the days of long ago,
There comes a sort o' fancy
That some day you and I
May be the feller passin'
The feller passin' by.

—Unknown Author.

One Small Voice

In making his New Year resolutions, Robert Louis Stevenson once said, "I'll remember enough of the past to profit by my mistakes." Possibly today most of us could benefit by adopting this policy. Let's take just a moment from our busy schedule to look back at the year that has just burned itself into history. What did 1945 mean to you? Of course, it meant peace and the return of loved ones, but what did it mean to you personally? What did YOU as an individual accomplish during 1945? Did it mean the fulfillment of a cherished dream or did it bring heartbreak and disappointment? Have you stopped to ask yourself WHY you feel that glow of satisfaction or that let-down feeling of discouragement when you look back at the past year? Do you just chalk your good fortune up to the kindness of Lady Luck or could it have been because you planned it that way? Everyone knows a ship must have a plotted course. Without this chart, it may just drift idly or become totally lost. In like manner, your best intentions may drift along in the tide of procrastination until you lose interest and they become hopelessly lost. Then at the end of the year, perhaps you wonder why all the things you meant to do were never done. There is still time to get in your bid for a good year in 1946. Let's plan it that way and then stick to the course. Whatever your individual ambitions, let's make 1946 the "I can—I will—I DID" year.

Firesiders' Meetings

January 17, 1946, the Firesiders met in the home of Katherine Harris at Keltys, with Alma Sturrock as co-hostess. This was the regular quarterly business meeting and was presided over for President Cletis Wells.

Date of meetings was changed from Thursday to every other Tuesday beginning January 29 at Emma Laura Douglass', with Cletis as co-hostess.

New Officers for the first half of 1946 were presented and are as follows: president, Emma Laura Douglass; vice-president, Rachel Bates; secretary-treasurer, Joan Crumpler; reporter, Lerline Terry; chairman of entertainment committee, Irene Parker.

The business session came to a close and hot chocolate and doughtnuts were served to club members and three guests, Dot Gaston, Jep Langford, and Lorena Anderson. During refreshments a delightful program of hula hula dancing was given by Cletis.

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THIS BUSINESS OF LIVING

By SUSAN THAYER

Results

Once I asked a physicist, "Does your work have any practical result?" He smiled and said he thought it might have.

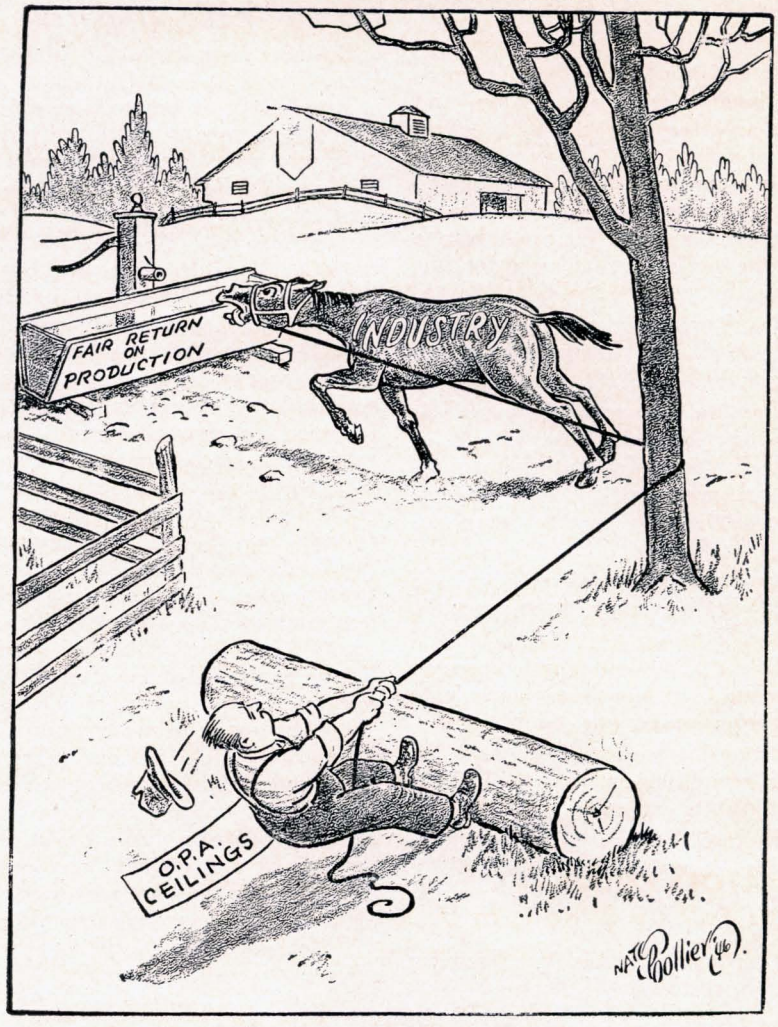
I know now that from some of his experiments came the magic mirror of radar. And I'm a little better informed on other "practical results" of research.

I know that the television industry expects to create more than 350,000 new jobs as a result of $20,000,000 spent on research. I know research brought down the price of incandescent lamps, cars, refrigerators and radios to where you and I could afford them, gave us pencillin and sulfa.

An interesting sidelight on the subject of research is that industry pays for two-thirds of it. There were more than 2,300 industrial research laboratories before the war, and a lot of new ones are being started. Many manufacturers provide scholarships and grants to schools, and support foundations which carry on cooperative research.

They tell us that in the next decade thousands of jobs in existing and new industries will directly result from the many research projects that industry is planning to carry on.

HOLDING HIM BACK



Don Herald Says

It used to be, if you worked and used brains and saved money, you could get somewhere. Some things were wrong with this setup—but they could have been corrected.

These days, a worker is baffled by strikes, is hamstrung by red tape and government regulations and taxes—direct and hidden. If he is ambitious enough to start a business of his own, he finds himself in a mess of government rules and restrictions and taxes and labor troubles and other discouragements.

America now is like a man who has too many doctors and is taking too many medicines, and who needs a good spell of letting Nature regulate matters for a change.

140,000,000 Strong!

U. S. population probably passed 140,000,000 mark last fall. U. S. Census figures on July 1, 1945, showed 139,621,431. This, compared with 1940 census of 131,669,275, gives 8,000,000 more customers for American industry's products.

"Hello, Operator, Get Me That Green Sedan"

You'll be whizzing along in your car, and all of a sudden the telephone on the dashboard will ring. You'll answer—and talk direct to someone at home or in the office . . .

To make a phone call from your car you'll ask for the "mobile service operator," and she'll get you any number reached by the Bell System. Each car will have an individual phone number. All done with FM, says the manufacturer.

COUNT YOUR EGGS

Washington — OPA rolled back prices for egg cases, last December. As a result, the production of egg cases dropped off sharply.

Now, an egg shortage in city markets is threatened by the shortage of cases in which to ship the eggs.

Sees 'No New Cars at Any Price'

Unless OPA ceilings are removed, "there soon will be no new motor cars at any price," Henry Ford II predicts. Removal of ceilings would not result in price advances, because competition would keep the prices down, the manufacturer said last week, adding: "If the manufacturers who supply us did not have this OPA ceiling they could raise wages and hold their men. As it is, they close down and that stops production for us."

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Before the war, an American could buy a radio with 59 hours work. The same radio cost the German worker 134 hours of toil, the Swede 262 hours, and the Italian 333 hours.

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To study new methods of finding oil and getting it out of the ground, Shell Oil Co. is constructing a million-dollar oil exploration and production research center in Houston, Texas.

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"This is interesting," I remarked, glancing through the paper. "Out of 62,000 employees of the du Pont Company, 32,000 are producing materials that didn't exist in 1928." "That reminds me," replied Aunt Matilda, "of your cousin Gerald. He didn't do too well in school—always tinkering with wireless and never had time to study his spelling. Afterwards he tried selling cars, and he tried flying, but his wife made him stop that." He had electrical engineering training, didn't he?" I asked. "Yes, but he couldn't find a place to use it. Gerald was on the way to turning out a failure. But about then," she continued, "the movie news reels were starting, and he heard about this new field and got a job. And now, as you know," she wound up proudly, "Gerald's one of the leading sound engineers in the movie business!" "He was born at the right time," I said thoughtfully. "A hundred years ago there wouldn't have been any place to use his particular talents."

Certainly as industry's research keeps pushing horizons back, more and more people find their right place in the world.

POTATOES BOOM— Chips Fall by Billions in U. S.

'Nuff for 2-lb. bag for each one of us.

With America's 1945 spud crop second largest in history—433 million bushels—the potato chip industry is turning out enough to give every U. S. man, woman and child a 2-lb. bag. The more than 500 manufacturers are using 17 million bushels of spuds to make their chips — and they could make and sell twice over their current 250 million pound output if they could get enough shortening.

Most of the chip makers, now running big automatic machines that produce up to 500 pounds each hour, are old home-kettle operators who recall when they struggled to get only 25 pounds an hour. Their story of industry's ingenuity which makes jobs for workers, profits for farmers and low-cost products for people, is typically American. It was a memorable day in 1863 when the first chip came out of the fat, in a swank Saratoga Springs, N. Y. resort. A fussy diner wanted his French fries thinner—a desperate chef sliced them paper-thin. Some people still call the ultimate result "Saratoga chips."

Only a decade ago a Pennsylvania manufacturer came up with a machine that takes the spuds in at one end—washes, peels, slices, cooks and salts—and turns them out ready for packing at the other.

'War Babies' and Clothespins—A Hollywood Saga

NOT ON THE SCREEN BUT IN FACTORIES

Did you wonder where they sprang from—all those scooters and cigarette lighters made of aluminum, which suddenly showed up around Christmas?

And those rainbow-hued aluminum clothespins?

They came from out Hollywood way where a lot of factory "owners in overalls" are trying, through traditional American initiative and ingenuity, to stay in business now that the shooting's over.

Want to Stay

They're "war babies," determined to grow up into peacetime businesses—fighting hard, what with shortages of materials, OPA price ceilings, labor disputes, to survive and make jobs and goods.

There were something like 5,000 small factories which mushroomed around Los Angeles to make the thousand-and-one parts and gadgets which big aircraft companies and shipbuilders assembled into planes and ships.

Now they're making those Hollywood "pinup" clothespins, toys, new fangled cameras, hipjoints for artificial legs—anything they can think of to utilize aluminum scraps, their native courage and craftsmanship, to make jobs, production and businesses where none were before.

Builders of America

Last week I went into a garage and there were six men working there. Today I was in the same garage and only the foreman was left.

"Where's all your help?" I asked.

"Three of them quit to catch up with their fishin'. One went home just to sit down. The other was no good, so I had to fire him."

This is the picture in thousands of places today. Where is old-fashioned American ambition?"

Somebody has taught the people that work is a joke—that character is a farce—that somebody will take care of everybody. It makes me wonder what kind of America we'll have 10 years from now.

WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

By JAMES PRESTON

Mr. Justice Burton.

As quarterback of Bowdoin College eleven, Brunswick, Me., in the early nineteen hundreds, ex-Senator Harold H. Burton of Ohio, recently appointed Supreme Court Justice, learned how teamwork brings victory. Now 57, Mr. Burton takes his new post imbued with the philosophy that men work best as a team. "I hold to the belief that if folks get around a table and talk things over, they usually can come to the right and fair answer," he says.

A compact figure with thinning gray hair and direct gaze, Justice Burton has been an Army officer, mayor of Cleveland and a U. S. Senator. New England-born, graduate of Harvard Law School, he knows the Middle West through long residence in Cleveland, and the West as a result of legal business in Utah and Idaho.

As mayor of Cleveland during the depression, he told jobless workers how to get state and feredal relief. Recently he has been criticized by organized labor for supporting revision of the Wagner Act. Concern over the huge national debt and natural inclination will, friends of the new Justice say, lead him to take a stand between the "advanced" and the "conservative" groups in Supreme Court, voting sometimes with on group and sometimes with the other.

"My basic confidence is still in private enterprise," he said, just before retiring from the Senate.

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February 19, 1946, the Firesiders were treated to a fish supper at Emma Laura Douglass'. This was supposed to be Jep Langford's and Lorena Anderson's iniation meeting, but they were unable to attend, so the club just had a good ole Firesiders' time.

Those present were: Ruth Eddington. Mae Gaston, Katherine Harris, Oneta Haygood, Irene Parker, Hazel Rhodes, Thelma Roach, Alma Sturrock, Lerline Terry, Mildred Walton, Cletis Wells, Joan Crumpler, and Mrs. Douglass.

South's Pulp Industry Due for 100% Expansion

A 100 per cent expansion of the South's pulp and paper industry to a billion-dollar business was predicted at the recent meeting of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Assn. Anything made of wool cellulose can be made from Southern timber, including rayon, artificial wood, plastics and chemicals, it was reported.

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SMILE AWHILE

Father, what's the difference between a gun and a machine gun?

There is a big difference. It is just as if I spoke, and then your mother spoke.

Gosh! That sounds like a gun, and I've been afraid of firearms since birth.

Was your mother frightened by a gun?

No, but I think my father was.

The seven year old son of the radio comedian came home with his report card at the end of the term.

"Well, son," asked the radio star, "were you promoted?"

"Better than that, pop," chirped the kid happily. "I was held over for another 26 weeks.'

Mummy, can angels fly?

Yes, darling.

But nursie can't fly, and daddy calls her his little angel.

No, but she will dear!

He was poor and honest; she was rich and beautiful. He had asked her hand and been refused.

"How did you ever have the idea," she asked, "that you could even dress me?"

"Well, what is so difficult about that?" he answered. "I could learn."

"It's raining cats and dogs outside."

"Yes, I know, I just stepped into a poodle."

Two friends were riding in a bus when one noticed that the other had his eyes closed. "What's the matter, Bill?" he asked. "Are you ill?"

"No,' answered his friend. "I just can't bear to see women standing."

"I'll give you a fur muff for a kiss; a fur neckpiece for a hug; a fur coat for—"

"Stop! That's fur enough."

"Can't you ask the young man to wait a few weeks longer?" asked the boss of his secretary when she told him she planned to be married.

"Oh, no sir, I couldn't do that," replied the secretary. "I don't feel I know him that well."

"When I first discovered that if I was quick, I was fast, that if I was tied, I was fast, if I spent too freely, I was fast and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged. But when I came across the sentence, "The first one won one one dollar prize," I gave up trying to learn the English language."

Social Worker—Do you owe any back house rent?

Relief Seeker—We ain't got any back house. We have modern plumbing.

Mistress: "So your married life was very unhappy? What was the trouble? December wedded to May?"

Eliza (the maid): "Lan' sake, no, mum! It was Labor Day wedded to de Day of Rest."

A guest was just about to write his name on the register of a hotel in a small midwest town when he saw a bedbug crawling across the page.

"Well, this is the limit," said he. "I've been bitten by fleas in Missouri, mosquitoes in New Jersey, horseflies in Maine, and chiggers in Kansas—but this is the first place I've ever been in where a bug looked over the hotel register to see the number of my room."

Youth (at stage door): "Is the hula dancer in her dressing room?"

Watchman: "Son, she's 'round at the rear."

Youth: "Yes, I know that, but is she in her dressing room?'

In southern Arkansas where the natives take life easy, a man and his wife were one day sitting on the porch when a funeral procession passed the house. The man was engaged in whittling while comfortably seated in a chair which was tilted back on its hind legs against the side of the house. As the procession proceeded, he said, "I reckon old man Taylor's havin' about the biggest funeral that's ever been held around here, Caroline."

"A purty good-sized one, is it Bud?" asked the wife, making no effort to move.

"You betcher," Bud answered.

"I certainly would like to see it," said the woman. It's a shame I ain't facin' that way."

"How does he manage to keep his head above water?'

"Well, wood floats."

YOUR NEEDS

This space reserved for the benefit of our employees only. If you have anything to buy, sell, trade or rent, you may place it in this column.

For Sale: Gasoline Stove. Price $80.00. See A. E. Lewis, Welding Shop.

For Sale: Six (6) pigs, half Duroc and half Hampshire. $8.00 each. See Henry Havard at Pipe House.

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Wherever there is bureaucratic planning for agriculture, as for business, some way or other the net result seems to be curtailment both of production and of freedom. More than any other group, our farmers believe in and practice the American way of life, free of the foreign "isms" which many Washington administrators seem to embrace in order to extend their powers.—The National Live Stock Producer.

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January 29, 1946, a special business meeting of the Firesiders was called to order by President Douglass, in President Douglass' home. Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws were read and approved, and after refreshments were served to Oneta Haygood, Katherine Harris, Alma Sturrock, Estel Sturrock, Lerline Terry, Emma Laura Douglass, Mildred Walton, Cletis Wells, the meeting was adjourned.

Urges Plan to Cut Huge Debt

The nation immediately should plan to reduce as soon as possible its huge public debt, which amounted to $279,000,000,000 on Jan. 31, according to a statement by Robert R. Wason, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

"The more deficit dollars the Federal government spends, the more fuel is heaped on the fires of inflation," he asserted.

"Every piece of material which the government buys unnecessarily increases the civilian shortage, whether it's lumber, lead pipe or cotton goods.

"Every hour of unneeded manpower which the government uses will hamper industry's efforts to step up production. It should not spend a penny for men or materials beyond absolute needs."

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The extension of Social Security to everyone who is "gainfully employed" has been recommended by NAM to the House Ways and Means Committee.